

ILM-E-KHSHNOOM, THE AUTHENTIC KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THE ZARTHOSHTI DIN.

**Knowledge, Practice, Devotion - IIm, Amal, Vaham –
Gnyan, Karma, Bhakti - Rolled into One.**

Intended Celebration for 100 years of Khshnoom-Propagation.

Like all Civilisations and all Communities, we Parsis have history. It is however entirely unique because it is coupled with the history of the EARTH!

If you open Firdosi's Shahnameh, you will find that he begins the history of the earth with the king Kayumars, the Avesta equivalent of whom is Gayomeyreythna, Pahalvi : Gayomart; Pazend, Farsi Gayomard. The Avesta name occurs in Fravardin Yashta, Kardeh 24. "Gayomard nar Asho" is in the list of the names of holy men recited in Afringan ceremony.

Was the first king on the earth a Parsi? Yes! At that time, the word Parsi was not in vogue; it was termed "Mazdayasni", which occurs in our daily Kushti Prayer!

Is it a fact that we, the Parsis, with all our hair-line fractured people going around and the so called mobeds rolling up the same 40 minutes Farvashin Yasht Prayer (Farokhshi) in 12^{1/2} to 15^{3/4} minutes and the so called Manashni-Gavashni-Kunashni-alone-walas not bothering about Kushti except as a weapon of conversion, wherein the words, "Masdayasno Ahmi" occur, are (we) the descendant of the First King on the earth? Seems extremely doubtful! But the historical fact remains. What to do?

Well, you may ask, may be that we come from the Mazdayasni Kings, but why do you say our history is coupled with the history of the Earth? Its present history is : two World Wars, nuclear and biological weapons, tsunami, earthquakes, New-Orleans, rape, homosex and what not. What has this present history to do with us, the Parsis?

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The most unfortunate thing that has happened is that the Parsis are unaware of the mystical foundations of their own Religion. No Religion is worth the name, which is not equated to its mysticism. Mysticism means the spiritual science which goes beyond our five senses and our 3 dimensional intellect, experience and consciousness. You can call it the Science of God or the Science of the soul. We have no intellectual concept about either of them. How will you answer the question: What is God? or What is Soul? We have no answer. In truth these two are the foundations of every Religion. Not that we Parsis do not believe in mysticism. **We go to find it in other Religions!** Many of us do not know that **there is profound mysticism in the Zarthoshti Din. It is called IIm-e-Khshnoom.**

What does the Zarthoshti Mysticism say about the present times of violent turmoil?

For an answer to this question, please see the last Issue of this humble Parsi Pukar - Vol. 10-4 : April-May-June 2005 - Pages 2 to 8. There, the Truths are narrated about our Earth, the whole Creation, the human beings and their passing through various periods of Time. After outlining all this it is stated in that article that the present time through which the humanity is passing is termed as **the first kyamat**. Kyamat here does not mean the judgement after death. Here it is used in another sense viz a period when the forces of evil rampantly shoot out and spread out all over the earth. This

is not something like Ahriman conquering Ahuramazda, as the Khojestyas declare with great pomp and ego. The passing of the various Time Cycles is ordained in Nature. It is engraved in Ahoonvar, the First Plan and Chart of Creation (Comparable to the First Sound of Ohhmm in the great Hindu Religion or the WORD of the Holy Bible: John: 1).

The Zarthoshti Din teaches that in this period of the first Kyamat after Asho Zarathushtra, the Mazdayasni Zarthoshti Din will shrink on the observable part of the earth, that is, the earth which we, the ordinary non-saintly people, can see and wander upon. And this will be one of the signs of the oncoming violent calamities which will overpower the humans on that part of the globe. The shrinking of the Zarthoshti Din will throw most of the Parsis in the mire of faithlessness. They will become highly materialistic and will forget the real, Truthful, spiritual and mystical foundations of their Din and its spiritual and devotional Institutions. The humans on earth and the Parsis both will be on the brink of disaster.

As all this goes on, the white divine forces and Energies of the unobservable universe will be preparing for the **ADVENT OF SAVIOURS** of all Religions.

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These are the predictions emanating from IIm-e-Khshnoom, the Mysticism of Zarathoshti Din. And the Treasure of this spiritual Science, the Art and way of life and the Path of Devotion was opened hundred years back, in 1906-07 in Surat, by one Baheramshah Navroji Shroff.

