

Thurs, 10 Jan, Opening at Cusrow Baugh

Destur Nawrooz D. Minochehr-Harji (Fasli Agiary) recites 5 short opening prayers:  
(1) Ahuna Vairiya, (2) Yaanim Mane, (3) Yasna 28: ahya qassa ney-mang-baa (standing in homage, beseech for protee inner light, righteous deeds, guidance of wisdom I can bring help, hope + joy → all sentient beings, (4) yey vaao Asha ... offer my cadences → the Asha, ... my soul in living companionship w Vohra-Manu, (5) Ashem Vohu  
Welcome by Dr Aspi Solwalla (Chairman Bombay Parsi Panchayat; + Pres, Fed of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumanes of India)

+ by Jamshed N Gunder, Chairman of the Cong

Inaug by Gov of Maharashtra, Air Chief Marshall I. H. Latiff

Vote of Thanks by Enoch B. Desai (only trustee of Bombay Parsi Panchayat + vote orig for joining Fed)

Parviz Malekpur, Zoroastrian Mailer repes in Iran, elec engineer: message fr Rafsinjani skit 1853 c. Sir J. Jeejeebhoy

Sessions at Birla Mathur Sahbhagar (auditorium at Bombay Hospital)

1. Review of Conditions in diff Z communities

Iran: 150 delegates fr Iran, led by Mailer Repes Parviz Malekpur - read talk in Pers suggest 3 Ordibef Ge 2 @ wide Daroff Rishocony celeb many did not speak English

Mohed Ardeshir Azargoshad (sent paper, but didn't come)

Quran 22-17 names Zoroas as people of the bk

Shapur Narimanzadeh also sent short paper, didn't come

now Avestan has to be taught in school

Mozad Bonisachi spoke c 100 min (he works for steel mill, trained in Russ steel mill in India 60 families, incl 3 univ profs, 3 MPs, 7 engineers, 5 HS teachers, 152 studs at U of Zoroas House being donated by Zarthosti brothers + fire temple being built

Jhangir Ostaidari - gen paper (Fereedoun + Mehreban)

Zoroas Soc of Ontario, estab 1971 (Dhun K. Bhavsya) - greatest immigr 1967-70

have Atash Dadgah - do rituals of jashan, raujote, wed, Muktad.

most disposals by cremation

children don't have the public recog of success as in India - bldg donated by Arbab Rustan Guiv

2. Communities

Parsi Panchayat Quarterly Rev - print order of 2,000

Parsiiana circulation - 1528 print 2000

Bombay Samachar - circul. 1,44,163 daily + 1,67,107 Sun - 2 reg columns (Eng on Sun Gujarati wk on Parsi commun.) oldest paper in country

Jam-e Jamshid, daily, Gujarati + Eng - subsidized by proprietors

Dini Avaz (Ilm-e Khshroom) - 1000 copies

Hazdeyasnie Monasterie newsletter (ed Meher Master-Mans) - mystical interpr

The Parsi Voice (4p, 3 in Eng, 1 Gujarati) - orthox pt of view - 1000 copies ed Ardeshir Doctor; publ: BK Roman-Behram (former EPP chair)

The Zoroastrian (CEP)

Ushta (ZS) quarterly - 2500

Anjuman Newsletters @ ZAGNY (Zoro Ass of Greater NY), ZSO (Ontario)

Savastri (Dr Jehan Bagli of NJ; Jamshid Parsi in BC

The Zoroastrian (Calif) - 1000

Aspi Moddie - set up liaison office (institutionalize as per demand → supply tax info legal, not before) business of pochunities to allow us to take adv of expanding @ Business oportun fr Japan, HK → SF

Darius Forbes (Poona) - analyze opportunities in India, + plan vocational ed accord

transport will boom: will need mechanics Poona as growth center

Enoch Byramsha Desai - detailed const. proposal

wants basically anjumanes, not indiv members; 6 V-Is N Am, Eur, Iran/Gulf, Far E/Austro Bombay, rest of India

3. Relevance of Zoroas. in Mod @

Tehranor Aresh (S. Calif) - orthox, conserv, fundamentalist, mystic

That Sudreh-kusti is not a mere symbol but an apparatus or a generator of spiritual energy within, a absorber of Cosmic Yazatic energy without, could be understood with the help of radioactivity, cosmic rays + carbon dating (p. 7) That "Druj (evil) rushes in fr the N in the form of a fly ... is being proved by the experiments of the Cheep Pyramid razor blade sharpener + a card model of an exact replica of a Pyramid. Kirlian photography which takes pictures of auro of living things gives us just a flush

only profitable one these among these

of the world existing with us, but not known to us, ...  
EST is an established fact, psychoelectric generation with (p. 6)  
21 marks "encompasses all the laws governing all the planes of the Univ.  
quote Edgar Cayce  
adv sci is proving Zarathustra's teaching (Living in the United States gives us  
an added adv. of knowing the latest disc of Sci)

