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SATANIC FORCES OF THE 3rd KIND!

THE CONVERTS ARE COMING! THE CONVERTS ARE COMING!

Urgent Need For Traditional Parsees To Bury The Hatchet, Close Ranks & Unite!

You know, who the Satanic forces of the first kind are — Ahriman and his hordes. The second kind comprises those of our own community, who side with Ahriman.

But now, there is the third kind: total converts, who may have been Christian or Muslim at birth, but who, because of purely selfish motives — which may range from a persecution phobia to destroying the Parsee community, take the easier way out: they become "Zoroastrians", or, at least, they are deluded into believing so! Their overall 'guru' is a Muslim from Iran, now settled in California - Ali Akbar Jafarey. First, many years ago, Jafarey, who claims to be a pupil of Dr. Maneckji Dhalla of Karachi, "converted" himself and proclaimed himself a '*ratu*' (sic)! Then, he began to convert others, not by dozens, not by the scores, but by the hundreds!

Soon, deputy and sub-'Ratus' began to be appointed. A journal, and a "university" called "Spenta" (in Pune!!) came into existence! Of course, Jafarey being a non-Zoroastrian, could not differentiate between 'Spenta' and 'Angra'. Just as our local Kaiwan (Saturn) calls himself Berjis (Jupiter). In these times, **Angra** does masquerade as **Spenta**.

Through the years, Ali began to gather his disciples and admirers. His **modus operandi** was quite

simple: "If I can do away with priests, ceremonies, the spiritual disciplines and most of the scriptures of the traditional Zoroastrians, except the Gathas, I'll have a vast following. The youth, particularly, will be attracted to this ultra-simple form of the religion of that thinker, called Zoroaster. Not only that. I must prove that I haven't taken the title of **Ratu** or lord or chief in vain. So, I must show from time to time that even the Gathas require emendations and changes here and there. At last, I can somehow be like that Mazdak of the Sassanian times... Insha Ahura!"

And so it came to pass that in just about twenty-odd-years, Ali Akbar Jafarey began to have a large following — from lawyers, doctors, philosophers and teachers to self-appointed priests, pseudo-scholars and now, even total converts, like those from Latin America, Africa, (even) Iran and Scandinavia! Is there any country in the Northern Hemisphere that's left out?

Any wonder then that Jafarey has a field day playing the role of Mazdak, the "small Mazda" of the Sassanian times? But then, Mazdak (the original one) met his nemesis in Kobad's brother Jamasp (Mazdak enjoyed full patronage under Kobad) who took over the throne of Iran, and later in Khushro I (Noshirwan Adil), who finished off Mazdak! Today, Noshirwan Adil has still to come for the Muslim 'Mazdak'!

Danger Signals For The Parsees Of India

This whole exercise of "invoking" the latter-day Mazdak is to bring to the notice of our community, the emergence of the Satanic Forces of the 3rd kind: the latest disciples of Jafarey, the converts or the pseudo-Zoroastrians, who are not only proliferating, but like the converts towards the end of the Sassanian dynasty, who brought about the downfall of the mighty Zoroastrian Empire, the present Christian or Muslim converts are extremely dangerous to the very survival of the Parsee Zoroastrians of India and abroad, and the Mazdayasni Zarthoshti Deen!

For the first time, we bring before the community, samples of some of the messages exchanged by this extremely dangerous species.

First, meet **Kouroush Niknam**, also a "Ratu" (sic) from Iran. Nicknam (or Namcheen, if you like), who is a school teacher, was given a seat as an M.P. in the Iranian Parliament after "a long battle". Then came his "Ph.D." degree in ancient religions. From where? From the notorious "Angra" University in Pune. Kouroush got this "doctorate" by correspondence course!! Soon "Dr." Nicknam became an "expert in Gathas". He *"heads a Horbodan (teachers of Zoroastrian religion), funded by some donor from the West, where over 20 young 'Zoroastrians' (?) are trained to be teachers and torch-bearers (!?) of Zoroastrian religion in the future"*. (May the Good Lord help and keep us!)

