

Conversion Fanatics at the Parliament of World Religions.

"Parsis do not treat Fire as Sacred" - So
says K. Irani.

Jafrey says he has nothing to do with Parsis or Iranis!

Here is the first information report on the 1993 Parliament of the World Religions held at Chicago from 28.8.93 to 4.9.93. For the present, it is confined to a few queer and a bit amusing highlights.

On 31.8.93, one Adi Davar spoke before a formidable audience of not more than forty people. He is a one percent shareholder in the Jafrey Irani & Circus Ltd., whose main Articles of Association are two viz. (i) Conversion fanaticism (CON-FANTA) and (ii) Gatha-Alone Cult (G.A.C.). The main shareholders of the Circus, Jafrey and K. Irani, were spiritually present in Davar's written out speech. The same alleged references and evidences and quotations from the Gatha, non-Gatha and even Pazend writings! The Gatha-Alone walla's relying on Pazend looks like an ape trying to put on a Raymond suit! When Adi was singing his off-tune burdensome song, two delegates in the audience Mrs. Pervin Mistry and Dr. Homi Dhalla raised their fingers to question him. Adi tried to avoid. Homi lost patience and stood up. Adi had to look to him. Homi spoke for full 5 minutes against conversion fanaticism. Among other things he said that to-day the world thinking was to follow one's own Religion and respect the others. He referred to Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi, and the events happening in India and elsewhere. Pervin then stood up and said that what our Prophet taught was conversion of evil to good and not from one Religion to another. All that Adi could do was to go on nodding his head; his tongue had stuck.

But more interesting part now follows :

One white American Lady rose and asked, "What are the daily rituals or requirements of the Zoroastrians and do you pray 5 times a day?" Adi's answer was oozing with great learning and

scholarship. He said, "I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION," and further that a high priest was in the audience, who would not perhaps like to comment, and therefore "I hand over the mike to Prof. Irani." How relishingly wonderful!!! Here was Adi with a surname 'Davar,' the just, who, though out to convert people to his Religion, declared in no uncertain terms that he did not know even the basics of it! And promptly called his main shareholder Irani to his rescue. Irani used the usual chakkar-brand-kerosene language very common amongst G A C and CON-FANTA. After him, rose another of Adi's guru to his rescue, Ali Jafrey, uninvited and uncalled for, from the audience, and gave another 'Chakkar' to the audience and that poor white lady. He said something like this that there was no asking a boon from God but only thanking Him for His boons - seemed like a balloon loosing fast-air. (Jafrey would never ask for a boon : "Oh Ahura Mazda make me a Ratu", but if his Irani friends make him one, he will say "thank you" to them and God both).

But the situation goes curioiser and curioiser, as Alice said. A Hindu gentlemen stood up and asked what the Parsis thought of fire, since the Hindus called it 'Agni' and worshipped it. Irani, and not Adi, answered, **we do not worship fire and we do not call it sacred !** (Take this, ye Parsis of India! Your trip to Iranshah and your visit to Atash Baheram's and Agjari's, is a futile exercise - thus spoke Irani! And you Dastooris of Atash Baheram's! Wind up your Dastoori...

But Pervin was angry; she asked with ferver what was Asha vahishta and Adar and how could Irani say Fire was not sacred to Parsis. But Irani remained anti-sacred-fire!

In a later session on that day one Jehan Bagli, (of the Fasli Calendar fame) who is also a one percent shareholder in the Jafrey Irani Circus Ltd., had to say, much against the wishes of his peers and the majority shareholders, that Parsis did hold Fire as Sacred!

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By the way, the Dastoorji referred by Adi Davar earlier was Dastoor Kaikhushru Jamaspa-asha, who left the hall just before Jafrey revolved his chakkar. (No comments).

At another session Jafrey was the speaker. He said he wanted to stay out of "controversy" and "diversity". Here also Pervin stood up (hats off-, Lady!) and said, "you say you don't want to call people names but by calling someone "orthodox" or "reformist", you are branding them names. If any organization is parallel with the main body or any organization separates from the mainstream, then isn't that causing diversity or controversy? And aren't YOU the cause of all that?" Jafrey gave a faded smile and said that **he was on his own and had nothing to do with Parsi or Irani Zarthoshti's.**

So here is hypocrisy at its full height! The man, a muslim purports to convert non-Parsis to Parsis, enjoying the hospitality of a class of ignorant Parsis or Iranis, and says he has nothing to do with Parsis or Iranis. See ye! The hosts of Alibhai!

This is what happens amongst the Parsis of the great country of North America. Racial suicide is in the offing....

It is high time, Oh "Saoshyant", for your arrival!....

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