



MANDAEANS

MANDAEANS, an ethnic group (also called Nasoreans or Ar. Šābe'in) belonging to one of the less represented religions of the Near East. The term "Mandaeans" (*mandāyi*) is not an original self-designation (see [ii](#)). From pre-Islamic times to the present, they have lived in southern Iraq and southwestern Iran (Khuzestan), but since the Iran-Iraq War (1980-88) and later upheavals in the region, they are also to be found in Europe, North America, and Australia. It is thought that they now number over 50,000 in total. For centuries their main business seems to have been silver- and ironsmithing, boatbuilding and bridge construction, but now they are active in various modern occupations and trades.

i. *History.*

ii. *The Mandaean religion.*

iii. *Interaction with Iranian religion.*

iv. *The community in Iran.*

v. *The Mandaic language.*

vi. *Neo-Mandaic language.*