

## EDITORIAL

It seems like most of the scholars and writers were not interested in the subject "Astronomy in Ancient Iran" for we got a very weak response on the topic. I think the study of this subject is of great importance for it shows how culturally advanced the Ancient Iranians were compared to the other civilizations. To cite an example, what Copernicus said but out of fear called it a mathematical theory and what Galileo tried to prove and was punished in the 1600's, was common knowledge among the Persian over two millenniums before that date. This goes a long way to prove the bases of the belief and culture of the Ancient Iranians. If they followed the Gathas of Zarathushtra, which they did, then the study of topics such as this will help us understand the Gathas better than we do today.

One of our dear readers has raised a point regarding the bases of the reckoning of the calendar year 3741. We have printed his letter in this issue and would like to open a discussion on this topic and hereby invite you to send in your views.

The theme topic for our next issue is "Music and Dance in Ancient Iran". Hope to receive your thesis on this or any other topic of your choice. **Iran Zamin is an outlet for presenting your findings to the world.**

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