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## **BPP Trustees Off On A Jamboree! Staff's Junketing At Whose Cost?**

### *Will Wembley's 8th World Zoroastrian Congress Put Its Seal On That "World Body"?*

According to reports available with us, six of the seven trustees of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet (Mrs. Kavarana will not be going) will be off to London and Wembley shortly, to attend the 8th World Zoroastrian Congress from 24th June to 1st July, 2005! Mr. Minoo Shroff is already on a cruise, **en route** to England!

#### **Who's Masterminding This Trip & Why?**

Let's give you the whole picture as best as possible.

(1) After the FPZAI meeting in December 2004 at Ahmedabad, a vast majority of the Anjumans, who are members of FPZAI had told the Federation that they won't join the "World Body".

(2) The WZO 'man on the spot', D.K. Tamboly, told Jamshed Mohta, President of the Bardoli Anjuman, that he would see to it that the Bombay Parsi Punchayet would leave the FPZAI (because FPZAI now cannot join the World Body) and join the World Body on its own!

(3) Then unexpectedly, Tamboly suddenly found the ground virtually shaking under his feet, what with Areez Khambatta, Vice President of the FPZAI and the President of the Ahmedabad Parsi Punchayet, Khojeste Mistree, Yazdi Desai, etc. coming together to form another world organisation of Parsi-Irani Zarthoshtis. Tamboly then went on the offensive. He saw to it that these three gentlemen were made the targets for attack and the butts of ridicule, in the Jam-e-Jamshed Weekly.

(4) The FPZAI meeting on the 3rd and 4th June was hastily postponed, giving some flimsy excuse (report on the next page).

(5) All eyes and hopes were set on the 8th World Zoroastrian Congress in England, June-end, so that the BPP trustees could get a breather.

(6) WAPIZ was launched on the 28th May, which, after the 'Power Point Presentation' made Tamboly even more edgy about the consequences his WZOI would have to face!

(7) So, he has seen to it that almost the whole BPP Board jets to Blighty, with their three to four trusted lieutenants, like B.T. Dastur, Mehli Colah, Sheroo D. Master etc. The lady in question has already retired, but has now been re-employed on contract basis, with an eye on the Anjuman Committee elections in November, 2005!

(8) Who, do you think will toe Tamboly's line in Wembley? Mr. Minoo Shroff? Mr. Burjor Antia (also a WZO India trustee)? Mr. Maneck Engineer? (This gentleman, just before his election, had assured us at a face-to-face meeting, called at his behest, that he had nothing to do with WZO. Will he now agree to join the "World Body", where WZO will rule the roost?)

Mr. Dadi Engineer, also a WZO trustee? That would make four on the side of D.K. Tamboly. Mr. Dinshaw

Mehta, of course, would be the lone exception.

**(9) Who foots the bill for the retinue of senior staff members, who accompany the trustees, whenever they go (every four years) on world jamborees? Is it at the expense of the BPP trust?!**

**(10) For years now, trustees, including some of the present incumbents, have made it a habit to consider the Bombay Parsi Punchayet as their personal fiefdom! They woefully forget that they are only TRUSTEES and NOT owners of the funds and properties under their control!**

(11) The final question of questions: Will the Wembley Congress (these "Zoroastrian" Congresses have been

the bane of the Parsee/Irani community of India, ever since the first such Congress was held in Tehran, in the early sixties of the last century. It was at such a Congress that the idea of a World Body of "Zoroastrians" was born!) put its seal on the formation of the World Body of hotch-potch "Zoroastrians"? **IF THE BPP JOINS SUCH A BODY, THE PARSEE/IRANIS OF MUMBAI WILL TELL THEM IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS, THAT THE BPP NO LONGER REPRESENTS THEM!** Nearly 3500 signatures of Parsees/Iranis telling the BPP not to join, have already been sent to the trustees, as the first instalment.

## COMMUNITY CAPERS

### Federation Meet To Be Held On The 3rd and 4th September 2005

**(1) FEDERATION MEET TO BE HELD ON THE 3RD AND 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2005.**

In our last issue, we had given the readers a few guesses as to why the meeting of the Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumans of India (FPZAI) has been postponed from 3rd and 4th June, 2005.

