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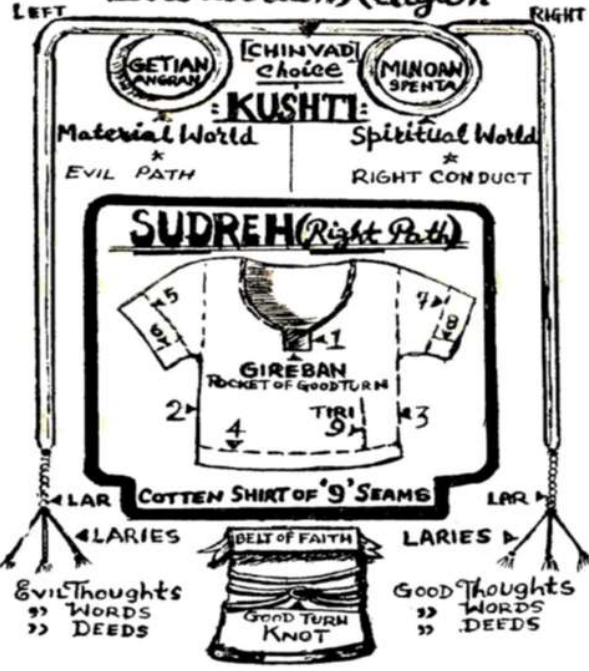
NAVZOTE - MUBARAK

To Dear,

*With Congratulations,
Choicest Greetings
&
Zoroaster's Blessings!*

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NAVZOTE

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With

KUSHTI PRAYERS

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**IN SACRED MEMORY
OF ALL DEAR DEPARTED SOULS
OF OUR FAMILY
WITH HOMAGE
TO THEIR
HOLY FRAVASHIS
~ FAMILY MEMBERS**



FOREWORD

This small booklet has come out, because I have received requests from my well-wishers & others, to publish a GUIDE on NAVZOTE, that gives the significance of the Sacred Ceremony in Simple English Language; especially for the young children, who have to undergo the Investiture Ceremony.

NAVZOTE Can only be done of a Child whose Both parents are Parsi Zoroastrians. It is advisable that the Navzote ceremony be done in the Morning, in Havan Geh Or at the Most, early Evening at 4/4.30 p.m. In the presence of KHURSHED YAZAD (The sun) All the other celebrations could be had at night. Keeping in mind the importance of the Navzote religious ceremony.

Thus aspirant NAVJOTEE can perform his religious duties with the right Zoroastrian spirit with better understanding.

It is in 2 parts. 2nd part contains the Essential KUSHTI Prayers for a NAVJOTEE, with their substance to enhance the moral value. The Basic Prayers are: ~ 1. Ashem Vohu 2. Yatha Ahu Vairyo 3. Yenghe Hatam 4. Kemna Mazda 5. Hormazd Khoday 6. Jasme Avanghahe Mazda 6. Din No Kalmo 7. Sarosh Baj (*Jamvāni Bāj & Patet Pashemani also were said Traditionally.*)

A NAVJOTEE should learn by heart, these prayers before the INITIATION Ceremony. It is advisable to do these KUSHTI PRAYERS at least thrice every day. (a) Before Starting a day. (b) After taking a Bath & (c) Before going to Bed at Night. More (Tariqats) duties are for the Priests.

This book is written as a labour of love & I hope it will achieve its main purpose. I bow my head with reverence to the Omniscient LORD

AHURA MAZDA & our most Exalted Master,
SPITAMAN ZARATHUSHTRA for the inspiration
I have received. I have utilised the essential gist
from the public talk given by my Late Father
DASTURJI KHURSHED DABU on NAVZOTE. The
deep philosophy & the substance of each
Māntras, chanted at the NAVZOTE Ceremony,
will serve a better purpose of instructions for
Learning to a NAVJOTEE.

I Convey my Hearty Congratulations & Good
Wishes to the NAVJOTEE!

In His Service,
With Kind regards,
– NOSHIR UNCLE DABOO

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NAVZOTE

~ : **PART – I** : ~

Dear Navjotee,

You are fit for congratulations, as you are admitted into the ZOROASTRIAN Fold, which is one of the best in the world. You would naturally like to know the importance of the Sacred Ceremony of Navzote. It is the Parsi-Zoroastrian sacred rite for admission of a new initiate like you, into the Zoroastrian Fold, with its privileges.

This initiation is just like YAGNOPAVIT of the Hindus, BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION of the Christians & SUNNAT of the Muslims. Religious Faith is a personal secret relation with Almighty, based on inner convictions. It is therefore necessary to have a formal declaration of one's creed before the Holy Fire, The Guru & the gathering of the Anjuman, invited as witness.

2) NAVZOTE is arranged for Parsi children of both the sexes. **THEY MUST BE BORN OF PARSI PARENTS BY RACE ONLY.** This ceremony is NOT

for the Conversion of Non-Parsis into Zoroastrian Religion.

