

ZOROASTRIANISM:

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Periods of Zoroastrian History:

PERIOD ¹	DATES	FORM OF RELIGION
1. Aryans	? to 600 BC	Polytheism, fire sacrifice, & haoma
2. Zoroaster	628 to 551 BC	Ahura Mazda & Amesha Spentas, opposed by Angra Mainyu, moral dualism, and sacrifice.
3. Achaemenid	558 to 330 BC	Zoroastrianism mixed with polytheism, administered by magi.
4. Greek	330 BC to 226 AD	Zoroastrianism dormant, Mithraism
5. Sassanid	226 AD to 637 AD	Zoroastrian orthodoxy, Ohmazd vs. Ahriman, ceremonial dualism; also Zurvanism, Manicheism
6. Modern	AD 637 to present	Gabars in Iran, Parsis in India and places of immigration, fire, temples, orthodox Zoroastrianism passed on through tradition & practice

Ancient-Indo-Aryan Religions:

DESCRIPTION	INDIAN	ANCIENT IRANIAN	AFTER ZORASTER
1. gods	devas (good)	deavas (good)	daevas (devils)
2. lords	asuras (capricious)	ahura (s) (good, exalted)	Ahura Mazda is Wise Lord
3. Father God	Dyaus Pitar	Equated with Ahura Mazda?	Ahura Mazda
4. Sky	Varuna	Uruwana	Equated with Ahura Mazda
5. King of Gods	Indra	Intar	Verethragna
6. God of Truth	Rita	Arta (Asha)	Asha is an Amesha Spenta
7. fire sacrifice	animals sacrificed God Agni	Animals sacrificed God Atar	fire, but no animals sacrificed
8. sacred drink	animals sacrificed	haoma	forbidden by Z., later restored