ABOUT THIS ISSUE

The English Section of this Issue deals mainly with the present time cycle, which has frightened the mankind on the earth with deadly calamities, natural as also man-made.

The humans are whirling around in two spheres. One is the biosphere of the earth, which they have inherited from Mother-Nature; the other is the technosphere generated by man's own mental exertions. The former consists of the beautiful earth with its green forests and rivers and mountains and water falls, and airy atmosphere. Technosphere is the advent of technologies presenting computers and TVs and Mobiles and electric energy and nuclear armaments and biological weapons. Both these spheres are fiercely out of balance with each other and in deep conflict. The natural laws with which the earth and man are intended to survive are frightfully disturbed by man's own technologies.

Which are these natural laws? Not the Dawinian "law" of the survival of the fittest, not the Newtonian "laws" of motion, not the Freduian sex-dominant psychology. The laws on which Nature operates are those taught by Prophets, saints, sages and seers of all times. Man has his own enemies within himself which he is required to resist, control and conquer. Therein lies his survival and salvation both. The enemies are named by all Religions universally: ego, carnal passion, greed, hatred, selfishness intense urge for worldly objects and material wants. In fact and truth, the Darwin-Newton-Freud paradigm has nurtured and nourished these enemies and has brought the doomsday on the kingdom of man.

The first article describes how the doomsday has been invited by man and his science and technology. It also propounds the truths about the present period of time - Zamaan-e-Kayamat - as revealed in our Din. It is pointed out that the threat of extinction applies not merely to the Parsi Community but the whole of humanity, and that the two are inter related. It is one of the signs of the period of Kayamat that when the humans are fast marching towards doomsday, the Zarthoshti Din and all its Spiritual Institutions shall contract and suffer tremendously by the evil forces of Satan and Ahriman. That has happened. Loaded ignorance prevails amongst the Parsis, in the matters of Zarthoshti Din. The level of intellect and wisdom has gone down so much that the groups of people have surfaced up which thrive on the Parsi ignorance. "Parsi, thy name is charity" is replaced by "Parsi, thy name is ignorance and cranckism".

In this turmoil there are faithful Parsis who feel miserable at the faithless plight of the Community. They ask: what shall we do? There are a few articles in this Issue giving some guidelines. It is not destined that the humans and Parsis shall be extinct. Saviours of all Religions are on the way. Every faithful Parsi must pray for their early arrival and at the same time prepare for the worst. You have to cultivate a certain frame of mind and follow certain minimum Rules of Tarikat. These are elaborated in this Issue.

I appeal to every reader to read each article in this Issue with all concentration. Should I reveal a secret? This humble Parsi Pukar has its own field. For every one of you in whose hands it comes, there is a personal message written out somewhere. You will feel it as you come across and read it. But, for that you will have to read every line of it.

ON THE BRINK OF DISASTER - NOT MERELY PARSI COMMUNITY BUT WHOLE OF HUMANITY.

The First Kyamat of the Present Cycle of Darego Khadaat Has Struck.

Saviours Will Surely Arrive But Before That, Large Part of Humanity Will Be Dead.

The following is a dialogue between a new young builder (a so termed "land-developer") and an old experienced one.

"Dada Bhaiji! These Parsis in Mumbai have a lot of fire temples on primely located properties; they can be developed in huge commercial and residential complexes. Some of them seem to be lying idle and unused. Can we not do anything to grab them?"

"It is not necessary to do anything my boy. Wait for a couple of decades," Says the old builder, "they will automatically come into our hands."

"How Bhaiji?" asks the immature.

"Why! Don't you see what is happening to the Parsis? They are on their way to extinction. They are digging their own grave. They are fast forgetting their own Religion, culture and identity. They are deliberately mixing up with other communities, by marriage. Now-a-days they are talking of adoption and conversion too."

"I have an idea, uncle", interrupts the young man. "Should I find out some Parsi girl and marry her?"

"Good! My boy! Let her be the near relative of some Parsi "trustee". They have all kinds of "trustees" - funds, properties, fire-temples, hospitals, schools, towers of death etc. etc.

"Sure Bhaiji! I will invite you to bless "our" marriage".....

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Surely, this is an imaginary dialogue; but equally surely, it reflects the psyche and thinking of the present day builders and all their political nexus. We have generated a severe death wish. We have walked a long way towards our own doomsday.

