

## Glossary of Names and Terms

<i>Adur Burzen-Mihr</i>	Great Fire located in Parthia
<i>Adur Farnbag</i>	Great Fire located in Pars
<i>Adur Gushnasp</i>	Great Fire located in Media
<i>Ahura Mazda</i>	Wisdom Incarnate, the one uncreated God (Zoroastrian term for God)
<i>Airyā daiṇhāvō</i>	Aryan Countries
<i>amesha spenta</i>	Bounteous Immortals
<i>angra</i>	hostile and inimical
<i>Angra Mainyu</i>	(Middle Persian <i>Ahriman</i> ) the 'destructive impulse/spirit'
<i>ātakhshgāh/ātashkadeh</i>	'house of fire', i.e. a Zoroastrian temple
<i>Atash Bahram</i>	sacred fire of the highest grade
<i>Atash Niyash</i>	Zoroastrian hymn to Fire
<i>Avesta</i>	sacred book of the Zoroastrians
<i>Avestan</i>	Iranian language spoken by Zarathustra in which the <i>Avesta</i> is composed
<i>bacche gabre</i>	child of an infidel, pejorative term for Zoroastrian children in Islamic Iran
<i>dakhma</i>	'Tower of Silence' for the disposal of the dead
<i>dar-i Mehr</i>	Zoroastrian place of worship
<i>dastur</i>	high priest
<i>Dastur Dasturan</i>	highest rank of priest
<i>dāt</i>	Old Persian term for law
<i>dehqān</i>	landlords who were almost local potentates
<i>Dēnkard</i>	9 <sup>th</sup> century Pahlavi (Middle Persian) text
<i>dhimmis</i>	refers to 'people of the book'
<i>dīvs</i>	demons
<i>frasho-kereti</i>	ultimate making good of Ahura Mazda's good creation; the renovation
<i>gahambar</i>	one of the 6 holy days of obligation in the Zoroastrian calendar

<i>Gathas</i>	17 great hymns containing Zarathustra's message
<i>gōsān</i>	minstrel
<i>hazārapatiš</i>	`leader of a thousand', elite troops
<i>hudinan peshobay</i>	`leaders of those of the Good Religion', i.e. Zoroastrian religious leaders
<i>humata, hukhta, huvaresta</i>	good thoughts, good words, good deeds
<i>jizya</i>	poll tax, head tax
<i>kafir</i>	unbeliever
<i>kay or kavi</i>	hero; title of Vishtasp, Zarathustra's royal patron
<i>Kayānid dynasty</i>	members of Vishtasp's dynasty
<i>kharja</i>	land tax
<i>khshathrapavan</i>	Old Persian term for satrap, meaning `protector of the kingdom'
<i>Kisseh-i Sanjan</i>	narrative poem that records the Parsi migration and settlement in India
<i>kusti</i>	sacred cord worn around the waist by Zoroastrians
<i>kusti-bastan</i>	the individual's act of untying and re-tying the <i>kusti</i> at the start of Zoroastrian prayers
<i>Magavpatan Magavpat</i>	Grand Master of Divinity
<i>mainyus</i>	motivating forces confronting humankind on earth
<i>maji</i>	term for Zoroastrian priest, generally used by foreign observers
<i>majles</i>	parliament
<i>Matikan-i Hazar Datestan</i>	Book of the Thousand Judgements
<i>mōbad</i>	priest
<i>mujtahids</i>	Muslim religious scholars
<i>najes</i>	polluted; the derogatory status applied to Zoroastrians in Islamic Iran
<i>nasks</i>	chapters of the <i>Avesta</i>
<i>navjote</i>	Parsi Gujarati term for investiture of the young into the Zoroastrian religion
<i>Nav Ruz</i>	`New Day', Zoroastrian New Year
<i>pahlavans</i>	heroes

<i>panchayat</i>	Indian system of communal assemblies
<i>paridaida</i>	Old Persian term meaning paradise, refers to gardens
<i>Rivayats</i>	Treatises; Persian correspondence exchanged between Iranian Zoroastrians and Parsis between the 15 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> centuries
<i>šahr</i>	province
<i>sedre-pushin</i>	(Farsi) investiture of the young into the Zoroastrian religion
<i>sepāhbād</i>	army general
<i>Shahname</i>	`Book of Kings', the Iranian national epic composed by Ferdowsi, late 10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> century AD
<i>spenta</i>	benevolent
<i>sudreh</i>	sacred undershirt on which the <i>kusti</i> is worn
<i>Suren</i>	Parthian noble family; Parthian general who defeated Crassus
<i>vizier</i>	prime minister
<i>Yashts</i>	Zoroastrian hymns
<i>yasna</i>	act of worship; the main Zoroastrian religious service
<i>yazata</i>	`worthy of worship'
<i>yazdan xarrah i Ērānšahr</i>	`the divine fortune of Iran'
<i>zand</i>	commentaries on the <i>Avesta</i>