The Vandidad injunction of Gaoomezza - how "tars" or bulls urine  
is declared to possess a certain sort of purifying magnetic force  
because the 12th Chakra which has the characteristic property  
of receiving pure Khastra or electric current from the reservoirs  
of Nature, is located on the sexual organs of the "Gao  
specials" animals

vs falling into materialism & wealth, stress way mystical knowl, spiritualism fit  
Nanavutty, Piloos "Relevance of Zoroastrianism in the Modern World"  
3 parts of man (Yasna 31.11-12: Thou didst fashion for us physical elements, discerning  
souls, + directive intelligence")  
urvan/revan - chooser, Soul  
fravashi - eternal spark of Gd in every man; uncorruptible, guide Soul  
baodha (Skt Buddhi) - knowl thru wh we gain wisdom

when all 3 united -> spiritual enlightenment  
2 aiding faculties: atar - fire of thot, intelle honesty  
sraosha - divine intuition

heaven & hell are not phys locations but psychol conditions  
Aprin or benediction recited at Gabaambar (key vds: yazad (pray), sezad (prepare),  
Khurad (feast), dehad (give)

silent meditation is best for gaining spiritual enlightenment (Yasna 43.15)  
last Zoroa mystic we know of is Azar Haiwan (Fire of Saturn), settled  
in Tatria 16th cent, invited by Akbar -> particip in the relig discuss  
of all faiths at Fatehpur Sikri btw 1576-79  
sent a treatise, begged he was too old & ill

Antia, Erved Burjor H - old fashioned our moral code is as good as any other  
rituals are import

Khojeste Mistry "Levels of Ecology - A Zoroastrian Experience"  
one of the great strengths of the Zoroastrian faith is that not only does it  
enjoin caring for the physical world but it lays greater importance on the  
physical than the spiritual world. It is through an awareness of the  
physical world that a Zoroastrian seeks spiritual salvation & not the  
other way around.

vs St John - "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing"  
VI.63 In my opinion & w/ strong textual support, Zoroastrianism  
takes a diametrically opposite view to such ideas. A Zoroastrian is taught  
to be cheerful & worldly & therefore the tradition is devoid of any  
practices such as fasting, celibacy, poverty, abstinence or mortification of  
the ~~flask~~ body.

research: Malini Harhal on demogr: Jussawalla on cancer; Dr Nadir Bharucha on a  
survey for Neurologic disorders (strokes etc)

Dhalla, Homi B. "The Zoroastrian Concept of Unity"  
hama-zor - manual form: ea takes other's palm alternately btw his own,  
all strength, union, coop finally lifting the r hand upwards as salutation  
ft done after ceremonies  
congreg chant hamazor Beom May we be united in strength  
metal fire vessel circulated, w/ r hand draw stroke -> him  
pasc hand down forehead -> chin

Ms Huzan Kharas - April 1984 survey, interviewing 52 mobeds of 173 full-time mobeds  
70% are > 45 yrs old }  
41% are > 60 yrs old } no pensions  
46% are unmarried } few young men bec  
89% have no more than 2ndary ed  
job satisfaction - 58% said were very disatisf + wouldn't encourage sons -> bec pride,  
79% " if upungor + better oportun would do something else

Xavier Inst. of Communications, St. Xavier's College, Bombay 400 001 tel 261366  
Feruzi Anjir Bag 74 sides w/ cassette on naujote ceremony - Rs 500

Dastoor N.D. Minocher Homji cassette 90 min of prayers (Kudaki, Sarosh Baj,  
Hosham Havan + Aiwistootheme Gah, S Niyashter, Nam Stageebore, Tandorasti  
Rs 60

World Zoroastrian Organiz, 88 Campayne Gdns, London NW6 3RU establ 1980

demand for elections of Surat Parsi Panchayat

Wadia Baugh's repairs → be financed 50-50 by Tracts + tenants → Lyoti Studio Land  
Tracts raised money by selling piece of land Sept '81 - terms agreed  
under Charity Commissioner - not pd til Nov '84 + gr amt of  
interest lost while repair prices ↑ 40% (bungling by  
Bombay Parsi Panchayat + RN Wadia Trust  
nothing done til hue + cry in press by CER

← Kharas, Huzar survey cont ("Some Findings on the Socio-Economic Conditions  
of the Priests in Bombay" auspices Zoro Studies)

see profess as monotonous/Boring, human tape-recorders, given little respect  
as per capita inc of moped Rs 332/mo + 1 case Rs 92  
ie family inc divid by no. family members

total av inc maybe Rs 1000/mo

23 agriaries have 1-3 moped	1 interviewed in ea	av inc	567.60
10 agriaries have 4-6 "	2 "		538.75
6 " " 7-9 "	3 "		533.33

4 Atash Bahrams = 15 moped 15 " av inc ~~Rs~~ 602.50

38% said were in debt, >60% said needed help for basic necessities  
62% not given housing  
88% no pensions or medical benefits  
88% do not own a car, scooter or cycle

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