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But...But, are you aware that it is not just this thimble sized Parsi Community that is approaching its doomsday? The whole of humanity is doing so! That is declared not by religious faddists, but by authentic and authoritative scientists. (See Box on page 3)

Let us delve a little in the spiritual, mystical and religious realms to try to understand what and why is all this happening to the bewildered humankind on this tiniest of the tiny globe. At the door step of such realms, a question arises in our mind: are such mystical data more reliable than modern science, which has given us space-travel and computer and medicinal advances and so many other magics and miracles? The answer is YES. See Box on P. 7 under the heading "Science-Material and Spiritual."

Let us begin with "Ahuramazda," the Creator of the Creation.

The Creation which He created consists of three Regions: (i) Divine, (ii) non-physical or non-material, and (iii) physical or material.

The Divine Region is composed of the Divine light, better called Yazatic light. The Region itself is called Hasti.

The non-material or non-physical Region is composed of subtle energies of a lower stage of Divinity than the Yazatic light. This Region is called Nisti.

The physical or material Region consists of various stages of matter the lowest of which is the matter of 92 elements and their compounds, which we observe and experience in numerous varieties of forms and bodies. This Region is our Earth. It is called Geyti.

The earth is actually situated in the lower part of the Nisti itself.

Time on Earth

The Earth is living and whirling in certain cycles of time. It passes through successive

"OUR FINAL HOUR" - SAYS A SCIENTIST

Sir Martin Rees is the Astronomer Royal of England. It is a prestigious honorary post conferred by the British Monarchs on a profoundly erudite Astronomer or Astrophysicist. He has written a book bearing the title "OUR FINAL HOUR" with the subtitle:

"A Scientist's Warning: How terror, error, and environmental disaster threaten humankind's future in this century – on earth and beyond."

"This century" here is the 21st century. The Book was published by Basic Books Hardback in 2003 (after the notorious "9-11") and paper back in 2004. The Daily Mail (London) wrote, "That a scientist so distinguished as Rees should air these fierce anxieties is a sign that something is amiss."

What are the threats leading to doomsday in this century itself? Rees enumerates and elaborates in a masterly objective manner:-

- 1. Nuclear Armaments, germinating from Nuclear Physics.
- 2. Biological and Chemical Weapons germinating from microbiology and genetics.
- 3. Invasion of computer technology
- 4. Invasion of the above (no.3) on the human character and phyche.
- 5. The high probability of even one single person inviting global disaster erasing out the humankind.
- 6. The tremendous pressure brought down by the humans on the environment of the globe, resulting in climatic and other natural disasters and calamity.
- 7. The extreme risks threatened by the scientific and technological experiments devised to understand the tremendous unsolved problems and mysteries of the Universe, Cosmos, Matter, Man, Life and Disease.

I will elaborate a little on each of the seven threats some day later on. But take it that the situation is so bad that most of these threats can invade and overtake the humankind by the day ends or even at the next hour. There is not, and cannot be, any prediction as to when the Nature will strike or a terrorist will strike. What will then happen to this pin-head Parsis spread over the globe and particularly in Mumbai where these WB and Wapiz and BPP and Jame are having their foolish tamasha's?

periods of time; each of these periods is made up of 81000 years. In Avesta technical term, each such 81000 years period is called "Zarvaan-e-Darego-Khadaat". This term occurs in our Prayer: "Jasa mey Avangh-hey Mazda, Amahey Hutashtahey-----" Innumerable Darego Khodaats have passed through our earth.

Each "Darego-Khodaat" runs into certain sub-periods of time. Our current Darego Khadaat is presently about 13000 years old. It started somewhere 15000 years B.C. In its beginning, the human beings were divided only into two classes: (i) Yezdaan - Parast and (ii) Daevaparast. The former consisted of those who

worshipped Ahuramazda and His White Yazatic Forces, and lived by His commands. The latter consisted of those who followed the black evil forces which revolted against Ahuramazda and were the enemies of all the Good which He wanted Man to live with. The former were called the 'Mazda-Yasnis' the latter, the 'Daeva Yasnis'.

