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The Teachings Of Zoroaster



Synopsis

THE TEACHINGS OF ZOROASTER AND THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE PARSI RELIGION "The sun, the moon, the stars, the seas, the hills and the plains" "Are not these, O soul, the vision of Him who reigns?" "Tennyson WISDOM OF THE EAST THE TEACHINGS OF ZOROASTER AND THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE PARSI RELIGION BY S. A. KAPADIA, MD. LRCP. BARRISTER-AT-LAWS INNER TEMPLE; LECTURER AT THE LONDON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LATE LECTURER ON MATERIA MEDICA AND PHARMACOLOGY AT THE ZENANA MEDICAL COLLEGE, LONDON; ORIENTAL SECRETARY OF THE NORTHBROOK SOCIETY, LONDON; ETC., ETC., ETC. LONDON JOHN MURRAY, ALBEMARLE STREET 1905

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Customer Reviews

Dr. Kapadia, MBBS (British equivalent of MD), lays out a good overview of the basic tenets of Zoroastrianism. As I was reading this Kindle version I realized that I had read this little book years ago, early sixties, borrowed from the sole bookcase at the Agiary (Parsee Temple), in Bangalore,

India. This text was written in the 1920s-30s while India was still under the Raj. Consequently most of the references are British sources and the writing style is definitely arcane and quite turgid. The book's organization is roundabout to say the least. The first part is mostly Zoroastrian Apologetics followed by brief dictionary-style definitions of various aspects of theology. The second part abruptly devolves into definitions of various terms and customs. My guess is Dr. Kapadia meant this book to be read by Parsees and not by the general public because some basic misconceptions of Zoroastrianism are not explained. For example, many in the West believe that Zoroastrians are fire worshipers when in reality they USE fire as a vicarious medium for worship. Also explaining the connotations with regards to the undergarments that Parsees wear would have helped. For example, what exactly is the Sudra? What exactly is the Kasti? These things are not explained. So why am I stating all these deficiencies? Just so that if a non-Parsee were to read this book she would get only ONE aspect of what Zoroastrianism is all about. Also the Kindle formatting leaves much to be desired. Pages abruptly end at the middle of a paragraph etc. But these are cavils. I would recommend this book whole heartedly to all Parsees and with a healthy dose of caution to non-Parsees.

This is a Thumbnail overview of the precepts of "Life Instructions & Knowledge of The Other Side" when this Life Walk is completed. A Synopsis for that time period and era - that spill over into today's World. It is clear where the original Mid East Origins of Theosophical Values start with this instruction & precepts, stemming from "Good Thought, Good Deeds, Good Speech". The historical path & development of Religious Branch's & Values started here; and have progressed through the ages with this foundation in thought is clear & convincing. The Reader can see where the arguments between diverse interpretations of the same subject is in reality a moot point; for all their roots are visible in these works. Easy to Read, Easy to Understand at a single setting; and Easy to Digest the "Food" for Thought. Enjoy your Discovery of something old for the new day in your Life Walk in Learning.

I believe all religion initially came about to guide people for a better life. However, as time went by it became more complicated and troublesome because of ignorance of interpretation of original message. So we go back to the first simple guidance and easy formula for living better (Good thoughts , Good deed, Good words). As easy as that and that's why I think this book is fantastic (easy and direct to the point)

I chose this book because I was looking for information about Zoroaster and Zoroasterianism. It was much too short and was incomplete. It contained some information but you'd want to buy more books. I'd recommend it to people with only a passing interest.

All praise, little substance beyond that. The Book of the Sub-genius has more substance, and better jokes. I would not recommend it except to someone wanting a bookshelf representative of all the worlds religions.

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