3) About 1200 years ago, Courageous, Religious minded ancestors came to India as 'Refugees' to preserve their Faith as a sign of supreme love & sacrifice for our Jagatguru Lord Zarathushtra, who had preached his message in Iran, about 8,000 Years ago. Navzote Ceremony has been in Practice for many centuries.

4) NAVZOTE is a New Birth into the Spiritual Life, with responsibilities & duties.

5) NAVJOTEE is a New Recruit, added to the ranks of Zarathushtis who worship the Omniscient Creator AHURA MAZDA only & who accept the Creed of Zoroastrianism. (NAV=NEW + JYOTI=Light) Spiritual light is invoked in the heart of the Navjotee.

~ THE CEREMONY ~

It is divided into FOUR STEPS:-

I) FIRST STEP: To prepare the body, mind & soul for the Divine Blessings by a Holy Bath with Nirang (NAHAN)

II) SECOND STEP: (a)The officiating Priest, Navjotee's Guru, (ZAOTA) Chants certain Mānthras before the Holy Fire to prepare an atmosphere for the initiation ceremony. Followed by Declaration of Creed by the Navjotee in Public.

(b) DECLARATION OF CREED:~

- 1) "I Solemnly dedicate myself to the Excellent Religion of Mazda worship which removes quarrels, causes swords to be sheathed, teaches Righteous self-sacrifice "
- 2) "I Solemnly dedicate myself to Good Thoughts, Words & Deeds."
- 3) "I Solemnly believe that my religion is the best of all faiths."4) " I will treat the Religion

(DEEN) of Lord Zarathushtra as the true & proper message given by AHURA MAZDA. The Religion teaches me the path of absolute Purity (ASHOI) & the Worship of only One Omniscient AHURA MAZDA.”

(C) FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES:~

NAVJOTEE must Respect the declaration of his Creed in his Daily Prayers & also follow the **FIVE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF RELIGION.**

1. **GOODNESS:** (VOHUMANA) is Godliness. a Zoroastrian must always be good in all respects & fight openly against evil. Kindness & charity are essential duties. One’s goodness in Thought (HU-MATA) in Speech (HU-KHATA) & in Deed (HU-VARARSHTA), should be strictly practiced daily in a Zoroastrian’s conduct
2. **UNITY:** A Parsi should work as a bridge over the gulf of dividing & conflicting viewpoints. One should find out the TRUTH in controversies & behave as a Peace Maker.

3. **FREEDOM OF FAITH:** (FRA-VAREN) Our holy Guru Zarathushtra has given us the right to retain one's inner conviction (FRAVAREN) & to select the path willingly. Zoroastrian religion appeals to one's Reason & Freedom of Choice without any force or compulsion.

4. **SELF-DEDICATION:** (KHAITVA-DATH) It is a Zoroastrian virtue, manifested in selfless charity. A Parsi is supposed to dedicate everything to AHURA MAZDA & behave as Trustee of all his belongings, do charities in His holy name. KINDNESS (Ahimsa) towards others is a Zoroastrian virtue. (NIDHASNAI-THISHEM)

5. **ASHOI:** (Absolute Purity) Rectitude in the right sense, Honesty, Integrity & Innocence are the expectations from a Zoroastrian. He is Recognized by his absolute Right Behaviour.

III) THIRD STEP of the ceremony bestows RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS of Zoroastrian Faith to the NAVJOTEE.

a) **SUDRAH:** (SUD=Clean RAH=Path)

It is a spotless white cotton shirt with 9 Seams, giving the Idea of a clean, simple & innocent path of Kindness. It is an Armour to fight against Evil. Our world is depicted by Zarathushtra as a battlefield where one should fight on the side of GOD against all the Temptations, Hardships, Vices & Untruth. It has a symbol of Good done, a small pocket at the centre of the neckline, near the Heart (GIREBAN). (See the Sketch on the Last Page) It reminds us to store Good Thoughts, Good Words & Good Deeds throughout the life. To Treasure our Inner Faith therein & to finally Submit our Records to the Divine Court. It is Like a PURSE OF MERITS. To be submitted at the time of Death. b)

KUSHTI:(Sacred Girdle) It is wound round the

waist like a sword belt of a soldier. It is made of wool-yarn (Suggesting Innocence) It is woven like a hollow tube, to be filled with MĀNTHRAS regularly. It has Tassels at both the ends, suggesting GOOD & EVIL Paths. It is wound around the waist tying 2 Knots in front & 2 behind. (See The Sketch on the Last page.) Reminding us of the 4 Daily Duties & loyalty of a Zoroastrian in the form of a SOLEMNOATH. To be vowed in presence of the Holy Fire-the Son of AHURA & the ANJUMAN as witness

THE 4 DAILY DUTIES & OBLIGATIONS OF A

ZOROASTRIAN: (1) To render at least 1 Good Deed daily. Some useful service in His Holy Name, as a Labour of Love. This act is a way of thanks giving to AHURA MAZDA for His gracious favours. To have Firm faith in Only One God (MAZDA) (Navjotee is a MAZDA-YASNI)
 (2) To accept only ZARATHUSHTRA as a Guru & Spiritual Master. To follow the path given by