The fist Mazdayasni King at the start of Darego Khadaat was Gaiyomard. He was followed by other Mazdayasni Kings and warriors. Hoshang, Tehmoorasp, Minochaher, Jamshed, Faredoon, Kaikobaad, Kaikhushroo, Kae-Siavux, Kai-Lohraspa are the names of

"DOOMSDAY CLOCK OF ATOMIC SCIENTISTS"

During the second World war, an arms-race was born. Who will first make the atom bomb, Germany or America? Both worked overtime – Germany led by Nobel Prize Winner (1932), Werner Heisenberg, and America, by J. Robert Oppenheimer. America won the race. At 8-16 a.m. on 6th August 1945, the first atom-bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. The war ended. But the humans took a sharp turn towards the doomsday, and started predicting how far or near it was; because the arms race continued; cold war was on between U.S. and Russia.

A group of Physicists in Chicago founded the "Bulletin of Atomic Scientists." Many of them were in Oppenhiemer's team, who had succeeded in making the bomb. The logo of the journal is a clock; its hourhand is on 12 midnight; its minute-hand fluctuates on the cover page of every issue, to show how many minutes 12 midnight, i.e. the doomsday, is away, according to the formidable editorial board. The standard of judging this was how the cold war was behaving, particularly as regards arms race, arms control and nuclear policy of U.S.A, Russia and other nations it was (and is) the successive crisis in international relations, which decides the moving of the minute hand.

In 1950s the clock showed the doomsday to be just two to three minutes away! And Sir Martin Rees, the author of "Our Final Hour", says, this was a correct judgment. P. 29-paperback). We, the humans, were just lucky to be saved. So also during the Cuban missile crisis in 1962.

In 1970s the minute-hand was slightly away by 15 to 17 minutes. In 1980s it was near midnight again. In early 1990s, because of the illusionary end of the cold war, the clock showed 17 minutes to midnight; but then it has been creeping foreward again and in 2002 in was seven minutes to midnight. Stock piling of nuclear arms and raw materials continues. Threats on international levels are ringing. The dooms-day clock is now confused; certainty is wavering. Not sure whether 7 minutes or 3 minutes or 2 or 1------

some of Mazdayasni Kings. Kershaspa, Sam, Zal, Rustom, Sohrab, Burjor are the names of some of the Mazda Yasni warriors.

The wars and battles between the Mazdayasni and the Daeva-yasni went on for about the first 4000 years of the Darego-Khadaat. It was a battle between the white and black - good and evil - forces of Nature. At the end of this sub-period of 4000 years, the Mazdayasni Front began to be overwhelmed by the Daeva-Yasnis. The hidden evil forces from the Nisti world, the demons, fiends, devils were actively helping the black Front. The Mother-Earth was tortured, oppressed, tyrranised. That was the time Ahuramazda sent His First Prophet Asho Zarathushtra.

He with his divine powers conquered the Daeva-Yasni evil forces and reestablished the Kingdom of Ahuramazda through Mazda Yasni Zarthoshti Daen.

It has been ordained by the Divine Book of Fate that during the remaining period of the Darego Khadaat after Asho Zarathushtra, three other sub-periods will pass on the Earth when the evil forces will rise up again and shall be posed to destroy the human-kind along with all the fervors and qualities of humanity. These three sub-periods will be called the period of Kayamat. **The first such Kyamat Period has now struck the Earth**

and all life on earth: human, animal, vegetable, material. The doomsday signals are flashing dazzlingly.

The Book of Fate has also provided that one of the doomsday signal will be that on our observable earth the Zarthoshti Din will shrink down to a speck. That will be one of the signs of the Kayamat. The Parsis, who are the only carriers of Zarthoshti Din will themselves be delivered to the evil hostile forces rampant on the earth. Each of the powerful spiritual Institutions of the Zarthoshti Din viz. Sudreh Kushti, Manthra, Yasna, Atash, Dokhma, Meher-Patet, Boonak-paasbaani, will break down mercilessly. All the Parsi virtues will evaporate. Parsis will be so hypnotised by the devilish forces that they will deliberately and knowingly rush to dissolve themselves.

As all this goes on, on the observable earth, the white forces in the unobservable universe will be preparing themselves to break down the satanic invasion. At the proper ordained time the saviours of all Religions will arrive on the tortured earth and humanity, and sharply turn the present satanic civilisation towards the Path of God.

But before that happens, severe calamities, nature-showered as also man-made, will overpower the humans. There will be en-mass death and destruction. This has already begun in the last century and has now been aggravated to an unimaginably frightful scenario throughout the globe. The seven points destructive agenda of science has already struck. (Page 3).

