

eschatology. The idea of a spiritual savior, .....12.....embraced the conception of a revealed religion, and a little earlier under Perisa he's got a big discussion here of the heritage from Persia, and he tells how the Persians, he says, were the first ones that had the idea of a revealed religion. He has quite a discussion of that here, and he mentions other countries which he says did not have any such ~~thing~~ thing as this of revealed religion. Well, now, what are the facts on it? Here is the Bible, <sup>books</sup> written by Moses, and later prophets, copied, and recopied, and recopied, the New Testament ~~written~~ written, and copies of it, and we have hundreds of copies of the Bible, going back as early as the second century A. D. Hundreds of them, to compare with the exact text of the Bible. Now he says, much of this is taken over from Zoroastrianism. Well, where do you learn about Zoroastrianism. How do we find out about it. The earliest manuscript of the Zoroastrian ~~is~~ is after ~~1200~~ 1200 A. D., the very earliest manuscript we have. Well, now, from the Zoroastrian sources, we read about the origin of their religion. What do they tell us? They tell us that Zoroaster had a great deal that he wrote, so much that it took a thousand oxhides to write it all on. But, they say, that Alexander, the great destroyed all these in 300 B. C., it was all destroyed, except a few fragments, in 300 B. C., and then the Encyclopedia Brittanica tells us, if you look in the late edition of it under .....13½.....which is the name of the sacred books of Zoroastrianism, it will tell you after all that was destroyed about 300 B. C., that 500 years later, about 250 A. D. some men set to work to try to reconstruct the Zoroastrian religion, and they took what they had of the original material, all the fragments they could find, and they put them together, and they added a lot of stuff with it to run it together, and make sense ~~out~~ out of it, to make a unit out of it, and they had a book which is about as large as maybe a third of the O. T., maybe a fifth.....end of C 2

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....that which comes from Zoroaster, the encyclopedia says, is in an archaic ~~single~~ language. It is poetry. Very very difficult to understand, and you see, no copy is earlier than 1250 a.d. Well, now, how are you going to know what the Zoroastrians believed back in 700 B. C.? Well, how do you know how much was written in 250 a.d., and how much of what we have is taken over by people thoroughly familiar