Him, as Commander of the Army of ASHOI.
(Navjotee is a ZARATHUSHTISH)

(3) To carry on endless fight against evil & to cheerfully undergo all the trials as a Faithful Soldier. (Navjotee is a VI-DAEVO)

(4) To repose UNSHAKEN FAITH & CONFIDENCE in the Divine Law. He must not grumble against the Divine Will. He must willingly surrender to whatever is ordained by Almighty's Wise Providence. He must surrender to His Law willingly. (Navjotee is an AHURE-TAKAESHO)

(IV) THE FOURTH FINAL STEP: Consists of showering of Blessings (ASHIRVAD) along with some useful teachings for the successful life by the officiating priest. Rice & Coconut pieces are showered during the Ashirvad ceremony. Some important Admonitions are also given by the officiating priest as below:

(a) 'May your religion be a source of Pleasure to

you, so that in times of difficulty you may get some of your problems solved in the light of Zarathustra's message!

(b) 'May you be Humble & be well with all!'

(c) 'Honour your Guru & your Parents'

(d) 'Preserve your Pedigree.'

(e) 'Follow the Good Old Tenets.'

(f) 'May you Cooperate with GOD & His Divine Plan on Earth as it is in Heaven!'

Such Precepts are given to the Navjotee to follow the footsteps of our glorious ancestors & to be renowned like them.

It is worth taking note of a welcoming ceremony after the NAHAN, done near the stage by waving certain objects like coconut, rice, betel nuts, egg, dates, water etc. over the head of the Navjotee. This is meant to clean & refine the invisible etheric aura (KHOREH) which radiates from our body. The objects used in this ceremony are offered to the invisible Holy

Angels who are invited & are present at the ceremony to bless the Navjotee.

Dear Navjotee, Now you will realise that you are one of the luckiest inmates in our community, by accepting the Supreme Faith of Zoroastrian religion. Try to see ALMIGHTY's presence in Nature & respect the 5 elements of nature. Fire is the most sacred & vital element of AHURAMZDA & is honoured by us as the SON of AHURA MAZDA. (ATASH PUTHRA AHURE MAZDA) We should not insult the fire & pollute the air by Smoking. Holy fire reminds us of the presence of the Holy Lord by way of energy, heat & light. So Fire is also kept present before you on the Stage, as Honourable Agent of GOD. Dear one, you are now a new aspirant on the path of holiness & you deserve the blessings & goodwill of those who are present in the Ceremony of your NAVZOTE.

May the path accepted by you prove easy, with

the guidance from your parents, elders & religious guide. While life on this earth is very tough, tempting & complicated, do have unshaken FAITH IN THE HOLY LORD.

Try to get in inspiration from our Guru ZARATHUSHTRA, in confused state of affairs. He will be there to Help you out in Difficult times.

My Dear Navjotee, I offer you the best of wishes of one & all! May you grow up to be a precious jewel to your Family in particular & your Community, your Nation & the World at large by living a Good Useful Life & serve in accordance with the Path of Zoroastrianism! Be Happy by Making Others Happy, with your Charitable efforts.

ĀMEEN!!

Wishing you All the Best
on your NAVZOTE,
Yours Lovingly,
– NOSHIR UNCLE DABOO

NAVZOTE
~ : **PART – II** : ~

ESSENTIAL KUSHTI PRAYERS:

{The Kushti Prayers in English are given for easy reference to the NAVJOTEE. The Explanation is just to get knowledge of what the prayers mean.}

1.JAMVANI BAJ: To be recited Before
Chewing The Pomegranate Leaves.

**BA NĀME YAZADE, BAKHSHĀYANDEH
BAKSHĀYAZESHGARE MEHERBĀN.
HORMAZD KHODĀY, ITHĀ ĀT
YAZAMAIDE AHUREM MAZDĀM, YE
GĀMCHĀ ASHEMCHĀ D ĀT, APASCHĀ
DĀT, URVARĀOSCHĀ VANGUHISH,
RAOCHĀOSCHĀ DĀT, BUMIMCHĀ,
VISPĀCHĀ VOHU. ASHEM VOHU 3.**

2. NAHAN: To be recited during the Sacred Bath (NAHAN) before the Ritual, while partaking The NIRANG.

**IN KHURRAM, IN PĀKI- E- TAN,
YOZDĀTHRI- E- RAVĀN RĀ.**

(I Drink This For The Purification Of My Body,
For The Purification Of My Soul!)

3. ASHEM VOHU: (Benevolent ASHOI)
**ASHEM VOHU, VAHISHEM ASTI, USHTĀ
ASTI, USHTĀ AHMĀI, HYAT ASHĀI
VAHISHTĀI ASHEM.**

Holiness (Asha) is the best of all good it is also Happiness. Happy is the man who is Righteous for the sake of Ashoi, he is rewarded by Ahura.

