

# **Weekly Zoroastrian Scripture Extract # 303: Hom Yazata dethroned Keresानी bragging against Mobeds - Hom Yasht Large - Yasna 9 - Verse 24**

Hello all Tele Class friends:

## **Sad Passing away of Mehrangiz Mehraban Firouzgary**

It is with extreme sadness Jo Ann and I received the sad news of passing away of Baanoo Mehrangiz, dear wife of our own Dasturji Mobed Mehraban Firouzgary in Tehran on February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019.

Our NAMC President Arda-e-Viraf Meherhomji wrote:

“Dear Respected Dasturji Mehraban Firozgary,

May Ahura Mazda bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. Please accept our sincere condolences.

North American Mobeds Council(NAMC) is here for you, please don't hesitate to reach out, especially during this difficult time.

Love,

Arda Minocherhomjee

President, NAMC”

May her soul rest in Garo Demana - The House of Songs!

## **Propagation of the Holy Zoroastrian Religion in Olden Times**

There is a continuous debate going on to determine whether in olden times, our Holy Zoroastrian Religion was propagated by our Mobeds. A direct reference to this propagation was presented in our previous WZSE #225 at: <http://www.avesta.org/wzse/wzse225.pdf>

from Yasna Haptanghaaiti – Yasna 42 - Verse 6 (Moti Haptan Yasht – Karda 8 – Verse 6).

It states:

“We praise the advent of the Athornaans, who go to distant places desiring to promote purity of the countries.”

Kangaji in the footnote of page 189 says:

“Its significance appears to be that those Athornaans who go to other countries for the propagation of the holy Zoroastrian Religion may return safe after being fully successful in their good mission.”

This is the direct reference about the evangelical efforts by our Athornans to spread our religion in olden times!

An oblique reference for the propagation is in Yasna 9.24 as regards Hom Yazata (please see below).

## **Hom Yasht Large – Yasna 9 – 10 and Yasna 11**

In our last WZSE #302, we presented the meeting between Hom Yazata and Zarathushtra from Yasna 9.

This meeting is continued in Yasna 9, 10 and 11.

In this WZSE #302, we presented some background about Haoma plant, the Yasna ritual of creating Haoma juice and elevation of Haoma to a Yazata – Hom Yazata and Dasturji Dhalla's statement about Hom Yazata.

In the rest of Yasna 9 – 11, Hom Yazata talks about 4 people who praised him and in return got illustrious sons, Zarathushtra being one of them and various benefits accrued to people who worship Hom Yazata.

## **Hom Yazata dethroned Keresani bragging against Mobeds**

In Yasna 9, Hom Yazata is said to dethrone a very proud King Keresani, who bragged that no Mobeds will be allowed to propagate Zoroastrian Religion in his kingdom.

So here is this Verse 24 Yasna 9:

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[\(Please hear the attached .mp3 file for its recitation\)](#)

(24) Haomo temchit yim kersanim apa-khshathrem nishaadhayat,

Yo raosta khshathro-kaamaya.

Yo davata noit meh apaam aathrava aiwishtish veredhyeh

Danghava charaat, ho vispeh varedhanaam vanaat,

ni vispeh varedhanaam janaat.

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(24) Hom dethroned him who was Keresani by removing from sovereignty,

Who was swelled up in his ambition for sovereign power.

Keresani during the period of his sovereignty bragged with pride:

Never henceforth in my land shall any Aathravan, teacher move about for propagating

**Zoroastrian Religion, because he will destroy the whole of my increase,  
And he will ruin the whole of my prosperity.**

(Translation from [Kangaji – English Khordeh Avesta – Hom Yasht Large – Pages 343 - 344](#))

## **SPD Comments**

1. This is another reference from olden Avesta about the propagation of the Holy Zoroastrian Religion.
2. In the above verse, it is noted that Aathravans (Mobeds) were going to various countries in olden times, teaching and propagating the Zoroastrian Religion.
3. In Ferdowsi's *Shahnameh*, Hom Yazata appears as a hermit, dweller of the mountains, incredibly strong. He binds evil *Afraasiaab* (Avestan: "the fell Turaanian *Frangrasyaan*", *Yasna*11.7) with the sacred girdle, and drags him from deep within the earth (named the *hankana* in Avestan, *hang-e-Afraasiaab* in middle Persian) where *Afraasiaab* has his "metal-encircled" kingdom that is immune to mortal attack. King Kai Khushroo then killed *Afraasiaab* who murdered his father Kai Siaavux.  
(<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haoma>)

**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!**

**In HIS service 24/7!**

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

Love and Tandoorasti, Soli