

Weekly Zoroastrian Scripture Extract # 87 – Excelsior - Onward and Upwards! - Rise Up You Mazdayasni Zarathushtris - Visperad Karda 15 Verse 1

Hello all Tele Class friends:

The 2015 New Year came and went with I am sure lots of fanfare all over the world!  
All of us sent good wishes for the New Year to all our families and friends!  
We 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 New Year WZSE by waking up all of us with a rousing quote 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 New Year’s first week, we want to wish you all a Happy New Year again with a rousing Avestan Prayer, Ava Padho!**

**And here we present this wonderful Visperad Verse: The Zoroastrian Creed:**

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

**Ava padhō ava zastê  
Ava ushi daarayadhwem,  
Mazdayasna Zarathushtrayō!**

**Daaityanaanm rathwyanaanm,  
Hvarshtanaanm shyaothnanaanm varezâi.**

**Pairi adhaaityanaanm arathwyanaanm,  
Duzhvarshntanaanm shyaothnanaanm varezâi.**

**Verezyaataanmcha idha vohu vaastrya.**

**Uyamna anuyamnaaish daste.**

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**Hold your feet, hands and understanding in readiness,  
O Mazdayasnaan 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 Vairyô 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 Aafrinaamaha! (May it be so as we wish?)**

Love and Tandoorasti, Soli