4. AHUNA VAIRYA: (Will of AHURA)
**YATHĀ AHU VAIRYO ATHĀ RATUSH
ASHĀT CHIT HACHĀ, VANGHEUSH**

**DAZDĀ MANANGHO SHYAOTHANANAM
ANGHEUSH MAZDĀI, KSHATHREMCHĀ
AHURĀI ĀYIM DREGUBYO DADAT
VĀSTĀREM.**

Just as Ahura Mazda is supreme on the earth, so does the spiritual Leader by means of righteousness have same powers. The gift of Vohumanah comes as a reward for service done in the Name of Ahura, one who protects the weak & poor & accepts the rule of Ahura as leader of entire world.

**5. YENGHE HATAM: (Source of Real Joy)
YENGHE HĀTĀM, ĀAT YESNE PAITI
VANGHO, MAZDĀO AHURO, VAETHA
ASHĀT HACHĀ, YĀONGHĀMCHĀ,
TĀNSCHĀ, TĀOSCHĀ, YAZAMAIDE.**

Of the living beings whoever is better in acts of worship, of which Ahura Mazda Himself is aware, on account of His holiness. We revere all such men & women.

6. KEM-NĀ MAZDA: (Protection of Ahura during Difficulties)

**KEM-NĀ MAZDĀ MAVAITĒ PĀYUM DADĀT,
HYAT MĀ DREGVĀO DIDARESHATĀ
AENANGHE, ANYEM THWAHMĀT
ĀTHRASCHĀ MANANGHASCHĀ, YAYĀO
SHYAOTHNĀISH ASHEM THRAOSHTĀ
AHURĀ, TĀM MOI DĀSTVĀM DAENAYĀI
FRĀVAOCHĀ. KE VERETHREM JĀ THWĀ POI
SENGHĀ YOI HENTI, CHITHRĀ MOI DĀM
AHUMBISH RATUM CHIZHDI, AT HOI VOHU
SERAOSHO JANTU MANANGHĀ, MAZDĀ
AHMĀI YAHMĀI VASHI KAHMĀICHIT**

O Mazda! Who will protect us when wicked people harass me & my followers & falsehood threaten us with hate? There is none other than you, who will grant happiness & peace of mind. Asha & Armaity will guide us, when my soul realise the sacred truth. O Ahura! Show us the wise, soul healing guide with obedience to you & protect us. May such guide get obedience & love of man, O Mazda by your Grace.

**PĀTA-NO TBISHYANTAT PAIRI,
MAZDĀOSCHA ĀRMATISHCHA
SPENTASCHA, NASE DAEVI DRUKHSH, NASE
DAEVO-CHITHRE, NASE DAEVO-
FRAKARSHTE, NASE DAEVO-FRADĀITE, APA
DRUKHSH NASE, APA DRUKHSH DVĀRA, APA
DRUKHSH VINASE, APĀKHEDHRE APA-
NASYEHE, MĀ MERENCHAINISH GAETHĀO
ASTVAITISH ASHAHE. NEMASCHĀ YĀ
ĀRMAITISH IZHĀCHĀ. ASHEM VOHU-1.**

O Mazda & Spenta Armaity-! protect us from the enemies. May the devilish Druj (Evil) perish, vanish & get defeated! May Druj & devil's law get destroyed in the North. May Asha be protected so that righteousness may not be destroyed. Our Homage is to those devoted with Zeal!

7. AHURAMA ZD KHODAY: (Prayers while tying the Kusti)

**AHURAMA ZD KHODĀY, AHEREMAN
AVĀDASHĀN DUR AVĀZ-DĀSHTĀR; JAD
SHEKASTEH BĀD, AHEREMAN, DEVĀN,**

**DRUJĀN, JĀDUĀN, DARVANDĀN, KIKĀN,
 KARAFĀN, SĀSTĀRĀN, GUNEHGĀRĀN,
 ĀSHMOGĀN, DARVANDĀN, DUSHMANĀ
 FRIYĀN, JAD SHEKASTEĤ BĀD.
 DUSHPĀDASHĀHĀN AVĀDASHĀN BĀD;
 DUSHMANĀN SATOH BĀD; DUSHMANĀ
 AVĀDASHĀN BĀD. AHURAMAZD KHODĀY, AZ
 HAMĀ GUNĀĤ PATET PASHEMĀNUM, AZ
 HARVASTIN DUSHMATA DUZUKHTA
 DUZVARSHTA, MEM PA GETI MANID, OEM
 GOFT OEM KARD, OEM JAST, OEM BUN BUD
 ESTED, AZ ĀN GUNĀĤ MANASHNI GAVASHNI
 KUNASHNI, TANI RAVĀNI, GETI MINOĀNI,
 OKHE AVĀKSHSH PASHEMĀN, PA SE
 GAVASHNI PA PATET HOM. KSHNAOTHRA
 AHURAHE MAZDĀO; TAROIDITE ANGHRAHE
 MAINYEUSH, HAITHYĀ VARSHTĀM HYAT
 VASNĀ FERASHOTEMEM; STOMI ASHEM.
 ASHEM VOHU 1. YATHĀ AHU VAIRYO 2.
 ASHEM VOHU 1.**

May Ahura Mazda drive out Ahriman & all his
 devs; drujš, sorcerers, tyrants, sinners, evil enemies,

far from us. May they be defeated! May wicked kings be driven out & enemies of mankind be defeated. I repent for whatever sins have been committed by me. For whatever wicked thoughts I have thought, for, whatever wicked words I have spoken & for whatever wicked actions I have done or have been done by me unknowingly. I repent with Good thoughts, Good words & Good deeds & turn my back to all evil, in this world, or the spiritual world. May Ahura Mazda be pleased. May I live according to His Will. I Praise his righteousness.

