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foreword...

Darius, a leading army general of King Cambyses, son of Cyrus, the great, was one of the princes of the Achaemenian family. False or real Smerdis, the second son of Cyrus, the great, was overthrown by him and seven noble Persian families. Eventually, Darius became king in Iran. When victory was complete, and his authority established throughout the empire, He innovated a new cuneiform script for writing the old Persian.

The inscriptions of Darius, engraved on gold, silver, clay tablets, on polished surfaces of mountains and on stone vessels and weight and seals, provide valuable information about historical events, military victories, arts, the constituent countries of the Persian Empire and the ethical qualities of the Achaemenian monarches and are the best sources of history, civilization and culture of the ancient Iran.

This book, containing the cuneiform text of the extant inscriptions in old Persian, that visitors, students and other interesting people, when visiting these noble monuments, may be able to study and scrutinize the original Persian was the first script of the Persians. It is hoped that readers will kindly overlook the defects they may notice in this book, and by studying it, realize more than ever how great & imposing was ancient Iran, and how magnificent was its civilization and culture. I would be delighted to receive any corrections & suggestions for incorporation in the next edition.

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