Then, starts the Jafareyiani **fatwas**: "Zoroastrians no longer pray five times a day. Two times a day seems sufficient", says Niknam. He "is steadfast in renouncing useless (sic) traditions. He calls himself manager, mobed, ratu and teacher at times". (Easy, Niknam!)

Niknam "is a member of Iran Mobed Council and was awarded a Mobedyar (assistant mobed) certificate. However, he proclaimed himself a Full Mobed, as he no longer sees the traditional Zoroastrian priesthood path valid [**Guru-Shishya parampara, what?!**] In a recent swear-in of Tehran Anjuman executive board, a position reserved for Mobed Mobedan (the highest priest) by Anjuman by-laws, Niknam took over to swear in the new members." [**No wonder, Iran has**

more than one lakh fifty thousand Zoroastrians!]

In an interview in an Iranian magazine, *Khaneh va Khanevadeh*, this Jafarian Niknam issued another of his *fatwa*: "Zoroastrian sacred places in Iran are nothing but superstitious. Pir Sabz and other pilgrimage places were invented by those ignorant of the fact that Yazdegard Shah died in early age and could not have had daughters who disappeared in those mountains". May be, this Namcheen, sorry, Niknam, will throw some of his dim light on the tradition surrounding Mount Daemavand, in future?

Readers may recall that FEZANA, which played a dominant role in preparing the Constitution of the proposed World Body of "Zoroastrians", left the definition of a 'Zoroastrian' or a 'Zarthoshti', undecided. That, of course, was a deliberate strategy to get out of a tight situation, in that, if there was even a slight error, both the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe and the Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumans of India might have had second thoughts on joining the World Body. So, Firdosh Mehta, FEZANA's president, conveniently postponed giving the definition.

But, Firdosh Mehta & Co., had not reckoned with one of their own kin, Jehan Bagli, the President of the North American Mobed Council (NAMC). In a message sent out on 5th January, 2005, Bagli wrote, among other things, that, at the 13th Annual General Meeting of the NAMC in 2000 A.D., the following resolution was passed with one abstention - that honorable abstention being that of the then NAMC President, Ervad Jal Birdy, who quit the Council thereafter.

The resolution, which defined a "Zoroastrian", which was published in the FEZANA Journal (Summer 2000) itself, read: "Parsi is a race. Zoroastrianism is a religion. The term 'Parsi' applies to the descendants of the original migrants who left Iran to settle in India to preserve the Zoroastrian Religion: a 'Parsi' is a person **born of both Parsi parents** who has an inalienable right to practice the Zoroastrian religion. A 'Zoroastrian' is a person who believes and follows the teaching of Zoroaster. It is recognised that 'Zoroastrianism' is a universal religion. It is further recognised that a Zoroastrian is not necessarily a Parsi".

Bagli says that, "this was an effort of several dedicated mobeds who spent precious hours of serious discussion before this was achieved, to tear through the traditional **synonymity of a Parsi and a Zarathushti**". Chiding FEZANA and its President Firdosh Mehta, Bagli wrote: "It is invariably chronicled that NAMC should act to lead the community in North America. However something as fundamental as a question of **definition of a Zarathushti** has been overlooked and *ad nauseam* the discussion continues".

From the above, one thing is clear: in North America, just until four years ago, even the NAMC had acknowledged that Parsi and Zarathushti are synonymous terms!

Bagli's mail was welcomed by Dina McIntyre, another admirer and follower of Jafarey. She wrote: "My sincere respect and admiration to the NAMC for taking this **courageous** step of defining who is a Zoroastrian". She then asks, "Does this mean that any mobed in North America will do the navjote of anyone who wishes to become a Zoroastrian, after that person has studied and knows what s/he needs to know about the religion...?"

To which Bagli replied: "The resolution **ipso facto** does, IN THEORY suggest that performance of Navjote of a knowledgeable and sincere individual can be performed. "However, NAMC has left the decision of this nature "to the conscientious CHOICE of Individual Mobed".

But one Parviz Varjavand, also a staunch Jafarian went some steps further. He wrote to Dina: "No, Dina. It (NAMC resolution) means that anybody claiming to be following Zoroaster in any manner, shape or form, must be considered a Zoroastrian and included in all events Zoroastrian. No talks of Navjote or who is qualified to do it here".