After our issue was out, we learnt that a terse communique was issued by the FPZAI Hon. Secretary, Keki J. Gandhi, dated the 27th April, 2005, addressed to no one in particular, in typical **babu** lingo, so favourite of the Delhiites!

"The World Zoroastrian Congress is being held in London between 24th and 30th June this year. One of the important topics to be discussed is the proposed World Body.

The composition of the World Body has evoked considerable interest amongst our Anjuman members. Since no response is expected from the other global constituents of the World Body to our representation till June, 2005 it is advisable to hold the next meeting of the Federation in Mumbai later. Hence, it is decided to differ the next meeting to some time in August, 2005 from the indicated tentative dates in early June, 2005.

The new schedule will be communicated in due

course sufficiently in advance to enable all concerned to make suitable travel arrangements."

Whether the postponement is an excuse or a gimmick, we leave it to our readers to judge. **We now reliably learn that the FPZAI meeting will be held at the Banaji Atash Behram Hall on the 3rd and 4th September, 2005, that is, nearly nine months after the last meeting in Ahmedabad in December, 2004!**

**(2) VYARA-SONGADH PARSEE JARTHOSHI ANJUMAN'S PRESIDENT, DR. BAHADUR P. JOKHI'S SMASHING REJOINER TO WZO'S PRESIDENT!**

Readers will recall that in March 2005, after the WZO's silver jubilee celebrations, where the Indian WZO honcho, D.K. Tamboly was also present, Sammy Bhiwandiwalla, the International President sent a press note (!) to the so-called Parsee press, like Jame, etc. with copies to all the Anjumans of India. Was it at the behest of Tamboly? A reply to this press note by different organisations from India and abroad, was published in our last issue.

Now, on the 11th May, 2005, the President of the small **Vyara-Songadh Parsee Jarthoshti Anjuman, Dr. Bahadur P. Jokhi**, has sent a 3-page rejoinder to Bhiwandiwalla, Extracts:

“We are opposing your activity for the creation of ZWB, not because of grossly misleading and dishonest statements by some individuals opposed to your activities for creation of a world body (as per your press-note), but our opposition is a result of Basarat of Pak Sarosh Yazad through Pak Shreeji Iranshah and other Parsee Jarthoshti places of worship. We are not so gullible, ignorant and illiterate individuals so as not to understand your dubious intentions.

Our sense of reasoning is not so dull as not to understand what is right and what is wrong for us.

**The misleading and dishonest statements are not made by the persons opposing your move but by your arch-supporter, our FD secretary, Mr. Gandhi. He has been trying to convince us to join the W.B. and has been repeatedly hammering our heads with his unauthorised news – column ‘creating awareness’ of the FD news letter, as if he is the only person aware of everything in this world. He, by his dishonest interpretation of the judgement of J. Davar and J. Beaman is trying to convince us that Jarthoshti religion permits and enjoins conversion. He is advocating outright conversion. It is a blasphemy of our holy religion.**

Another disputed point, I would like to ask you, is ‘What is your locus standi for forming a World Body? With what authority are you proceeding towards forming a World-Body.’

The real authority to form a world body lies with members of the public body of the Parsee community of India, and with the blessings of vada Dasturjis. The base and the super structure of the W.B. should be in India only. Otherwise the majority Anjumans of Gujarat will not be able to participate in the activities of a W.B. if the headquarters are at London.

You have very proudly announced the WZO doing public welfare activities for the last 25 years and have celebrated the occasion with pride, pomp and publicity. Either you wilfully forget or are ignorant of the fact that there are very many trusts registered under Bombay Public Trust Act for helping the Parsee-Jarthoshti community.

**Your so-called social welfare activities are viewed by many of us, like that of Christian missionaries in tribal zones of India, sort of bribing these gullible tribal community for conversion and still doing it at full throttle.**

**From your press note and the activities of your**

**trust I have a feeling that you are half-inclined towards Christianity. You have sent a condolence letter for the demise of the last Pope (No objection) but not for Dasturjis of Udvada and Surat!!**

Your statement in your press-note that the membership of your W.B. in India will be restricted only to Parsee-Irani Zarthostis. This statement also prevents us from joining your cosmopolitan world body. It means that from the other parts of the world, any Tom, Dick and Harry labelled as a Zoroastrian will be the member of the so-called World Body. We label them as pseudo Jarthosti and not neojarthosti at all. It is like giving a bogus degree by a bogus university.

