



## ANDARZGAR

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**ANDARZGAR**, Mid. Pers. term, “counselor, teacher,” cited as a proper name of the “bishop” of the Mazdakites by the 6th-century Byzantine historian Malalas (in the form “Indarazar”) and by the 8th-9th-century writer Theophanes Confessor (“Indazaros”). The word is rather a title than a name. Comparison of these historians’ accounts with the Arabic and Persian sources which depend on the lost *Xwadāy-nāmag* indicates that the “Andarzgar” was probably Mazdak himself. The word may have been modeled on the more familiar Sasanian term *andarzbad*. But such a title may already have existed in Middle Persian before the Mazdakite sect; cf. *adargāzar* (< \**handarza-kara*) in the Aramaic portion of the Book of Daniel (3:2f.), which occurs in a context containing other Iranian names of high officials and was misunderstood in the *Septuagint*.

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