

FOUR KHAO

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"One man's meat is another man's poison", and this adage is quite applicable to the profession of one's religion. Every one male or female, must know with faith and devotion what is taught in one's own religion, and it is incumbent on every one to follow in practice the tenets of the religion in which one is born. A Zoroastrian ought to observe all the tenets of Ashoi taught in the Zoroastrian religion. All the great religions of the world have their own gradations serving as steps for the evolution of various souls of indefinite orders. The religions have as their basis as 'Khao' or fountain-source, and all other religions are based on only three 'Khao' except the Zoroastrian religion which has four 'Khao' as its foundation-stones. The three 'Khao' common to all other religions are termed in Avesta 'Asmo-Khao', 'Ashno-Khao', and 'Erezoish-Khao' which have different intensities according to the different grades of each of these religions. Besides these three 'Khao' of supreme intensity, the Zoroastrian religion being the final universal law of unfoldment necessitates a fourth 'Khao' termed "Ashahe-Khao" in the Avesta. All these "Khao" require voluminous explanation, and the knowledge of "Khao" is very essential for a student of comparative religions. The three "Khao" above-mentioned are again different in degrees of depth according to the "Jirm" to which the particular religion belongs. The five great religions of the world are inseparably connected with the five "Jirm" or luminaries. The Zoroastrian Law pertains to "Barjis" or Jupiter, the Hinduism and Buddhism with all its sects belongs to "Tarad" or Mercury, Islam belongs to

"Hasham" or Mars, "Judiasm" belongs to "Nahid" or Venus, and Christianity to "Kaevan" or Saturn.

Thus with the exception of the two "Jirm", "Shams" or the Sun, and 'Dae' or the moon which play an important part in the religion of all the other "Jirm", the five "Jirm" are respectively connected with the five great religions of the world as stated above. The Zoroastrian religion which pertains to the "Jirm Barjis" with the Fire Energy 'Atar-Forba' per excellence, requires a strict adherence to "Ashahe Khao" from its followers. It is a law of nature that moral responsibilities increases with moral greatness, and the born follower of Zoroastrianism having to undergo the final round of incarnation here on earth is obliged to lead earthy life in strict accordance with all the scrupulous details of "Ashahe Khao" or seventy-two principles of Ashoi. Hence the Avesta Student of philology being ignorant of the fundamental basis of 'Khao' of all religions, and having never dreamt of the extra "Ashahe-Khao" of the Zoroastrian Law, laughs out the main springs of "Khoreh" — preservation such as Gao-maeza, Nirang, and the other injunctions of "Nish-nash-i-Druj". A senseless imitation of the life of aliens around us in India — adoption of smoking, removal of cap and head-covering by both the sexes, no observance of rules of magnetic purity during menstruation and seminal discharges, indiscriminate animal diet, etc., etc., will lead the community to its extinction on account of the entire forgetfulness of the "Ashahe-Khao" of the Zoroastrian Law.