

THE PROPOSED WORLD Z CONGRESS (2000) AT HOUSTON, ALREADY IN THE MUD-BATH OF DIRTY POLITICS.

The Highlights of the Jafrey - Phenomenon Current in USA since several years.

[Note :- The 7th World Z. Congress proposed to be held at in December 2000 is already sunk in the mire of political intrigues. In terms of labels already attached, the 'liberals' wanted one Ali Jafrey to speak and also to accept an 'award'. The "orthodox" opposed. Some "liberals" persuaded Jamshed Gazdar to write to the organisers encouraging the Jafrey move. Gazdar did so on the letter head of Punchayet and signed as Chairman There were such strong protests from all over the world that the letter was withdrawn and another written supporting the protest of "the Orthodox". There were battles on Inter-net. Allegations against allegations, some clean, some dirty. What a way of having a RELIGIOUS meeting! All Religions emphasise love. Here is bitter hatred and hatred, and nothing else! Why not cancel this Tamasha? None of the six previous congresses have done any good.

Here in India, numerous Parsis were not aware of even the existence of Jafrey. When they came to know that he is a Mohmedan who converts other Mohmedans to become the alleged Zoroastrians by performing their "Navzotes", the Parsis were stunned. Every line of force in the magnetic field of Zarthoshtis vibrated vehemently with unprecedented anger. When they knew that this Jafrey nonsense was current in America since more than a decade, they were utterly flabbergasted. What were the American Parsis doing all along? They asked. No fad can survive so long, unless it is encouraged. Yes, it was encouraged by American Parsis! Why? Why? Because many of them liked it. Why?

Herein below is a treatise on the Jafrey phenomenon, which answers these questions and many more.

Religion is a matter of intense physical, mental and spiritual discipline. It prescribes do's and don'ts of life as determined by God and proclaimed by the 'Saoshyants', Prophets, 'Avatars', 'Ashavans', Saints, Rishis, Fakirs and Sufis of all Religions.

The exercises for the soul (Ruvan), the mind and the body prescribed by our Religion are arduous and strenuous. They require rigorous efforts; for instance it is very difficult to observe the Law of "Pa sey Gavashni" i.e. to speak the truth from the tongue (Zabaan) as exactly and precisely as coming out of the heart (Dil) and mind (Deymaagh). This is the foundation of all the moral and spiritual teachings. Similarly, it requires a strong will to keep Sudreh-Kusti on the body for 24 hours and to chant the compulsory Farajiyat Manthra prayer - Khorshed and Meher Niyash every day; to pray Atash Niyash before Atash Behram, Aderan or Dadgah or 'Divo'; to have the 'Kriyas' performed for our dear departed ones; and to preserve the racial gene (Boonak Pasbaani).

There is a group of Iranis and Parsis in America who desired some excuse to come out of these strenuous spiritual exercises. Someone should talk to them that all this is humbug, nonsense, not genuine and not only avoidable but should be shunned and abandoned. There, then, arrived the heroes to say this with a highbrow air tinged with scholastic theatricals. **One of them is Ali Jafrey.**

THE JAFREY - HYPOTHESIS

Jafrey's theory is short and simple - too short and too simple not to be thoroughly wrong. Gatha is the only genuine Zoroastrianism; the rest of the Parsi life is humbug (although there are 50 violently varying translations and nobody knows what was the real and genuine message of the Gathas). Further, all that the Parsis did for thousands of years in Iran and India was wrong and un-Zoroastrian. Zoroaster was a "bonny boy" born 3768 years ago. He discovered 'Mazda Ahura' "the super intellect being" - "Spenta Mainyu" who granted man freedom of thought, will, word, action, and 'good' mind i.e. (do what you like - like, say, Hitler).

So, arrive at the truth through your (alleged) good mind.

Jafrey's own "Good mind" led him to blaspheme all the spiritual and mystical practices of the Parsis. His "good thoughts" should lead the Parsis to think that Yezdezard Shahreyar was a fool to be doing Barsam-Baaj before eating his food and thereupon get killed; those ancestors who arrived at Sanjan to preserve and protect the spiritual institutions were fools. They could have preserved their good thoughts, words, deeds in Iran. Their consecrating paak Iranshah Fire was an act of foolishness. Those who then built seven Atash Behrams and 100 Agiaries in India were fools. (We believe in one God - no other worship please). Those who pray Manthras are fools. (Manthras are the conspiracy of later priests). Those who get Kriya performed for the dead are fools. Those who strive to preserve the racial genes are fools. **6000 Parsis of Bombay walking behind a Holy Fire at 3 a.m. on January 20, 2000 were all fools.** It seems there is only one "Wise man of the West" and that too a non-Parsi who having been born in the great Religion of Islam says he is converting people including Mohmedans to Zoroastrianism. **How can one who is faithless to his own great Prophet boast of training the followers of another Prophet and even alleging to convert? It is clear that he must be ignorant of both.** Why does he not use his talents, if any, to do something which the Sufis like Hazrat Inayat Khan or his son Vilayat Khan do in the West?

But that is not so smooth and cozy. It is easier to thrive on the ignorance of the easy-going Parsis than to be out in the world and proclaim one's own philosophy of ignorance.

