

# ZOROASTRIANISM AT A GLANCE

## FREEDOM TO CHOOSE

Freedom to choose and free will is an essential part of the Zoroastrian religion. We are encouraged to think wisely and choose what is beneficial for us, for the community, and for the living world.

## PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Our decisions come with personal responsibility. We are asked to think wisely, ask questions, consult with knowledgeable individuals, and make the most enlightened decision to benefit us and others. Our goal is to advance the world toward ultimate goodness in consonance with the Truth.

## PURPOSE OF LIFE IN ZOROASTRIANISM

As Ahura Mazda's co-workers our goal is to lead the world toward Asha (Truth, Righteousness, Order), the best harmony and good living, a world envisioned by Ahura Mazda. Every Zoroastrian strives to follow the path of Asha

## GOD IN ZOROASTRIANISM

There is one God named Ahura Mazda whose name translates as Lord of Wisdom. It is no surprise that Zarathushtra chose Wisdom to name the Divine.

## EQUALITY

The Zoroastrian religion emphasizes equality regardless of race, gender, nationality, sexual orientation, etc. Our deeds are what set us apart.

## STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Caring for the environment and the good creations of Ahura Mazda is a religious duty.

*And may we be among those who make this life fresh and renovated.*

*-Yasna 30.9*

*May we be united in strength.*

*May we be united in Righteousness.*

*May we be united with all the good people of the world in doing more good deeds.*

## REWARDS & CONSEQUENCES

Our decisions follow a cause-and-effect pattern; rewards for actions that are righteous and beneficial and consequences for actions that are harmful. The reward is the gift of Vohu Manah, good mind or right-mindedness.

## ZOROASTRIAN COMMUNITIES

Zoroastrians live in different parts of the world including North America. Though there is a diversity of customs and practices among themselves, they contribute to society and practice their faith by promoting social justice, philanthropy, environmental preservation, and more.

## MESSENGER OF THE ZOROASTRIAN RELIGION

Zarathushtra Spitama, also known as Zoroaster, is the prophet and messenger of the Zoroastrian religion. He was born about 3500-3700 BCE in the Northeastern part of the Greater Iran.

## UNIVERSALITY

Zarathushtra's message is relevant, progressive, and continues to be meaningful every day. It is a religion of choice for all of humanity.

## HAPPINESS

Ushta is translated as radiant happiness. Be happy and promote happiness is a core philosophy.

## THE GATHAS

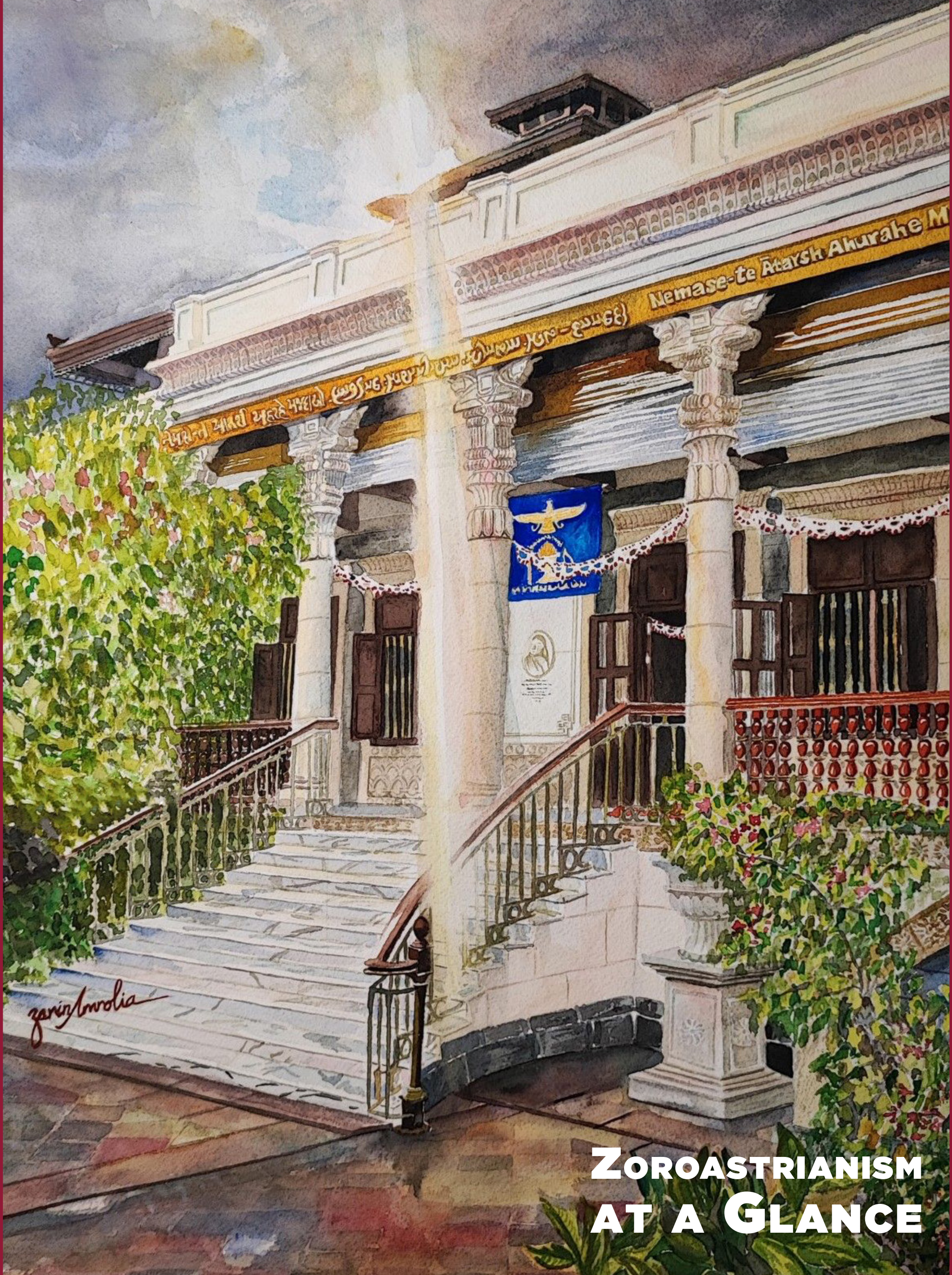
The Gathas are 17 songs composed by Zarathushtra. They are the core of the Zoroastrian religion and Zarathushtra's timeless message for humanity.

*Righteousness is the best good. It is happiness.*

*Happiness is for the one who is righteous for the sake of righteousness alone.*

*-Yasna 27.14*





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