

Weekly Zoroastrian Scripture Extract # 226 – Dasturji Dhalla – Homage Unto Ahura Mazda – Happiness him who gives happiness unto others

Hello all Tele Class friends:

Sad Demise of a very good friend, a very good helping NAMC Mobed Ervad Noshir Mirza

It is with the deepest sorrow and sadness, Jo Ann and I heard about the unexpected passing away of NAMC Mobed Ervad Noshir Mirza in his home in Dundalk, Ontario. Mobed Noshir and Putli have been a solid rock of ZSO helpers for years especially for the Muktaad Gatha Days. Mobed Noshir was NAMC Secretary for many years also. Personally, Putli and him have been great friends of Jo Ann and me and helped me personally many times with advice and suggestions.

We all in NAMC, ZSO and OZCF will miss him very much. We pray to Dadar Ahura Mazda to give strength to Putli and their families to withstand this great loss.

May his soul rest in Garo Demana (The House of Songs)!

Monster Category 4 Hurricane Irma slams Florida but no major damage to our Humdins

Within weeks, two major Hurricanes Harvey and Irma have occurred causing horrific destruction in Texas, Florida, and other states!

Irma was a monster of a hurricane slamming many islands and Florida Keys as Category 5 (185 mph wind) and then continuing to Naples and Marco Island on the West Coast of Florida. Destruction, wind damage, water surge, flooding, loss of power resulted from it and some places are still suffering from them.

And here, we the Hafta Keshwar Zamin Humdins join in together to wish all the best to all the people who has suffered so much by theses Hurricanes and hope that they all receive needed help to get back soon with their normal lives with the help of US, state, and local Governments!

Dasturji Dr. Maneckji N. Dhalla Book – Homage Unto Ahura Mazda

Dasturji Dhalla was Vada Dasturji of Karachi for many years. His was a simple life of service to his Humdins and to the whole world. He lived a simple frugal life and spent his entire life in research of our religion and writing a number of excellent books on our religion.

Many of the Humdins used to inform him that they do not understand what they are praying in our religion and so have started to pray hymns of other religions. His loving wife was after him to create Zoroastrian prayers in English so Humdins can use them for their daily prayers. Finally, he created a wonderful book of short daily Zoroastrian Prayers – Homage Unto Ahura Mazda. It consists of short prayers on all sorts of subjects relating to our lives.

In Part I c, Item 10, Happiness Unto Him who gives happiness unto others – he expounds in plain English the same subject given by our Prophet Zarathushtra in his second Gatha Ushtavaiti Yasna 43. The two major hurricanes in last few weeks have brought so much misery and hardships to so many people that us who are unscathed by them needs to think about this subject by opening our hearts and wallets to give happiness to those affected by these calamities.

Hence, it is appropriate to present this prayer by Dasturji Dhalla to remind us what true happiness is all about.

So, here is Dasturji Dhalla on the subject of Happiness:

Happiness unto him who gives happiness unto others – Dasturji Dhalla – Homage Unto Ahura Mazda – Part I(c) Item 10:

[\(Please hear the attached .mp3 file for its recitation\)](#)

Unquenchable is man's thirst for happiness, Ahura Mazda. In this thine wide world, there is enough room for all to live and food to eat and good things of life to enjoy and be happy. At the gray dawn of history, Zarathushtra gave thy message to mankind that the individual's happiness depended upon the happiness of all, and gave out thy golden rule that happiness came to him who gave happiness to others.

In this world of joy and sorrow, happiness and misery, life would be intolerable if it were not for the sympathy, kindness, and affection of man for man. Unbearable is the burden of life when unaided. It loses its crushing weight when men live in fellowship with their fellowmen and share one another's burden. Life is incomplete when man lives for his own self, oblivious of the happiness of others. Life is best lived when it is lived for others. Thus preached our beloved prophet, the first among thy holy prophets to teach this universal truth.

Thy sainted souls of all time and clime have loved others more than themselves and have held that the greatest pleasure of life consisted in making others happy. They have lived for others, worked for others, spent their lives for others, risked their all for others, endured everything for others, and died for others, that their fellow human beings may be happy.

Give us wisdom, O Wise One, to see that our interests are served the best by working for the common welfare, in cooperation for the common good. Teach us to seek our happiness in the happiness of all, to regard the sorrows and sufferings of others as ours and to hasten to assuage them. Enable us to see that we are all fellow-mariners steering the common barque across the sea of life and that a common fate to swim or sink awaits us. Inspire us to feel that common is our goal to reach and common our ideal to realize in thy divine dispensation.

Strengthen us to stand united in thee, one with another, and be mindful of the eternal fact that we are brothers and sisters all and belong to one great human family and are children of one father that art thou, Ahura Mazda.

(Dasturji Dhalla's book: *Homage Unto Ahura Mazda* – Part I(c) Item 10 - <http://www.zarathushtra.com/z/article/dhalla/>)

SPD Comments

1. What a beautiful way explaining in plain English our Prophet's Gatha Ushtavaiti Yasna 43:

Ushtaa Ahmaai Yahmaai Ushtaa Kahmaichit

(Happiness to him/her who gives happiness to others.)

2. I highly recommend this book for all to have and once in a while open it and pray an item from it.

3. In all our 17 Tele Classes, we have used prayers from this book as our Hum Bandagi at the end of the Tele Class.

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 Janyaat, Yatha Aafrinaamahi! (May it be so as we wish!)

(Aafrin Pegaamber Zartosht, from [Ervad Kangaji Gujarati Khordeh Avesta Baa Maaeni](#) – Page 424, adapted Aafrinaamahi - we wish instead of Aafrinaami – I wish, in the original)

Love and Tandoorasti, Soli