

Note

COMPARATIVELY little is known of Kumabid the Persian. Apparently he derived his name from *Kum—abbad* meaning the Sultan or Ruler of Kum. As Kum was a sacred city, the Sultan of Kum was in all probability High Priest of the Magi or Zoroastrian religion. From this mentescript he was evidently unsatisfied with the religion of which he was High Priest.

Studying the various sects of the then known world he was probably trying to deduce some religion embracing the truth of all creeds, when he heard or thought he heard the teaching translated in the following book of verses. This idea may have been caused by his attaining a high point of concentration or by drinking that sacred beverage composed of herbs known as Haoma to the Persian or Soma to the Indian people, which is supposed to create Inspiration. However this may be, the transcription of the mentescript may be interesting from its doctrinal stand-point, and add yet another point of view to the already countless number of creeds of the present day.

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