And it is in fact ignorance. The undercurrent of Jafrey hypo is the materialistic thought of the 19th century, which arose from the Newtonian-Darwinian Godlessness. Today, as the 20th century is ending, that science is shattered. It knocks the door of mysticism. It has come to an end after miserably failing in its quest for truth, all technological advances notwithstanding. Technology is not truth. It assumes something to be workable, well-knowing that the truth by itself is receding further away. That is why technology is the father of destruction.

The concept of God propagated by Jafrey is also an immature and childish piece of thinking, meant only to boost the ego and lure the American Parsis to do what is ordained not to be done and not to do what is ordained to be done. It is not far from atheism, if you take it to its logical end.

THE JAFREY - TWISTS

There is ample evidence in the writings of Jafrey which clearly indicates that he is twisting and torturing the meanings of Avesta words just to support his own pet doctrines. A hundred examples can be given for this. Due to lack of space, I give only one. The words "Daenyai" in "Kemna Mazda" prayer (last line of Gatha Ha 46-7) is translated not, as the word clearly indicates, "for the Daena", i.e. Din, but as "this doctrine". (Spenta 1993-94). He means the Jafrey doctrine and not Asho Zarathustra's Daena! His explanation of the passage says that fire is warm and mind is cool. ("Athrashchaa Mananghaschaa"). It is really hot and cold at the same time.

Look at the audacity of authentically prescribing "the bonny boy" Zoroaster's exact birth year - 3761 years ago (as in 1993). (Reads like a Times of India birth column). This, when the scholars have found the subject extremely perplexing! Duperon gives Zoroaster's time at 589-512 BC; West and Jackson: 600-583 BC; Bartholomae and Meyer: 1000-900 BC; Boyce: 1700 to 1500 BC; K R Cama has mentioned 13, Greek Roman and Latin writers giving 13 different dates - that too spread over probable periods - in his Gujarati Zarathustra Nameh! And here is a wise man who is so sure! This one example alone is enough to reveal the hollow pomp of this master showman.

Mind! It is all show and no substance.

And Zoroaster which Jafrey has depicted is not worth remembering even for 30 years. He is described as "Good-conscience", "thought-provoker", "human being" and the alleged philosophy attributed to him by Jafrey is too childish to be called a philosophy at all. It is in violent contrast with all that is said about Asho Zarathushtra and His divine Message scattered throughout in Avesta (including the Gatha). It is too immature to get a place in the subject of philosophy, ancient and modern. The whole idea is to provide materials to

those Parsis who want to find a scholarly looking excuse to avoid the Zarhosti ways and "tarikats" of life, for the preservation and protection of which our ancestors left their country, where they ruled, and came to India.

THE JAFREY - MIRAGE

The greatest illusion, which Jafrey and his 'GAC-wala's are spreading is that the mind of an ordinary non-saintly man like all of us (including Jafrey's and Irani's) is capable of arriving at truth. They define such mind as "Vohu Man" or "Soocha Mananghahaa"! Whereas it is declared by all Prophets and Avataars and all saints that our mind is too limited to arrive at the truth. Limited not only in its 3 dimensional consciousness as against infinite dimensions of Nature, but also in its contents of virtues. It is a narrow non-virtuous mechanism in our self and is naturally inclined towards vice and sin. It requires the rigorous disciplines of Religion to resist that natural inclination. Our mind is, therefore, not Vohuman but Akoman. Its properties are described in Gatha 33-4, 32-3 and 5, where the words "Akeymchaa Mano", "Akaat Manangh-he", and "Akaat Manangh-ho" occur, 33-4 says that Akoman defies obedience to Ahuramazda ("Asrushtim"); it generates pride, self-praise, egomania, vanity, vainglory ("Tareymaitim"), which place serious hurdles in our journey towards liberation, salvation, Frashogard ("Khaetu"). 32-3 says that such egomaniacs ("Pairimaiti") spread their frauds ("Daibitaanaa") all over the universe. What is required is the alchemisation of Akoman to Vohuman. That goal is far far away. To call such Akoman as Vohuman is spiritual suicide. Gatha 45-3 gives a stern warning in this behalf.

THE JAFREY - PSYCHOPATHY

The Jafrey phenomenon is a product of such self-esteem (Taromaiti). The simple-minded uninformed people of America are carried away by his scholastic pretence. They have no knowledge to argue against him. They are lured away from the spiritual path. Due to lack of knowledgable resistance against his garrulous, long winded and hollow talks, he is led to more and more airy bombasts and his self-esteem has now reached a psycho pathic state. He has started calling himself "Ratu", even a saviour! The most curious part of the situation is that the propositions which he has advanced are not only in violent contrast with our holy scriptures including the Gatha, but are also self-contradictory. Hundred illustratious can be given for this.

Jafrey phenomenon is not a case of blind leading the blind; it is a pretentious blind leading those who deliberately close their eyes and do not want to see, through innocent ignorance or intellectual laziness or to have a vainglorious excuse to escape from the spiritual rigours of Religion.

And now the Parsis all over the globe have stunned Jafrey and his satellites.

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