

## ***This humble "DINI AVAZ" - its AIMS AND IDEALS***

Dear readers,

By the Grace of Ahura Mazda and the Divine Blessings flowing from His 'Yazata's and His Messenger, Zarathushtra, this humble 'Dini Avaz' finishes its first year with this issue in your auspicious hands.

Our six issues must have given you a fair idea of our aim.

There is no doubt that a lot of ignorance prevails in our Community regarding our Great Religion, and Its Teachings, Disciplines, Institutions and 'Yoga's. Some of us simply do not care. Some have several hazy notions. Some say we want to know but don't know where to look for. And there is a class, which deliberately tries to take advantage of this cloudy situation and carry on a campaign for destroying whatever is good in our Religion, with ulterior worldly motives at the back of their minds.

Our aim is to present before you, (i) The TRUTH and (ii) such materials as will awaken your thoughts towards the Truth and induce you to go deeper, in the STUDY as well as the PRACTICE of our Great Religion.

### **SCIENTIFIC APPROACH**

It is our sincere desire that may you think yourself and see the Light. We here provide the materials. The only condition is that your mind should remain open, unprejudiced and ready to accept the FACTS even though they may blow up your pre-conceived notions, beliefs and thoughts. Please read

the last sentence again; you will find that it describes exactly what is known as "THE SCIENTIFIC ATTITUDE". Gaze with wonder, like a child towards a FACT and go wherever it leads you - that is the right scientific spirit. Unfortunately those who talk much on Religion - our newspapermen and mongers of cheap slogans like "change-by time" and "back to Gathas" and "Manashni-Gavashni-Kunashni, the only religion"- are far far away from this scientific mentality. They don't stare straight at the truth; they run away from it. When the truth is shown to them or comes in their way even with a bang, they close their eyes and ears!

Now if you begin with FACTS, for your inquiry into our Religion, you find that it contains much more than good thoughts, words and deeds. It has its own personal spiritual practices like Sudreh-Kushti, Manthra prayers, Yasna-ceremonies. It has its own spiritual institutions like Atash-Beharam, Agiary, Dokhma. And above all, its Writings appear to contain many Truths from spiritual realms. You cannot ignore this. If you want to reject all this, you must have some good, solid convincing reasons. Are there any such reasons?

Our aim is to show you that there are none. The reasons which are given are hollow, devoid of any deep or even shallow study and full of ignorance — ignorance, particularly of modern science, of our Holy Writings, and of our Spiritual Teachings and Institutions. There is, on the other hand

## QUESTIONS YOU ASK

Few of the questions, which constantly arise in your mind and even perplex you are:

1. Who wrote our Avesta prayers? What is their content? How are they effective as prayers?
2. What are Manthric vibrations? What is the data from modern science on vibrations, waves and frequencies, and in particular vibrations from spoken words? How are the vibratory effects of Manthra-prayers caused?
3. What are the meanings of our prayers?
4. What is an Atash-Beheram? Why is it fire considered sacred? What does it do?
5. What is Sudreh-Kushti? How does it help us in our spiritual journey?
6. Why are Sudreh and Kushti specially designed and made?
7. What is mysticism? and what is Zoroastrian Mysticism? How far is it tenable in the present age of science?
8. What is the spiritual significance of Manashni, Gavashni, Kunashni?
9. What happens after death? Why the Dokhma? Why the ceremonies?

We provide answers to these questions, as also the material and data that may lead you to the answers.

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such a huge mass of evidence, material and data, which can compel any person with a scientific trend of mind to be convinced that our spiritual institutions, disciplines, practices and 'Yoga's - are to be PRESERVED and PRACTISED and not to be rejected.

We provide such material, data, evidence, here in this humble Dini Avaz.

### WHAT DID WE GIVE SO FAR?

In the last six issues we gave you materials from modern science showing that in trying to understand nature science is lost into a maze of mysteries and that the spiritual disciplines of our Religion have in them some great natural truths, and their glimpses are some times reflected in modern science.

We gave you some elementary idea about the extant of our Holy Scriptures, existing and lost.

We gave you some idea about Navjote and our Kushti prayer.

We wrote about the lives and achievements of the late Baheramshah Navroji Shroff, Ervad Phiroze Masani and Dr. Faramroz Chiniwalla.

We also have a 'Children's corner' where we narrate the story of Zohak and Faridoon. We gave some idea about Navjote. Ahura willing, we may start the Life of Zarathushtra also.

We are also furnishing materials on the question of conversion.

In our Gujarati Section, we provided a rich fare on necessity of Religion, on Atash Beheram, on the intelligence of humans, on the prayers and ceremonies, on Dokhm-e-nashini and

several other topics.

There is no end to the questions on matters of Religion which arise in your mind and even perplex you. A few of them appear on page 18. To get the answers all that you have to do is to subscribe to this two-monthly journal and induce your friends to subscribe.

All our workers are honorary. There is no profit-motive anywhere. The only aim is to enlighten you and prevent you from being carried away by the cheap newspaper propoganda

against our Religion and its disciplines and institutions. We provide genuine materials to inspire your thinking; think yourself, be objective, and try to find out the Truth by yourself. We do not desire to impose anything on you. But we are confident that the data and lines of reasoning appearing in this Journal are and will be convincing to any seeker of truth. Ask us questions, fire your doubts to us - we will reply - in the Journal and also privately if so required.

