



## ĀSNATAR

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**ĀSNATAR** (Pahl. *āsnadār*, lit. “washer”), one of the eight Zoroastrian priests (*ratu*) necessary for the performance of the *yasna* ritual. According to *Nīrangistān* 75, it was the *āsnatar*’s function to wash and to strain and filter the *haoma* juice. At the ritual, his station within the sacrificial area was the center of the western side between the *hāvanan* (q.v.) on his left and the *ātrəvaxš* (q.v.) on his right. Today the *āsnatar* is reckoned as one of the “invisible” priests, his functions having been taken over by the *rāspīg*.

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