

EMPIRE

Aim: What characteristics are needed to develop an empire?

Do Now: Create a recipe for an empire. List the ingredients needed to make your empire? How would you prepare it?



BAM!



RECIPE

few pounds of - Strong Military
and Extensive food supply

2 Cups of - Laws to control large area

1 ½ Cups of - Control of extensive trade routes

Mix it together with a - Strong Leader – until it's
a centralized government

Add a Cup of - System of tax collection

½ pound of - System of transportation and
communication – roads

And 3 Tablespoons of - Common currency,
weights and measurements

Bake until it - Displays greatness in art,
architecture, technology, literature

Let cool and add a dash of - Toleration of diverse
cultures

Spread - Loyalty and pride of the people all over
it and serve!

EMPIRE



Well Done young Jedi's... Mr. Sill has taught you well. Now, join me in a quest to understand one of the first classic empires... the Persians

THE PERSIANS

The Persians created an empire, the largest yet seen in the world, extending 3,000 miles. The empire flourished for 200 years. Persia is located in present-day Iran.



THE PERSIANS

Cyrus the Great: 559 B.C. to 530 B.C.

Don't break my heart, my

Hi, AP World 9 Class...
I'm Miley Ray Cyrus and I love
World History!

sanctuaries to promote their well-
being... I put an end to their

Hey, A-Razz...
Call me!

From The First Charter of the Rights
of Nations



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How did Cyrus treat the people he conquered? Why?

THE PERSIANS

Persian emperor Darius, 522 B.C. to 486 B.C., Unified the Empire

- Darius set up a Federal government that became a model for later rulers. Capital city of Persepolis.
- Each province led by a satrap, governor. People had to pay taxes based on their resources and wealth.
- Special officials, "the Eyes and Ears of the King," visited each province. personal bodyguard of 10,000 men, called the Immortals.
- Like Hammurabi, Darius drew up a single code of laws for the empire.



THE PERSIANS

To encourage unity, he had hundreds of miles of roads built or repaired. The Royal Road made it easier to communicate with different parts of the empire.

Trade improved:

- Common set of weights & measures.
- Use of coins, which the Lydians of Asia Minor had first introduced.
- Replaced barter with the exchange of money. Single Persian coinage created economic links among his far-flung subjects.
- Postal System



THE PERSIANS

Darius' successor was Xerxes, who ruled from 486 B.C. to 465 B.C.

- Xerxes was chiefly occupied with suppressing revolts in Egypt and Babylonia. He also attempted to conquer the Greek Peloponnesus
- Flaunted his Persian identity and sought to impose his own values on conquered lands – retreated from policy of toleration



DECLINE AND FALL

What are some factors that could cause the Achaemenid Empire to fall?

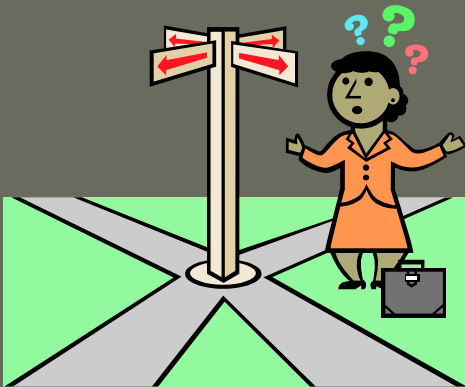
- Empire becomes too big to control
 - Poor leadership
- Lack of toleration of those they control – multicultural empire
- Persian wars (500-479 B.C.E.) – lost battles to the Greeks
- Invasion by Alexander the Great –
Marched into Persia and destroyed the
Achaemenid Empire – burned Persepolis.



GOOD VS. EVIL

Do Now:

Did you ever have to make a choice between something you knew was the right thing to do and something you knew was wrong? Explain what you chose to do and why?



ZOROASTRIANISM



Religious beliefs put forward by the Persian thinker Zarathustra (about 600 BCE)

Zoroastrian Beliefs:

- Not strict monotheists: one main god and six lesser deities
- Avesta – Holy Book, Magi - priests
- Major God - Ahura Mazda

the Persians were tolerant of the people they conquered. They respected the customs and religious traditions of the diverse groups in their empire. Zoroastrianism influenced many religions.

