

**The Dakhma
made the bodies of their dead food for vultures**

The Zoroastrian beliefs of the Persians were influenced by an Indian culture that believed in myths

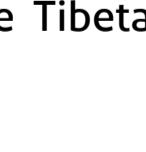
The beliefs, religions, and various rituals of ancient Iran were associated with deviant beliefs, most of which are linked to myths and legends, which are an influential part of the Persian mentality, starting from the early Persians' worship of the sun, moon, stars and nature, and they are influenced by Indian beliefs.

The gods of India were similar to the gods of the Persians, as is the case with the gods Mitra, Mehr, Andra, Aruna, and other deities worshiped other than Allah. Zoroastrianism has appeared since the seventh and sixth centuries B.C., which is attributed to its founder Zoroaster, who Al-Shahristani (death: 548 A.H.-1153 A.D.) said about him in his famous book Al-Milal Wal-Nahl on Zoroastrianism: "Those are the companions of Zoroaster, son of Yorsheb, who appeared in the time of Kashtasb, son of King Lahraseb, and his father was from Azerbaijan and his mother was from Ray and her name was Degdawiya. They claimed that they had prophets and kings, the first of whom was Kiomrath, and he was the first to rule the earth, and his sanctuary was located in Istakhr, and came after him Oshinhak, son of Faruk, and he descended into the land of India, and he had a mission, then came after him Tmhudt... and then came after him prophets and kings, namely; Manujhar, who moved to Babylon and resided there. They also claimed that Moses, peace be upon him, appeared in his time until Kashtasp, son of Lahraseb became the ruler. In his time, the wise Zarathustra came, and they claimed that God Almighty, since the time of the Earliest Books and holy scripture, created a spiritual creation, and when three thousand years passed, he carried out his will in an image of sparkling light based on the image of man, surrounded by seventy honored angels, and created the sun, the moon, the planets, the earth, and the children of Adam without soul for three thousand years, then he placed the soul of Zarathustra in a tree that he built in the highest heavens, surrounded by seventy honored angels, and planted it at the top of a mountain in Azerbaijan. He has a classified book, which he said it was revealed to him, titled Zand-Avesta, in which the world was divided into two parts: Mina and Wauketi, meaning both the spiritual and the physical worlds. Zoroastrianism claims that it has many miracles.

It is understood from Shahrestani's words that this religion was based on claims, legends and myths, especially that Zoroaster's book contained irrational rituals, chants and rules. It only included peoples of Central Asia's beliefs on the forces of nature and their divine symbolism.

Zoroastrianism was the official religion of the Achaemenid, Parthian and Sassanian empires, and was known as Mazdaism. Will Durant emphasizes in his book, The Story of Civilization, that the Medes were the ones who gave Persia their Aryan language and their thirty-six letters of the alphabet, and who taught them their moral laws, and guided them to depend during peace on agriculture, and at the end, they indoctrinate them with the religion of Zoroaster.

The Medes gave the Persians their writing system and developed their language, which they cherish today



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