

OUR RELIGION

Man is sent on this earth with a Divine Plan and purpose. He has, at some point in time, a goal to achieve. This goal is known by different names as Farshogard, Nirvana, Mukti, God-realization and so on. Common man who is not evolved spiritually, (not sufficiently at least) is not able to see the goal and does not know how to go about it. But his RELIGION and his PROPHET HAVE PRESCRIBED A PATH TO TREAD ON. IT IS A WAY OF LIFE HE HAS TO ADOPT DURING HIS STAY ON EARTH IF HE WISHES TO COME NEARER TO HIS GOAL.

The inner craving you find sometimes stirring in you to know about your religion is not just a passing thought. It is the vibrating of some spiritual energy within you trying to awaken you. It is the Prophet Zarathushtra's divine energy deep within trying to break your shell of ignorance and show you the Light of God.

Zoroastrian Religion is not just a simple three-fold commandment of good thoughts, good words and good deeds, as commonly understood. It is Life itself. Din or Daena is the word for religion. Whatever we think, speak or do is an act of Religion. In doing it, we have either followed the teachings of our Prophet and have gone nearer to him, or have defied and gone away from him. In either case it is connected with religion. We do not and should not renounce love, wealth, family ties, to seek so intangible a thing as the meaning of life. Yet all of us can and ultimately must become concerned about the most basic and the most ancient of human questions: Who am I ? Why am I here? What is the purpose of my existence? What is the cause of human suffering ? What is the cosmic justice that underlies all human affairs?

One must have an intense desire to share with fellow Zarathoshtis, the ecstasy and divine

Dini - Avaz

joy embedded in the teachings of our great religion that reveal answers to such riddles. But those who desire such fruit, must be willing to read the explanations, the whys and the hows, even if they are lengthy. As seekers to the Riddles of Life, would we be content with short superficial explanations? There are no shortcuts to anything and nothing worthwhile could ever be achieved without persistent efforts.

The knowledge of our Religion called "Khshnoom" in Avesta was taught by our late Ustad Beharamshah Navroji Shroff. It explains the religion in its highly mystic development. The blessed word "Khshnoom" is found in the Gathas, where it is venerated as the Word of God taught to the great prophet Spitman Zarathushtra. The light of "Khshnoom" is the key to understand the words pregnant with technical interpretations, the philosophy and the mysticism.

- Silloo Mehta

Every Spiritual teacher, has two sets of teachings- one for the multitude and the other for the disciples. The spiritual teacher prepares the way for his message with broad lessons. The inner truth of religion, he reveals only to his intimate disciples.

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(7) Parallel seam (8 & 9) Two triangular seams. Sudreh length should extend from the neck to the knees, and completely circular at bottom.

Sudreh should not be treated like other garments that may be altered according to the whims and fancy of a fashion-designer.

Prophet Zarathushtra has prescribed the Sudreh of a specific material, design, colour and shape, in doing which he has, as it were, reduce the very macrocosm (shape of universe) into the microcosm of the Sudreh.

- Curset Patel