DUALISM

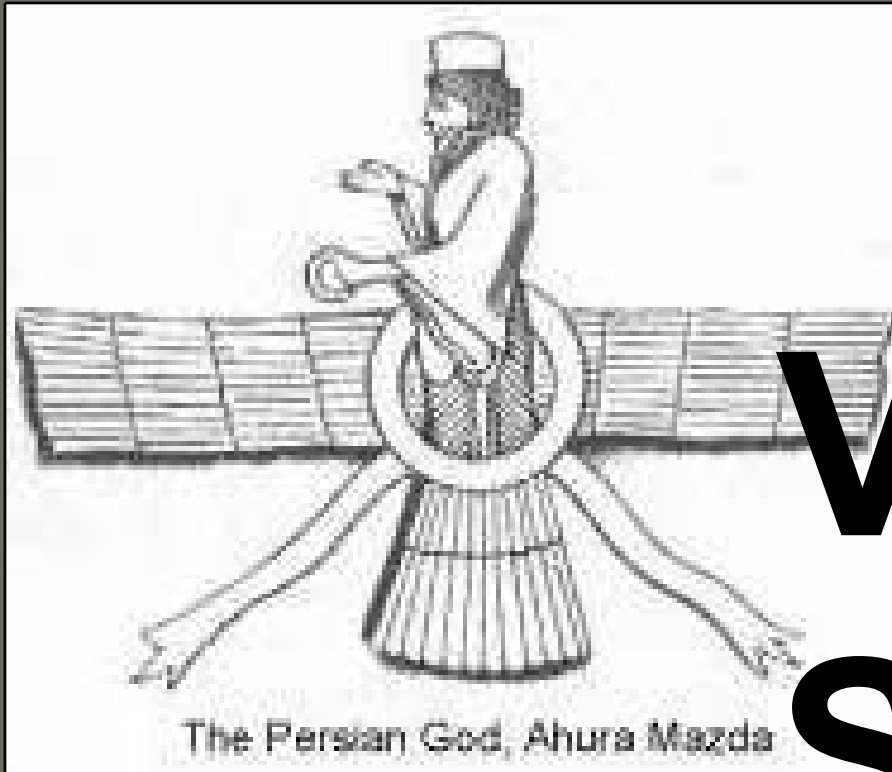
The world is a
battleground
between
good and evil

All people must
choose a side





ZOROASTRIANISM



The Persian God, Ahura Mazda

Ahura Mazda



Angra Mainyu

Believed in “good words, good thoughts, goods deeds.”

JUDGMENT DAY

REWARD or **PUNISHMENT?**



The good will go to **heaven, the bad
would suffer in **hell**.**

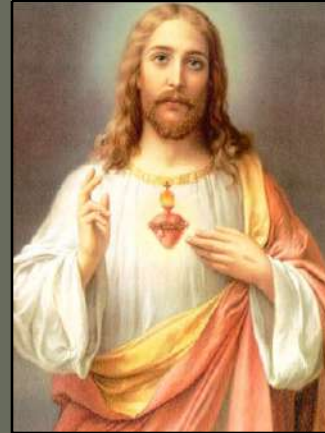


**Goodness will eventually prevail, and the
world will achieve eternal peace.**

COMPARISON

What types of moral behavior were highly regarded in the teachings of Zarathustra and Jesus?

“Be good, not base.”
“Please Ahura Mazda with righteous deeds performed with faith in truth...”



“Blessed are they which hunger and thirst after righteousness”
Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.”
“Love your enemies, bless them that curse you...”

What does each man say will determine whether or not people are “Good” or “Evil?”

“...let the wise choose aright”
“Of these Twin Spirits, the Evil One chose to do the worst.”

“Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.”
“Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.”

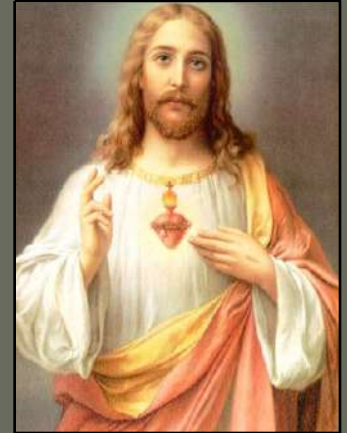
COMPARISON

How would those who adhere to the values of
“Goodness” be rewarded?



“Then at Thy command
shall the Good Mind
establish the Kingdom of
Heaven, O Mazda.”
“Long punishment for the
evil-doer, and bliss for
the follower of truth, The
joy of salvation for the
Righteous ever
afterwards.”

“Blessed are they
which are persecuted
for righteousness’s
sake: for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.”
“Rejoice, and be
exceedingly glad: for
great is your reward
in heaven...”



Is a Dualistic model more effective than a Polytheistic
model in uniting civilizations? Explain.