

WZSE – Weekly Zoroastrian Scripture Extract # 35.

Hello all Tele Class friends:

Gatha Vahishtoisht, Yasna Ha 53, means Best Wishes!

It is the 5th and final Gatha of Vakhshur-e-Vakhshuraan Zarathustra Spitamaan.

Dr. Purviz Kolsawalla, in his Thesis, Kolsawalla CD, Page 931, states:

“This Gatha is the culmination of the epic saga of Zarathustra's divine mission on this earth. After the initial trials and tribulations, he had finally succeeded in spreading his message to entire humanity. People who had initially opposed him, had learnt the sublime beauty of his message and had whole heartedly accepted the principles of the Good Conscience. His disciples were doing a yeoman's work in spreading his message and now he felt that his earthly mission was drawing to an end. He further encouraged them to continue with the good work and his admonitions apply to his followers even today as it applied to his immediate disciples in the distant past.”

So today, we will present the first verse of this Vahishtoisht Gatha, Yasna 53.1:

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Vahishtaa ishtish sraavî

Zarathushtrahé Spitaamaahyaa

Yezî hoi daat aayaptaa,

Ashaat hachaa Ahurô Mazdaaô

Yavoi vispaai aa hvanghevîm;

Yaechaa hoi daben sashkenchaa

Daenayaaô vanghûyaaô ukhdhaa shyaothanaachaa. (Recite twice).

Vahishtoisht Gatha, Yasna 53.1 Translation:

Every wish of the prophet Zarathustra Spitama have been fulfilled in the best possible manner and Ahura Mazda, the Lord of Life and Wisdom,

has granted him the best blessings: a happy, prosperous and holy life through Eternity. Even those who have opposed him have learnt to pay him reverence and follow the good religion in every word and action.

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

SPD Comments:

The second half of this chapter deals with the subject of marriage. Zarathustra gave his blessings to the marriage of his youngest daughter Pouruchisti and Jaamaaspa Hvogava who ultimately became his successor.

This last Gatha is followed by Yasna Ha 54, Aa Airyemaa Ishyo – The Brotherhood of Mankind. We will present these two verses in our next two weekly quotes.

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