

# THIS HUMBLE PARSI PUKAR ENTERS ITS SECOND YEAR.

## A REVIEW OF THE WITHERING TIMES ON THE PLANET EARTH

One Year in the life of this humble Parsi Pukar has flashed away. Humanity has sunk further down in the pit of devil. The Parsi Community has drifted further away from its Daena-e-Zarathoshti. Bells of extinction are ringing for both.

There is a set pattern to the history of our Mother-Earth. It revolves into cycles. Numerous cycles have passed. The age of the Earth, as presently constituted, is unimaginably long-billions and billions of years.

The present cycle began about 14000 years back from to-day. Gayomard was its first man, who heard the Teachings of Ahura Mazda, as Farvardin Yashta (Kardeh 24) declares. The cycle began with the Mazdayasni's of the Mazdayasni Daena. Just imagine, the history of the cycle begins with Parsis. Firdosi's Shah-Nameh begins with Gayomard. Four thousand years since Gayomard was the period of wars and battles between Mazdayasni's and Daevayasni's. The former adopted the ways ordained by Ahura Mazda; the latter, the ways of the evil destructive forces, which were bent upon leading the humanity away from Him.

Then arrived Asho Zarathushtra, who defeated and subdued the Daevayasni and a golden era began, where the humans knew who they are, why are they here, what is their 'minoi' (divine, spiritual) aim and what are they required to do to, attain the aim.

More than 9000 years have gone since Asho Zarathushtra extended His auspicious steps on the Earth. Other great Religions (Daenao') arrived. All along, the flow of time has followed a pattern. The humans have fluctuated between the Good and the Evil. Religion and materialism tussled with each other. One prevailed over the other at different periods. The 'cow' and the 'wolf' within man went on battling with each other. **Whenever the 'cow' had the upper hand, the humans followed their respective Religions. Service, Selflessness and love prevailed on the human psyche. And during such periods the Zarathushtrian Daena flourished; Parsi empires ruled.**

Whenever the humans shrank from humanity, the Zarathushtrian Daena faced heavy obstacles. Its frame tended to shrink. About 1300 years ago, the Parsi empire fell. The Daena was contracted and confined to a small group of about a lakh of humans in India. For 1200 years they endeavored, against great odds, to preserve their Daena and its minoi Institutions like Sudreh Kushti, Atash-Kedeh, Dokhma, Yasna, Manthra, Boonak-pasbani. Then the infidel 19th century arrived. The humans revolted against God. They thought, they have understood all the mechanical laws of nature. As. St. Paul puts it so beautifully, **"Although they knew God, they did not honour Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of immortal God for images resembling mortal man or birds or animals or reptiles"**.

Darwins and Dawkins did this to the life on earth, and Newton and Hawkins, to the mater. Righteousness evaporated; morals died; love was replaced by hatred; utter selfishness prevailed ..... And following the historical pattern, Zarathushtrian Daena also shrank.

### Whither Parsis?

Parsis were swept away by the faithlessness of the 19th century Western thinking and the so called "Critical studies" of their Religion emanating from it. They provided easy handles to forget the way of life, to preserve which their ancestors arrived on the holy land of Bharata.

On entering the second year of its existence, this humble **Parsi Pukar** ventures to review the **present state of the humanity and our Community**. As the design of history directs, both are shrinking. But the same design also indicates that there is Hope. The cycle will revert, but the state of affairs is so vile and corrupt and immoral and wicked and diseased that nothing less than a divine intervention can save the humans and the Parsis. (You now know the equation).

With that Hope and the prayer that may the divine intervention occur soon, let us have a swift look at the human hospital and a very very Parsi ward in it.

## Destination Disaster

The humans on the planet earth are on the brink of disaster. They are caught up in a passionate urge to run after sensual pleasures brought to them by their much puffed up 'science and technology'. They are dragged away from the fundamental rules of life ordained by God and taught to them by His Prophets, Messengers, Sages, Seers and Saints.

Greed, ego and selfishness are so rampant that their eyes do not flicker in adopting the cruelest methods of oppressing, tyrannizing, tormenting and killing their own species.

The rich become richer at the cost of the poor, who become poorer and poorer. For example, 43 developing nations finished the 1980s poorer than they were at the beginning of the decade. To be rich means to be overfed and have numerous technological gadgets to enjoy sensual pleasures and weapons to kill their own kind - in short to be Godless faithless, ruthless. To be poor means to be killed not only by starvation but also by fatal diseases emanating from the industrial "progress and development" of the rich and by the missiles, nuclear and biological, from their arsenals.

The poor die by starvation, the rich, by the diseases of being overfed. **Around the world, between 700 million and 1 billion people live in absolute poverty**, so says the World Bank's estimate. And poverty means mal-nutrition and disease.

