

The Incident At Zainabad

I am writing this experience only to prove that our sacred Fires are truly Sacred Living Entities with Intelligence. Some may not believe but this is what happened.

A small group from Toronto (including self) and one ervad saheb from U.S. went to Iran on a pilgrimage to Iran in 1997. In all, there were 3 ervad sahebs in our group. I am sure that at least some from this group and at least 2 ervad sahebs will read this on TMYZ.

We had gone to Zainabad to pay homage to the Flying Fire there. The caretaker, Jehangir, knowing we are all Parsis, opened the door to the inner kebla where the Fire glows, softly but with a rare beauty. On a previous trip to Iran, we were told that this Fire goes to small villages around Yazd and keeps the fires burning in the nearby village dadgahs till the dehmobed arrives and feeds the dadgah fire and tends to it. There are times when the dehmobed is late and knowing this, the Flying Fire goes, sits on the rim of the afarganyu and keeps the fire in the dadgah burning till the dehmobed arrives and feeds the smaller fire. Then, the Flying Fire disappears suddenly and goes back to Zainabad. The dehmobeds have witnessed this phenomenon=20 many times, at the dadgahs near Yazd.

On this particular trip when we went, we saw that there was no Flying Fire burning in the inner kebla. One ervad saheb even put his hands in the rakhya to see if it was warm. It was! He couldn't figure out why there was no fire; the room didn't have a window from where the fire could escape! There was only a small hole on the goombad sort of structure from where the smoke could escape. Some in the group didn't believe that there was any fire burning there! Some were disappointed that they had come all the way but didn't see any Flying Fire! I too was utterly sad and disappointed that the sacred Fire was missing.

When Jehangir and his sister came to lock up the kebla room, we asked why the Fire was missing. Jehangir himself was surprised! He said that he was there shortly and the Fire was there! He was certain of this fact. Then, all of a sudden he said that may be there were some in the group who were lacking in manashni, gavashni and kunashni. I was shocked! We remained there for a few minutes, talking to him and he told us that this Fire visits India too! I was very sad and upset that some how we had displeased the Padshah and He had to leave.

As we were turning to go to the bus, one lady said aloud that the two youth who were being accompanied by their parents, had their bath and then shaved! And without having a bath again, they had come to Zainabad! I suddenly realized what had happened! The Fire knew that they were coming, that they were riman because they had shaved and came without a bath after shaving and the Fire had flown off! Fire, as a Conscious Living Spiritual Being, does have Intelligence!

We are clearly taught that any part of the body that is severed from the main circulatory system is naso! Hair, blood, nails are naso as soon as severed from the body's circulation. Decomposition at once begins and naso immediately gains strength through daruji or the dark forces of unseen pollution. The parents had not taught the boys about the rules of purity and why these are so important to follow. By not obeying these rules, we create and spread naso around

us, in the environment and this in turn causes illnesses, physical and spiritual, through seen and unseen pollution! Our religion is so scientific and yet, we do not know it, do not want to know about these things and we do not follow what we are taught because we are too modern or educated to believe in religion! In today's world we may not be able to follow all our rules of tarikat but at least we can and should follow the rules while going to Atash Behrams, Agiaries, Doongerwadi, etc. That much, surely, we can do, and more, if we are able to and are fortunate to do so!

After our return to Tehran , we had a day or so to ourselves and so I decided that I just had to go back to Zainabad and offer my homage and real repentance to Padshah Saheb. I had seen his Glow previously and couldn't forget either the magic of being in His Presence, in His Aura / Radiance. So I booked my ticket to Zainabad and 2 other ervad sahebs also decided to come with me.

When we went to Zainabad the second time and visited the fire temple, lo and behold, the Fire was there, calmly burning with a soft but magical glow! My wish was fulfilled that I could see Him again; that hopefully I was forgiven for being in company of some who did not know the proper rules of presenting themselves before our Atash Padshah Saheb! The three of us were rewarded by being guided to, and being able to pay our reverence to two other Fires, not commonly known. I was ecstatic.

Friends, this is a true story, a real experience. As revealed in our Atash Niyayesh, Fire has Intelligence, Fire IS Ahura Mazda's Son. Let us worship Fire with due reverence and rules of purity. Only a Dvine Being with Intelligence can grant boons, a fluent tongue, etc. This has been one of my experiences on one of the trips to Zainabad! I did go back to Iran after this incident. Saw this Fire again and crave to see it as many times as I possibly can.

To believe this or not is up to every individual. Faith cannot be inculcated; it is inherent. For those who believe, no explanation is required and for those who do not believe, no explanation is enough! My heart is in Iran

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