

## **THE INTERNET BLASPHEMIES OF THE PARSI RELIGION**

### **What is Their Origin and How to Combat them?**

Mr. Porus Havewala is reporting since last two years, the malicious campaign carried on, the internet, against our Daena and its holy Scriptures, and divine Institutions, by a handful of ignoramuses. This international blasphemy has three main focal points :

- (i) Desecration of the holy Vendidad, a Manthric Scripture constituting a vital part of our "Kriya-kaam" (loosely called rituals);
- (ii) Satanic gibberish about homo-sex and bisex;
- (iii) The babbles of one Ali Jafri, a self-interested Muslim, who with great hollow pomposity displays his stark ignorance on every point that he touches.

In fact, the whole of that internet tamasha is nothing but naked ignorance, utter lack of thinking and a senseless chatter, all intended to justify those ignoramuses' own indisciplined, irreligious and faithless way of life.

It is natural that the faithful Parsis are thoroughly annoyed and disgusted at these insults of their Religion. Their feelings are seriously hurt. As a lawyer I have no doubt that these insult mongers can be brought to book, at law. But unfortunately we Parsis are too lethargic to move in that direction. We have no organisation to drag them to the houses of law and justice. People like Porus Havewala, Temton Adenwala and their colleagues staying out of India are trying hard to combat this internet onslaught on our Religion and they deserve our ardent acclamation.

I have however a question to ask.

What is the first origin of these flimsy, superficial, naive, ignorant, materialistic, non-spiritual, atheistic and satanic ideas? Who is ultimately responsible and chargeable for these blasphemies? Who is at the root of it?

It is none other than the Western Studies of our Religion, and more than them those Parsis, scholars and non-scholars, who were (and are) lured and enamoured by those studies.

It is true that the Western scholars worked awfully hard on our Scriptures. They tried to generate a grammar of Avesta based on Sanskrit. They tried to understand the meanings of the scriptures. There were, however, serious limits and constraints inherent in their attempts. They were nurtured into the "Scientific" thinking of the 19th century. That thinking was basically materialistic and even athiestic. The then paradigm was that the human mind was capable of revealing and comprehending all the laws of Nature and their mechanisms. All mysticism, spiritualism and even devotion and Religion were branded as psychological disturbances and superstitions. The Western translations and interpretations of our Scriptures were therefore totally devoid of any mysticism and higher sciences which traverse and exist beyond the consciousness of ordinary non-saintly humans. The Cartesian - Newtonian - Darwinian paradigm had dismissed God. Therefore, in the Western Studies of our Scriptures, God was only on sufferance. He had to be there, because this was after all a study of an ancient religion of the "pastoral age".

Zoroaster was a farmer tilling by primitive agricultural methods and a shepherd grazing his cattle. Somehow he caught hold of the idea of God..... Thus, these studies are confined only to philological, etymological, historical, and geographical guess works and speculations.

It is, therefore, obvious that such dry studies can never comprehend, in their wildest dream, the spiritual and mystical foundation, which is the sine-qua-non of any Religion. Our Scriptures and for that matter the holy Scriptures of any Religion - require a deciphering code, as the sages and saints of all Religions point out. The words : Cow and horse, farm and farmer, fire and water, have much more profound significance than their ordinary meanings.

The Western studies have therefore, miserably failed to throw any light on our Religion and our spiritual Institutions and way of life.

And they have now led to the internet blasphemy.

Please mind, I am not exaggerating at all.

Did not the French Scholar Baron Harlez blaspheme against the Vendidad by saying to the effect that Vendidad was some old document containing several muddled matters; that the 1st Fargard (chapter) created hatred between countries; the 3rd contained childish and ridiculous matters, and the lawyer therein tried to prevent the then nomads from having an immoral life; that the fargard 10 had some foreign paras thrust in; that the 13th had some curious description of some animals; 19th was a mumbo Jumbo.... and so on? If you read Hariez and believe him, you will not be very far from calling Vendidad by the names as on the internet (See Porus Havewala's article on page 14 of Jame Jamshed of 4-5-97).

### **The Mystical Content of Vendidad**

All that "critically scholarly" discussion of Harlez on Vendidad displays his total inability to read and decipher this Scripture as a holy Book of Religion. Vendidad in its 22 Fargard's develops several mystical themes relating to several Truths, like Time Cycles; Evolution of earth and man on earth; Frashogard the ultimate dissolution of evil in man and in the world; the role of Asho Zarathushtra in bringing the Frashogard nearer and nearer; His teachings regarding sins, punishment and Karma, and a host of other inter connected truths and themes in a breath taking chain, which only the 'Tavil' can reveal. (Tavil means the science of deciphering the mystical meanings of a Scripture).

The mystical truths and themes of Vendidad are deciphered by the late Faramroz Chiniwalla, the Master of Ilm-e-Khshnoom, in his Gujerati book on Vendidad. He has at the end of his commentary on each Faragard summarised the ridiculous readings of Harlez and refuted them.

**What I want to convey humbly to my friends, who want to combat the internet blasphemies is that you would not be able to present any effective refutation, if you rely on the Western scholars and their Parsi satellites. Ilm-e-Khshnoom is the one and only weapon which can defeat the ignoramuses of the internet most effectively. It has in its arsenal, weapons which range from most ancient to most modern. Its translations and 'tavil' present an amazingly holistic and consistent depiction. It can**

**totally expose the pompous ignorance of Ali Jafry. It can set the real truth-seekers thinking, and generate faith in them.**

### **Scriptures are "Manthra"s**

There is one more vital aspect of our Holy Scriptures which has been totally lost sight of by the Western Studies. A Scripture is primarily and manifestly a composition of 'Manthra' - 'Mantra's. Manthra is a combination of sacred words impregnated with spiritual power and energy. The utterance or recitation of Manthra has certain spiritual effect within the personality of the reciter as also out in Nature. The whole of our Parsi religious life since numerous centuries is founded on Manthra. Our prayers, rites, 'Kriyakam' are all Manthric compositions. And the truth that Manthra has certain mystical or spiritual or divine effect is most emphatically established by Vendidad itself.

The Varasia - White bull's Nirang-urine, after passing through the marathon Nirangdin ceremony, wherein the whole of Vendidad along with Yazashney and Visperad are recited, does not decay for several years, (The number of years it remains fresh depends on the Ashoi i.e. purity of the performing priests). This was declared to be an extraordinary and inexplicable phenomenon by an eminent English bacteriologist, Dr. Saunders who analysed two specimens of such Nirang, one six months old and the other six years old, and found them free of bacteria. His report as given to Dr. Sohrab Kutar of London was published in Parsiana magazine of May 1969 and Jame Jamshed of 5-6-1969. "This is astonishing" wrote Dr. Saunders, "I have never seen anything like this in all my long professional life."

This one event is adequate to crumble the whole of the cardboard house of the Western paradigms and the ignorant fads based on them. Numerous other such miracles about the effect of Manthra prayers are experienced by the Parsis since ages and some of them are recorded. But those who are firmly entangled in the materialistic and faithless way of life, deliberately keep their eyes closed, howsoever strong the flash of truth may be; and people like Ali Jafrey thrive on their ignorance. Theirs is a blind faith based on blind thinking or no thinking at all.

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