**Increasing Parsee-Jarthoshti population by unauthorised conversion is not the solution of our problems. I am convinced that after 2 or 3 generations, your progeny will not survive as Parsee-Jarthosti if you cut your roots in India and disconnect yourself from the Jarthosti Pav-Mahal of Agiary, Atash Behrams here in India, as they will be outside the spiritual jurisdiction and are not likely to get their spiritual protection.**

You may construct a building for a place of worship and declare it as an Agiary but you cannot build a consecrated Pav-Mahal outside India. So please do not try to drag us with you towards our destruction. Your activities will wipe all of us out from the face of this earth.

**A recent press note of Mr. Shroff, Mr. Tamboly and Mr. Gandhi has not convinced us about the safeguards of invasion by tribal people, turned pseudo Jarthostis here, on our places of worship and our trust properties. Their reply is quite evasive, they also argued that if some body wants to join Zoroastrianism, how can we prevent them? So, to prevent them and because of this statement, our Anjuman has resolved to oppose our Federation joining your world body.”**

(Dr. Bahadur P. Jokhi)

### **(3) SALUTATIONS & HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO FARZANA B. WADIA!**

“The Mumbai Samachar” (Gujarat section) of Sunday, 29th May, 2005, carried a report that warned the cockles of every blue-blooded Parsee!

There was a time, many years ago, when the **Evening**

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# WAPIZ Successfully Launched!

On Sunday, the 29th May, 2005, **The Times of India** announced on its front page, the launching of “Mumbai Mirror”, as “the mother of all launch shows”. Little did it realise that a day earlier, the grandmother of all launch shows was witnessed at a glittering function at Mumbai’s Turf Club, where a 2200-strong-audience of young and old Parsees had gathered to watch the World Alliance of Parsi Irani Zarthoshtis (WAPIZ) take off.

Five High Priests – Dasturs Dr. K.M. Jamaspasa, Dr. F.M. Kotwal, Dr. P.H. Mirza, Khurshed K. Dastur and Cyrus

N. Dastur graced the dais with the Chairman of WAPIZ, Areez Khambatta and the remaining six Managing Committee members, Khojeste Mistree, H. P. Ranina, Dr. (Miss) Mehroo Bengalee, Hoshang N. Wania,

Jamshed J. Mohta (Bardoli) and Yazdi H. Desai.

After the *Humbandagi*, Khojeste Mistree first spelt out in detail the aims and objects of WAPIZ, namely, (a) safeguarding our religious heritage and supporting the community’s institutions; (b) promoting vibrancy in the priestly class; (c) undertaking socio-economic projects; (d) instilling a sense of pride and glory in living a Zarthoshti way of life and (e) strengthening our identity. Mr. Mistree then emphasised that,

unlike WZO, WAPIZ was only for Parsi Irani Zarthoshtis. He lamented the fact that, today, we had to fight our own leadership which was keen on joining the cosmopolitan World Body, in which our leadership will be totally marginalised.

On the contentious issue of membership, which has been the cause of deep concern to the traditional members of the community, he clarified that membership of WAPIZ would be open to Parsi Irani Zarthoshtis globally. He asserted that WAPIZ was not created to promote personal agendas or individuals in any way whatsoever.

Its membership clause was in consonance with that of the Anjumanas, Panchayats and the Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumanas of India.

**In connection with the inclusion of the patrilineal angle in the membership clause, he stressed that they**

**could not undo or reverse what has happened over quite a long period of time. Hence, status quo was sought to be maintained. However, in order to allay the fears of the community members, it had been clearly stated in the constitution that WAPIZ did not support conversion, nor did it encourage or promote interfaith marriages. WAPIZ was not a judicial or a legislative body. He reiterated that**

*All the WAPIZ’s Hosts & Guests: Binaifer Sahukar introduces the dignitaries on the stage. From left, Dr. Mehroo Bengalee, Jamshed Mohta, Khojeste Mistree, High Priests: Cyrus Dastur, Khurshed Dastur, Dr. Kaikhushru Jamaspasa, Mr. Areez Khambatta, Dasturs Dr. F.M. Kotwal and P.H. Mirza, M/s. Homi Ranina, Yazdi Desai and Hoshang Wania.*

**although WAPIZ had maintained the status quo in the constitution on patrilineality, that did not mean that patrilineality was religiously right.**

He mentioned that, WAPIZ's role would be to uphold and defend the traditional voice of the Parsi Irani Zarthoshti community.

