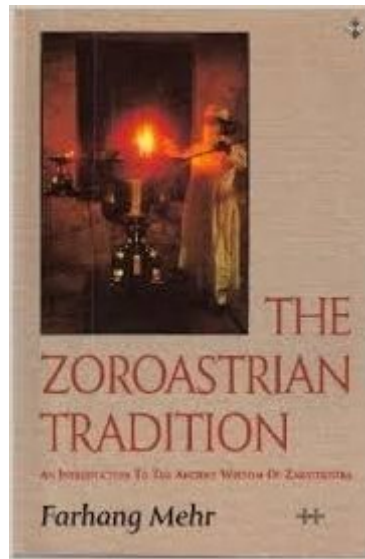


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An only child is burdened with an unfair amount of attention and expectation, and so it is with Farhang Mehr's ZOROASTRIAN TRADITION which is the only introduction in print, in English, by a native Zoroastrian, to contemporary Zoroastrian belief. Even without alternative perspectives Prof. Mehr's book is outstanding. It takes a moderate position between reactionary and revolutionary interpretations of Zoroastrianism at the same time as it presents its own vision of an ethical and mystical religion which is not only alive and well but growing in numbers and influence. Dr. Ichaporia found Professor Mehr's English to be poor. I've read the book cover to cover three times and I found Mehr's command of English to be perfectly fine. Dr. Ichaporia also implies that Professor Mehr should stick to politics and leave religion to the scholars. All well and good except to date no scholar, Ichaporia included, has attempted a book of this scope, for the most part preferring to pick at each other's translations of Zarathustra's sacred songs (the Gathas) instead of sharing them with a general readership. Prof. Mehr's life and career have been well-documented in TRIUMPH OVER DISCRIMINATION. His religion is hard-earned in the front lines and trenches of policy and diplomacy. I trust Mehr to know whence he speaks and I heartily recommend this book to those who wish to know what Zarathustra's vision looks like in real life rather than in academic monographs.

Offering deep insights into the fundamental teachings of one of the most important persons in the history of humankind, this glowing book creatively transcends the usual audience to serve the

greater interests of everyone on our planet. Moreover, aside from the ancient scriptures themselves, perhaps no other single work is as important as this one to today's Zoroastrians and Zoroastrian scholars. Quite unlike any other treatise on the subject, Professor Mehr breathes life into the layers of wisdom brought to us from a distant past, peeling away the mists until the reader sees these revelations radiate with the brilliance that ultimately caused civilization itself to burst forth from humankind. Anyone who has the slightest interest as to why we are here and what we are supposed to do will want to read this fascinating and important work.

I knew a little about Zoroastrianism through intriguing conversations with several Persian friends, and I am so glad to have come across this book. I have very much enjoyed reading it. I was amazed at how much Zoroastrianism influenced so many of the major religions of the world and many of the European great thinkers I was familiar with through my American public school education, and yet it is so very little spoken about or known of in the West. I very much appreciate the insights about spirituality in this book. The writing style is academic, but very heart-felt.

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