

WZSE – Weekly Zoroastrian Scripture Extract # 60.

Hello all Tele Class friends:

Next week, starting July 9th Wednesday, Kadmi 10 days Muktrad will start, with their 5 Gatha days from Monday July 14th thru Friday July 18th with their Navroze on July 19th Saturday. Many Kadmi Humdins will be praying individual Gathas on each of the five days as is the custom. We the Shehenshahi Parsis will be doing the same thing one month later.

So, in keeping with our latest theme of praying some verses of Gathas in our Farajyaat (Daily Prayers), we come back to our Vakhshur-e-Vakhshuraan Zarathushtra Spitaman's Gathas today. **This is a humble attempt to instill in all of us a willingness to learn daily about Zarathushtra's Gathas and act in our daily lives by his teachings. So, let us pray Zarathushtra's Gathas every day, at least some of its verses, with our daily prayers if you wish! Some people assumed that I am requesting to pray only the Gathas and not our daily prayers! This is absolutely not what I meant to say. If I confused anyone, I apologize.**

We started with the first Gatha Ahunavaiti Yasna 28 Verse 1 few weeks ago followed by the first verse of Ushtavaiti and Spenta Mainyu Gathas.

Today we will repeat the first verse of his 4th Gatha, Vohu Khshathra, Yasna 51 Verse 1.

So, let us present the fourth Gatha Verse 1 today:

Gatha Vohu Khshathra Yasna Ha 51 Verse 1:

(Please hear the [attached .mp3 file](#) 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 Mazda! 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.

4. 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!

5. In his speech on that day in front of over 1,000 Parsis/Iranis, Honorable Modi said that he came to Iranshah with a motive to get blessings for three

things that he wanted good thoughts, good words and good deeds. "I want blessings so that I don't commit mistake, and I don't do anything that is harmful to anyone."

6. And after his historic win, Prime Minister Narendra Modi did not forget his Parsi friends and on Monday June 31st, he invited Dasturji Khurshed and his helpers to see him in his office in New Delhi. The attached 2 photos show Dasturji presenting Prime Minister Modi a traditional Parsi Shawl and a Parsi greeting.

7. After this historic election win, we the people of India has a fervent appeal to our Prime Minister, Honorable Narendra 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 so 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 Jamyat, Yatha Aafrinaamahi! (May it be so as we wish?)

Love and Tandoorasti, Soli



