

# DINI AVAZ FINISHES ITS SECOND YEAR

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The Divine Light of Ahura Mazda pervades the whole Creation. 'Yazata's are the Channels of His Light. Matter is the frozen form of His Light. The human creature has in him a Ray of His Light. It inspires him to strive for the Final Goal - Frashoard, Salvation, Mukti, the Ultimate union with Him.

We are on this tiny planet with purpose. The lamp of Ahura's Light within us has a black coat surrounding it. That is to be dissolved, so that the Light may shine in all its Lustre; and once that happens, the Goal is not far.

How to wash out the black covering is shown to us by Ahura Mazda through His Divine Messengers, the Prophets and Founders of all Religions. For the Salvation of the whole creation, He has made a Divine Plan. For the humans on this earth, He has sent a series of His Messengers, and founded different Religions. To each man is given his own Religion of birth, as Ahura's Message. He has to live as ordained in the Message for him.

Religion, therefore, is not a mere subject of some academic study. It is interwoven with each atom in us and with each second of our stay here and beyond. Religion is to be lived.

Zarathushtra, who is the Prophet ordained for us, has taught us how to live here, so as to march nearer and nearer to Ahura Mazda. We are weaklings. We are easily caught up in the snare of sins. That snare is also within us. It is that black coating which surrounds the Ray of His Light in us. Zarathushtra, like every other Prophet, orders us to be extremely cautious of the snare and try to avoid

falling into it. Not an easy order to obey. The mind, which rules us throughout our life, is tricky. Its methods in luring us towards sins are treacherous. "Control your mind" is the Divine Command, but extremely difficult to obey.

It is easy to talk -about Manashni, Gavashni, Kunashni - good thought, words and deeds. But to put them in practice is a Himalayan task. The good is defined and prescribed in Religion, but to do it every second of life is almost impossible. Life is a trial; how far a human succeeds in doing good is being tried here. And what a trial!

Zarathushtra has taught us certain procedures, practices and disciplines intended to infuse inherent strength in us to withstand that trial and stand against the evil, within us and without. Sudreh Kushti, Manthra prayers, Holy Fires, Yasna, Boonak-pasbani are such disciplines.

In the beginning of this century, when physical sciences were almost delivered into the hands of atheism, these disciplines were branded as mere "external rituals". Even today some old fossils in our Community do speak that 100 years old and out of date language. They are totally ignorant of the FACT that today in 1977, all the branches of science are knocking the door, not of atheism, but of mysticism. Take any-science, whether of atom or of man or of the sky, it points out to mysteries. And the alleged solution of any mystery itself turns out to be a more baffling mystery! This you will know if you

open any book of any science of today.

And these mysteries have the special feature of pointing out that what we thought to be external rituals must have some profound deeper action and meaning.

That meaning is taught in the Mystic Science of Zoroastrianism, **and it is the venture of this humble Journal to reveal a little of that meaning to you, so that you may then yourself proceed in your researches to know more and understand more.**

**This is the 6th and the last issue of the SECOND YEAR in the life of Dini Avaz. We bow our head and heart towards the Light which guides us.**

During the two years, we have poured a lot of materials from physical and Mystical Sciences. Our whole aim is to inspire, FAITH in you towards our Religion and its spiritual disciplines. (Mind, moral is the part and parcel of the spiritual).

The source of the Mystical Science is, as you know, Ilm-e-Khshnoom and *its* vast literature covering 40,000 pages. The Khshnoom writings of Chiniwalla and Masani brothers include not only the principles and elements of the Zoroastrian Science, **but also the translations of all the Holy Scriptures and Writings. Those are done by Dr. Faramroze Chiniwalla and his work in that direction is as monumental as Kangaji.** Please, therefore, do not think for a moment that Ilm-e-Khshnoom merely consists in somebody saying. "This is what Ustad Saheb had said". Yes, Ustad Baheramshahji did bring this Science from the Zoroastrian Saints; but his disciples have written volumes after volumes containing translations

of Scriptures, Enunciation of the Principles and cogent arguments in their support. And please mind, the translations are based upon grammar and the western science of oriental studies. Principles are described in the language of Science. Arguments are presented with sweet and sincere persuasion. Unfortunately, the writings are mostly in Gujarati. And those who have not read them or cannot read them may please refrain from firing some half baked views about Khshnoom.

Of one thing we are certain. This humble journal has carried the Scientific message of Zarathushtra to many homes and many minds. Those who were summarily dismissing Mysticism have started rethinking.

Our hopes are high. We want to propagate our Religion more and more. We would like to increase the size and frequency of Dini Avaz. But Nature always warns, "Dont try to go further than destined." We have our limitations.

We are helped by that silent generosity for which we Parsis are well known. Our sincere gratitude to them.....

And our thanks to the enemies of our Religion - the old fossils - for giving clear indications that we have shattered the edifice of their hollow arguments and destructive actions.

**And you the reader!! Of course, without you, the show cannot go on! Please continue with us and encourage us.**

**May Ahura Mazda impart good sense to all! May Parsis live by Faith towards Z a r a t h u s h t r a and His Disciplines.**

**As is ordained, so shall happen !!**

**- DINI AVAZ COMMITTEE,**