8. JASA ME AVANGHE MAZDA:

(Declaration of Creed & Faith to Ahura Mazda)

**JASA ME AVANGHE MAZDA, JASA ME
AVANGHE MAZDA, JASA ME AVANGHE
MAZDA.**

**MAZDAYASNO AHMI MAZDAYASNO
ZARATHUSHTRISH. FRAVARĀNE
ĀSTUTASCHĀ FRAVARE TASCHĀ. ĀSTUYE
HUMATEM MANO, ĀSTUYE HUKHTEM**

**VACHO, ĀSTUYE HVARSHTEM
 SHYAOTHNEM. ĀSTUYE DAENĀM
 VANGHUHIM MĀZDAYASNIM, FRASPĀYAO
 KHEDHRĀM, NIDHĀSNAITHISEM,
 KHAETVADATHĀM ASHONIM. YĀ
 HĀITINĀMCHĀ, BUSHYEINTINĀMCHĀ
 MAZISHTĀCHA, VAHISHTĀCHĀ,
 SRAESHTĀCHĀ, YĀ ĀHUIRISH
 ZARATHUSHTRISH. AHURĀI MAZDĀI VISPĀ
 VOHU CHINAHMI. AESHĀ ASTI DAENAYĀO,
 MĀZDAYASNOISH ĀSTUISTISH. ASHEM
 VOHU 1.**

O Mazda come to my help. I declare myself as a Mazda-worshipper; a Mazda-worshipping follower of Zarathushtra, a devotee & a follower & devoted supporter of this Faith. I follow good thoughts, good words & good deeds. I dedicate myself to the worthy religion of Mazda-worship, which declares peace; unity; nonviolence; Self-sacrifice; righteousness & is holy, of all the faiths that are & of those that shall be hereafter this is the greatest, the best & highest, religion of Ahura revealed by

Zarathushtra. I acknowledge all good things which are from Ahura Mazda. Such is the good Mazdayasni religion.

9. DIN-NO KALAMO: (Accepting Mazdayasni-Zarathushti Din) (To be Recited 3 Times)

**BA NĀME YAZADE BAKHSHĀYANDEHE
BAKHSĀYASHGARE MEHERBĀN.
RAZISHTAYĀO CHISTAYĀO
MAZDADHĀTAYĀO ASHAONYĀO DAENAYĀO
VANGHUYĀO MĀZDAYASNOISH. DIN BEH
RĀST VA DOROST, KE KHODĀE BAR KHALK
FERASTĀDEH IN HAST KE JARTOSHT
ĀVORDEH HAST; DIN DINE JARTOSHT, DINE
AHURA MAZDA DĀDEH JARTOSHT SPITMĀN.
ASHAONE ASHEM VOHU-1**

In the name of the holy Yazads, created by Ahura Mazda, I accept the good Mazdayasni din, The noble, full of wisdom, righteous, the good, the just & the perfect religion which Ahura sent to this world through Zarathushtra for our salvation.

10. SAROSH BAJ: (The Glory of Sarosh Yazad the Spiritual Guide & Protector)

KHSHNOTHRA AHURAHE MAZDĀO ASHEM VOHU-1.

PA NĀME YAZDĀN, HORMAZD KHODĀE AWAZUNI, GORJE KHOREH AWAZĀYĀD, SAROSH ASHO, TAGI, TAN-FARMĀN, SHEKAFTZIN, ZINAWAZĀR, SĀLĀRE DĀMĀNE AHURA MAZDA BE-RASĀD.

Pleased be Ahura Mazda. In the name of the Yazads & Dadar Ahura Mazda the generous, May His splendour & glory increase, May Holy Sarosh Yazad, strong, inspirer, protector with victorious weapons, spiritual guide of this world & Heaven & Ahura Mazda's Chief helper, May you Help Us.

**AZ HAMĀ GUNĀH PATET PASHEMĀNUM;
AZHARVARSTIN DUSHMATA DUZHUKHTA
DUZHUVARSHTA, MEM PA GETI MANID,
OEM GOFT, OEM KARD, OEM JAST, OEM
BUN BUD ESTED, AZ ĀN GUNĀH MANASHNI
GAVASHNI KUNASHNI, TANI RAVĀNI GETI
MINOĀNI, OKHE AVĀKSHSH PASHEMĀN PA**

**SE GAVASHNI PA PATET HOM. YATHĀ AHU
VAIRYO-5, ASHEM VOHU-1.**

We repent, turn back & reject all Sins, done by my
evil thoughts, evil Words & evil deeds, all sins
pertaining to my body & soul, in this world or the
Spiritual world, I discard & keep away with the
words good thoughts, words & deeds