The above predictions were brought to us by Ustad Saheb Baheramshah Navroj Shroff (1858-1927) from the Saheb Delaan of "Aiwi Thrishva".

"Aivi Thrishva" is the unobservable realm of the Earth, located beyond the three dimensions of our consciousness. Baheramshahji was taken there in 1875 AD. and stayed there for about three and a half years amongst about 2000 humans, who belonged to the higher levels of Din-e-Zarathushtra. They included certain highly advanced Mobeds, Magav-Sahebs and male and female Ashavans who had attained spiritual heights and powers. They are known as "Saheb Delaan". They worked on Baheramshahji and imparted in him the Mystical Knowledge and Practice of the elevated stages of the Din. This knowledge and Practice is named as IIm-e-Khshnoom, and is reduced to marathon writings particularly by his Disciple-in-Chief, Dr. Framroze S. Chiniwalla.

The Predictions narrated above are spread over the Khshnoomic writings, which also provide the supportive references and evidences from the holy Avesta Scriptures as also the religious writings in Pahalvi and Pazend languages.

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Mankind is therefore on the brink of disaster, natural and man made to be followed later by the advent of the Divine Saviours of different Religions, who will place the humans on the Paths leading to God. Till then, we are required to be prepared for the worst. There is nothing the humanoids can do to aver the disasters. The situation is irreversible. Remedies suggested by the scientists, environmentalists and humanity oriented institutions are just marginal. They are destined to be swept away by the tornadoes of the time.

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For we the Parsis, the situation is equally bad and irreversible. The builders' dialogue with which this article began, is fast on its way. (But the builders and their buildings themselves are on the disaster list.)

There are now just a handful of Parsis who have unflinching faith in the spiritual Institutions of the Din, and still less those who have some knowledge about what those Institutions are.

Look at the stark ignorance that prevails in all quarters. Trusteeship of Parsi Punchayets is an exercise in ignorance and hypocrisy both. BPP Trustees are ignorant not only of the Parsi history, culture and Religion, but also of their own history going back just 25 years. To give a recent instance, in 1982 they were instrumental in sending a deputation of Dastoorjis to the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to advocate why the then Adoption Bill should NOT be made applicable to the Parsis. Today when Adoption has again cropped up the trustees say they are not concerned in matters of Religion; it is for the Dastoorjis to handle!! And as we

know, the same trustees had raised four purely religious matters in their Bardoli Tamasha!! This is only one instance of their work-style. There are quite a number. Here are ARZ and WAPIZ who have run down the sublime Zarthoshti Din to the ridicule of paid advertisements in newspapers! Conversion fanatics have shot up, starkly ignorant of the fact that it is a suicidal move, for several obvious reasons.

Each of our spiritual Institutions is in jeopardy. Sudreh Kushti, which is a Yogic "Aaalaat" is put forward as an instrument of fanatic conversion. Very few understand what Manthra and Manthra Prayers are. Mobeds are playing huge frauds in the matter of Kriyakaam. Mumbai Dokhma is a piece of huge riddle; it is not clear whether it is a fire ground through solar energy or a burial ground for half baked bodies or the real Dokhm-enashini. Trustees of Surat Dokhma are selling pieces of the land to builders. Parsi Trustees of Fire-temples are out to make money through some building bogeys.

And the so called head-priests? What pieces of pretences and inconsistencies and confusions and unreliabilities are flung out by some of them! No courage of conviction; actually no conviction even!

The intellectual level of Parsis has so much gone down that Khojestiyaos and Pundoliyaos are thriving on the ignorance and immunity towards serious thinking. Parsi Faith is drying up. The rate of evaporation increases every moment.

The faithful Parsis are bewildered. What can they do against the hurricane of faithlessness It is now more a question for the individual Faithful. This issue gives some hints.

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SCIENCE-MATERIAL AND SPIRITUAL

Doomsday Predictions are emanating from most modern science as also from certain spiritual and mystical realms. Both have different contours. Science, as usual, relies on observations of non-saintly common-man, namely scientists. Mystical realms rely on the beyond-observation data and information collected by Saints, Yogis, Prophets and Spiritually advanced persons from their own sources of experience. Can such data and information hold good in the present-days of material science?

