

Before Prophet Zarathushtra Birth

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The known material world resumed its run of the current Zarvane Daregho Khadat (lit., self-created long Time), which according to Khshnoom is of 81,000 years' duration. It is now over some 14,500 years since that resumption commenced, and Zarathushtra descended some 4,000-5,000 years since this commencement.

However, before the Aryans arrived on the plains of the known material world, inferior souls had begun to appear on the earth as demons and had assumed possession of the lands. Here started great feuds. The Aryan leaders possessed great spiritual powers of the White side, while the aborigines, that is, the demons, were masters of evil arts of sorcery and other great powers of the Dark side. These demons led their lives as robbers, dacoits, etc. Thus till the advent of Zarathushtra there were only two sections — one, of the White side and the other, of Dark. There was no religion as such till Zarathushtra revealed his Faith, and hence the belief in "conversion of King Vishtaspa" is erroneous. ("Dawn & Twilight", p. 33 by Prof. Zaehner).

For over 4000 years prior to the advent of Zarathushtra on the earth, the sky was overcast to immense heights above with the Satan's monstrously inflated body of Darkness possessing consciousness, from which there were most dreadful visitations on the earth of plagues, cholera and influx of other diseases, spread of all kinds of lusts, locusts, famines, great fires, earthquakes, etc., etc.

When such was the dire condition on the earth, Geush Urva the sub-angelic potentiality, appointed for the protection of souls on earth, raises his plaint to the Creator (Ysn. 29,1) whereupon Ahura Mazda showed Geush Urva the Kehrp, invisible body, of Zarathushtra and assured him that He would create him who would show to mankind the path of purity. This

appealed Geush Urva who said "I will protect the Creation...." (Bd. 4,3). Geush Urva does not mean "soul of the ox" as rendered by Prof. Zaehner ("Dawn...." p. 76). As stated above Geush Urva is the sub-angelic potentiality being actually the animated phantom of the collective blissful side of the totality of Urvans (souls) on earth. It is allegorically called, Geush, because it possesses the blissful characteristics in common with the cowkind. Thus the word 'Geush' in Geush-Urva, Geush-Tashan and Geush-aevo-datayao does not mean the quadruped oxn or kine, but the blissful poentiality.

In the warfares between the two parties, Gayomard lost his son, Shyamak, but subsequently kings Hoshang, Tehmurasp, Kershasp and other kings and warrior-saints in their respective ages fought against those demons and kept them under some control. In the golden age, warrior-saint Kershasp, kings Tehmurasp, Hoshang, Faridun and certain other kings turned the material world into Khanirath Bami (lit. Golden Shore), that is, rendered the world Satan-free and felicitous. Thus there were alternations of success of the **White and the Dark powers**. The Peshdadian and Kayanian kings though they often succeeded in warfares, could not suppress the demons. They knew about the oncoming of Zarathushtra and eagerly awaited his advent. Dinkard (VII: 1;59-60) informs us that during the golden age King Jamshid forewarned the demons of their destined defeat and overthrow at the birth of Prophet Zarathushtra. At last when proper time arrived, preparations were made in the heavens for the descent of Zarathushtra, with the description of which begins the life of the Prophet in Dinkard. This description which is in the form of 'Afdi', marvels, is in several places depicted in highly enigmatical language though often seemingly simple.

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