North American Zoroastrian Congress or "FEZANA Congress"

In the last week of December 2004, the North American Zoroastrian Congress was held in California. Around that time, the Vice-President of FEZANA resigned.

In this North American Congress, it seems persons belonging to two groups read out papers. One is, what

the American "Zoroastrians" (AMZOR) call "the traditionals", like the Parsee Zarthoshtis and the other is of course, the AMZOR, who enjoy calling themselves "the liberals"! The mail exchanged among these so-called "liberals" is at once entertaining and edifying!

One such mail is from Arman Ariane of Los Angeles, who attended the Congress. He wrote revealingly: "... the Liberals are now in great majority and there were no Traditionalists to be seen... On the 'Interfaith marriage' panel, one of the speakers was supposed to give the Traditionalist's point of view, but he expressed his concern about being attacked by chairs flying at him from the audience... I was also quite surprised when the audience applauded and approved a young girl's comment that being a Zarthoshti is not in having a Navjot, wearing Sudreh and Kushti, studying the scripture or becoming a Mobed, but in good thoughts, words and deeds ONLY..."

To this lengthy communication, another convert and a sworn disciple of Jafarey, Rebecca Cann complained that Jafarey was not allowed to attend, nor were his books allowed to be sold. She and others requested the organisers to have an open discussion on conversion and let the pro-conversion groups attend...

Arman Ariane then consoles Rebecca, by proclaiming: "The long old war between the Traditionalists and the Liberals has ended. The community in general is no longer interested in opening up the old wounds, but in search of new avenues to find unity... I am just sharing my experience and observations with you. **I am a Convert and Zoroastrian fundamentalist...**" "There were many people with your views at the congress, **as a matter of fact there were not-born Zoroastrian Westerners who were in charge. Conversion is a resolved issue in North America.**"

To cap all this, came the letter of that "hamdin ron" or Ronald Delavega. Notice how this Christian convert invokes the name of our Iranian Prophet to suit his purpose. "The fact is, that there is a cancer of clannishness and fear, let alone of ignorance, prejudice and arrogance in the body politic of the so-called Liberal Establishment among Zoroastrians", he wrote.

"I believe it's about time we face up to these facts and do something about them. It is unconscionable to

mouth platitudes about Universality and Unity, and then sell our souls, and Zarathushtra's teachings, to the enemies of choice. Everything that those of us who favour Acceptance, in agreement with Zarathushtra himself (!) are struggling every-day to build, is being undermined by gutless, politically correct leadership..."

"A few hundred years ago, under pressure from racist doctrines, economic motives and fear of persecution, some of our leaders betrayed the CARDINAL principle of Zarathushtra's teaching, namely, its UNIVERSALITY. Are we today in the 21st Century in the Freest Continent on Earth... going to betray this principle again? Or are we going to say, once and for all time, no to bigotry, no to wrong and yes to Zarathushtra? With whom will you stand... with Zarathushtra or with those that deny Mazda given rights to fellow human beings?"

"What would Zarathushtra do?"

Yes, indeed dear reader, what would your and my Prophet do, if wayward Christians and Muslims gatecrash into our sacred Mazdayasni Deen, brazenly twist and distort our sacred Scriptures and have the temerity to tell us

where to get off? The height of profanity and blasphemy!

It is these juddeenrons, Rebeccas, Arianes, Onaldo Pereiras, Jose Abreaus, etc. etc., who will ultimately join Keki Gandhi/Minoo R. Shroff's World Body of "Zoroastrians", if, at all, it materialises! The likes of Firdosh Mehta, D.K. Tamboly, Rummy Sethna and Dorab Mistry will just be shoved aside in no time, so that the "World Body of 'Zoroastrians'" will be in the complete control of Christians and Muslims who masquerade as Zarthushtis!!

So, What Do We Do?

The first and most important step is for all traditional/orthodox Mazdayasni, Parsee/Irani Zarthostis to UNITE, sinking all their differences, closing their ranks and burying their over-bloated egos!!