FRAVARĀNE MAZDAYASNO

ZARATHUSHTRISH, VIDAEO

AHURATKAESHO (Pray The Relevant Geh)

FRASASTAYAECHA. SRAOSHAHE ASHYEHE,

TAKHMAHE, TANU MĀNTHRAHE, DARSHI-

DRAOSH, AHUIRYEHE, KSHNAOTHRA

YASNĀICHA VAHMĀICHA

KHSHNAOTHRĀICHA FRASTAYĀECHA,

YATHĀ AHU VAIRYO ZAOTĀ FRĀ-ME

MRUTE, ATHĀ RATUSHASHĀT CHIT HACHA,

FRĀ ASHAVA VIDHVĀO MAROTU.

I declare myself as a Mazdayasni Follower of
Zarathushtrish Warrior against evil devs, have faith
in the Laws of Ahura (*Relevant Geh*) We worship
the venerable, powerful, holy Sarosh, with

powerful weapons smiting the devs, reciting *Yatha Ahu Vairyo* with the guru (Zota) & may the wise disciple (Rathvi) recite *Atha Ratush Ashat Chit Hacha*.

**SRAOSHEM ASHIM, HURADHEM,
VERETHRĀJANEM FRĀDAT-GAETHEM
ASHAVANEM ASHAHE RATUM YAZAMAIDE
AHUNEM VAIRIM TANUM PĀITI, AHUNEM
VAIRIM TANUM PAITI, AHUNEM VAIRIM
TANUM PĀITI. YATHĀ AHU VAIRYO-1. (Recite
Full Kem Na Mazda) YATHĀ AHU VAIRYO-2
YASNEMACHA VAHMEMCHA AOJASCHA
JAVARECHA ĀFRINĀMI, SRAOSHAHE,
ASHYEHE, TAKHMAHE, TANU-MĀNTHRAHE,
DARSHI-DRAOSH, AHUIRYEHE. ASHEM
VOHU-1.**

We praise Sarosh the Holy, the strong, the victorious, bringing prosperity, the Righteous master. Ahunavairya protects the body, (*Kem Na Mazda*) I praise & worship according to the law of Ahura Mazda the glory dexterity & strength of

Sarosh Yazat, the holy, strong, Having powerful weapons to smite the devs.

a) AHMĀI RAESHCHA: (Reward & Blessings)

AHMĀI RAESHCHA KHARENASCHA, AHMĀI
TANVO DRAVATĀTEM, AHMĀI TANVO
VAZDVARE, AHMĀI TANVO VERETHREM,
AHMĀI ISHTIM POURUSH KHĀTHRĀM,
AHMĀI ĀSNĀMCHIT FRAZANTIM, AHMĀI
DAREGHĀM DAREGHO-JITIM, AHMĀI
VAHISTEM AHUM ASHAONĀM,
RAOCHANGHEM, VISPO-KHĀTHREM. ATHA
JAMYĀT, YATHA ĀFRINĀMI. ASHEM VOHU-1.

O Holy Sarosh Yazad bless the true worshipper with glory, health, strength, Victory, happiness, success, wisdom, wealth, long life, may his progeny be bright, comfortable & with the heaven of righteousness. May it be so as I pray!

b) HAZANGHREM: (Strong & Sound Health)

HAZANGHREM BAESHAZANĀM, BĀEVARE
BAESHAZANĀM; HAZANGHREM

**BAESHAZANĀM, BAEVARE BAESHAZANĀM,
HAZANGHREM BAESHAZANĀM, BAEVARE
BAESHAZANĀM. ASHEM VOHU-1.**

May there be a thousand-fold health, ten thousand means of health, Sound health of body & mind.

c) JASA ME AVANGHE MAZDA: (Reverence to the Divine)

**JASA ME AVANGHE MAZDA, JASA ME
AVANGHE MAZDA, JASA ME AVANGHE
MAZDA, AMAHE HUTĀSHTAHE,
HURODHAHE, VERETHRAGHNAHE,
AHURADHĀTAHE, VANANTIYĀOSCHA
UPARATĀTO RĀMANO KHĀSTRAHE, VAYOSH
UPARO-KAIRYEHE TARADHĀTO ANYĀISH
DĀMĀN, AETAT TE VAYO YAT TE ASTI
SPENTO-MAINYOM THWĀSHAHE
KHADHĀTAHE, ZARVĀNAHE AKARANAHE,
ZARVĀNAHE DAREGHO-KHADHĀTAHE.
ASHEM VOHU-1 .**

O Ahura Come to my help. I honour & revere; the Lord of victory, Behram Yazat, the all-conquering,

of Vanant Yazat, the Victorious Yazat rising above, of Mino Rām, presiding over joy & happiness, of Vāyo Yazad the lord of heaven, sky & endless time, created superior to others, O Vāyo Yazad help me with the beneficent spirit. Grant us victory & fitness to stand in your service to attain the Endless Time, & the Time Ordained for a long period.

d) KERFEH MOZD: (Reward of Good Deeds)

