

# Iran's Poet Ishki's Great Patriotic Vision

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It has been a historical fact, recording the secret moves of Ahuramazda, that nine forerunners (Pishrava) were born in Iran as Rulers and Saints in Peshdadian and Kyanian dynasties, to pave the way and prepare the ground for the prophetic advent of holy prophet Zarathushtra.

Similarly, for emancipation of the Zarthusti population in Iran who had suffered all sorts of humiliations, massacres, economic and religious degradations unparalleled in world history during the Arab rule for 1300 long years, the Pahlvi Dynasty was established through the will of the PROPHET by a great tolerant IRANI Ruler Late Rezashah Pahlvi. Of course when Rezashah took over the rulership in 1925 the population of Zarthustrans in Iran proper, through repeated religious persecutions by Islami Rulers, had dwindled down from crores to mere twenty thousand, who openly survived as Zoroastrians in spite of stiff Islamic restrictions. Even then it was known to historians that semi-Zoroastrian tribes of warriors existed in the mountainous regions of Iran, who were having pure Aryan Iranian blood in their veins and through centuries of foreign non-Iranian *mis-rule* over their country by semitic non-Aryan Arabs, Mongols, Turks, Tartars etc. they had preserved even to date their purity of Iranian (Aryan) Blood, their ancestral religious tradition and noble characteristics to assist Rezashah Pahlvi in his great mission of reviving the pure Iranian Traditions, and protecting those who held up so bravely their great Iranian Religion through numberless vicissitudes. Almighty Ahuramazda sent several Pishravas like late Ravanshad Maneckji Limji Hataria. Poet DAKIKI, the great Epic-poet Firdosi Tusi, the great Sufies and Olmas like Hafez, Shelkh Saadi and many more. Those who assisted Rezashah the Great in his life time were scholars like Aga Poure Daud and his vast following of learned students; and last but not the least the great Poet-dramatist *ISHKI*, a great patriot and a saintly personality, a martyr for the great patriotic cause of the revival of Iran.

In the following poem, which is the English version rendered by late Dinshah Irani solicitor from the Persian poem in *ISHKI'S DRAMA "RISTAKHEZ"* based on his dream for revival of the Mother Land Iran, the great patriot bewails the condition of Iran before Rezashah took over the country; and invites Prophet Zarathustra to come and save his country from semitic non-Iranians—a poetic vision destined to come true. In reply to the prayers of this patriot-poet *ISHKI*, to the Holy Prophet of Iran Lord Zarathushtra, the holy Soul of the Great Prophet descends on the stage and promises the *REVIVAL OF IRAN*.

The great Rezashah was successful in introducing many social and religious reforms through his powerful personality. His son Shehenshah Shapur (Mohmad) Raza Pahlvi, Aryameher, pushed the great mission of his great Father to near perfection. He made Iran into a world power with a formidable army. During the thirteen centuries of foreign non-Iranian semitic rule of Arabs, Tartars, Mongols the population of Iran could not remain hundred percent pure, and about 40 percent population may have been of mixed-blood. It is likely that the proportion of "Aryan — Non Aryan" blood mixture, in about 20-30 percent of Iranian population, may be varying. Those Mixed-blood Iranians (with more than 50 percent semitic blood) appear to be dissatisfied with the pure Iranian Pahlvi dynasty and with their mission of revival of true Iranian culture and civilization linked with Zoroastrianism.

## IRAN — OUR HOLY LAND

From FARSI By Poet ISHKI

(TRANSLITERATION By late Dinshah Irani)

Oh Iran, my holy land !

Oh Iran the bridal-chamber of shirin !

Where is the throne and the crown ? Where is the splendour,  
and magnificence ?

That adorned the Court of my sire; Oh Iran.

This ruined graveyard is not the Iran of ours;

\*This desolate abode is not Iran ! Oh, where is my Iran ?\*

O ye men ! Oh ye living corpses of Iran !

Oh, Iran ! Oh, my cradle and my pride ! — Oh, my Iran,  
woe be to me ! Oh, woe be to me !

[\*"IN KHARABA IRAN-E-MA. NIST IRANE MAN KUJA AST" ]

(FARSI of the English iine marked\*)

## AN APPEAL TO THE PROPHET OF IRAN

Oh, Zoroaster, Iran is in ruins.

Hearken to us, Oh, Holy Soul !

The Ship of Iran is in a whirlpool.

Alas, such is the state of this land of Thine.

It has been the cradle of the world's grandeur and glory.

It was nourished by our hands and was reared on our swords.

The dear land where not a span of desolation.

Had been found in any age or time.

It now alas, lying so desolate — so desolate.

That none could say this desolation is our Iran.

Oh, Heavenly Prophet, Oh, Holy Zoroaster !

For Iran and the Iranian, Thou art the hidden messenger !  
Thou art the hidden messenger !  
Our hands of prayer we extend to Thy Presence.

Oh True Manifestation of the Almighty,  
With heads bent in supplication we pray at Thy feet.

O Thou Happiness of Iran  
For Iran, our Iran we thus appeal to Thy Blessed Soul.

#### HOLY PROPHET ZARTHUSHTRA'S REPLY

I am the Soul of Holy Zoroaster whom you have just Invoked.  
I am the leader of the concourse of all Dastours and Moubeds.  
I am the adorer of the canon of the Prophet Mah-Abad.  
Whatever was required of me. I did full justice to my mission  
as a guide and prophet.  
Good deeds, good words, good thoughts with a pure heart.  
The Iranian cared not for this message, and headlong  
have they fallen in woe to-day.  
In this very cradle rest the seeds of the coming generation.  
The progeny of these Dead Ones who believe that they live;  
From this very cradle shall arise sons of the land.  
And through them Iran will once again raise high its head.  
The fortune of Iran shall then know no more woe  
No spot shall disfigure further the destiny of the land of Cyrus.  
I shall overcome the Evil (Ahariman) among the Iranian.  
Then God shall protect Iran, our land, and I shall retire.

#### ISHKI'S APPEAL TO AHURAMAZDA

"Oh Lord ! Give us Thy gracious help.  
and grant the fulfilment of The promise of Zoroaster;  
Ishki has seen this dream Let Thou interpret it."

On 3rd July 1924, the great Iranian Patriot Poet Syed Mirzadeh Ishki was murdered at a very young age of twenty-six by a fanatic follower of a fanatic fatwabaz Mullah.

In his MATYRDOM, however, the true spirit of Iran revived and started looking back to the greatest of the great Prophet of Iran and his great teachings which made Iran the greatest nation and a world Empire. Ishki's mission was fulfilled.

May the Holy soul of the great Iranian Patriot Poet ISHKI and the great Iranian Shehenshah Rezashah Pahlvi be worthy of Garothman and may their spiritual power revive the ancient glory of Iran in the very near future.