

The Faith Calendar Project: Zoroastrian/Zarathrushti

1. Who was interviewed? What did you learn about this person's background? About this person's faith community? How did this person introduce the faith tradition?
2. List three things about the following holidays/"holy days" that you learned:
 - a. A weekly worship experience?
 - b. *Amkara* Days (when religious names of months and days coincide)
 - c. The Six *Gahambar* Days
 - d. Before *Nowruz*
 - i. *Jashan-Sadeh*
 - ii. *Farvardegan/Frarwardigan* Days
 - iii. *Gatha* Days
 - iv. *Pateti/Papeti* (Day of Repentance)
 1. What other religions have a day like this?
 - e. First Day of Spring (*Nowruz* or *Nauruz*).
 - i. Which other religious traditions in this series celebrate *Nowruz*?
3. What happens in the Fire Temple?
 - a. What other religions consider fire or light important? Compare/contrast.
 - b. What other religions use water as a means of being ceremonially clean?
4. How did the guest answer the question, "What do you want participants in these holidays/"holy days" to experience?"

Vocabulary to Define

Ahriman/Anghra Mainyu

Vohuman/Spenta Mainyu

Zoroaster/Zarathustra

Fire Temple/Atash Dadgah

The Gathas and Avestas

Fravashi

Jashan Ceremony

Yasna Ceremony

Kusti Ceremony