

ZOROASTRIAN SOURCE OF THE ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS **(Initial field and historiographical missions in Bulgaria, Iran, Türkiye, Italy, Russia, Finland, Kazakhstan)**

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Abstract: It is given a cognitive synthesis of 8 scientific monographs, 5 documentaries and their 35 premieres, a traditional and *e-library*, rationalized in more than 50 publications of the described in details 16 stages of the First scientific complex of field and historiographical missions, realized in Bulgaria, Iran, Türkiye, Italy, Russia, Finland (Vottovaara), Kazakhstan (Arkaim) for the study of *Zoroastrian* source of the *Abrahamic* religions (Judaism – Christianity – *Islam*) (2007-2025). It is emphasized on the *Nestinarsvo* (mystical ritual of barefoot dancing on coals) in *Strandzha* (Bulgaria) as a transmission of the Solar cult – cult of the Light (symbol of the Science) coming from the North through Iran and Asia Minor (Northern Mesopotamia) to the Balkan Peninsula.

Keywords: Zoroastrianism, Abrahamic religions (Judaism – Christianity – *Islam*), *Nestinarsvo* (mystical ritual of barefoot dancing on coals)



INTRODUCTION

The First scientific complex of field and historiographical missions, realized in Bulgaria, Iran, Türkiye, Italy, Russia, Finland (Vottovaara), Kazakhstan (Arkaim) for the study of *Zoroastrian* source of the *Abrahamic* religions (Judaism – Christianity – *Islam*) (2007-2025) perceiving the *Nestinarsvo* (mystical ritual of barefoot dancing on coals) in *Strandzha* (Bulgaria) as a transmission of the Solar cult – cult of the Light, coming from the North through Iran and Asia Minor (Northern Mesopotamia) to the Balkan Peninsula in *Strandzha* (Bulgaria).

Head of the Complex of missions is the informatician – architecture of the vast information environment Acad. DSc Stoyan Denchev (S.D., 1953-, ULSIT). Members of the staff are: bibliographer and philosopher Prof. DSc Alexandra Kumanova (A.K., 1956-, ULSIT) – leader of the field and historiographical studies; the historian–encycopedist Prof. Dr. Milen Kumanov (M. K., 1942-2021, Institute of history at Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) – sci. ed.; the culturologist Assoc. prof. Dr. Nikola Kazanski (N. K., 1951- , Central library of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) – term. ed.; the doctor of medicine and surgeon Acad. DSc Nikolay Yaramov (N. Y., 1950- , Medical Academy in Sofia) – cognit. ed.; the historiographer-linguist Dr. Nikolay Vasilev (N. V., 1954- , ULSIT) – ling. ed.; the director of photography Stefan Altaparmakov (S. A., 1949- , Bulfilm).

CONTENT

The realized missions with international participations are focused on the rationalizing of the *Nestinarsvo* as a transmission of the Solar cult traced in 16 stages: 1. **26.05. – 4.06.2007**: shooting in Strandzha of the documentary *The rhythm of the time (Nestinarstvo (fire-dancing): Inform. map* (A. K., M. K., C. A.); 2. **18-23.06.2007**: consulting in Rome (Italy) of eminent scientists – experts in the Cult of fire (Light) during the international scientific conference *New humanism and the role of the universities*: Prof. Michel Wieviorka (L'École des hautes études en sciences sociales in Paris), Prof. Francesca Brezzi (Pontificia Università Lateranense in Rome), Prof. Elsa Wilfried (Freiburger Institut für angewandte Sozialwissenschaft in Freiburg, Germany), Prof. Bruno Dallapiccola (Sapienza Università di Roma) (S. D., A. K., N. K.); 3. **21-29.09.2007**: introduction in public of Strandzha of the documentary *The rhythm of the time* – premiere in village Balgari on 28.09.2007 (S. D., A. K.; participation of Prof. DSc I. Peteva – ULSIT); 4. **2-7.05.2008**: study of the historical fields in Strandzha (Mishkova niva, Propada, Indipasha, Bastet sepulcre) and local museums (A. K., M. K.); 5. **2-4.06.2008**: carrying out of medical analyses of the ritual participators (barefoot dancing on coals) on 3.06.2008 in village Balgari by Medical Academy in Sofia and analyzed in the Genetic Laboratory in Germany, revealing the psychical compensatory mechanism (A. K., M. K., N. Y.); 6. **17-28.06.2008**: researches of the Zoroastrian fire mysteries and consultations with appropriate specialists in Iran (Zanjan; Shiraz; Persepolis; Firoozabad; Yazd; Meybod; Isfahan): creation of the first specialized photo-archives on the Solar cult (A. K., N. K.); 7. **25.07. – 16.08.2008**: in Saint Petersburg (Russia) – the biggest world Iranistic scientific center (outside Iran): historiographical studies of the documentation on 50