**Delivering the keynote address, Mr. Ranina declared that we did not accept converts because we respected all religions. It is a fallacy to conclude that Prophet Zarathushtra converted. He was God's first Divine Messenger. So where was the question of his converting anyone when there was no other religion existing at that time?**

**The Parsis believed that one must follow the religion of his birth or one would be defying the will of God. The moment we associated with converts, we would be giving them credibility and respect and legitimizing them.**

On the much touted argument of the BPP, that our Trust Deeds would protect our religious institutions, he declared that this was theoretically right but practically one had to go to Court to enforce it. If these converts did not respect the religion of their birth how did one expect them to respect our Trust Deeds. A Trust Deed is just a piece of paper and is not sufficient to protect us from the onslaught of the converts.

Mr. Ranina gave the historic example of the Achaemenian Kings, Cyrus and Darius I, who did not

convert the Jews after releasing them from captivity of Babylon, but instead helped them rebuild their place of worship!

**He also broke down the BPP's oft-repeated line that the community in India would be isolated if they did not join the IZO. We had survived because we had isolated ourselves from the mainstream of Iranians who were being converted to Islam. If one looked at history, the key to our survival has been isolation. He stressed that we stand for enduring values. Times will change but values will never change. We would rather be isolated in the oasis of Zoroastrian values than be lost in the desert of shifting sands.**

On the question of not having invited the Parsee Press, (James Jamshed Weekly, the Mumbai Samachar and Parsiana were not invited) he stated they had taken a consistently reformist view and had viciously attacked any

one with contrary views, labelling them 'fascists', 'fruit cakes' etc. "We respect their right to their opinions but then they too should learn to respect our point of view," he said.

Dastur Dr. Firoze Kotwal then recited Pazend benedictions for WAPIZ and the community. Thereafter, Rasna's top boss, the President of the Ahmedabad Parsi Punchayet, the Chairman of WAPIZ and the "flavourist", as he called himself, Areez Khambatta, in his boom-boom Home Guard voice, narrated the sequence of events that led to the formation of WAPIZ after the Ahmedabad meeting of

*A Section Of The Vast Audience At The WAPIZ Launch*

the FPZAI! A cheque of Rs.1 crore was donated by him for the formation of WAPIZ.

Mr. Jamshed Mohta, the President of the Bardoli Anjuman, proposed a vote of thanks. Floral tributes and shawls were offered to the five High Priests. The compering by Binaifer K. Sahukar was crisp and to the point. All the invitees were treated to a sumptuous dinner.

Earlier, more than 200 priests performed the Jashan ceremony at the Banaji Atash Behram.

**Our Observations:** After a scintillating launch, if WAPIZ wants to score over any other world organisation that may come up, it has to ensure that it covers all shades of traditional opinion. Almost all the speakers that evening stressed that WAPIZ was a 'traditional' body of Parsi-Irani Zarthoshtis. **WAPIZ must, therefore, make absolutely sure that its**

**membership is strictly confined to those Parsees and Irani Zoroastrians, whose lineage doesn't leave anything to be desired or questioned.**

Any loophole, therefore, in its Constitution has to be plugged without delay. All loose ends should be tightly tied up, so that each and every traditionalist would unhesitatingly become a member of the World Alliance, which will always take up cudgels for true orthodoxy.

Having done that, the topmost priority for WAPIZ would be to dissuade BPP from joining that notorious "World Body of 'Zarathushtis'", either at the World Zoroastrian Congress in London, end June, or thereafter.

WAPIZ has an uphill task ahead.

We wish it all success!

#### **COMMUNITY CAPERS** (continued from page 3)

News of India would come up with a banner headline like, "Minoo Mody (or Yazdi Malegam) tops the list!" After that, one doesn't remember any Parsee youth topping the list in either the B.Com. or the C.A. exams.

