

Zoroastrian Aryan Civilization in Central Asia

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Since the 1970's there has been a veritable explosion of archeological excavations in Central Asia and Iran. Many of them date back to ancient Aryan times - both pre-Zoroastrian and Zoroastrian.

1. Arkaim - On the Kazakhstan and Russian border - a spectacular Aryan city going back to 5000 BC.
2. Gonur - In south Turkmenistan - one of the 5 most ancient civilizations of the world dated around 7000 BC.
3. Tash Karim - In north Uzbekistan - that existed since Zarathustra's time and flourished as a Zoroastrian kingdom up to 1300 AD.
4. Elam - In south east Iran - that was called the cradle of civilization and where writing was first invented.

These excavations and others represent a proud heritage for us Zoroastrians.