Teacher's notes and answer key

Ahura Mazda – the First Choice Between Good and Evil

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Answers B

1. Seventeen hymns said to come from the prophet Zarathustra (Greek: Zoroaster), founder of the Zoroastrian religion in ancient Persia.

2. Between truth and life (Asha) and lie and destruction (Druj); Spenta Mainyu chose truth, Angra Mainyu deliberately chose the lie.

3. Sickness, old age, pain and death entered the world; he killed the first bull and the first man Gayomard – but from them came plants, animals and the first human couple, Mashya and Mashyana.

4. Good thoughts, good words, good deeds.

5. Not an idol but a symbol of Asha, truth itself, and of the choice made at the beginning of time.

Answer C

Correct numbers from top to bottom: 4 – 7 – 1 – 6 – 2 – 8 – 3 – 5

Notes on D and E

E: Asha/Druj – truth/lie, the two options of the choice; Spenta Mainyu/Angra Mainyu – the holy and the destructive spirit; Amesha Spentas – six “Bounteous Immortals” guarding creation, including Vohu Manah, Good Thought; the principle – everyday ethics.

Extra: state religion of the Persian Empire (Behistun inscription of Darius I); today the Parsis in India, about 100,000–200,000 believers worldwide.

Content note and age

Recommended from age 12. No disturbing scenes; demanding terms. A living religion – please treat it with respect.

Sources of the retelling: the Gathas/Avesta and later Zoroastrian writings (Bundahishn).

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