

Weekly Zoroastrian Scripture Extract # 110 – Dadar Ahura Mazda selects Zarathushtra to spread HIS Religion in this world - Ahunavaiti Gatha Yasna 29 Verses 8 - 9

Hello all Tele Class friends:

In the first Ahunavaiti Gatha of our Prophet Zarathushtra, Yasna 28 – 34, the second Ha (chapter) Yasna 29 covers an amazing first ever celestial drama between the soul of Mother Earth, Dadar Ahura Mazda, Asha Vahishta, Vohu Mana, and Zarathushtra!

It starts off with Mother Earth complaining to Ahura Mazda about all the evil perpetrated on her and she asks fervently to HIM to send a mighty warrior king to defeat these evil people and bring peace and prosperity to Mother Earth.

Dadar Ahura Mazda after a thought asks Asha if he knows anyone that we can send to help out Mother Earth. Asha had no such person in mind and stated that Ahura Mazda knows all in the past, present and future and he would abide by HIS decision.

Ahura Mazda turns to Vohu Mana with the same question and he had no answer also.

Finally Ahura Mazda speaks and states HIS choice which is covered in Verse 8 below.

After hearing HIS choice of Zarathushtra, Mother Earth was in distress and stated that she asked for a mighty warrior king who would strong handedly defeat all the evil on the Earth and bring Peace and Prosperity. This is covered in Verse 9 below.

Next week, in WZSE #111, we will cover the final 2 verses of this Yasna 29 Verses 10 - 11.

So today, we will cover Verses 8-9 from Yasna 29:

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(Please hear the [attached .mp3 file](#) for the recitation of Yasna 29 Verse 8-9)

**(8) Aêm môi idaa vistô ye ne aêvô saasnaao gushataa
Zarathushtrô Spitaamô; hvô ne Mazdaa vashti ashaaichaa.
Charekerethraa sraavayenghê hyat hôi hudemêm dyaai vakhedhrahya.**

**(9) Atchaa Géush Urvaa raôstaa yé anaéshém khshaanméné raadém,
Vaachém nerésh asûrahya yém aa vasemî îshaa-khshathrém,
Kadaa yavaa hvô anghat yé hôi dadat zastavat avô.**

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Ahura Mazda continued:

**(8) “The only one who has listened to our command is well known to me.
He is the holy Zarathustra Spitama.
He is the only person who is eager to proclaim through his songs of praise
The path of truthfulness.
Therefore sweetness of speech shall be granted to him.”**

**(9) Thereupon, the Soul of Mother Earth bewailed
“Should I accept the support of a feeble man and listen to his words?”**

**In fact, I desired the aids of a strong and mighty king.
When shall such a person arise and bring strong handed succor to me?"**

(From *Translation of Gathas the Holy Song of Zarathustra, from Persian into English* by Mobed Firouz Azargoshasb, March 1988, San Diego, California.)

SPD Explanation:

1. Yasna 29 presents a drama, even celestial at that, which may be the first recorded in the human history!

2. There is a strong difference of opinions among scholars about the correct place of Yasna 29. Taraporewalla and Khabardar claim that this should be the first song of the Ahunavaiti Gatha followed by Yasna 28 and then 30.

They state that the subject of Yasna 29 heralding the choice of Zarathushtra as Ahura Mazda's Prophet should start the Ahunavaiti Gatha and its last Verse 11 dove tails nicely with the first verse of Yasna 28 and last verse of Yasna 28 dove tails nicely with Yasna 30 Verses 2 – 3.

Most scholars keep these two chapters where they are.

3. Another difference of opinion by some more scholars is who is saying last 2 verses of Yasna 29 which we will cover next week. Most of them attribute them to Zarathushtra himself. Others to Mother Earth.

May the Flame of Fellowship, Love, Charity and Respect for all burn ever eternal in our hearts so we can do HIS work with humility, diligence and eternal enthusiasm!

Atha Janyaat, Yatha Aafrinaamahi! (May it be so as we wish!)

Love and Tandoorasti, Soli