



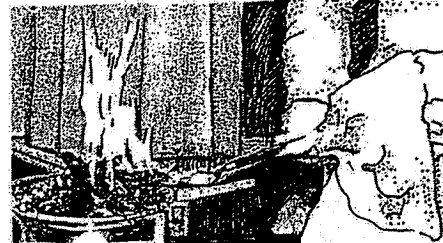
## ZOROASTER

About 2600 years ago, another Great Teacher was born in Adhirbáyján, in the north of Persia. His name was Zoroaster, and like all the Manifestations of God, His birth was accompanied by many mighty signs which suggested that here was more than an ordinary baby - a Child Who would grow up to lead His people to a more perfect understanding of God. For when Zoroaster grew to manhood, he found that all the people worshipped idols; they believed that stones, trees and statues possessed spirits. When He was 30 years old, Zoroaster had a vision in which an angel appeared to Him and taught Him how He must bring the people to a belief in one God. The people were hard-hearted and ignorant; in spite of His wonderful character, it was ten years before Zoroaster won the heart of the first Zoroastrian, one of His cousins. After two more years, however, he taught King Vishtaspa, who spread this new faith throughout his realm.

Zoroaster's teachings transformed the Persian people; they became known for their honesty and their cleanliness. They established a great empire which spread all the way from Persia to Egypt. What's more, they were kind to members of other religions; the Jewish people received from the Kings of Persia permission to return to Jerusalem and rebuild their temple, and this great kindness is recorded in the Bible. Zoroaster's teachings were full of promises about the future. He was so clear about the time in which the Christ would appear, that the Zoroastrian kings, or Magi, came all the way from Persia to bring gifts to the newly-born Jesus. Zoroaster also made a very clear promise about what things would be like when the Sháh-Bahrám, or Promised One, appeared. He said that this Promised One would be a descendant of the Persian Kings, and that in the days of His Revelation.

*"When lamps shall be lit without candles by merely touching the walls, when carriages shall be driven without horses, and when men shall fly like the birds, then know... that the time has arrived! \**

*\*Note: from Jamshed Fozdar's Buddha Maitrya-Amitabha Has Appeared, p. 267.*



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