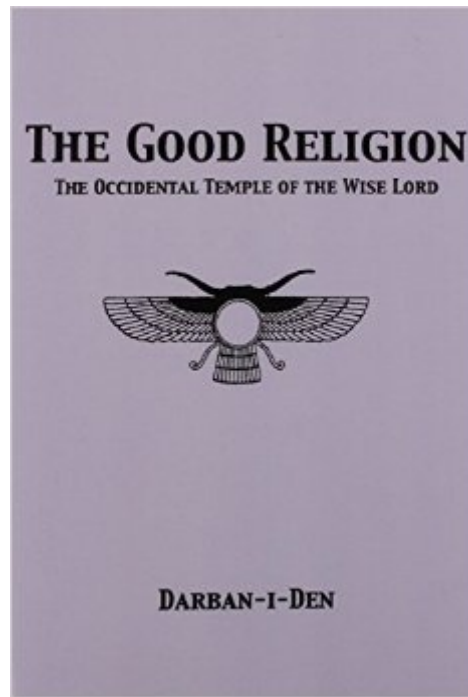


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Darban I Den - having spent years in his previous incarnation as Stephen Flowers enlightening us with works on Germanic Studies, Runes, Gnosticism and the Left-Hand Path - now turns his attention to revealing and renovating "the world's newest oldest religion" - Zoroastrianism. Or as you will come to know it after reading this book, "The Mazdan Way." In so doing, he has provided us with what could be one of the most important books of the new millennium. In a manner quite extraordinary, Flowers starts out the whole exploration on a deeply personal tone, recounting the arising of many of these ideas during the 2011 Brush fires near Austin, Texas which threatened his home, and his own hands-on experiences working in healthcare and delivering care and compassion to the sick and elderly where he "suffered the frailty of existence and learned to empathize with the downtrodden." If any of this causes you to pause in momentary confusion, let me assure you that will be allayed in reading The Good Religion where you will learn that the recovery and renovation of Zoroastrianism in the West is simply the most rational conclusion for anyone interested in any of the "good" things that any religion has ever had to offer. As Flowers states, "This book is intended to introduce the basic beliefs and practices of the Way of the Wise Lord, a Western form of the Mazdan Religion." In other words, this book isn't just an anthropological study for the academically curious, this book is an attempt

to change things â “ culture and the world we live in - truly an act of grand magic. Indeed the book fully covers every aspect of Zoroastrianism, from the ancient historical, to the ideological and cosmological to the mechanics of ritual and linguistics of mantra and prayer.

There are too few good books available about Zoroastrianism, which is an ironic shame because the philosophy/religion of Zarathushtra is arguably the greatest and most transformative expression of religion the world has ever known. If more people knew and understood the Mazdan Way and implemented it in their lives, the world would certainly be a much better place. Stephen Flowers must be applauded for understanding this and for his work in forwarding this great ancient tradition as represented in this book and in his development of the Occidental Temple of the Wise Lord, the western form of Zoroastrianism known as "the Mazdan Way." Flowers, (a.k.a. Edred Thorsson) is known primarily for his works on Runes and his involvement with Asatru. His work on the Mazdan Way is NOT a departure from Germanic tradition, as some have erroneously thought, but rather he is going back to the more ancient Indo-European root that later became the Germanic tradition, and which forms a continuity with it. The Mazdan Way is the best representation of that most ancient Indo-European root that has so long been of interest to Germanic revivalists. In the GOOD RELIGION Flowers shows how the Zoroastrianism has informed so many of the world's philosophical and religious traditions, how Mazdaism is a more ancient and purer expression of the fundamental values and beliefs of many different traditions and cultures, how it is a root which they all have in common, and which has the capability of uniting them. All of the basic information about the philosophy and beliefs of the Mazdan Way that a person needs to know can be found in this book, but beyond that the section on ritual is quite impressive.

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