**Well, it has happened now! Dadar's Farzana Behram Wadia, a student of the R.A. Podar College has scored a fantastic 89.14% in the T.Y.B.Com. exam, results of which have just been out. Out of a total number of 58,522 students, who appeared for the exams, Farzana stood first!**

Even in the HSC Board exam, Farzana had appeared in the merit list. She had expected distinction in the B.Com. exam this year. So, she, too, was pleasantly surprised when she was told that she had stood first!

Farzana is now doing her articleship in a C.A. firm. Last November, she got a first class in her Inter C.A.

Our heartiest congratulations to the young lady, who has made the Parsee community proud! We wish her many more laurels in the years to come!

#### **(4) PARSEE COLLEGE PROVIDES FREE EDUCATION TO PARSEES!**

Today, while the BPP and some Parsee youth are asking for reservation seats for Parsees in engineering and medical colleges, **Marzban J. Giara**, who has the uncanny knack of coming up trumps with some unknown, forgotten chapter from Parsee history, **has "discovered" a college of commerce and management, which is affiliated to the University**

**of Mumbai, and which gives free education to Parsee students!!**

If you find this to be straight from Ripley's Believe It or Not, think of the **Patuck Gala College of Commerce and Management**, located right under our nose, at Vakola, Santacruz (East).

Established by the late Rustomji H. Patuck, way back in 1932 as the Patuck Polytechnic Trust, Rustomba, as he was popularly known, also started the Modern Industrial School in 1934, to impart technical and vocational training in weaving and carpentry.

Today, the Patuck Complex, situated at Vakola, 1 kilometre away from the Shivaji domestic airport, comprises eight different institutes, including the commerce and management college, an Infotech Centre, a play school, primary school, a Technical High School and junior college of science, a Study Centre for diploma course in engineering, etc.. Most of the Organising Board members are Parsees.

Students who desire to go for engineering, medicine or para-medical courses can opt for Jr. College - Science.

The Junior College (Vocational) deals with a variety of courses: Accounting, Auto Engineering, Electronics Technology, Mechanical Technology, Tourism and Travel, etc.

**Parsee youth should make a beeline for this true Parsee organisation in the western corner of Mumbai.**

## **Parsee WZO Members, Please Quit Your Membership!!**

If you have not sent your letters of resignation to the WZO, India, by now, please do so right away.

We have been informed by some life members of the WZO that their resignation letters were not accepted by the organisation in the past! This is strange. We

request such members to send the copies of their letters of resignation to **The Parsee Voice**.

The remaining ordinary Parsee/Irani members of the WZO are once again requested to send their letters of resignation to the WZO office immediately.

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## **“Non”, said the French, “Nee”, said the Dutch. “Nahinji”, said the Parsees Long Before!**

In a recent referendum, held first in France and then in Netherlands, 55% of the French voted against France accepting the European Union Constitution. So did 63% of the Dutch.

Neither the Bombay Parsi Punchayet nor the FPZAI had the guts to hold a referendum for the Parsees of India, whether they wanted to accept the World Body of “Zarathushtis”! In spite of that, at least 80% of the Parsee Irani Zoroastrians of India gave a resounding

*nahin-ji* to the IZO, which is obviously the brainchild of WZO and FEZANA, aided and abetted by a couple of BPP trustees.

Both France and the Netherlands have accepted the public verdict with grace, even though a head or two have rolled. Will the Chairman of the BPP, Mr. Minoo Shroff, follow suit and respect the overwhelming Parsee opinion against joining the World Body?

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## **Bandra’s Tata Agiary Porch To Be Knocked Down?**

“The Times of India” of 19th May, carried a disturbing report about the Mumbai Municipal Corporation’s plan to knock off the front porch of the 121-year-old Nusserwanji Ratanji Tata Agiary at Bandra, because it wants to widen the Hill Road.

Some of our readers may remember that in the nineteen eighties, the Batliwalla Agiary of Tardeo faced a similar situation. But, the devotees of the Agiary and the Trustees prevailed upon the Municipal authorities not to disturb the Agiary structure.

