## Weekly Zoroastrian Scripture Extract # 220 - First Ever Eulogy for an Amazing Human Being (continued) - Farvardin Yasht - Yasht 13 - Verses 87 - 94 and 152

Hello all Tele Class friends:

(SPD Comment: In our last WZSE #220, we mentioned that in three weeks, we will have Shehenshahi Khordad Saal – the Birthdate of our Vakhshur-e-Vakhshuraan Zarathushtra Spitamaan! In our next 4 WZSEs, we will eulogize him with Farvardin Yasht Verses 87 – 94 and 152 as a fitting tribute to this amazing prophet of ours! We continue this eulogy today with Verses 90 - 91)

## Guinness Book of Records missed the first ever written Eulogy for an amazing Human Being!

Guinness Book of Records publishes the first ever feats performed. So it has records of maximum hits by a Baseball Player, most runs scored in cricket, most trees planted, and so on and so on. It also has the names of people who performed the first ever feat of some kind.

However, it completely missed the first ever eulogy written for a human being – some 2900 years ago!

It is written in our longest Yasht 13 – the Farvardin Yasht in 9 verses – Verses 87 – 94 and 152.

Starting with <u>last week's WZSE #220</u>, we will cover these verses in the next 4 WZSEs so as to end on Khordad Saal, Shehenshahi Farvardin Maah and Khordad Roj – August 22nd, 2017 – the Birthdate of Zarathushtra!

Today, we continue this eulogy with Verses 90 – 91.

A humble suggestion: When we want to remember our Vakhshur-e-Vakhshuraan Zarathushtra Spitamaan in our daily prayers, instead of just remembering his name, may we suggest to pray these verses from the Farvardin Yasht to remember him in a respectful way!

<u>Last week in WZSE #220</u>, we presented the first 3 verses of this eulogy.

Today, in WZSE #221, we will present the next two verses, Farvardin Yasht Verses 90 – 91:

First Ever Eulogy for an Amazing Human Being (continued) - Farvardin Yasht Verses 90 - 91:

(Please hear the attached .mp3 file for its recitation)

(90) Yo paoiryo stoish astvaithyaao, vaachim aokhta vidoyum Ahuro-tkaeshem. Yo paoiryo stoish astvaithyaao, vaachim framraot vidoyum Ahuro-tkaeshem. Yo paoiryo stoish astvaithyaao vispaam daevo-daatem vavacha ayaesnyaam avahmyaam. Yo suro vispo-hujyaaitish paoiryo-tkaesho dakhyunaam.

(91) Yahmi paiti vispem maanthrem ashem sravo visruyata. Ahu ratushcha gaethanaam; staota ashahé yat mazishtahecha vahishtahecha sraeshtahecha; paiti-frakhshtacha daenayaao yat haitinaam vahishtayaao.

## First Ever Eulogy for an Amazing Human Being - Farvardin Yasht Verses 93 – 94 Translation:

(90) Who first in the corporeal world pronounced the Word, opposed to the Daevaas and acting according to the law of Ahura Mazda. Who first in the corporeal world proclaimed the Word, opposed to the Daevaas and acting according to the law of Ahura Mazda. Besides who first in the corporeal world declared every creation of the Daevaas as unworthy of worship and adoration. Who in all the countries is the mighty Poiryotkaesha, the giver of all comforts of life.

(91) To whom was caused to be heard the entire Holy Spell and the Sacred Verse of the religion.
Who was Ahu (the spiritual leader) and Ratu (the temporal Lord) of all the countries.
Also who was the praiser of the greatest, best, and excellent righteousness, and was the expounder of the best Religion of all the existing Religions.

(From Ervad Kangaji Khordeh Avesta Baa Maaeni translated in English Page 460 - 461)

## **SPD Comments**

- 1. What a beautiful way of eulogizing an amazing Prophet who professed the first monotheistic religion in the history of mankind!
- 2. Our Avesta/Pahlavi Scholar, Dr. Pallan Ichhaporia, in FEZANA Journal Spring 1994 estimates that Farvardin Yasht "is

pre-Zoroastrian, but composed much later, after the passing away of Asho Zarathushtra. .....

the western migratory movements cannot be later than 900 BC and so the Yasht cannot be placed later than this date."

So according to him, Farvardin Yasht was written almost 2900 years ago.

- 3. Zarathushtra was the first to pronounce and proclaim against the Daevaas and acting according to the law of Ahura Mazda!
  - 4. He was the first to declare that every creation of Daevaas as unworthy of

worship and adoration.

- 5. He was the first to hear the entire Holy Maanthras from Ahura Mazda!
- 6. He was the expounder of the best religion of all the religions at that time!

What an amazing Vakhshur-e-Vakhshuraan!

May the Flame of Fellowship, Love, Charity and Respect for all burn ever eternal in our hearts so we can do HIS work with humility, diligence and eternal enthusiasm!

Atha Jamyaat, Yatha Aafrinaamahi! (May it be so as we wish!)
(Aafrin Pegaamber Zartosht, from <u>Ervad Kangaji Gujarati Khordeh Avesta Baa Maaeni</u> – Page 424, adapted Aafrinaamahi - we wish instead of Aafrinaami – I wish, in the original)

Love and Tandoorasti, Soli