languages (A. K., M. K.); 8. **29.11.2008 – 9.12.2008**: studies of the museum collections in Malko Tarnovo, Burgas, Varna, Balchik, Pliska, Madara, Preslav, Shumen, Veliko Tarnovo, Stara Zagora, Kardzhali and Plovdiv (A. K., M. K.); 9. **21.01.2009**: consultation in the Iranian cultural center in Sofia on the problems of the pre-semantization of the Cult of the Light by the cultural attaché Dr. Ali Aganori and Prof. Dr. Golamhosein Ebrahimi Dinani – leading scholar in the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Tehran (S. D., A. K., M. K.); 10. **28.05. – 5.06.2009**: studies of the museum collections in Central and Eastern **Türkiye** (Ankara – Museum of the Anatolian Civilizations – Hittite Empire (the first Aryan civilization), Phrygian Kingdom (Thracian tribe from the Balkans), Pontic Kingdom of Mithridates (*granted by God Mithra*), etc.; Hattusas/ Bogazköy (capital of Hittite Empire); Karatepe-Aslantas (Hittite city with Mithra's lions, found also in Bulgaria); Hierapolis-Kastabala (Temple of the goddess Kybela – her priestesses practiced barefoot dancing on coals); Antakya: Hatay Archeological Museum (on cult practices related to fire rituals); 11. **5-9.06.2009**: study of the Bulgarian *Alevis (Kizilbash)* in the village Yablanovo (Sliven region) connected to the population of village Balgari in Strandzha (A. K., M. K.); 12. **2-9.12.2009**: consultations with Bulgarian Metropolitans on the problems of the pre-semantization of the Cult of the Light: RR Naum, RR Ioanikiy, RR Nikolay, RR Kiril, RR Gavriil, RR Dometian (S. D., A. K., M. K.); 13. **17-22.1.2010**: study of the tradition for celebration of *Athanasovden* (18 Jan.) and *Evtimovden* (20 Jan.) in the Nestinarian centres in Bulgarian Strandzha (Balgari, Kosti, Kondolovo, Brodilovo, Gramatikovo, Tsarevo and Malko Tarnovo) (A. K., M. K.); 14. **20.06. – 29.07.2011**: studies in the collections of the Library-Information Center at the Ministry of Environment and Waters, related to Strandzha and consultation with its assistant Elena Grosheva (A. K.); 15. **7-16.09.2014**: mission in Iran of A. K. in the old Zoroastrian sanctuaries and presentation of DVD documentary *The rhythm of the time* in many official and scientific institutions as *Islamic Thought Foundation*, National Library of Tehran, *Mehr News Agency*, Press TV, etc. (A. K.); 16. **3-12.08.2015**: **First Bulgarian scientific field mission in Vottovaara (Karelia) and Arkhaim (Ural)** – on the transmission of the Solar cult penetrating from North (Vottovara Mountain) in Russia and ancient site of Arkhaim (Ural) in Russia near Kazakhstan; studies in the Russian National Library in Saint Petersburg and Regional Library in Chelyabinsk (Ural); consultation on the pre-linguistic problems with L. Pisanov and V. Pisanov by tele bridge from Bulgaria (A. K., N. K., N. V.).

The cognitological resources for documentation of the study are synthesized in 14 academic systematic products, 8 scientific monographs, 1 donation, summarized in 2 e-libraries and presented in 50 scientific publications (2007-2025) [1-7]:

- 5 documentaries in Bulgarian, Russian and English: *The rhythm of the time (Nestinarstvo (fire-dancing): Inform. map (2007-2008)* and its 35 premieres: 1. 28.09.2007 – Balgari (Strandzha); 2. 15.10.2007 – l'Université catholique de l'Ouest in Angers (France); 3. 1.11.2007 – National Palace of Culture in Sofia (V sci. conf. of ULSIT); 4. 4.12.2007 – Library of Foreign Literature in Moscow (int. conf. EVA 2008); 5. 22.02.2008 – St. Margarita Catholic School in Tappahannock (Virginia, USA); 6. 22.05.2008 – l'Université catholique de l'Ouest Nantes (France); 7. 10.06.2008 – in Crimea (Int. libr. Conf.); 9. 22.06.2008 – in Varna, Bulgaria (Int. conf. Informing Science 2008); 10. 28.07.2008 – Russian National Library in Saint Petersburg; 11. 1.11.2008 – National Palace of Culture in Sofia (VI sci. conf. of ULSIT); 12. 17.12.2008 – State University of Culture and Arts in Saint Petersburg (Russia); 13. 21.01.2009 – Iranian cultural center in Sofia (Int. seminar *Molla Sadra Shirazi* in Sofia University); 14. 9.03.2009 – The *St. Sergius* Orthodox Theological Institute in Paris; 15. 4.09.2009 – Library Russian emigration in Moscow; 16. 5.06.2010 – TV *Rodina* in Sofia; 17. 6.08.2010 – Bulgarian TV1 in USA; 21. 13.12.2012 – in ULSIT Sofia; 22. 17.05.2013 – IX Student sci. conf. in ULSIT *Information culture: science – art – religion*; 23. 10.10.2013 –

