WZSE - Weekly Zoroastrian Scripture Extract # 54.

Hello all Tele Class friends:

On the occasion of the election results of the largest Democracy in the world, our own India, and the extra-ordinary landslide victory of Narendra Modi and his Bharatiya Janata Party and designation of him as the next Prime Minister of India to be sworn in on 26th May in New Delhi, we want to congratulate him and his BJP and we want to revert back to our prophet Vakhshur-e-Vakhshuran Zarathushtra Spitaman and listen to his views on a Good Dominion - an Ideal Government - in his 4th Gatha Vohu Khshathra – meaning Good Dominion, and hope that he and his BJP take heed of Zarathushtra's guidance!

In this fourth Gatha Vohu Khshathra, Zarathushtra "explains what an ideal government is. It is one which reflects the choice of its own people. It is indeed a boon, a reward for the righteous people. With it comes progressive peace, true happiness and best intellectual activities. It is the responsibility of every person to strengthen such a government."

(Dr. Purviz Kolsawalla Ph. D. Thesis page 836)

What a profound guidance to the governments of all times and climes made 3500+ years ago by an amazing prophet!

So let us hear his first verse from Vohu Khshathra Gatha Yasna 51 Verse 1:

Gatha Vohu Khshathra Yasna Ha 51 Verse 1:

(Please hear the <u>attached .mp3 file</u> for its recitation)

Nemo ve Gaathaao ashaonish.

(1) Vohukhshathrem vairim baagem aibi bairishtem, Vidishemnaaish izhaachit ashaa antare charaiti, Shyaothanaaish Mazdaa vahishtem tat ne nuchit vareshaane.

(to be recited two times)

Gatha Vohu Khshathra Yasna Ha 51 Verse 1 Translation:

Homage be unto you, O Holy Gathas! (this line is repeated at the beginning of each Gatha.)

(1) Good Kingdom which is worthy to be desired and most helpful, Spreads wealth, prosperity, and happiness amongst the people of the world,

Owing to righteousness and owing to pious deeds!

O Ahura Mazdaa! Let me accomplish now that which is the best for us!

(From Ervad Kangaji Gatha Baa Maaeni translated in English Page 253)

SPD Comments

- 1. "In this Gatha, Zarathustra acknowledges the efforts of his companions, living or deceased, by their names and covers them in love as a lasting tribute to those who are devoted to Ahura Mazda and His creation (in fact, he does this in the last Verse 22 of this Vohu Khshathra Gatha which later has been paraphrased into one of our popular prayers Yenghe Haataam)!
- 2. Insler mentions that in the beginning of this Gatha, Zarathustra describes the clearest picture of his vision of the rule of good thinking and of truth which is the realization on earth of those eternal values which characterize the very Nature of the Wise Lord Himself." (Dr. Purviz Kolsawalla Ph. D. Thesis page 837)
- 3. On April 24th 2011, Honorable Governor of Gujarat (at that time) graced the Udvada Gaam and Iranshah on the occasion of declaring Udvada as a Heritage Village. I had the distinct honor to present him a plaque on behalf of the North American Mobeds Council (NAMC) and Freyaz Shroff presented him a plaque on behalf of the FEZANA. Attached please see the photos of these presentations.

At this gathering, Dasturji Khurshed Dastur looked into his Jam-e-Jamshed (crystal bowl) and wished that Honorable Modi be elected the new Prime Minister of India and here it has happened!

4. After this historic election win, we the people of India has a fervent appeal to our Prime Minister to be, Honorable Modi and his BJP, is to review what Zarathushtra has to say about a Good Dominion – Ideal Government in this Vohu Khshathra Gatha, and never forget the promises he has made to the people who has enthusiastically voted him as their leader! May Dadar Ahura Mazda give him courage, fortitude, righteousness, truthfulness to fulfill these dreams of the common people of India!

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?)

Love and Tandoorasti, Soli





