

# VARIETY OF TOPICS PUBLISHED IN THE FRASHOGARD MAGAZINE, THE FIRST BULBUL OF ILM-E-KHSHNOOM

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In the year 1936 Frashogard Magazine came out with a 811 pages Silver Jubilee Memorial Volume. It contained an 133 pages long Index of the topics and subjects published during 25 years of its existence. It was divided into 19 main divisions, which gave 18 main subject-matters of the articles. Each division listed a large number articles; the total number of the listed articles runs into hundreds.

1. 52 Editorial Notes from Phiroze on various articles written by different authors.
2. 67 Articles written by the Editor Phiroze himself, which include a series under the title "Parsi comni unnteya upayo"- Remedies for the spiritual upliftment of the Parsi Community. (The sick require effective medicines. In the series Phiroze dealt with every spiritual Institution of the Din. They include the following:

Din and life are one; The absence of education on Religion is the greatest reason for the going down of the Parsi Community; to discard Religion without understanding a jot about it is no "reform"; Marraiges outside the Community is the sure invitation to extinction; Priests should be given proper knowledge and their dignity should be deservedly maintained; the devolopment of the right and critical conscience must be the sine qua non of all the science of Kriya-kaam; education; the spiritual and mystical Truths behind Dokhm-e-nashini spread over 235 pages.

3. Passages from Avesta and Pazend containing the divine blessings, with their meanings. (43 passages).

4. The articles by several authours giving memorial tributes to Ustad Saheb Beheramshah Shroff (40 articles). If, after reading those articles, any person does not accept the miracle of Baheramshahji's life, namely that he had come into contact with the Zarthoshti Aabeds in their sacred and secret abode, and that he had tremendous knowledge on the spiritual and mystical science of the Zarathoshti Din, Khshnoom, then that person is not in his senses; he himself is devoid of commnon sense. The late Jehangirji Vimadalal said so.
5. 30 Articles written under the directions of Ustaad Saheb Baheramshah with editorial notes. The subject covered include Sarosh, four days ceremonies. Journey of Ruvaan in the next world, "Apaakhtar," Atash, Jiram, Spiritual education, Constitution of the human personality (nine parts), Asho Zarathushtra, Fasal seasons and Calendar, Gahambaar, Athravan's and thier stages, FRASHOGARD (Alas! For the Parsis who are made to forget the spiritual and devotional contents of the Din).
6. 37 articles on Manthra Prayers. Tarikat, Staota. These include Science of Staota Yasna; Rules of Prayers; Mithra-Mantra-Khoreh-Ashoi - Keshhaash; Ceremonies for the dead; electric lights and Prayers; table of daily prayers; Meaning and Thoughts in Avesta Prayers, etc. etc.) (Alas! For the Parsis, who are made to believe that M G K is the be all and end all of the the Zarthoshti Din. MGK = Masani, G....., K..... )

7. The Divine Science behind Kriyakaam (27 articles). e.g. what is Afringaan, Afrin, their meanings, thoughts and applications.
8. 9. Articles on Fasal (11 articles).
- Fasli Roj Mah Calculations. (49 articles)
10. History of Iran, Sahnameh Firdosi (50 articles). Tavil of Zarvane Darego Khadaat; Geography of the Creation; 16 Chakhras of Man and Earth; Root of languages; The beginning of the Spiritual culture on Earth; History of Earth begins with Iran and Mazdayasni Kings; the Parsis and Islam; the astrological time periods on earth; Causes of the fall of the Persian Empire,s; Dastoor Ardeshir Kermani and Mohammad Ghazni; Firdosi and his Shah-Nameh; His narration of Asho Zarathushtra's miracles and the history of Iranian Kings and Warriors. Many of these matters are from the pen of Dr. Saheb Framroze Chiniwalla.
11. "Philosophy" Section (25 articles). Here by Philosophy is meant the Khshnoomic teachings. Meher Yazad's Music; Ahoonavar Prayer; the worldly aspects of Religion; Human Soul's Journey on Earth and beyond; Different Religions; Foundations of ethics and morals; the tree of Van-e-Zavit Bish.
12. Vegeterianism (77 articles). Varied topics on the philosophy of Vegeterianism from Indian, Parsi and Foreign writers; the controversies on the subject; Khshnoom on Vegeterianism; Information on various foods; Cow slaughter - anti Zarathushtrian, the Methods and Recipies of veg. foods.
13. Subjects allied to vegeterianism (31 articles). Evils of smoking, science of sexual excitement, Ill of liquor, vaccination.

