Weekly Zoroastrian Scripture Extract # 246 – Kyaanian Glory – Frasho-Kereti (Resurrection) - Zamyaad Yasht, Verses 93-94

Hello all Tele Class friends:

Late Iranshah Yozdaathregar Mobed Palanji Pirojshah Dastoor eulogized at the Tarapore Dharamshaallaa Anniversary Jashan and Gahambar

As it has been customary to celebrate Tarapore Dharamshaallaama Anniversary with a Jashan and Gahambar, managed entirely by my dear late brother Palanji for so many years, his son Kurush/Meher and his daughter Maharukh/Khushroo, celebrated the same last Friday on January 26th in his honor. 14 Mobeds, including 5 Dadar Athornan Institute students and their teacher Ervad Kersi Karanjia, participated in the Jashan.

After the Jashan, a short program followed led by my nephew Ervad Cyrus Dastoor. A wonderful photo frame of Mobed Palanji and his late wife Dhun was unveiled by my sister Dhun and myself. Short eulogies for Mobed Palanji were given by me, Ervad Cyrus Darbari, Panthaki Ervad Dr. Pervez Bajan (who also participated in Jashan), Palanj’s son Ervad Kurush and Ervad Cyrus Dastoor. This was followed by the traditional delicious Parsi Gahambar catered by Ervad Nariman Dalal and his wife Bakhtaavar. Almost over 200+ Parsis/Iranis took part in the Gahambar. (Please see the attached photos)

A fervent appeal was made for donations to this annual event. Our very good friend, Dinyar Mehta of Orlando, Florida, requested me to perform a Jashan in the memory of Mobed Palanji which was done on Sunday December 3rd in Orlando. A total of $1,001. was donated by the South Florida Humdins to this Jashan which I presented to Ervad Kurush on behalf of the whole South Florida Hamaa Anjuman. Also, Ervad Dalal donated Rupees 10,000. to this worthy cause. Dastoor family thankfully accepts all the donations made for this worthy cause.

Frasho-Kereti (Resurrection) - Zamyaad Yasht, Verses 93-94

In the previous 3 WZSEs, #242 - #244, we covered excerpts from Zamyaad Yasht about the Kyaanian Glory, its background and the three Peshdaadian Kings who possessed it and used it for performing good deeds for the good of the Iranian people. In the WZSE #244, we also covered the downfall of the illustrious King Jamshed due to his arrogance.

The rest of the Zamyaad Yasht presents the Kings and Pahelvaans (strong men) who acquired this Glory and what did they do for the good of the people. It also describes the futility of some Turaanian Kings like wicked Afraasiyaab who actively sought the Glory but was not able to get it.

In the end, it professes that the Saoshyant (the Future Prophet), will be the last person who will acquire this Glory, and will bring about Frasho-Kereti (the Resurrection) of the whole creation of Daadaar Ahura Mazda. Last week in WZSE #245, we presented the Zamyaad Yasht verses describing this Frasho-Kereti and today we will continue the Frasho-Kereti and will end it in the next WZSE:
Kyaanian Glory – Zamyaad Yasht – Frasho-Kereti (Resurrection), Verses 93-94:

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

(93) Yim barat Frangrase Turo, yat drvaao zainigaauush jaini;
Yim barat Kava Haosrava, yat Turo jaini Frangrase;
Yim barat Kava Vishtaaspoh, ashaheh haenayaao chaeshemno,
Taao avatha druujem niz-baraat ashaheh hacha gaethaabyo.

(94) Ho didhaat Khrateush doithraabya,
Vispa daamaan paiti vaenaat, paeshisho dush-chithrayaao,
Ho vispem ahum astvantem izayaao vaenaat doithraabya;
Darescha dathat a-merekhshyantim,
Vispaam yaam astvaitim gaethaam.

Kyaanian Glory – Zamyaad Yasht – Frasho-Kereti (Resurrection), Verses 93 - 94 Translation:

(93) This Divine Glory the Turaanian Afraasiaab possessed
By whose hand the wicked Zainigaaao was killed.
This Divine Glory the King Kai Khosroo possessed
By whose hand the Turaanian Afraasiaab was killed.
This Divine Glory the King Kai Gushtaaspa possessed,
Through the efficacy of which he was the instructor
of righteousness to the army;
In the same way, the Saoshyant will drive out
Falsehood hither from the worlds of righteousness.

(94) The Saoshyant will look upon with the eyes of wisdom.
He will look disdainfully at all the creatures of
The druj called Paeshish of evil brood.
Moreover, the Saoshyant will look upon the entire corporeal world
With the eyes of prosperity;
His glance will bestow immortality upon
The entire corporeal world of animate objects.

(Kangaji English Yasht Baa Maaeni – Pages 294 – 296)

SPD Explanation:

1. Zoroastrian Religion is the first Religion to predict the advent of a Saoshyant (the Future Prophet). All the other major religions followed the suit later on about the Future Savior.
2. In the above verse 93, it is strange that the Turaanian King Afraasiyaab, the arch-enemy of Iranians, possessed the Kyaanian Glory for a while.

3. Kangaji explains this in the footnote on page 295 of his Yashts Baa Maaeni using the quote of Prof. Darmesteter as follows:
   Professor Darmesteter says: “Zainigaao seems to be a tyrannical king. When King Kay Kaus was in Maazandaraan, he invaded Iran with his army. Afraasiaab having defeated him drove him out of Iran and he himself occupied the throne of Iran. For this period, Afraslab, so to say, obtained the help of the Divine Glory for relieving Iran from the hands of the enemy. Afterwards, the hero Rustam drove out immediately Afraasiaab from Iran and released the King Kay Kaus from the prison of Maazandaraan and made him enthroned on the throne of Iran.”
   In the above Verse 93, King Kai Gushtaaspa is giving a sermon to his army on righteousness. Once again, Prof. Darmesteter explains: “That is to say, he caused the men of his army to accept the Zoroastrian Religion and he delivered a sermon to them to adhere to righteousness.”

4. For the Verse 94 above, Kangaji gives the following explanation: “Its purport is this that the Prophet Saoshyant will show his hatred towards the wicked creatures and will look upon the good creatures with loving glance and will wish their prosperity.”

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