If and when we succeed in doing that, the next step is to prepare a fool-proof scheme to protect our consecrated religious institutions – **Atash Behrams, Agiaries and Dakhmas.**

If that too materialises, we have to stop seeing mirages about any World Body in our plate of Dhanshakh!

Mr. Minoo Shroff Replies To The Parsee Voice's Reminder

[Readers will recall our letter of the 21st November, 2004, to the BPP Chairman requesting him for a public discussion on the "World Body" between any two of their representatives and any two of ours. As there was no reply for a month, we published our letter in Vol. II 7 & 8 (our last issue). We also wrote a reminder this year, to which Mr. Shroff has replied as under:]

January 10, 2005

The Editor
The Parsee Voice

Dear Sir,

This is to acknowledge yours of January 3, 2005 which was received while I was abroad.

In my four decades of experience of presiding at public meetings, I have never experienced such unruly behaviour. What was most disconcerting was that such conduct emanated from representatives of a community which justifiably prides itself of its qualities of civility, dignity and tolerance. The disruption was manifestly pre-conceived and well orchestrated. As you were not present

at Ahmedabad you would not know firsthand what actually transpired. Further it is a great pity that no remorse has been expressed by those who engineered this commotion.

This issue has been discussed on several occasions at the previous Federation Meetings as also in smaller groups, in one of which you were also present. I believe that as minds are made up to stymie the formation of the proposed World Body, no useful purpose will be served in having an open debate officially with the representatives of the Federation/BPP.

Yours truly,
Sd/-
MINOO SHROFF

(Editor's Comments: I am thankful to Mr. Shroff for his belated reply. Instead of replying to our offer, he has straight away launched a tirade against some of those who attended the last Federation meeting at Ahmedabad! Let us make one hard fact very clear, not only to our readers, but to those who, since the Federation meeting, have made a song and dance about the so-called "hooliganism", "rowdyism", etc. First of all, Mr. Shroff and those vested interests who wrote absolute crap in the Parsee press, made it appear as if the so-called "unruly behaviour" lasted for all of the two days that the Federation meeting lasted!! That is a blatant lie. The audio tapes that some of us heard carefully indicate that for just about 10 minutes, at one point, on the first day, there was a commotion. This arose because my old orthodox friend and colleague, Nari Mogrelia, who after migrating to Chennai and becoming the president of the Madras Parsi Anjuman has changed his colours radically, said, without any provocation, something to the effect that, "Insha Allah!" His Madras Anjuman was the best of all, because of the "liberal" (sic) approach towards Parsee women who have married outside the fold.

This irked the boys attending from Surat, who **spontaneously** rushed to Mogrelia and shouted at him! May be, next time, Mr. Shroff, you should advise him to say, "Insha Ahura!" as your comrade-in-arms on the World Body, Firdosh Mehta, said with relish in England, last July, when you were present! The so-called disruption was definitely neither "pre-conceived" nor "well-orchestrated".

Mr. Shroff, you say that, "In my four decades of experience of presiding at public meetings... etc." Surely,

you have been present at umpteen annual general meetings, where, at times, the shareholders rushed to the dais and did not even allow the meeting to continue? Secondly, if as alleged, the Ahmedabad meeting was so rowdy throughout, what prevented you, as the President of the Federation and Mr. Keki Gandhi, as the Secretary, either to ask the "rowdy" elements to leave or wind up the meeting itself? On the contrary, the meeting, as is evident from the audio cassettes, went on very smoothly for the two days, with every speaker getting his/her turn!

If I may strike a personal note, Mr. Shroff, I have been in Parsee public life also for nearly four decades and what I have never seen or experienced is a BPP trustee who is so adamant and recalcitrant that even when the Parsee community, the majority of the Anjumans and some of us have repeatedly appealed to and requested him not to join the proposed "World Body" and he, in turn, has assured us repeatedly that if it's not for Parsee Zoroastrians, "we won't join", he turns a blind eye and a deaf ear to all that, and worse still, goes back on his word!

