

Weekly Zoroastrian Scripture Extract # 101 – Century Celebration of Weeklies - Pak Dadar
Ahura Mazda's 101 Names - Names 51 - 101

Hello all Tele Class friends:

What a momentous occasion to celebrate the Centurion Weekly! 101st Weekly of our continuous 101 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 100 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 Khordeh 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.

Hence, today we will present to you the rest of the 101 names of Dadar Ahura Mazda, names 51 - 101.

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 last week's weekly.

Century Celebration of Weeklies - Pak Dadar Ahura Mazda's 101 Names – Names 51 - 101

(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=BZultPRixWo> – Please listen to him also!)

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| 51. A-farehmosh | = Unforgetful. |
| 52. Hamaaranaa | = Taker of accounts. |
| 53. Sanaaeaa | = Recognizable, worth recognition. |
| 54. A-tars | = Fearless. |
| 55. A-Bish | = Without affliction or torment. |
| 56. Afraazdum | = Most exalted. |
| 57. Ham-chun | = Always uniform. |
| 58. Minö-stih-gar | = Creator of the Universe spiritually. |
| 59. A-Minö-gar | = Creator of much spirituality. |
| 60. Minö-nahab | = Hidden in the Spirits. |
| 61. Aadar-baad-gar | = Transformer of fire into air. |
| 62. Áadar-nam-gar | = Transformer of fire into water. |
| 63. Baad-aadar-gar | = Transformer of air into fire. |
| 64. Baad-nam-gar | = Transformer of air into water |
| 65. Baad-gel-gar | = Transformer of air into earth. |
| 66. Baad-gerad-tum | = Transformer of air into wind. |
| 67. Aadar-kibarit-tum | = Transformer of fire into jewels. |
| 68. Baad-gar-jaae | = Creator of air everywhere. |
| 69. Aab-tum | = Creator of most excessive water. |
| 70. Gel-aadar-gar | = Transformer of the earth into fire. |
| 71. Gel-vaad-gar | = Transformer of the earth into air. |
| 72. Gel-nam-gar | = Transformer of the earth into water. |
| 73. Gar-gar | = The artisan of artisans. |
| 74. Gar-ö-gar | = Fulfiller of wishes |
| 75. Gar-aa-gar | = Creator of Mankind |
| 76. Gar-aa-gar-gar | = Creator of all things |
| 77. A-gar-aa-gar | = Creator of four elements |
| 78. A-gar-aa-gar-gar | = Creator of stars and elements |
| 79. A-gumaan | = Without doubt. |
| 80. A-zamaan | = Without time. |
| 81. A-khuaan | = Without sleep. |
| 82. Aamasht | = Intelligent. |

83. Fashutanaa	= Eternal protector-increaser.
84. Padmaani	= Maintainer of the Golden Mean
85. Fírozgar	= Victorious.
86. Khudaavand	= The Lord-Master of the Universe.
87. Ahur-Mazd	= Lord Omniscient.
88. Abarin-kohun-tavaan	= Most capable of maintaining the origin of the creations.
89. Abarin-nö-tavaan	= Most capable of creating new creations
90. Vaspaan	= Attainer to all the creations.
91. Vaspaar	= Bringer of and attainer to all.
92. Khaavar	= Merciful.
93. Ahu	= The Lord of the world.
94. Avakhshidaar	= The forgiver.
95. Daadaar	= The just creator.
96. Rayömand	= Full of luster-splendour.
97. Khorehömand	= Full of khoreh i.e. glory.
98. Daavar	= The just judge.
99. Kerfegar	= The Lord of meritorious deeds.
100. Bokhtaar	= The redeemer, Savior.
101. Frasho-gar	= Frashogard i.e. the Restorer through the increase of the soul.

(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)

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. 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.

5. 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.

So, here is what our very good friend Behram Pastakia wrote:

“In olden days, before we had paper currency, and coins were the order in the realm, the number of coins had to be labriously counted out to complete each transaction. With large sums of coins to be counted, there could be an unintentional error in counting.

As far as Zarathushtis are concerned, we have to make sure that we live up to our contract (Mehr).

So just in case there was a mistake in counting, to compensate and demonstrate our good intention we made sure that we added an extra coin to fulfill our pledge of what was promised.

Hence you see this idea of an extra Rupee or and Extra Dollar added in customs by those who follow our Zarathushti faith tradition.

Perpetuating this tradition, is the reason that the donation amount per book for the *The Divine Songs of Zarathushtra - Translations of the Gathas into English* by Irach JS Taraporewala (3rd Edition) reprint by FEZANA at the Union Press in Mumbai in 2014, was fixed at \$ 51/- (Fifty one US Dollars).”

Thank you so much Behram Bhai for your explanation.

6. 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.

Farida Aibara wrote:

“Thank you. I have been following up on your weeklies.

In your last weekly..you mentioned the following...

(the above comment)

I do not have access to the Jame -e-Jamshed. I would be very grateful if it would be possible for you to give us the name to be prayed for each of the zodiac sign.”

My reply to her was:

“Thank you Farida for your kind remarks.

As far as a name of our Pak Dadar Ahura Mazda to be recited for a Zodiac sign is started by some astrologers of recent years.

There is no such thing as a name corresponding to a Zodiac sign as far as I know with my limited Astrology knowledge.

The best thing you can do is to pray all 101 names whenever you can. That will bring the most benefits to you with whatever Zodiac sign you belong to.”

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