Since last ten years, this humble Parsi Pukar is endeavoring to infuse the Treasure of IIm-e-Khshnoom in the psyche of the Parsis. There are two other periodicals Dini Avaz and Mazdayasni Connection (of California) which spread the message of Khshnoom. Before them there were the periodicals, Frashogard (1911-1942) and Parsi Avaz Weekly (1947-1974). They closed down after their respective founders Phiroze Masani and Jehangir Chiniwalla died.

These magazines have kindled the light of devotion into many Parsis of India and abroad and awakened them towards the way and art of life ordained for them in the Din.

Hundred years have passed since Baheramshah Shroff declared to the Parsis, the miracles of his own life, namely his soujorn for about 3^{1/2} years in the holy abode of Zarathoshti Ashavans, Saints and Seers. It is situated in a secret orbital place in the unobservable parts of the Earth which lies in the higher dimensions over the Mount Demavand in Iran. The chest of the priceless spiritual treasure of IIm-e-Khshnoom was opened in 1906-07.

Today we have about 50000 printed pages revealing the Truths of the Din through IIm-e-Khshnoom written by the disciples of Baheramshahji, mostly by the late Framroze Chiniwalla (died 1962).

My dear Parsi brothers and sisters! Would you not like to have a heart throb of devotion towards Asho Zarathushtra and His Din? to learn how to live and face this life and the next? to have some spiritual knowledge about your Sudreh Kushti, Manthra, Aatash, Yasna, Maher-Patet, Dokhma, Boonak-paasbaani? Then welcome to Khshnoom! Once you start placing your faith in Khshnoom, you will be amazed to find that higher Forces have begun to guide you. You will be able to maintain peace of mind and control your depression in the midst of the turmoils of life. You will realise how futile and wasteful are the present day controversies going on in our seemingly dying community. Khshnoom has been on since a century and its caravan marches on. Join it.

The Khshnoom lovers desire to celebrate the centenary occasion in the current year mainly with a view to awaken those Parsis who are either unaware of or uninterested in Khshnoom. This is proposed to be done in two-ways.

[The first is to celebrate six Gahambaars at six different Parsi places: starting from Surat, the birth place of Bareramshahji in April 2006 followed by Navsari in June, Udvada in September, Mumbai in October 2006, Pune in January 2007 and Banglore in March 2007, under the sponsorship of IIm-e-Khshnoom Felaavnaari Committee, Dini-Avaz Committee and Parsi Pukar Committee. There will be lectures and other items, followed wherever possible, by contributory or subsidized dinners. Kindly see Dini-Avaz Vol. 30-3, July-August-September 2005, page 17.

The Second celebration is proposed to be a two or three days seminar of exhibitions, drama, lectures, entertainment-functions, work-shops, disensions, meals and such other components. The concept is conceived by Silloo Mehta of California, the well known Khshnoomist who has raised and maintained the banner of IIm-e-Khshnoom in USA since three decades, the founder editor publisher of the FREE magazine, Mazdayasni Connection, and who has kindled the light of Faith, Devotion and spiritual knowledge in several Parsi hearts, old and young, in USA and other countries.

The seminar will be held at the end of the year 2006. The aforesaid three Committees will of course be assisting her in this huge task.

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The announcement of the respective celebrations will be made at the appropriate times.]

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"SAOSHYANT" AND "KSHSHNOOM" IN GATHA

"Verify they are the 'Saoshyant's, the World-'Guru's, who with their Divine Consciousness (Vohu Man) and Asha, walk on Thy Path, oh Mazda, and stick to the Divine Task of 'Dakhu's (different Regions i.e., 'Din's) assigned to them by Thee; and to Khshnoom, Thy Divine IIm; They are ordained to drive out the Untruth and Evil with their strong hands."

- Gatha Ha 48-12.

[For 'Asha', see the article on Ashem Vohu on page 4.

The last line is comparable to :

“परित्राणाय साधूनां विनाशाय च दृष्टताम....” in Shrimad Bhagvad Gita; 4-8.

The word "Saoshyant" applies to all Prophets and Avatars of all Religions.

The word "Khshnoom" occurs in Gatha 48-12 as also in 53-2. Please see page 17.

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