Mr. Shroff, put one hand on your heart and tell us, how many times have you or your colleagues told the Anjumans at the Federation Meetings that the "World Body" will **not** be **only** of Parsee Zoroastrians, but that anyone professing(?) to be a Zoroastrian will be its members? It is precisely because people like me wish "to stymie the formation of the proposed World Body", and persons like you who still wish to go ahead, steamrolling the voice of the majority, that **The Parsee Voice**, had requested for a public debate. You have spurned even that offer! A pity!

– Editor

SNIPPETS :

(1) A Marwadi Instead Of A Mobed!

This may sound straight from Ripley's "Believe It or Not": A marwadi man is staying atop a small building bang next to the Dadyseth Atash Behram! The structure just adjacent to the rear well is meant for practising mobeds. But it seems that the trustees of the Dadyseth Charity Trust have given "tenancy rights" to one Ervad Tehmasp Mogal, who, though an advocate, also dabbles in construction activity. He has recently permitted a young marwadi, who is one of the employees in the construction business to stay there!! In other words, where a mobed is supposed to stay, a juddin has been brought in by some of our own people! We request enterprising Parsee lawyers to take up this matter of the flagrant violation of the objects of the Trust Deed!

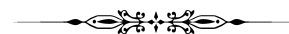
(2) More Headaches For Udvada Anjuman

In our last issue, it was stated that the smooth-operating

BPP trustee had mentioned at the Ahmedabad Federation meet that, the FDU will go ahead with its plans in Udvada.

Well, now it seems, it has already started intruding, albeit by remote control! The latest Tata (now Infomedia) Yellow Pages directory (Mumbai 2004-2005) has this entry on Page 16, under the heading, "Tourist Section" and sub-heading, "**Dahanu-Bordi**": "**Dahanu is a quiet seaside town with a sprawling, uncluttered beach situated in Thane District. A little away from Dahanu is Udwada, which is the Mecca of Zoroastrians. A large beautiful temple (sic) houses their sacred fire.**"

Pray, what happened to "Bordi" and even Nargol, which have virgin beaches? Why jump straight from Dahanu in Maharashtra to Udvada in Gujarat? Dasturji Peshotan Dastur Hormazdyar Mirza has just six months, as President of the Udvada Anjuman, to clean the Augean stables and ensure that FDU's ghost does not stalk our holy town in future. Will he please get pro-active even now?



Now 49 Anjumans Question FPZAI's Decision To Join The World Body Of 'Zoroastrians'

It is indeed shocking and shameful that even after a month-and-a-half has passed after the last meeting of the Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumans of India (FPZAI) held in Ahmedabad on the 18th and 19th December, 2004, neither the Federation, not its lifeblood, the Bombay Parsi Punchayet has taken any steps to withdraw from the precipice of self-destruction, namely, pulling out of the proposed World Body of 'Zoroastrians'.

Today, 49 out of 69 Anjuman-members of the Federation have questioned its stand of deciding to join a global organisation, which will also have total converts and non-Zoroastrian "spouses" as members!

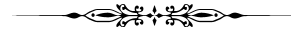
At the request of some of our readers, we give the names of the 49 Anjumans, who are not satisfied with the explanations given by the FPZAI and the BPP:

Ahmedabad, Akola, Ankleshwar, Badnera, Bardoli, Baroda, Belgaum, Bhagwa, Bhatha, Bhesan, Bhopal, Billimora, Borivali, Chikhli, Dahanu, Daman-Vapi, Davier, Devlali, Dumas, Godavra, Jabalpur, Jalgaon, Jhansi, Kanpur, Karanj, Khergaon, Kudiana, Lucknow, Mahuva, Mhow, Nagpur, Nargol, Navsari, Neemuch, Olpad, Panchgani, Pune, Ratlam, Salsette, Saronda, Secunderabad/Hyderabad, Solapur, Surat-Nanpura, Surat Punchayet Board, Surat-Rustompura, Suvali, Valsad, Vizagapatnam, and Vyara-Songadh.

