



ĀBERĒT

ĀBERĒT (Phl. ĀBURD, ĀB-BURDĀR), one of the eight Zoroastrian priests (*ratu*) necessary for the performance of the *yasna* ritual. As the name indicates, it was his function to bring (*bar*) the water (*āp*) for the ritual. The office of the water-bringer also bore the title *dānuwāza*, “bearing river (water).” According to *Narangistān* 79 the *ābərət*, together with another priest, the *sraošāwarəz*, had no fixed station within the sacrificial area, but could move about. However, it is elsewhere indicated (*Visperad* 3.1) that his proper station was the southeast corner of the sacrificial area. Today the *ābərət* is reckoned as one of the “invisible” priests, his functions having been taken over by the *rāspīg* (q.v.).

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