

Weekly Zoroastrian Scripture Extract # 142 – Dadar Ahura Mazda's last 22 of the 52 More Names from Hormazd Yasht - Verses 14 - 15

Hello all Tele Class friends:

The idea for presenting the 52 names of Dadar Ahura Mazda from Hormazd Yasht came to me when I was reviewing the ZAF Children Class PowerPoint slides. They were sent to me for review and suggestions by our very hard working and dedicated Religious Class Teachers, Jasmin Deboo and Rashna Dastur Gee. They created the slides to teach our children 101 Names of Dadar Ahura Mazda.

In order to help them learn some of these 101 Names, they cleverly created 6 major categories like **All Knowledgeable, Creator of All, Bestower of Wishes**, etc. and assign applicable Names from 101 Names to these categories so that the children can remember them easily. I want to congratulate them for their creative thoughts and thank them for spending their time in teaching our ZAF children.

In last weekly #141, we presented first 30 of the 52 more names of Dadar Ahura Mazda from Hormazd Yasht.

In today's weekly, we will present the rest of the 52 names.

I apologize for repeating the following presented in our previous weeklies #16 and #17 almost 2 1/2 years ago in August/September 2013.

But they have closed connections with the next two weeklies and so here it goes:

Vakhshur-e-Vakhshuraan Zarathushtra Spitamaan, our prophet, composed his 5 Gathas in 17 Chapters, as songs.

In many of his songs, he has a dialog going between him and Dadar Ahura Mazda in form of Questions and Answers; however, Zarathushtra's questions in Gathas were never answered by Ahura Mazda; instead, Zarathushtra uses his Vohu Mana, good mind, and with the help of Asha – truth, righteousness, love, etc. – figures out his own answers. This is quite a unique dialog in that respect.

Later composers of our scriptures like Yasna, Yashts and Vendidad used the same form of dialog between Zarathushtra and Ahura Mazda to lend their compositions credibility.

However, in this case, all Zarathushtra's questions are answered by Ahura Mazda, a quite distinct difference from the Gathas.

The most prominent of these compositions is our first Yasht, Hormazd Yasht, naturally dedicated to Dadar Ahura Mazda.

Dr. Purviz Kolsawala in his thesis mentions:

“The Ahura Mazda Yasht is exclusively devoted to an enumeration of the names of Ahura Mazda and to a laudation of their virtues and efficacy. The recitation of these names is the best defense against all danger. It appears that the subject of the names of Ahura Mazda and their efficacy appears to be dealt twice, from paragraphs 1-11 and from 12-19.”

He further states:

“Dasturji Khurshed Dabu believed that this Yasht was composed to sing praises of the Creator and to show how effective the recital of His names is. Dasturji Dabu also believed that each Name in this Yasht is full of deep philosophical meaning on which one could meditate. However he was not sure whether simple repetition of His names alone could give material wealth. There is no mention of continuously reciting His names (say 101 times) in this Yasht. Although God is Impersonal and without Shape, it is impossible to know Him, without assigning attributes to Him.”

He then presents his opinion as follows:

“All of these Holy Names are based on some quality or virtue inherent in our conception of Ahura Mazda. Thus, constantly chanting His name establishes in our sub-conscious mind and psyche the quality and virtue indicated by that particular Name and it becomes a part of our inner life. We thus become more pure and keen to lead a holy, righteous life. This is the power and efficacy of Maanthra Spenta or Beneficent Maanthras.”

So, in our previous weeklies #16 and #17, we presented the dialog between Zarathushtra and Dadar Ahura Mazda in which Zarathushtra asks Ahura Mazda which are the Maanthras to ward off all Evils?

To which Ahura Mazda replies: “Our names, Oh Holy Zarathushtra! The names of us 7 Ameshaaspands!”