**KERFEH MOZD GUNĀH GUZĀRESH NERĀ
KUNAM, ASHAHI RAVĀN DUSHĀRAMRĀ,
HAM KERFEH HAMĀ VEHĀNE HAFT-
KESHVAR ZAMIN, ZAMIN-PAHANĀ, RUD-
DARĀNA, KHORSHID-BĀLĀ, BUNDEHĀD
BERASĀD; ASHO BED DER-JI, ATHA JAMYĀT
YATHA ĀFRINĀMI. ASHEM VOHU-1 .**

To Gain the reward of good deeds, to get forgiveness & good deeds for the sake of the soul may all good deeds of all the faithful living on the 7 lands of the earth, may they get their share of your blessings of as wide as the earth, as long as

the river & as high as the Sun. May they get long life. May it be so as I pray!

10. DUĀ TANDURASTI:(Blessings & Good Wishes for Good Health)

BA NĀME YAZADE, BAKHSHĀYANDEHE,
BAKSHĀYASHGARE MEHERBĀN. YAZDĀN
PANĀH BĀD, DERJIO SHĀD BĀD.

YATHĀ AHU VAIRYO-2.

TAN-DURASTI DER-JIVASHNI ĀVĀYAD;
KHOREH ANGHAD ASHAHIDĀR; YAZDĀNE
MINOĀN, YAZDĀNE GETIĀN, HAFT
AMESHĀSPANDĀN MYAZDA ROSHAN HAME
BERASAD. IN DUĀYĀN BĀD, IN KHUĀHĀN
BĀD; HAME ANDAR KASĀNRĀ ZARATHUSHTI
DIN SHĀD BĀD; AEDUN BĀD. YĀ BĀRI
KHODĀ! KHODĀVANDE ĀLAMRĀ, HAME
ANJUMANRĀ (Say The Names Of Those For
Whom The Tandurasti Is Recited).

BĀ FARZANDĀN, HAZĀR SĀL DER BEDĀR,
SHĀD BEDĀR, TAN-DUROST BEDĀR; AEDUN
BEDĀR. BAR SARE ARZĀNIĀ, SĀLHĀE

BESYĀR VA KARANHĀE BISHUMĀR BĀKI VA
 PĀYANDEH DĀR; HAZĀRĀN HAZĀR ĀFRIN
 BĀD, SĀL-KHOZASTEĤ BĀD, ROZ FARROKH
 BĀD, MĀH MUBĀRAK BĀD. CHAND SĀL,
 CHAND ROZ, CHAND MĀH, BESYĀR SĀL
 ARZĀNĪDĀR, YAZASHNE VA NIĀYESHNE VA
 RĀDI VA ZOR BARASHNE. ASHAHĪDĀR
 AVARE HAMĀ KĀRO KERFEHĀ; TANDURASTI
 BĀD, NEKI BĀD, KHUB BĀD; AEDUN BĀD,
 AEDUNTARAZ BĀD, PA YAZDĀN VA
 AMESHĀSPANDĀN KĀME BĀD!

DHANVĀN, PUTRAVĀN, ĀYUSHYAVĀN,
 LAXMIVĀN, VRUDDHIVĀN, ROJIVĀN,
 SHAKTIVĀN, BHĀGYAVĀN, VIDHYĀVĀN,
 KIRTIVĀN, SAMPATIVĀN, SANTATIVĀN,
 BALVĀN, DAYĀVĀN, DĀNIVĀN, SHUKRĀNĀ
 DĀDĀR, YAK DIN, YAK ZARATHOSHT
 BARHAK, BESHAK, BEGUMĀN, HOM PĀK DIN
 MĀZDAYASNI ZARATHUSHTRA SPITMĀN.
 ASHEM VOHU 1.

In the name of the holy Yazads, created by

Ahura Mazda, I start this prayer. Good health is essential for long life. May the bright lustre of these heavenly Yazats & the Yazats of this world with the seven Ameshāspands shine on us. May my prayer be Accepted & wishes fulfilled! May the Religion of Zarathushtra prosper in the universe Ameen! O God! the Creator, may the ruler of the state & their subjects as (*names of those for whom Tandurasti is prayed*) be blessed with their progeny. May they live for thousand years. May a thousand blessings be on the head of the righteous! May the year be auspicious! May the day be fortunate may the month be auspicious! May their desires be fulfilled for the strength, righteousness & all goodness! May they be blessed with health, goodness, beauty, prosperity & righteousness dedicated to all the Yazats & Ameshāspands. May they prosper with wealth, wise progeny, long life, be fortunate, have success & progress! With thanksgiving to God, may the Din of Zarathushtra Spitman prosper! Ameen!

