

"ATESH" IS THE MANIFESTATION OF AHURA'S DIVINE "ENERGY".

ENERGY, MOTION, WORK, KARMA - LINKS IN THE CHAIN OF ATESH.

WHY ARE VOCATIONAL FIRES USED IN CONSECRATING THE HOLY PADSHAH SAHEBS?

The terms "Atesh" in the Religion of Zarathushtra is not confined merely to the fire of our earthly experience or the Fire in a Fire-temple. It has a far more expansive meaning.

In his "Khordeh Avesta Baa Khshnoom" Dr. Saheb Faramroze Chiniwalla has written a few astounding lines on Atesh :

"Atesh ne Ahuramazda no Puthra-kamkaj karenae bajavnar – kahyo chae. Atesh ne kul jagat no vistar kahyo chae. Khud manav ke raj-e-raj ma atash nuj mul chae kemke energy gati vagar kaibi thai shekej nahi ane energy ae sthul ane suksham atashone vachmano phase chae."

Translation: Atesh is called Ahuramazda's son - 'Poothra' - who carries out and accomplishes His work. Atesh is stated to be the expanse of the whole Creation. The humans as also every particle of the Creation have in them the root of Atesh; because nothing whatsoever can happen without energy, and energy is the phase in between the earthly fire and the subtle (non-physical or divine) Fire."

Here, Dr. Chiniwalla refers to 'energy' and the phases of Fire as the roots of energy.

What do we understand by energy? When you kick a football, it runs; that is mechanical energy. When you heat a piece of metal, it acquires more heat energy than it had before. When you speak, the air particles move and transmit your words to the listener's ears; that is sound energy. The electric wires carry the running particles of electric energy. Atom has within it energy that can kill a lakh of people in an instant. When you pray, you generate spiritual energy within you. When 'Yazashney' is performed, the circuits of divine energies are generated. When the bells are struck during the 'Boi' on the Atesh Padshah, the sound waves carrying divine energy are spread out.

In science, energy is defined simply as "ability to do work". "Work" is defined as a measure of MOTION. Wherever there is motion or movement i.e. whenever any thing moves, it is said to do work as a result of ENERGY; there is some form or flow of energy which makes it to move and thus do work.

Motion in Every Particle of Creation

We observe and learn that every and all things which we see or experience in this world have MOTIONS. The earth moves, and moves curiously. It rotates round its axis, revolves round the sun. The sun is the chief of the whole solar system, which itself moves in its galaxy. That means the whole 'house' of the sun together with all its planets has a furious travel in its country i.e. the galaxy. The galaxy itself moves in the seemingly infinite sky. Thus our earth, along with the insects known as humans on it, has as many motions as there are motions in the sky. You may be surprised to know that if all the known motions are taken into account (i.e. the movements and travels of the sun, the solar system, the galaxy, the sky), you are travelling at the speed of 410 kms. per second, and you do not know it! By the time you sneeze and wipe your nose, you have travelled 2000 kms!

On the earth, everything - every speck of dust and a grain of sand and a drop of water-every particle is in fierce motion. Any thing you touch has molecules - very small particles - in it, which move and dance with frenzy. That dance causes it to have certain temperature. At the room temperature, the thing does not feel hot to you. But if you heat it, the molecular dance will be so energetic that you will burn your fingers by touching it. There must be some power, some energy which causes the molecules to dance. THAT ENERGY IS ATESH. (Heat is a form of fire.)

So, the axiom is that wherever there is motion there is Atesh; and there are motions within motions like so many motions of the earth. The molecules in a thing have in them atoms which have some mad electric motions within. The tree grows because there are water currents and various other motions going on within its branches and leaves. The sea roars with motion, the river sings with motion, the wind hisses with motion. The insects crawl, the birds fly, the fishes swim and the humans rush - all motions and motions. Nothing is without motion. **The energy of all these motions is ATESH.** That is why Dr. Faramroz Chiniwalla says, Atesh is in every-every-every thing. Atesh is the root force of all motions and therefore the whole world, the whole universe, the whole creation. Nothing can happen without Atesh.

The ordinary light we experience, which travels at 186000 miles per second and the divine Yazatic Light, which flows down and drives the creation towards Ahuramazda, are the manifestations of Atesh. All that goes on, on the earth, in the universe and in the whole Creation flows from the Yazatic Energies, which in turn flow from **"Athro Ahurahe Mazdao Poothra," the First Spark of Ahura's Atesh, the First Source of Ahura's Infinite Energy, the First Divine Energy Flux, which created and creates, and drives, the Creation towards the Ultimate - Ahura.** 'Athra' is therefore declared to be Ahuramazda's Son, who carries out His Command, who executes His Decree, who 'works' for Him, like a son to Father.

Atesh in Charge of Our Karma

Now let us dwell a little more on ourselves, the humans, 410 kms/second-travellers. Every day we live on the earth, we run and rush as if we are in perpetual motion. Run to catch a bus or train or ignite the car-key; run to work, to earn; to carry out our duty to our family, friends, community, country, humanity. THAT running and rushing is MOTION and like every motion, it is in charge of Ahura's Energy, the Atesh. Smile on the face and running down of tears are from the energy of Atesh. Our destiny, our luck, our happiness, our miseries, our sufferings, our earning, our pleasures, our pains, our labour, our workings are all in charge of Atesh. Atesh is the fountain source of all our motions and movements - in short our **Karma, Keshash, destiny.** **Each of us is connected with some karmic channels of Atesh running in the universe.**

That is the reason why vocational fires are used in consecrating the Padshah of our Atesh-Temples. The fire used by a goldsmith is the outward expression of the Karmic channel of Atesh, with which the goldsmith is connected. So also the other fire-users like blacksmith, potter, baker, distiller, brick-maker etc. Their vocational fires have in them a dormant spark of the divine Atesh-Energy. This spark is awakened or ignited when the vocational fire is passed through various stages of physical purification ('Pahaadia') and the mantric purification (Yazashney and Vendidad in prescribed numbers). **The aim is to kindle the dormant inner Atesh in the fire and intensify its connection with the currents of the divine Ateshic energy bands flowing in the Creation, and through them to the higher and higher Ateshic levels ultimately directed towards" Athro Ahurahe Mazdao Poothra".** The Padshah is thus a receiving Power-station of the divine Atesh - currents and spreads them around Him as also transmits them deep inside us. We receive the currents; they work on us, spiritually alchemies us, help us in bearing our burden of Karma, and **energises us to travel on the Path of Ahura, the Path of Daena, the Path of Asho Zarathushtra.**

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