

## **Weekly Zoroastrian Scripture Extract # 274: Shehensahi Navroze Mubarak - Excelsior - Onward and Upwards! - Rise Up You Mazdayasni Zarathushtris - Visperad Karda 15 - Verse 1**

Hello all Tele Class friends:

### **Shehensahi Navroze Mubarak**

Coming Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 will be our Shehensahi Navroze, Farvardin Mah and Hormuzd Roj, Y. Z. 1388! Jo Ann and I wish you all Humdins from Hafta Keshwar Zamin a very Happy and Healthy Navroze Mubarak! May you have a wonderful time with your loved ones, family and friends for the whole year and many more years to come!

### **August 15 – Indian Independence Day**

Today is the 72nd India Independence Day. We wish all our Indian brethren a very Happy and Healthy Independence Day! I vividly remember August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1947 when we became Independent. I was then in our beloved MF Cama Institute and thanks to our wonderful Gujarati teacher Kantilal Upadhyay, we used to get the firsthand news about what was going on. I also remember that on our Phillips World Radio in MFCAl, we heard the historic speech of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru with his famous speech: “Tryst with destiny!” His first verse of the speech was:

Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge, not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance. It is fitting that at this solemn moment we take the pledge of dedication to the service of India and her people and to the still larger cause of humanity.

What a wonderful speech on our first Independence Day August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1947!

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The Shehensahi 1388 Navroze Mubarak will come with lots of fanfare all over the world! All of us will send good wishes for the Navroze Mubarak to all our families and friends! We will wish them Good Health, lots of Happiness, friendship, love and sometimes wealth!

And then most of us are habitually inclined to make New Year Resolutions that most of us usually fail to follow through!

Keeping in the stride of such good tidings, we will start this Navroze Mubarak WZSE by waking up all of us with a rousing Avestan Prayer, Ava Padho! from Visperad which eminent scholar Dr. Ervad J. J. Modi called it -

## The Zoroastrian Creed!

Its motto is: **Excelsior - Onward and upwards!**

“The first paragraph of **Visperad Karda 15.1 presented below** is considered a very important part of our scriptures, because in it are stated the traits of a true Zoroastrian.

The reason our Community progressed, prospered and reached great heights not only in ancient Iran, but also in India is because of such invaluable teachings in the Avesta.”

**Ervad Shams-ul-ulama Dr. Sir Jivanji J. Modi**

**It is the Zoroastrian Creed!**

**So, on this Navroze Mubarak's first week, we want to wish you all a Happy New Year again with a rousing Avestan Prayer, Ava Padho! The Zoroastrian Creed:**

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

**Ava padho ava zasteh  
Ava ushi daarayadhewem,  
Mazdayasna Zarathushtrayo!**

**Daaityanaanm rathwyanaanm,  
Hvarshanaanm shyaothnanaanm varezaai.**

**Pairi adhaaityanaanm arathwyanaanm,  
Duzhvarshanaanm shyaothnanaanm varezaai.**

**Verezyaataanmcha idha vohu vaastrya.**

**Uyamna anuyamnaish dasteh.**

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**Hold your feet, hands and understanding in readiness,  
O Mazdayasna Zarathushtrayaan!**

**For the purpose of doing proper, timely, charitable works, and  
For the purpose of avoiding improper, untimely, and uncharitable works.**

**Practice good industry here.**

**Help the needy and relieve them from their needs.**

(Translation from: [The Religious Ceremonies and Customs of the Parsees](#) by Ervad Shams-ul-ulama Dr. Sir Jivanji J. Modi 2nd Edition (Reprint) 1995 Published by Union Press)

## SPD Explanation:

1. This Ava Padho Visperad Verse is called By Dr. J. J. Modi as the Zoroastrian Creed.
2. Its last sentence mirrors the 3rd sentence of Yathaa Ahu Vairyo for helping needy which our Parsis/Iranis have taken to heart as illustrated by their numerous philanthropic activities in India, Iran and now all over the Hafta Keshwar Zamin! And that earned us the saying: Parsi thy name is Charity!
3. The phrase for this verse: Excelsior - Onward and Upwards is reflected in the State Flag of one of our US States - New York!

Please see the NY State Flag in the 2nd attachment, with its Motto: Excelsior!!

**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!)**

**In HIS Service 24/7!**

Love and Tandoorasti, Soli

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