The answer to the question is based on two maxims:

- 1. modern Science, in spite of the vast collection of data, materials and information on the observable universe, is thoroughly confused as to the ultimate truths governing it.
- 2. Mysticism is a Science and an Art indicating how and why we are here; and what are we required to do; it emanates from the divine realms **experienced** by Men and Women of God.

The above are pure statements of truth. I have allergy for self-boasting, yet I cannot help saying, quite objectively that I have been working on and verifying these two truths since last six decades, and as the years passed and ate still passing, I have been on a successive ladder of their conformation. I can write a fat book on each of them for laymen. But at present I refer to and recommend two books, one on each.

Here is one from most modern science: "The World's 20 Greatest Unsolved Problems" by John Vacca (Prentice Hall – NY (www.phptr.com) 2005), It is a brilliantly collected record of scientific facts written in an amazingly simple style, which only a profound master on a subject can present. The author is an IT consultant; till 1995 he was with NASA as Computer Specialist and the Computer Security Officer. He is an internationally known author and free-lance book editor. He writes:

"The purpose of this book is to show the moderately technical reader that in an age where scientific discovery is everyday news, there still remains, in fact, many scientific problems that have never been solved. Actually, there are so many unsolved problems in all areas of science that the task of creating a complete list of them should be another unsolved problem. (p.xxi Preface)

Science is in a state of confusion. There are variances and even contradictions, not only amongst different branches of science but amongst different areas in the same branch, as regards many natural phenomena. Science and common sense are in conflict. There is a collapse of common sense in Science. Scientists know this very well and don't hesitate to say it. "We are far from understanding the nature around us", Vacca says so in the above book (ibid), in 2005 A.D., 319 years from Newton's presenting his Principia to the Royal Society (28th April 1686) which pompously proclaimed that the human "common sense" was the banner of Truth in Nature. And to-day? The human thinking is wrapped in a dense cloud of confusion!

On the Truth no. 2 propounded above, I recommend only one Book: "Autobiography of a Yogi" by Paramhans Yoganand. My pen is too feeble to narrate the spiritual loftiness of this great yogi of our times (5-1-1898: 7-3-1952), who came and went off in a flash in the last century, but left millions of hearts throbbing in intense devotion to God, a rare commodity in the most violent century of the human species. All I can say is that every page of the book defies common sense. It is a torrent of what we call "miracles". If this can happen in this infidel and cruel century, oh fool of a man! What have you done to yourself?

You simply can't call the Book a tissue of self-boasting lies. It is a narration of events written with such a vibrant sincerity that you just cannot disbelieve a word.

And what is the message? You, the human! You have a mind and a heart. The mind thinks, but it is confused because it is forced to the chain of its own limitations. Kindle your heart with the Light of Devotion; let the Light enter your mind and here is the Goddess of Truth standing and smiling before you!

The scientist says, my mind is confused. Was something wrong with my intellect and common sense and my method of searching the truth?

The Yogi says, Yes! The doors of your mind are tightly closed; they are to be opened. There are realms and regions in Nature which you are required to see and experience. There is a Divine Science of mysticism and there are divine keys to know it.

The Prophets, Sains, Avatars Mystics give us some idea about the mystical side of Nature.

SWAMI YOGANANDJI SPEAKS -

"The grim march of world political events points inexorably to the truth that without spiritual vision, the people perish. Science, if not religion, has awakened in humanity a dim sense of the insecurity and even insubstantiality of all material things. Where indeed may man go now, if not to his Source and Origin, the Spirit within him?

Consulting history, one may reasonably state that man's problems have not been solved by the use of brute force. World War I produced an earth-chilling snowball of dread karma that swelled into World War II. Only the warmth of brotherhood can melt the present colossal snowball of sanguinary karma that may otherwise grow into World War III. Unholy twentieth-century trinity! Use of jungle logic instead of human reason in settling disputes will restore the earth to a jungle. If not brothers in life, then brothers in violent death. It was not for such ignominy that God lovingly permitted man to discover the release of atomic energies!

War and crime never pay. The billions of dollars that went up in the smoke of explosive nothingness would have been sufficient to have made a new world, one almost free from disease and completely free from poverty. Not an earth of fear, chaos, famine pestilence, the *danse macabre*, but one broad land of peace, prosperity, and widening knowledge.

- Autobiography of a Yogi - Ch. 44

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