## The Beef Tyranny

The food of the rich is mainly BEEF and meat. And they manage to be overfed by a horrible beef-culture, which deliberately starve the poor. **70 percent of the grain produced by agricultural sector in USA is fed to cattle in order to give richer meat to the rich, says their own Department of Agriculture. Worldwide, one-third of the planet's production of grain is being fed to cattle and other live stock, for the benefit of the beef-industry of the rich, while a billion people suffer from chronic hunger and malnutrition - 500 million in South and East Asia; 160 million in Africa!** About 20 million die each year around the world from hunger and related diseases. The toll is heaviest on the children. In 'developing' countries, **60 percent of all childhood death are from malnutrition.** All over the world, the number children dying of malnutrition is 15 Million a year! Ask the rich "Which would you choose - feeding people or feeding live stock?" He replies - he has already replied and acted on it - "you crazy? Of course, the 'live stock! We have to feed our dear children". (Freedom of Choice?) And how are the children of the rich fed? They are overfed. They became fat and then they go on dieting! Because they now want to reduce their weight and increase their sexual "beauty" or "handsomeness". **Half of all fourth grade girls diet; 63% of all high school girls in USA are on diet; girls spend an average of eleven weeks a year on dieting,** says E.D. Rothlum in Journal of Physiology - January 1990. Children as young as 5 are preoccupied 'to take off these bloody extra pounds.' One Dr. William Feldman wrote "one young girl broke into tears when her mother asked her to go for a swim. She said she looked fat in the swim suit. In fact her weight was normal for her height!"

## The Dome of Oppression

Hamburger, a dome-shaped huge beef sandwich, is the symbol of the rich starving the poor. **When an American opens his mouth wide like a crocodile to thrust in a hamburger, he eats away 6 square yards of jungle, which has been put down to-make it a graze land for cattle destroying 165 pound of living matter viz species of plants insects, birds, mammals.** By the time he gobbles the full sandwich, a few children have died of starvation or malnutrition somewhere else on the globe.

Here is another invasion of satan on the humans. Trees are vital for life. But forests are uprooted for grazelands or industries. The serene scent of flowers and trees is replaced by the sour smell of chemicals. The species of plants and insects are forced out of the globe. The uprooting and burning of forests release methane, and carbon dioxide, the greenhouse gases, responsible for global warming. The oxygen cycles are distributed. We do not have clean air to breathe.

## The Poison Breath

Everytime we breathe, we take in invisible stream of gases, particles, microbes, pollen, dust, smog, car exhausts, ozone, cigarette smoke all the gifts of our "developing and progressing" civilisation. They lead to asthma, which to-day is a growing menace, and hits the children and youth under 18th the most. **From 1982 to 1993 the percentage of asthma has risen from 3.5 to 5.3 in adults and 4 to 7.2 in below 18.**

## **Microbes Are Winning!**

Satan induces humans to boast that they have conquered many diseases. A pathetic illusion! Malaria has come back with a bang. Now there are 5 kinds of malaria! Of these, the urban malaria' is most fatal - with its parasite P-falciparum. **In India the malaria cases are recorded at 2.5 million per year, and malaria deaths are increasing every year.** There is a persistent war between "**Man and Microbes**", and microbes are winning, so proves Arno Kamel in his excellently documented book bearing that title (G.P. Puntam's Sons 1995). "We are in a golden biomedical era", Satan told the humans; 'We have conquered most of the diseases.'" But by 1990, it seemed that for each disease conquered, another had emerged or reemerged. The dream of the Utopia of health has been smashed. Kamel has given a list of 28 new diseases, which appeared between 1951 and 1993. AIDS (1981) is just an insignificant one of the 28. He has given another list of 14 diseases which have revived and come back after previously having been localised, limited, or controlled. Both the lists are stated to be "partial"! **According to world Health Report 1996, infectious and parasitic diseases killed about 17 million people in 1995, of which 9 million were children. TB claimed 3 million lives, malaria, 2.7 million.** All this is either man-made or man-mismanaged.

### **What has this dwarf of a human done to Mother Earth's bounties?**

Take only one-water. A conference "*On Human Settlements*" was held in Istanbul on June 3 to 14 1996. It was called 'Habitat II'. The main issue was the rising population and urban planning. Water emerged as an important topic. **More than a billion people on the globe do not have access to safe drinking water.** Further, most of the world's largest cities do not treat their waste water effectively. At many places, the poor has to pay more price for water than the rich. Another global conference is to be held on August 4 to 9, 1996 at Stockholm to focus the world's attention on the rapid deterioration of global water resources. Not oil, but water can be the cause of future wars.

## **Crime Pays**

Moral and spiritual values have crashed disastrously. The world is in the grip of heinous crimes and the criminals are winning. Nuclear arms and drug trades, computer crimes, child snatching for their organs, worldwide pornography and prostitution, terrorism are some of the crimes which have enwrapped the globe. A bomb can explode anywhere - from the Olympic village at Atlanta to your own street and on an innocent village.

Science has stopped its search for truth, and is now exclusively after the gadgets of sensual pleasures and weapons of destruction.

This tale of woe is unending. The state of affairs is irreversible. The warming globe cannot cool down. Microbes are becoming stronger than man. Crime has gone too far to revert. Hatred and greed have an accelerating pace. Humans are approaching their doomsday. There is no scope for running back.

**BUT there is a Mother Teresa walking on this earth - a living miracle. Virgin Mother Mary still gives her appearances. There exist a Ramkrishna Mission and the Yogoda Institute and Edgar Cayce Foundation. So there is Hope - not that the humanity will turn Godly overnight, but that the saviours of all Religions will arrive. Their task to awaken the humans from their Satanic wheel will be easy if they just neutralise all electricity on the globe.** (This idea was depicted in a film of 1950s: "Day the Earth Stood Still"). All the gadgets of greed can stop working. The nuclear power stations can come to a grinding halt. All weapons can become useless. Jain Sadhus say, electricity is violence. Let the violence end....by the Saviours' mantra.

What about we the Parsis? As humanity shrinks, Zarthoshti Daena shrinks. Let us have a look on the shrinking Parsis.

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