Instead of respecting the majority opinion and acting accordingly, both the FPZAI and the BPP are deliberately dragging their feet and trying to wean away some of the Anjumans from their original stand, by false propoganda through their mouth-piece, Jam-e-Jamshed Weekly, which has, by now, lost all credibility with the majority of the Parsee community :

It is now the duty of Mumbai's Parsees, in general, and the Anjuman Committee/Electoral College in particular, to ask the BPP trustees to withdraw completely from the proposed World Body.

We caution our readers and the community, not to get carried away by any false propoganda and crumbs thrown from the dining table by some smooth operators and sweet talkers, that an umpteen new draft of the constitution of the World Body is being prepared, where "adequate safeguards will be provided"! This is absolute nonsense! It is such people, who have no faith whatsoever in our only Protector and Saviour at present, Holy Iranshah and the *Pav Mahal*, who will definitely preserve and save us, till the new *Raenidar* comes!



The "Universality" Of The Zoroastrian Religion & Haft Keshvar Zameen

The neo-converts or the pseudo-Zoroastrians referred to in our lead article in this issue, glibly talk of the "universality" of the Zoroastrian religion to justify their stand.

Two questions arise: Is the Zoroastrian religion really universal? and, if yes, what is the exact meaning and interpretation of the word 'Universal' in this context?

The answer to the first question is, "yes!" The Zoroastrian religion is a universal one, but not at all in the way the converts make it out to be!

It's universality has to be understood in two ways:

(1) The 21 **Nasks** of the Prophet covered all the laws and truths obtaining in all the planes and dimensions of the Universe. As one of our scholars, Ervad Phiroze S. Masani very aptly put it: "Zoroastrian Law is universal in as much as it is the law which teaches all the laws of life for the emancipation of the soul out of the physical vesture, which imprisons it and dwarfs its powers and it is the Law which is the Greatest, the Best, the most Excellent of all the laws that were ever taught about the evolution of the soul" (**Yasna Ha 12**).

In **Fargard** (Chapter) 5 of the **Vendidad**, the **universal character** of the Religion is picturesquely depicted. There it is stated that the **Mazdayasnan** Law as taught by Zarathushtra is greater in size, beauty and excellence than any other Law just as the 'Sea Vourukasha' is greater than all other 'seas' or just as a big tree covers all the smaller ones, or just as the sky covers the entire earth round."

Thus, in one sense, the universality of the Zoroastrian Religion is to be understood from the point of view of its all-encompassing vastness and greatness.

(2) The second way in which the "universal" aspect it to be viewed is from the standpoint of its **universal efficacy** resulting from the observance of all its tenets by its adherents. The laws and canons inculcated in the 21 **Nasks** by the Prophet are the original Laws of Nature in obedience to which the multifarious activities in Nature are carried on. When a Zoroastrian attunes himself with Nature, that is, remains parallel with the functions of Nature, he observes all the laws and disciplines of his religion. **The effect of this extends all over the earth as it rotates on its axis and revolves in space.** As you must have guessed, the "Law of Vibrations" (**Staota**) is at the root of it all.

To illustrate, a consecrated Atash Behram or an Adaran has the powerful propensity to spread the holy, benevolent currents and forces of Nature that it is capable of attracting, all round, spreading over vast areas. These blessed currents benefit not only the Zoroastrians but all others living in that area, **provided the Fire Temple's purity and sanctity are properly preserved.** Thus, it is the nature of the observance of the tenets of the Zoroastrian Religion and **not** the mere number of nominal adherents that marks it out as universal **in its effect.**

This universal character of the Zoroastrian Religion can by no stretch of imagination be taken to imply proselytism or conversion of any person from another faith.

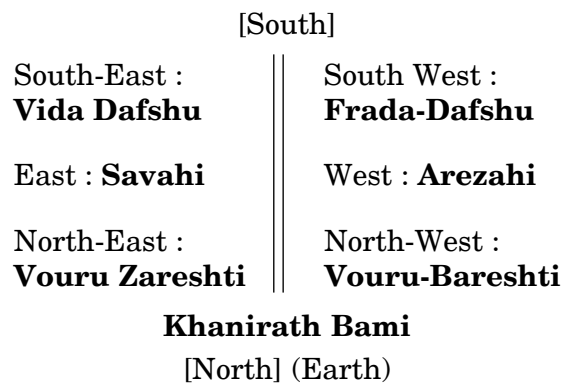
Haft Keshvar Zameen: In the *Kerfeh Mozda* prayer and at the end of every *Nyash* and *Yasht*, there is a reference to **Haft Keshvar Zameen** or the 7 *Keshvars*. The term **Keshvar** is mentioned in Avesta as *Karshvare*. This Avesta word is derived from the root **Karesh** = to draw the circle. Thus, **Keshvar** implies a circular, spherical region. The names of the 7 **Keshvars** are mentioned in the **Meher Yasht**.