In this century, Lalbaug’s Wadia Agiary’s trustees received a similar intimation for broadening the road. Hilla Builders took over, themselves knocked down

the porch on the pretext that it was in a dilapidated condition and raised a monster that made the Agiary devotees wonder, if a BMC or a Bhatena hurricane had hit them!

Bandra’s Tata Agiary devotees along with the trustees should meet the concerned civic officials right away, and explain to them that in the case of a Parsee Fire Temple, the whole building housing the Holy Fire is consecrated. Therefore, dismantling any part of the building tantamounts to a sacrilege! The BMC did not acquire a portion of the St. Andrew’s Church in Bandra itself because the locals protested against removing an old cross and some graves.

# વટલાવવાનો સવાલ

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ફકરો ૧

પેગામ્બર જરથોશ્ત સાહેબ મિજલસમાં હાજર થનારાઓને કહે છે: અગરજો તમો મારી આએ વાએજી (જ્ઞાન) દીનનું ગોખીને તે પ્રમાણે જીંદગી ગુજરશો તો કોઈ ઠગારાના ધર્મ ના ખોટા ફટવાથી તમારી આએ અથવા મીનોઈ જેહાનની જીંદગી ખરાબ કરશો નહીં. પાણ બેઉ જેહાનનું સુખ હાસલ કરશો.

ગાથા અહુનવદ-હા-૩૩ ફકરો ૨

“જેઓ દુષ્ટ માણસોની સાથે લડત લડીને તેઓની બુરાઈનો અટકાવ કરે તથા લોકોને નીતિ તથા ભલાઈનો રસ્તો બતલાવે, તે દાદાર હોરમઝદને ખુશનુદ કરીને તેની ઉપરનો પોતાનો એતેકાદ મજબુત કરે છે.”

જ્યારે જ્યારે કોઈ પરકોમનાઓને વટલાવવાનો પ્રશ્ન ઊભો થયા કરે, ત્યારે ત્યારે મુખ્યત્વે કરીને જે તે કોમમાં ખોરેહનાં પાણ વિચાર કરવાની જરૂર છે. હલકાં મનસ વાળાં બદ ખોરહ પોતાની કોમના ખોરેહ ઉપર કાંઈ અસર કરશે કે કેમ એનો વિચાર પહેલે કરવો. અશુદ્ધ આચારવિચારવાળી છાયામાં ઉદ્ભવેલાં ખોરેહની ઝપટમાં પોતાની કોમ આવવાથી તે કોમ પાણ બગડશે. એ વાત માટે નીચલાં દ્રષ્ટાંત ઉપરથી વિચાર કરવાનો છે.

અગ્નિનો એક quintal જેટલો ઢગલો હોય અને બે quintal જેટલો આઈસનો ઢગલો પાસે હોય, તો તે આતશની ગરમી પેલા બરફના ઢગલાને થોડીવારમાં પીગળાવી નાખશે. પરંતુ જે બરફનો ઢગલો એક ton જેટલો હોય, અને તેની પાસે પાંચ શેર અગ્નિનો ઢગલો મૂક્યો હોય તો જરૂર તે આતશને ઠંડો પાડી દેશે. આ ધોરણે નીચલી યોનિમાં જન્મી, નઠારા સંસ્કારોમાં જ રચ્યાં પચ્યાં રહેનારાં પાપી લોકોના ખોરેહનો ગલીય ઢગલો, પોતાની કોમમાં થોડાં ઘણાં પવિત્ર ખોરેહને શરદ કરી નાખે કે નહીં તે પ્રથમ દરયાફતમાં લેવું જોઈએ.

રાત દિવસ વકીલોની છાયામાં ફરનારો એક ભોળો અસીલ પાણ પાકો વકીલ થઈ જાય છે. પારસી કોમમાં બચ્યાંને ધવાડવાવાળી આયા/દાયાઓ સાથે તેમનાજ ખોરહમાં રહેવા દીધાથી તે ખ્રિસ્તી આયા દાયાઓની છાયામાં પેલાં બચ્યાનો વિચાર આચાર પાણ તેવાજ થઈ જાય છે! નસીબનાં ઘડતરમા ખુદાના અમુક ફરેશ્તાઓ જેમ આપણા મા, બાપ, દેશ, જાન, તેમ માનસીક વલણ પાણ નક્કી કરે છે તેજ રીતે તેઓ અમુક દીનનો માર્ગ તેને ફાવશે. એ પાણ તેવા ધ્યાનમાં રાખે છે.

