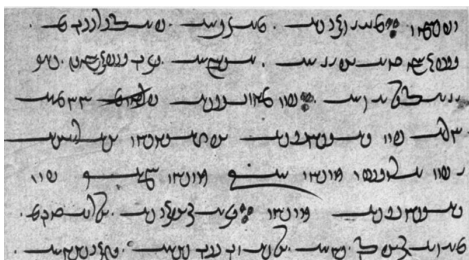


## **Biblical Astrology:** *Magi Continued.*

*Saoshiyant: one who will "make existence brilliant". "Since He is (the One) to be chosen by the world therefore the judgment emanating from truth itself (to be passed) on the deeds of good thought of the world, as well as the power, is committed to Mazda Ahura whom (people) assign as a shepherd to the poor." Yasna 27:13*



One of Zarathushtra's "most revolutionary concepts [is] that of the savior, the 'bringer of benefit' or the benefactor known in the Gathas as the Saoshiyant. It is this savior figure - also referred to in the plural - who will bring about the renovation of the world." "The seeds of later Zoroastrian eschatology are contained within Zarathushtra's introduction of the saoshiyant. It is evident, though, that Zarathushtra was either anticipating the apocalyptic event in the near future or at least that he was hoping for it. Moreover, this concept of savior (which was later to have such a dramatic effect on the development of the post-exilic Jewish theological thought) is one of the chief means by which Zarathushtra attempts to break from the rigidity of the proto-Indo-Iranian tradition. In a sense he establishes, alongside an 'official' sacerdotal class, a preaching vocation of all believers (Ashavans), who would work with him towards the final event." **P. Clark, Zoroastrianism, Introduction to an Ancient Faith, (Peter Clark, Zoroastrianism, Introduction to an Ancient Faith, p. 15)**



This is the Zend Avesta quote along with commentary concerning the text. This, they say, is the reference that brought the magi in search of YahoShua. The followers of Zarathustra anticipated a saviour that would bring about better conditions, a deeper revelation, etc. All of this would be in accordance with the will of Ahura Mazda, my rough translation being, "the lord intelligence, the supreme intelligence." There are connections with Mithra-ism, but this will be cleared up later on in the discussion. I'd like to do a brief discussion of the prophet, Zarathustra, and then discuss the Matthew passage.



Zarathustra existed in an Indo-Aryan population and culture somewhere in Middle Persia (Iran). From my brief studies so far, I've noticed the similarities of this Indo-Aryan belief system and culture and, naturally, "Hinduism." The culture

was pantheistic with a rigid religious hierarchy. Where did this system originate? Akebulon/Afrika in Babel/Babylon. This topic will be developed at a later time.

One day, whilst drawing water for a religious ceremony, Zarathustra had a revelation that his particular form of worship, with its attendant socio-political ramifications, was incorrect. He realized that there was only one Supreme Being or Most High God. All else were, variously inclined, lesser entities or spiritual beings. The pantheistic religion that he revolted against was Mithra-ism.<sup>1</sup> I have to admit that this area of my study is the toughest. There seem to be conflicting accounts of precisely who Mithra is in relation to Zoroastrian beliefs. However, it is safe to conclude that Mithra/Mitra is a creation of Ahura Mazda.<sup>2</sup>



His understanding is very similar to the Buddha's message found withing the Dhammapada: Do, think, and speak the 'right' thing. There are negative ramifications for 'wrong' actions. The Buddha's life has similar circumstances, before his 'awakening,' with the life of Zarathustra which would make an interesting study in and of itself. Why was this 'new' understanding persecuted and considered to be revolutionary in both cultures to which it was introduced?

The basic premise behind the concept of "Babylon" can be summed up in this one phrase. "Come to us for everything!" Forgiveness, Fear, Hope, Spirituality, Security, Knowledge, Wisdom, Information, Stimulation, Pleasure, Sustenance, Material Comfort, Sense of Identity. Etc.: they want to be all that you need and all they ask in return is that you be their absolute slave. Babylon is the glorification of something 'created' over 'The Creator.'

Belief in One Supreme Intelligence and one's personal responsibility towards that intelligence makes the Babylonian-type of government utterly impossible. You'll always have some lunatics wandering around outside of the fence, out of bounds. This was the effect that Zarathustra's doctrine had upon his environment.<sup>3</sup> It loosened the grip of rigid caste and social categorization that allows corruption and pollution to be passed from generation to generation, people group to people group, uninterrupted.

Christians are accusing Iran of being evil and a resurgence of interest in Zarathustra to be the foundation for the coming of the Anti-Christ. However, if these are the same people that anticipated and identified the coming of YahShua, is this revival to be considered holy evil?<sup>4</sup>

Next...back to Matthew's narrative. **Amaryah-Sabba@live.com**

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