Just as some protagonists of conversion, a hundred years ago, considered these **Keshvars** to be the seven continents, so also, of late, some fuddy-duddy writers in Jam-e-Jamshed Weekly keep repeating this 100-year-old blunder! As if, our Prophet had come as the Messenger of Ahura Mazda, to teach us geography!!

Which continent or region of our earth is "circular"? Again, the term **Karshvare** is so derived, because, out of the seven, the six super-ethereal **Keshvars** are lustrous orbs, where reside emancipated souls. The 7th **Keshvar** is the terrestrial **Kanirath Bami**. According to **Bundahishn** 11.1 and Yasna 11.7, **Khanirath Bami** is the centre. It is referred to as *Madémé Thrishvé* = the central one-third. This one-third is the *Awi-Thrishwa* referred to in the Fravardin Yasht, indicating the whole ice-bound Arctic region, which is circular in its latitudinal belt, unlike the countries/continents of the physical world.

Therefore, *Madémé Thrishvé*, means the 1/3rd part of the terrestrial world, which is in the centre. Centre of what?

The following illustration will give you an idea of the 7 *Keshvars*.



Thus, the terrestrial **Khanirath Bami** (which is centrally located) is entirely different from the other six **Keshvars**, which are not on earth, but located far above, in the super-ethereal heights!

One writer has aptly likened the 6 **Keshvars** to "a six-armed expanded umbrella of a parachute, the outer ends of the six arms representing the six **Keshvars** and the pendant earthly globe as the parachutist".



આનું નામ તે હદહદતો કળિયુગ!

મોબેદની જગ્યા પર મારવાડી!!

પાક દાદીશેઠ આતશબહેરામ પર ફરીથી તવાઈ!

દેખ તમાશા મઝહબકા! હજી તો ગયા જુન મહિનામાં જેમતેમ પાક દાદીશેઠ આતશબહેરામની સામેના ઈતિહાસીક “દાદીશેઠ હાઉસ”ના મકાનને બચાવી લેવામાં આવ્યું હતું, તેટલાં એક બીજા સનાનનાં સમાચાર આવ્યા છે.

દાદીશેઠ આતશબહેરામનાં પાછલા ભાગમાં જે કૂવો છે, તેની લગભગ અડોઅડ એક નાનું માળવાળું મકાન છે, જ્યાં અસલ પહેલો માળ નહિં હતો. ત્યાં આગળ રાંધણી હતી જ્યાં ક્રિયાકામ માટે દરૂન, ચીટ્યા, વિ. દાદીશેઠ આતશબહેરામનાં મોબેદ સાહેબો માટે બનાવવામાં આવતા હતાં. આ નાના મકાનની સામે જે એક બંગલી છે, જ્યાં પાવીઓ પણ છે, ત્યાં બહેશત બહેરેક મોબેદ સાહેબ બેહરામજી ઉનવાલા પોતાને ત્યાંનાં ક્રિયાકામ કરતા હતા.

ત્યાર પછી એમ જાણવા મળે છે કે એ ઈબ્રાહમગાહ રૂસ્તમજી મોગલ અને એમનાં કુટુંબીઓને સોંપવામાં આવી. ક્રિયાકામ ત્યાં ચાલુ રહ્યાં. પેલી રાંધણીવાળાં મકાનમાં એક માળ ચઢાવવામાં આવ્યો. ત્યાં એરવદ રૂસ્તમજીનાં એક બેટા, એરવદ તેહમારુપ મોગલનાં એક સગા, એરવદ નાદર પંથકી (જેઓ પણ થોડો વખત અગાઉ ગુજર પામ્યા તેઓને) આ ઉપલો માળ રહેવા માટે આપ્યો હતો. એરવદ પંથકીએ વર્ષો સુધી દાદીશેઠ આતશબહેરામમાં હુશમોરદી ક્રિયાઓ કરી હતી.