14. Matters relating to the improvement of Vol.

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- the Parsi Community (9 articles). Qualifications of a Din-Dastoor; Navar-Maratab; Deplorable state of the Parsi Community; **DUTY of every Parsi to try to understand the Din through Ilm-e-Khshnoom.**
15. The Science of Thought Force (9 articles). Effects of thinking on the facial appearance; Building up of a poison in the body due to evil thinking; Evil thoughts related to diseases; Efficacy of Manthra Prayers on illness; Language of the Palm by Chiero; Alchemy, Transmutation of Mercury to Gold.
16. 19 English Articles from Parsi and foreign writers, including "The Light of India" by Ottoman Zardusht Hanish; Trading without Conscience by H. G. Wells; Magazine articles on Diet, Vitamins, Thought Photography, Electrcity and Magnetism in lend Avesta; Rationalism Versus True Religion, **In memoriam: Mr. Baheramshah Shroff by Khurshedji Santoke; the Zoroastian Ideal Man by Phiroze Masani;** Baheramshahji's Horoscope.
17. English Poems (6). Pain's Soliliquy by Buell; On Spitma Zarathushtra by Hermes; The Golden Rule of Pythagoras.
18. Misc. Arcilces (19) on Happiness, Mind and Thought, Vitamins, Mazdazanan of East and West by Ottoman Zardusht Hanish, Tir Yazad, Lectures on Sarosh, Atash, Fasal; Selfless Service; 'Kherad' in Shahnameh.
19. Music section. Gujerati Poems, Songs, Gazals, Baitbazi, Khyal, Garba. Asho Zarathushtra's 'Life' in different Rag's; Poetry in Persian meter; Manthra; Wisdom of Din; Monajat on 33 Yazats by Hermes; Poetry of Khwaja Hafiz, **Persian poem on Baheramshah by Framroze Kutar (the translator of Firdosi's Shahnameh)**

Just imagine, ponder, meditate on this phenomenon, which was Phiroze Masani! His scintillating writings, his arrow-like arguments, his deductive and inductive reasoning, his fervent appeal to common sense, his undercurrent thought that common sense necessarily leads to Faith, his burning devotion to Saheb Delaans and Ustad Saheb Baheramshahji, and his ardent and intense

desire that Khshnoom should reach the heart and mind of every Parsi, - all this emanated from the blessings of Saheb-Delaans and Ustad Saheb Baheramshah when he was living and even after he left the temporal abode of Geti. Here was a selfless Hutokhsh, whose passion for Zarthoshti Din blazed in his' heart every second of his life and till his last moment on earth.

## "KSHSHNOOM" IN THE GATHA.

"It must be perfectly understood that Khshnoom is not a foreign line but purely and originally Zoroastrian. The word Khshnoom is met with even in the extant Avesta scriptures and moreover in two of the Gathas as under :

*At toi anghen Saoshyanto dakhynam  
Yoi Khshnoom Vohu menangha hachaon te  
Shyothnaish asha thwahya Mazda Senghahya  
Toi zi data hemaestaro ashemahya.*

- Gatha Ha 48-12

"They are the Saoshyants or spiritual benefactors of the provinces, who, O Mazda, with the practice of thy teachings propagate the Khshnoom by means of Ashoi and Good Mind. Verify they are destined to be the opponents of the Druj-i-Aesham, the original of all Drujas.

*"Atcha Hoi Schantu manangha ukhdaish Shyothnaishcha Khshnoom  
Mazdao Vahmai aa (raoret Yasnascha  
Kavacha Vishtaspo Zarathushtrish Spitamo Ferashaoshtrascha  
Daongho eruzush patho yam Daenam Ahuro Saoshyanto dadat.*

- Gatha Ha 53-2

"Then Kae Vishtaspa and Frashostras of Spitama Zarathushtra will teach for the sake of propitiation of Mazda, the paths of righteousness which Ahura has vouchsafed as the Law of the Saoshyants, unto him who has faith in "Khshnoom" or Divine Revelation and in "Yasna" or processes of attunement by means of Staota or Vibration-colours by virtue of his thought power, word power and deed power."

- Translated by Phiroze Masani

"Khshnoom is the line of all Saoshyants or spiritual benefactors. Those who aspire to become spirited teachers and guides of other souls must pursue the line of the acquisition of Khshnoom which was bestowed by Zoroaster on the Saoshyants - Kae Vishtaspa and Frashostras of the time..... Zoroastrianism explained in the Light of Khshnoom renders the teachings thereof found in the extant Avesta into a consistent harmonious whole."

- Phiroze in "Zoroastrianism Ancient and Modern, p xlii et. seq.