



BARIŠ NASK

BARIŠ NASK, one of the lost *nask*s of the *Haḍamaθra* group (see [AVESTA](#)), analyzed in *Dēnkard* 8.9. According to the Persian *Rivāyats*, this *nask* contained originally sixty *kardas*, but only twelve were recovered after the time of Alexander. According to the summary of the *Bariš nask* in the *Dēnkard*, it contained matter concerning almost everything between heaven and earth, with perhaps a fair share of practical questions and advice not only on such matters as kings and judges and their authority, but also on such theological topics as body and soul, heaven and hell, and the afterlife. No extant Avestan texts or fragments have been identified as belonging to the *Bariš nask*. Darmesteter pointed out that the subjects treated in the *Bariš nask* recall parts of the *Mēnōy ī xrad* and that some of the Avestan Tahmuras fragments and some Avestan citations in the commentary of the Pahlavi *Vidēvdād* could be from the *Bariš nask*. The origin and meaning of *bariš* unknown. The word can also be read as *brēh* “fate, destiny.”

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