હવે જ્યારે આ માળ ઉપરનો રૂમ થોડાક વર્ષોથી બંધ પડ્યો હતો, ત્યારે જાણવા પ્રમાણે, એરવદ તેહમારુપ મોગલ, જેઓ

વ્યવસાયે એક વકીલ છે, તેઓએ આજ ઓરડામાં એક જુદીન ભાઈ, જેઓ મારવાડી છે, તેઓને ત્યાં આગળ કેટલાક અઠવાડિયાથી રાખ્યા છે! આ જવાન મારવાડી જે ફક્ત પોતાની કૂવા આગળની બારીમાંથી બહાર જુએ તો બરાબર નીચેજ કોઈ જરથોશ્તી અદવીસુર ન્યાએશ કરતા નજરે પડે!!

દાદીશેઠ આતશબહેરામનું આ ઘૂંટું મકાન તો દાદીશેઠ ચેરિટી ટ્રસ્ટનાં હસ્તક છે, તો પછી...

મૂળમાં મૂળ સવાલ તો એ ઊભો થાય છે કે ટ્રસ્ટનું આ નાનું મકાન, દાદીશેઠ ચેરિટી ટ્રસ્ટનાં ટ્રસ્ટીઓએ “ટ્રેનન્સી રાઈટ” તરીકે શ્રી તેહમારુપ મોગલ, વિ. ને કયા કાયદા હેઠળ આપ્યું? અમારી સમજ મુજબ તો આવું પગલું ટ્રસ્ટનાં કાયદા અને ટ્રસ્ટ ડીડનું ખુલ્લું ઉલ્લંઘન, અને breach of trust છે! અને તે ઓછું હોય તેમ શ્રી તેહમારુપ મોગલે, આ મારવાડી ભાઈને આ ટ્રસ્ટનાં મકાનમાં, આતશબહેરામ પાદશાહની આટલી નજદીકમાં, રહેવા માટે સગવડ કરી આપી? આ તો મોબેદ માટેની રહેવાની જગ્યા છે, ત્યાં મારવાડી કેમ રહેવા લાગ્યો? કોઈ પૂછનાર પરછનાર કે ધનધનધોરી છે કે નહિં?

અમો શ્રી તેહમારુપ મોગલને અરજ કર્યે છીએ કે આ જુદીન ભાઈ ભલે તમારા કોઈ કન્સટ્રક્શનનાં કામને લગતા હોય, પણ તેઓથી આ જગ્યામાં બિલકુલ રહી શકાયજ નહિં, અને તેને ત્યાંથી તાબડતોબ ખાલી કરાવવોજ જોઈએ!

હવે ૬૯ માંથી ૪૯ અંજુમનો

ફેડરેશન ઑફ પારસી જરથોશ્તી અંજુમન્ઝ ઑફ ઈન્ડિયાને પડકાર ફેંકે છે!

હિંદની લગભગ ૭૦ ટકા પારસી અંજુમનોએ હવે મુંબઈની પારસી પંચાયત અને ફેડરેશનને સાફ જણાવી દીધું છે કે જ્યાં સુધી પારસી-જરથોશ્તીઓનું “વર્લ્ડ બોડી” ઊભું થઈ શકે નહિં, અને જ્યાં સુધી તેઓનાં સવાલોનાં સંતોષકારક જવાબો મળે નહિં,

ત્યાં સુધી તેઓ કોઈ પણ “વર્લ્ડ બોડી” માં જોડાવા માંગતા નથી! તો શું હજી પણ “ના, હું તો ગાઈશ”ની અક્કડ વલણજ આ ફેડરેશન અને મુંબઈની પારસી પંચાયત, પોતાના અહમને સંતોષવા, અખાવ્યા કરશે?!