

The significance of the New Year (*nōgrōz*)

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This short text describes two kinds of new year:

1. The first day of Fravardīn was the start of the “calculated” year consisting of 365 days and six hours and fraction of an hour;
2. The sixth day of Fravardīn was the start of the new year after the edict of Yima Xšaēta.

As we see, this evidence confirms the thesis that the “calculated” year (*ušmurdīg*) was not the fixed 365-day year (the so-called “civil” year), but a sidereal year.¹

From the Codex TD 26:

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¹ . See Raham Asha, “The Last Intercalation. Some remarks on the Persian Calendar” (2010), *Пажӯҳиш дар фарҳанги бостон: Az dirūz to imrūz*, Душанбе, 2019, 142-159.

