

Weekly Zoroastrian Scripture Extract # 100 – Century Celebration of Weeklies - Pak Dadar
Ahura Mazda's 101 Names - Names 1 - 50

Hello all Tele Class friends:

What a momentous occasion to celebrate the Centurion Weekly! 100th Weekly of our continuous 100 weeks of Weekly Zoroastrian Scripture Extract!

First of all, I want to thank Dadar Ahura Mazda to give me strength and confidence to put together week in and week out for last 99 weeks the gems from our Holy Scripture!

And next I want to thank all you loyal Humdins who has been encouraging me week in and week out to continue these weeklies for which I am most grateful!

And there are many a silent loyal Humdins who follow these weeklies every week but do not convey their loyalty to me but when I see them they enthusiastically tell me that they follow the weeklies each week and encourage me to continue these weeklies and I am grateful for their silent loyalty!

And I was thinking what should I present for this auspicious occasion of 100th WZSE!

And a thought came to my mind that there is nothing in our scriptures as important and helpful as 101 Names of Dadar Ahura Mazda!

And so, I decided to break these wonderful 101 names into two weeklies, 100th and 101st and present them with recitation, actual names in original and their respective translation as a celebration for completing 100th and 101st week of these WZSEs!.

For this, I have used our own Kangaji's Gujarati Khordeh Avesta Baa Maaeni translated into English.

Just to be sure about the correct pronunciation of each of the 101 names, I also have used their pronunciation in Avesta script from the book - Paak Khurdeh Avesta – Our Daily Prayers in Zand Avesta and Gujarati scripts – printed by Ervad Hoshang Tehmuras Anklesaria – Published by The Grant Road Parsi Association - 1931 A. D.

This latter book was gifted to me by my very good friend, a fellow M. F. Cama Athornan Institute ex-student, a very renowned Mobed in UK and whole Europe, the Mobed who had audiences with Pope John Paul, Ervad Rustom Bhedwar of London, for which I am eternally grateful to him.

Dadar Ahura Mazda's 101 Name is the prayer we are enjoined to pray right after our Padyab Kusti prayer.

During the Yasna ceremony, at the time of continuous sprinkling of water in the utensil (kundi) by means of the silver ring covered with the hair of the holy White Bull (Varasyaaji) called Varas, these 101 efficacious names of Dadar Ahura Mazda are remembered in a whisper or low tone. (Kangaji Khordeh Avesta).

Hence, today we will present to you the first 50 names of Dadar Ahura Mazda, continuing in the next weekly the rest of the 101 names.

The names are presented on the left hand side with their meaning on the right hand side.

The complete 101 names are recorded in the mp3 file attached to this as well as to the next week's 101st weekly.

Century Celebration of Weeklies - Pak Dadar Ahura Mazda's 101 Names – Names 1 - 50

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

(Respected Dasturji Mobed Mehraban Firouzgary has recorded Pak Dadar Ahura Mazda's 101 Names in his wonderful, sonorous voice at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZultPRlxWo>)

(Please listen to him also!)

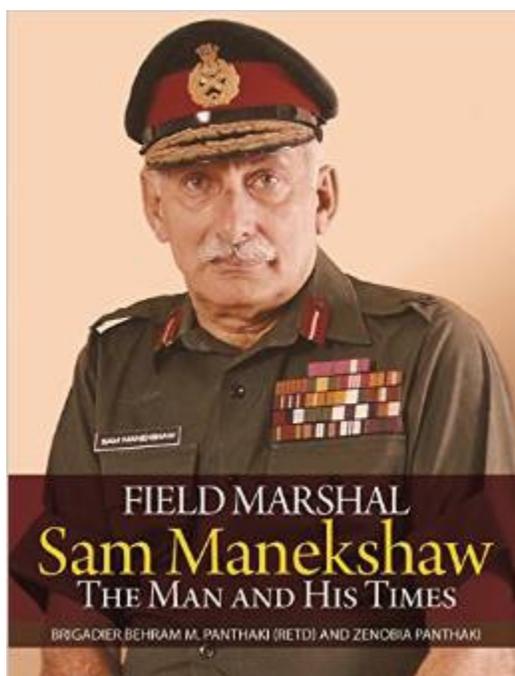
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| 1. Yazad | = Worthy of worship. |
| 2. Harvesp-tavaan | = Omnipotent. |
| 3. Harvesp-aagaah | = Omniscient. |
| 4. Harvesp-khudaa | = The Lord of all. |
| 5. Abadah | = Without beginning. |
| 6. Abi-anjaam | = Without end. |
| 7. Bune-stih | = The origin of the formation of the world. |
| 8. Fraakhtan-teh | = Broad end of all. |
| 9. Jamaga | = Greatest Cause. |
| 10. Parjatarah | = More exalted. |
| 11. Tum-afik | = Most innocent. |
| 12. Abarvand | = Apart from everyone. |
| 13. Parvandaa | = Relation with all. |
| 14. An-aiyaafah | = Incomprehensible by anyone. |
| 15. Ham-aiyaafah | = Comprehensible of all. |
| 16. Aadarö | = Most straight, most just. |
| 17. Giraa | = Holding fast all. |
| 18. A-chem | = Without reason. |
| 19. Chamanaa | = Reason of reasons. |
| 20. Safanaa | = Increaser. |
| 21. Afazaa | = Causer of increase. (The Lord of Purity) |
| 22. Naashaa | = Reaching all equally. |
| 23. Parvaraa | = Nourisher. |
| 24. Iyaanah | = Protector of the world. |
| 25. Aain-aaenah | = Not of various kinds. |
| 26. An-ainah | = Without form. |
| 27. Khroshid-tum | = Firmest. |
| 28. Minö-tum | = Most invisible. |
| 29. Vaasnaa | = Omnipresent. |