Nat. sci. conf. on Cultural Heritage in National Historical Museum in Sofia; 24. 23.7.09. – 16.09.2014: in Iran during the visit of A. K.; 25. 10.08.2015 – Regional TV in Ural (Russia); 26. 11.08.2015 – Regional Scientific Library in Cheliyabinsk (Russia); 27. 2.09.2015 г. – Central Library for Children in Saint Peterburg; 28. 13.10.2016 – lecture of Cultural Anthropology in ULSIT by A. K.; 29. 5.04.2017 – Sofia City Library; 30. 25.04.2018 – State University of Culture and Arts in Saint Petersburg (Russia); 31. 20.06.2018 – IV Intern. Prof. Forum *Crimea 2018*; 32. 26.04.2019 – lecture of Cultural Anthropology in ULSIT by A. K.; 33. 23.05.2019 – Int. conf. *Cultural and civilization codes of Eurasian peoples* in Sofia; 34. 10.11.2023 – Int. conf. *Culture Faith Being* in State Archives Agency, Sofia; 35. 3.09.2024 – lecture in *Academic writing* in ULSIT УНИБИТ.

- **8 scientific monographs in Bulgarian, Russian and English** and literature in 59 languages: *Nestinariana* (Sofia, 2012, 2014); *Aryanica* (Sofia, 2016); *Shari's eyes. Sub rosa: Pages of a forgotten diary* (Sofia, 2014-2024).

CONCLUSION

The First scientific complex of field and historiographical missions in Bulgaria (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011) and Iran, Türkiye, Italy, Russia, Finland (Vottovaara), Kazakhstan (Arkheim) (2007, 2008, 2014, 2015) for the study of *Zoroastrian* source of the *Abrahamic* religions (2007-2025) was carried out through the conception of the *information environment* (S. Denchev) and has developed two interrelated informations streams: 1) The Great migration of the Proto-Aryans in the millennia (from 20 thousand to 5 thousand years BC) realized presumably from the North – Hvanirata (*Avesta*) which during the millenaries was sinking and its extremely progressive people – Aryans has been descending to the South and South-East – on the mountains Vottovaara in Karelia and the Urals where the *Country of cities* was built marked with the phenomenal *solar design of Arkheim* and from here they have directed to the Iranian plateau in order to realize their spectacular gigantic road in the history which has reached also the Balkan peninsula. 2) It is defined the methodological question: the transmissions of the Solar cult spread from the North all over the world, took place in numerous *fire practices* penetrated in the Balkan Peninsula from Asia Minor, deeply enrooted in the Iranian cultural area and connected to the Aryans beliefs – from which Proto-Solar cult they derived (we have studied these fire practice in Iran and Türkiye (Northern Mesopotamia)...

On the ground of the perception of the socio-cultural integrity of the Mankind (V. I. Vernadskiy, 1865-1945) and the common roots in the history of the religion descended from one source in the North – warship of the Light (Joseph John Campbell, 1904-1987; Mircea Eliade, 1907-1986, Henry Corbin, 1903-1978), the rational encompassing of the philosophical-religious intellectual aspect in the philosophical-information picture of the world provides the cognitive possibility for correlation of the universal religious images (*Avesta* – *Upanishads* – *Bible* – *Quran/Koran*) to the rational knowledge (philosophical, historical) which furthers the creation of the universal periodization of the human history as a tree of the historical-cultural development of the Mankind in which the Abrahamic religions (Judaism – Christianity – **Islam**) have a common source – the Zoroastrianism in the cult of the Light...

In a cultural-phenomenological approach the perception of the Light is an inherent personification of the Knowledge – of the architectonic modern cognitive processes of the rational globalization of the notional world – of the Spirit, of the thought: *res cogitans* and of the natural-scientific, technical – of the material world – of the extended and localized matter: *res extensia*.

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