એટલે જન્મ પછી જે પેગામ (ધર્મ) સ્વિકારાયો હોય, તેમાંથીજ તેનું કલ્યાણ થશે એવું ધારીને તે જન્મ અપાય છે તેથી પેગામબરનો શીખવેલો માર્ગજ તેના અનુયાયી માટે ઉત્તમ છે.

વટલાવવું એ અશક્ય છે. પરંતુ પાપનો રસ્તો તજી સવાબી બન્શે!

કોઈ બિલકુલજ અધર્મી હોય તેના દીલમાં પોકલ ખાલીપણુજ હોય તેજ તે કોઈ અમુક માર્ગ પસંદ કરે! જેના જીગરમાં પોતાનો ધર્મ મુસ્તકીમ પાયો ધરાવતો હોય તે કદી તેને તજી શકેજ નહીં. પેલા ગેલીલ્યો, લ્યુથર જેવા માણસોએ નાપાયદાર માન્યતા સ્વિકારવા ઈન્કાર કીધેલો, તેમ દરેક જરથોશ્તીએ પોતાની અંતરની માન્યતા તપાસતા રહેવું જોઈએ.

ખ્રિસ્તી પાદરીઓએ હીન્દમાં જે વટલાવવાની વિશાળ કોશીશ કીધેલી તેની પાછળ માત્ર તેમનો સામાજીક કે આર્થીક દરજો વધારવાની લાલચ હતી. પરિણામે તેવા હઝારો કહેવાતા ખ્રિસ્તી ઓ આજે લંગર વીનાનાજ બન્યા છે.

આજે આપણી સંખ્યા એટલી તો ઓછી છે ને આપણું ધાર્મીક વર્તન એટલું જોખમાયુ છે કે પરજાતને આપણી કોમમાં લેવાથી આપણી ખુદ હસ્તીજ નાબુદ થવાનો સંભવ છે. તેથી આ દેશમાં આવ્યા પછી તદન જુદીન કે પરજાતને કોમમાં દખલ કરવા મુરબ્બી વડીલોએ ના પાડેલી. ભલે સંખ્યા નજીવી હોય પાણ તેની કાયનાત યકીનદારી તેમ નૈતીક ઉસ્તવારી રહે તે જોવાની ખાસ ફરજ છે. ધર્મ માત્ર દેખાડવાનો સ્વાંગ નથી. તે તો રોજીંદા વર્તનમાં દેખાઈ આવે એવો મક્કમ ખડક છે. તે દીલમાં એવો તો જડ નાખી રાખ્યો હોય કે તે કદી ઉખડે નહીં.

સંખ્યા પુશ્કળ હોય. તેવી પ્રજામાંથી પાણ કસોટી થાય ત્યારે ખુદાને ખ્યારા થોડાજ હોય તેવીજ મુથ્થીભર જરથોશ્તીઓએ હીન્દ આવી પોતાની કિર્તી ફેલાવી. તેઓ જે ચાહતે, તો આરબોની તલવારથી ડરીને દીન તજી દેતે. ખુદ જાદીરાણા સમક્ષ પારસીઓની ખાસીયતો સમજાવતાં તે રાજાને પાણ માન ઉપજ્યું! અકબર બાદશાહ સમક્ષ મહેરજી રાણા તેમ આઝર ક્યવાન જેવા અથોરનાન અને અષવન જરથોશ્તી રાહ સમજાવવા ફાવેલા પાણ આપણે કદી માત્ર સંખ્યા વધારવા ખાતર પરાઈ પ્રજાની લોહીની ભેલમભેલ થવા દીધી નહીં, તેમાં હડાપાણ હતું. તેથી પ્રથમ આપણી ઉઘરતી ઓલાદ ને સંભાળી લઈએ! મઝદક, માની, ખ્રિસ્તી, પાદરી, આરબો વગેરે અનેક જુદીન માન્યતા સામે દીન કેમ ટકી હશે?