

**"SEQUEL TO ESSENTIALS OF ZOROASTRIANISM"
PUBLICATON OF A NEW BOOK WRITTEN BY
DR. FRAMROZE CHINIWALLA.**

**KHSHNOOM CAN CLARIFY MANY DOUBTS AND CONFUSIONS OF
WESTERN STUDIES.**

6th August 2002 was the 40th death Anniversary day of Baheshta Bereh Dr. Saheb Framroze Sohrabji Chiniwalla. An important event in the field of Khshnoomic writings occurred on that day. At this Baj function held on that day at Mehella Patel Agiary, his nephew, Advocate Sohrab Chiniwalla added to the vast literature on Khshnoom another authentic book written by Dr. Framroze. This was under the auspices of the Zarthoshti IIm-e-Khshnoom Felavnari Committee, which was established through the efforts of the late Jehangir Vimadalal, the then doyne of "orthodoxy" (as defined and understood then) as early as in 1930. The present book of 6-8-2002 is however different from the numerous books written by Framroze. It is in English. Its title is "A Sequel To Essentials of Zoroastrianism", and is only the second book of the author in English. All other books of Dr. Saheb Framroze, spread over thousands of pages, are in Gujerati. As the title suggests, it is a sequel to "Essential Origins of Zoroastrianism," his first and till now the only English book, which was published in 1942 by the Parsi Vegetarian and Temperance Society. That 1942 book had the sub-title : **"Some Glimpses of the Mazdayasni Zarthoshti Daen in its Original Native Light of Khshnoom - the Original Native Exposition of the Daena - mentioned in the Gathas - with Special Reference to HUMATA, HUKHTA, HVARSHTA."** That was a book of 356 pages, with a chronological page-wise "Contents", running into 38 pages. The contents indicated a list of 450 matters contained in the rest of 300 pages of the book. The present 2002-book is a sequel to the 1942 book; yet, it can well be read independently of the 1942-book which is very difficult to get. The subject matters are arranged independently of the 1942-book. It is, in fact, an elaboration, explanation and expansion - of the matters contained in the 1942-book Dr. Saheb wrote this "Sequel" in 1951.

To enable you, my dear reader, to appreciate the present book, let me quote the words of the erudite scholar and Khshnoomist Ervad Saheb Phiroze Masani, written in his Introduction to the 1942-book, which apply equally well to the 2002-book.

"The object of this book is to show to all students of comparative religions that there is an esoteric side of the study of religion and especially to the students of the Zoroastrian religion. That the Avesta Manthra is not a common language of social intercourse but is composed of Staota (Vibration - colours) Yasna (laws of attunement with higher Yazatic forces) is very well thrashed out by the author while referring to the subject of *Nasks*. The deep undertaking ideas (*Razeng*) of these Manthra must be learnt in order to enable the thought force of the reciter to flow along with the word-vibrations. But the present mode of study does not allow this to be practicable." (page 10 of the "Introduction" of 1942-book by Ervad Saheb Phiroze Masani).

In the 2002 'Sequel' book Dr. Saheb Framroze writes in his Foreward :

"This small book containing some main features of the Mazdayasni Zarathusthti Daen will be of use to a novice. It will furnish some knowledge about the religion. The mere materialistic view point does not help much, as that view is common in all religions; hence no special mark of demarcation can be drawn by it. It is the spiritual aspect only which gives a vivid picture as it ought to be. Such an aspect can only be given by the knowledge called Khshnoom (knowledge giving exhilaration and joy both to body and soul. The present day study of religion from the 'Western point of view' is all materialistic which is **entirely innocent of the esoteric view point of the religion.**"

Khshnoom is the key to all the doubts, guessworks, speculations, scholarly confusions and inconsistent personal opinions and ambiguities, swarming and bristling in the Western studies. I do not say this with any disrespect to those studies. As Dr. Framroze points out, they are ENTIRELY INNOCENT of the esoteric, occult and mystical roots of all Religions including the Zarathoshti Daena. They are not to be blamed for this;

their thinking and upbringing is devoid of any spiritual frame of mind. Their culture is immersed in Newton, Darwin, Spencer, Descartes-ian conceptions and perceptions. Although the whole of 20th century was a bombardment on those 3 dimensional discoveries of modern science, the western studies of our Religion stick to them.

The great example, amongst us, of this phenomenon is Prof. Kaikhushroo Irani of U.S.A., who is reported to be a historian of science and yet he bases his notions about Religion on the 19th century antiquated science! There are some 'scholars' who even oppose the esoteric and mystical foundations of Religion, which is its sine qua non ("without which not") - the essence, the crux, the life-blood of any Religion.