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| 30. | Harvastum | = All in all. |
| 31. | Hu-sepaas | = Worthy of thanks. |
| 32. | Har-hamid | = All good-natured. |
| 33. | Har-nek-fareh | = All good auspicious-glory. |
| 34. | Besh-taranaa | = Remover of affliction. |
| 35. | Tarönlsh | = The triumphant |
| 36. | An-aoshak | = Immortal. |
| 37. | Farasak | = Fulfiller of wishes. |
| 38. | Pajoh-dahad | = Creator of good nature. |
| 39. | Khvaafar | = Beneficent. |
| 40. | Afakhshiaaeaa | = Bestower of Love. |
| 41. | Abarzaa | = Excessive bringer. |
| 42. | A-satoh | = Undefeated, undistressed. |
| 43. | Rakhoh | = Independent, carefree. |
| 44. | Varun | = Protector from evil. |
| 45. | A-farefah | = Undeceivable. |
| 46. | Be-farefah | = Undeceived. |
| 47. | A-dui | = Unparalleled. |
| 48. | Kaame-rad | = Lord of wishes. |
| 49. | Farmaan-kaam | = Only Wish is His Command. |
| 50. | Aaekh-tan | = Without body. |

(English Translation of Kangaji Gujarati *Khordesh Avesta* – Pages 405 - 409) and (*Paak Khurdeh Avesta – Our Daily Prayers in Zand Avesta and Gujarati scripts* – printed by Ervad Hoshang Tehmuras Anklesaria – Published by The Grant Road Parsi Association - 1931 A. D. – Pages 5 - 15)

A Side Note – 101st Birthday Anniversary of Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw:

Last Saturday April 3 2015 was the 101st Birthday Anniversary of that great Indian Parsi Hero, the first Indian Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw (Sam Bahadur)! My very good friends Brigadier Ervad Behram Panthaki, who served as his ADC for many years, and his wife Zenobia has published a book: Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw – The Man and His Times. A major portion of the royalty will be donated to the War Wounded Foundation of India and the War Widows Welfare Assn. of India. (see the attached photo of the book cover)



Behram, a very loyal follower of our weeklies, and his wife Zenobia are making rounds in the three Zoroastrian Associations of South Florida this week and the response for their presentations and the book has been outstanding! We want to thank them for taking time to make these visits!

We recommend you all to invite them for the same!

SPD Explanation:

1. Please note that these 101 Names are in old Pazand/Persian and may have been derived from old Avestan names which we do not have.
2. However, in Hormuzd Yasht, Zarathushtra requests Ahura Mazda in Verses 5-6 to tell him those names of HIS that will ward off all evils. So Ahura Mazda in Verses 7 – 8 gives Zarathushtra HIS 20 Names in Avesta which when recited will ward off all evils.

We have covered this dialog in our Weeklies #16 and #17.

3. Further up in the same Hormuzd Yasht, Verses 12 - 15, Ahura Mazda gives 52 more Names of HIS which have the same strength as the previous ones and we will cover these 52 Names in our later weeklies.

Thus we have a total of 72 Ahura Mazda's Names in old Avesta given by Ahura Mazda Himself to Zarathushtra.

4. Many other Religions also have Names for their Gods:

In Hindu scriptures, the Vishnu Sahasranama is found in the great epic MahaBharata where we get 1000 indirect and indicative definitions of the unknown supreme lord in terms of the known; and so on.

5. In Islam, there are: Asma-al-Husna – 99 Beautiful Names of Allah.

6. Sikhs have thousands of such names.

7. Some years ago, we were discussing Ahura Mazda's 101 Names. My very good friend Sam Kerr, Sydney, Australia, informed all of us that he has an old Gujarati book with 1001 Names of Dadar Ahura Mazda. The book was compiled and published by Ervad Kekobad Eduljee Karkaria, 2nd Edition in 1951.

Mobed Saheb Rustom Dinshahji Dastoor Meherjirana wrote the Forward to this book and pointed out that he had no idea where all these 1001 Names came from. He also pointed out that many names are in Avesta, Pahlavi/Pazand, Persian and even in Arabic. He thinks that we did have 1001 Names in the past but have lost them.

Sam was kind enough to mail this book to me, which I have scanned and returned. If anyone wants to have this book, please let me know and I will try to send it to them.

8. The Custom of Giving One More than The Required Amount:

There is an age old custom in us Parsis (and may be in Iranis) to always give one more Rupee or Dollar when we give a Pehraamani or Padiku (cover with money) to our relatives/friends on an auspicious occasion like Navjote, wedding, etc. **Where did this custom come from?**

I was told by my parents that that one extra Rupee is for Dadar Ahura Mazda! Just like we have 101 Names, one more than 100, we always give one more Rupee in the Name of Dadar Ahura Mazda.

If anyone else have another explanation, please let us know.

9. Use of 101 Names by Parsi Astrologers in their Zodiac Signs Forecast:

If you read Parsi newspapers like Jam-e-Jamshed, Mumbai Samaachar, etc., you will always find a column of all 12 Zodiac signs forecast for a week, month, etc.

In many of these forecasts, each Zodiac sign is requested to recite one of the 101 Ahura Mazda's Names 101 or 303 times without giving its meaning.

In the Jam-e-Jamshed of March 1, 2015, eminent Astrologer Ervad Yazdi Minu Turel has given weekly forecast for all 12 signs and each sign is requested to

repeat one of the 101 Names for 101 times or 303 times. For instance, for Saggitarius, 21st Name – Afazaa – Causer of increase – is to be recited 101 times; and for Aquarius, 49th Name – Farmaan-kaam – Only Wish is His Command – is to be recited 303 times.

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