

SPECIAL DAYS FOR HOLY VISITS?

Today, an alarming number of Parsis speak of a '*motto roz*' or the big day or the '*sojjo roz*' or the auspicious day. They are very particular about visiting the Agyari and more so an Atash Behram, on a Hormazd roz, an Ardibehesht roz, a Behram roz or a Sarosh roz. Once these days are gone, the next trip to the Atash Behram or Agyari may be scheduled only for the Hormazd roz of the next month, while a trip to Udwada may be reserved for the Behram roz.

No day can be big or small, or auspicious or inauspicious. And it does not matter whether you go by the Parsi calendar or the English one. Calling a day inauspicious, or auspicious, is being very irrational, highly superstitious and totally unZoroastrian. Of course there are some members who visit the Agyari daily but even they seem to feel more 'inspired' or 'elevated' on the more celebrated days.

Every roz is dedicated to an Ameshaspand or a Yazad and so, playing up just a few Parsi calendar days while playing down others is unwise. As good Zarathushtrians, we must go to the Agyari on a less celebrated roz with as much fervour as we do on a more celebrated roz.

Much has been spoken and written regarding this matter but people just do not accept the truth of all days being equal whole-heartedly. So sad! Hopefully, in due course of time, people will accept this truth and this whole big farce of the 'big roz' shall fade into oblivion. Procrastinating good deeds is evil. As long as you do not sacrifice proper planning, the best time to do a good deed is anytime – the sooner the better, since we don't have all the time in the world.