RITUAL FOR NAVJOTE:-

(Between The Ages After 7 And 11 Years completed, A Child Is Initiated Into The Religion Through The Navjote Ceremony. Traditionally Navjote should be done in the Morning Havan Geh)

{1}THINGS NEEDED FOR NAVJOTE:

(A) Achhu Michhu Thali: Pān + Sopāri + Khārek + Ākhi Badām+ Haldar Gānthio + Coconut + Egg + Small Metal Glass of water (Vadāhvā Māte)

(B) Main Ses: Sopāro + Kanku Pigani + Gulābbās+Divo + Small Thali full of Rice + Flower Petals (Some also Put Small Slices of Coconut, Shredded Almonds & Raisins etc.) for

showering on the child + 1 Set of New clothes for the child + Shoes (to be dressed after Navjote) 4-5
Garlands+ Sadro + Kasti + Topi

(C) For the Nāhn: (Mostly the Ervad Saheb Arranges for all things) Fulyun / Vātki Each of Taro & Nirang + Pomegranate Leaves + White Big handkerchief + Lengho/Ijār + Sapāt + Topi+ Shawl /Cloth (to cover the child before Sadro is Donned.)

{2}PROCEDURE FOR NAVJOTE: (Mostly the Ervad Saheb will tell what to do)

(1) NĀHAN: (keep the child empty stomach)
1st the Child is taken for the Nāhan. The Lengo/Ijār + Topi/+ Shawl/Cloth to cover the Child, is kept in the room where bath is to be done.

(b) The Ervad Saheb will make the child pray the ‘Jamvāni Bāj’ Together with him.

**BA NĀME YAZADE, BAKHSHĀYANDEH
BAKHSHĀYAZESHGAR MEHERBĀN.
HORMAZD KHODĀY, ITHĀ ĀT**

**YAZAMAIDE, AHUREM MAZDĀM YE
GĀMCHĀ ASHEMCHĀ DĀT, APASCHĀ
DĀT, URVARĀOSCHĀ VANGUHISH,
RAOCHĀOSCHĀ DĀT BUMIMCHĀ,
VISPĀCHĀ VOHU. ASHEM VOHU 3.** Then
The child will Chew a few Pomegranate Leaves.
(c) The Ervad Saheb will then make the child
sip a little of the Nirang, 3 times while Praying
the ‘Bāj of Nāhan’

**“IN KHURRAM IN PĀKI-E TAN
YAOZDĀTHRI-E RAVĀN RĀ”
ASHEM VOHU-4; YATHA AHU VAIRYO -2;
ASHEM VOHU-1.
AHMAI RAESCHA; HAZANGAREM; JASA
ME AVANGHAHE MAZDA, KERFEH MOZD.
(d) Thereafter the ladies of the house take the
child for the bath. 1st, taro is applied over the
body. After the taro dries, the child is given a
head bath. Then the child wears the Lengho/Ijār
& Topi. A shawl/white cloth is draped over the
shoulders. (The child is now not supposed to
talk till his Navjote is completed.) The child is**

then led to the place where the Navjote is to be performed.

(e) Before stepping on the stage/mat, the mother/senior lady of the family does Achhu Michhu (breaking the coconut & Egg) after which the child steps onto the mat and sits facing The Sun's Position at that time on the pātlo over which a white cloth is spread. **An Odd Number of Ervad sahebs including the child, sits around.** The Ervad Saheb Doing the Navjote will Make the Child Recite '*Patet Pashemāni*' prayer from the Khordeh Avesta (Nowadays hardly done. Only Ervad Sahebs Pray)

(f) The child is made to stand facing the Sun's Position at that time. The Ervad Saheb stands facing the child. He makes the child hold the Right sleeve of the Sadra in his Right Hand and the Left sleeve in the Left Hand while softly reciting 2 Yatha Ahu Vairyo, then join the 2

hands and make the child recite the Din no Kalmo.

(g) The Ervad Saheb then recites a Yatha Ahu Vairyo, and on the word '*Shyothananam*' makes the child wear the Sadra. All the Ervad Sahebs present, as well as the child recite the full *Yatha Ahu Vairyo*.

(h) The Ervad Saheb goes behind the child holding the Kasti in his hand. The child holds the little finger of the Ervad Saheb, who then recites the initial part of the Hormazd Yasht, while the child stands silently. After that, the Ervad Saheb and the child together recite the *Ahura Mazda Khoday*. The Ervad Saheb with the child Winds the Kasti on the Waist.

(i) The Ervad Saheb makes the child hold the front knots with his index fingers and asks the child to join hands. the Ervad Saheb makes the child recite the *Jasa Me Avanghe Mazda*. (Kasti Prayers) with Him. The Ervad Saheb then stands facing the child & recites the Dua

Tandarosti showering the Rice & Rose petals etc. on the child from the tray. Taking the Name of the child With the (Behdin/Osta/Osti, as the case may be.) Then does Tili etc. on the child & Blesses it.

-The Navjote Ceremony Is Now Over-

Then The head of the family Give cover & Garland etc. to the Ervad Sahebs. The Ladies Dresses up the Child with the New Clothes takes it to the Agiyari/Atash Behram. Does the Kasti, offers Sukhad and seeks blessings from the fire.

-(The Child Should Now Do Kasti At Least For 2 Times A Day – After Taking Bath & Before Going To Sleep.)-

(Excerpts from Erv. Ramyar Karnajia website & other sources)