No Religion can be without its spiritual and mystical bedrock. Every Religion has its own Mysticism. Hindu has several kinds of 'Yoga's. Islam has sufism. Jews have Kabalah. Christians have Gnosticism, so Zarthoshti Din has Khshnoom.

Many seekers of Religious knowledge in our community are tired of the confusing and inconsistent 'opinions' pompously fired like big clouds of smoke by the scholars. That leads the honest inquirers to other Religions and their spiritual and mystical contents. They are not to be blamed.

Here is, then, an exposition of Ilm-e-Khshnoom, the spiritual foundation of the Zarathoshti Din.

As Dr. Framroze says, in his Foreword of the '2002 - Sequel' :

"The mist of much glooming misrepresentation hangs around the horizon of Western Study, which can be **much clarified** by the original native study called Khshnoom [Beatific Knowledge remembered in Gatha's more than once with the urgent prayer that it may come to light and serve humanity clearing their minds and hearts of the Satanic promptings.]"

Mind! The author does not say, throw away these Western Studies. He says, Khshnoom can clear up all the dense fog of these Studies. Throughout all his writings, Dr. Framroze Chiniwalla has referred to the grammar and philology of the Western Studies and cleared up their doubts and confusions through the sparkling Light of Khshnoom. You can Well call many of his expositions as "the Western Study in the Light of Khshnoom."

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Let us have a glimpse of some of the important contents of the present book.

1. Mazdayasani Daen, Zarathoshti Daen and other great Religions.
2. Nasks and Manthra.
3. Rules of Zarathoshti daily life.
4. Significance of Sudra Kushti
5. Tarikat and Moral principles.
6. Atash Beheram, Adran, Dadgah.
7. Existence of Saheb Delaan – Beheramshah Shroff.
8. Geh, Gahambar, Zarthoshti Calendars.
9. Ahramazda and His Duality.
10. Dokhm-e-nashini.
11. Cosmogogenesis - History of Creation, Time, Hasti, Nisti, Earth, Man.
12. Zarathoshti Priesthood.
13. Yasna - Kriya-kaam.
14. Constitution of a human - Vasi of 50 door.

15. Chakhras.
16. 2244 Mountains in Zamyad Yasht.
17. Vendidad.
18. The riddle of Khaetvodeth.
19. Thwash - Three Parts of Human Journey on the Earth and back.
20. Life after death.
21. Tanasakh and Tanpasin - Reincarnation and Freedom from the physical body.

Khshnoom, like all Mysticism, is a Science. It includes the inherent facts, events, incidents, and machinery which exist and operate in Nature. They are beyond our mind, awareness and consciousness. Khshnoom, therefore, like all worldly sciences has numerous technical terms; they occur in Avesta Scriptures and Paharvi writings. They require to be deciphered to understand their meaning, purport and message. Khshnoom terms can fill up a huge dictionary and marathon encyclopedia. You must not therefore expect simple and all comprehensible matters in it. It deals with Nature beyond our observable universe. Therefore they contain more technical terms than worldly sciences like physics, biology, psychology, psychic phenomena. Religion is the vast Mystical Science of all Sciences. It takes us further from the point where the modern science stops and ends; and it is its First Principle that our consciousness can expand to experience the mystical realms of Nature, if we follow the Path prescribed by the Religion in which we are born.

Dr. Saheb's book is, therefore, a Scientific Treatise with practical rules and lessons to lead our life on earth and to march towards Ahura. You have to read it and try to digest it with strenuous exertion - and unflinching faith. Remember, Intellect leads to Faith. It comes to its journey's end at a point, when it automatically and on its own points its finger towards Faith.

This humble Magazine requests our Scholar Dastoor to lead their eyes to Khshnoom. This book will greatly help them in entering into this Divine Garden of the colourful flowers of Truth. This your humble writer knows that some scholar Dastoor are already ready to receive Khshnoom, but have some hesitation arising out of their immersion in the Western Study. Khshnoom does not oppose that study, please note. It clarifies, elaborates, enlightens that study.

Those who are already the readers of Khshnoom are going to go into ecstasy while reading this book.

The cost for bringing out the book has come to around Rs. 500/-. But the generosity of Sohrab Chiniwalla and the IIm-e-Khshnoom Felavnari Committee, has prompted them to keep the selling price at Rs. 200/- only. It is a book printed on 225 pages, having the size 11" x8". You may inquire about it on any Saturday evening between 6 and 7, at Mehella Patel Agiary, Avabai Petit Street, off. Balaram Street, Mumbai. Those outside Mumbai may please inquire with Dini-Avaz Committee, P.O. Box No. 2093, Kalbadevi Post Office, Mumbai 400 002.

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