He then gives 20 names of HIM which we covered in our [weeklies #16](#) and [#17](#) at:

<http://www.avesta.org/wzse/wzse16.pdf>

<http://www.avesta.org/wzse/wzse17.pdf>

In the later part of Hormazd Yasht, Dadar Ahura Mazda gives 52 more names of HIM and we presented first 30 names in last weekly #141.

So, here are the 22 additional names of Dadar Ahura Mazda from Hormazd Yasht, Verses 14 –15.

**Please note that I numbered these 52 names sequentially just to make it easy to connect the Avesta sentences with their English translations.**

## **Dadar Ahura Mazda's 52 More Names from Hormazd Yasht - Verses 12 - 13**

**(Please hear the attached .mp3 file for the recitation of all 52 names)**

- (14) 31. Adhavish naama ahmi; = 31. I am the Non-Deceiver by name;  
32. Vidhavish naama ahmi; = 32. I am Far from Deceit by name;  
33. Paiti-paayush naama ahmi; = 33. I am the Perfect Protector by name;  
34. Tbaesho-taurvaao naama ahmi; = 34. I am the Subduer of Foes by name;  
35. Hathravana naama ahmi; = 35. I am the Conqueror at one stroke by name;  
36. Vispavana naama ahmi; = 36. I am the Conqueror of all by name;  
37. Vispatash naama ahmi; = 37. I am the Architect of the Universe by name;  
38. Vispa-khvaathra naama ahmi; = 38. I am the Universal Light by name;  
39. Pouro-khvaathra naama ahmi; = 39. I am the Light Eternal by name;  
40. Khvaathravaao naama ahmi; = 40. I am the Lord of Light by name;
- (15) 41. Verezi-saoka naama ahmi; = 41. I am the Brilliant in Action by name;  
42. Verezi-savaao naama ahmi; = 42. I am the Mighty in Action by name;  
43. Sevi naama ahmi; = 43. I am the Beneficent by name;  
44. Suraaao naama ahmi; = 44. I am the Valiant by name;  
45. Sevishta naama ahmi; = 45. I am the Most Beneficent by name;  
46. Asha naama ahmi; = 46. I am the Righteous by name;  
47. Bereza naama ahmi; = 47. I am the Exalted by name;  
48. Khshathraya naama ahmi; = 48. I am the Sovereign by name;  
49. Khshathrayo-temo naama ahmi; = 49. I am the Most Powerful Sovereign by name;  
50. Hudhaanush naama ahmi; = 50. I am the Wise by name;  
51. Hudhaanush-temo naama ahmi; = 51. I am the Wisest of the Wise by name;  
52. Duraeh-suka naama ahmi; = 52. I am the Far Sighted by name;  
Taaoscha imaaao naamenish! = Such are these My Names!

(From [Ervad Kangaji Khordeh Avesta Baa Maaeni](#) translated in English, Dr. I. J.

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## SPD Explanation:

1. Most of us are very familiar with the 101 Names of Dadar Ahura Mazda which we are enjoined to pray after our Kusti prayers.

Please note that these 101 names are in Pazand language and were composed much later.

We covered them in our weeklies #100 and #101 at:

<http://www.avesta.org/wzse/wzse100.pdf>

<http://www.avesta.org/wzse/wzse101.pdf>

Most of us do not know these  $20 + 52 = 72$  names in original Avesta in Hormazd Yasht.

2. I am sure there are many Avesta names translated in Pazand in our 101 names. e.g.

83. **Fashutanaa** = Eternal protector-increaser.

24. **Iyaanah** = Protector of the world.

are similar to :

33. **Paiti-paayush naama ahmi;** = I am the Perfect Protector by name;

Also:

45. **A-farefah** = Undeceiving.

46. **Be-farefah** = Undeceived.

are similar to:

31. **Adhavish naama ahmi;** = I am the Non-Deceiver by name;

32. **Vidhavish naama ahmi;** = I am Far from Deceit by name;

And so on.

**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 Jamyat, Yatha Aafrinaamahi! (May it be so as we wish!)**

Love and Tandoorasti, Soli