
WE LOST THE TAJIKS

LET'S NOT LOSE THE KURDS

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In the 1990's after the fall of the Soviet Union the Tajiks came to Tehran and Bombay to seek assistance to revive their ancient faith in the land of Shah Vistasp. They were sent home empty handed. They represented a country, they had infrastructure, they had a President who wrote in his autobiography that he had followed the teachings of Zarathushtra in the positions that he had held in the Soviet Union and he can now hold his head high, for it had helped him do everything right.

In Tehran, the DNA's contain fear, built into it over the 1300 years. In India, they think everyone is after their crumbling BPPⁱ flats and trust funds. The Tajiks did not want any of those, they just wanted help in spreading the teachings of Zarathushtra to the generations that had grown up without religion under the Soviets. They wanted their ancient faith back in the land where Zarathushtra first introduced it.

They did not give up. In 2003, they organized themselves and hoped we would join them in their celebrations of 3000 years of Zarathushti Culture and again in the celebration of Aryan Culture in 2006. They paraded a person dressed as Zarathushtra and sang an anthem that said:

"We are from the blood of Siavash. We are 'Jame Safeedon' (those that dress in WHITE), We are as old as the Avesta, We are the Fire of Zarathushtra " ii



Only a handful of us participated, including two Mobeds who became know as 'Renegade' and are banned from BPP fire temples. In the short period that we were there, they performed the Novjote -

Sedreh Pooshi, ceremony of over 45 people in the few cities that we visited. None of these activities ignited any flame in the heart of the world wide Zarathushti organizations to step forward.



All they needed to do was to constantly send Mobeds to perform Novjotes and weddings and also train some Tajiks as Mobeds. The Tajik read Persian, but in Cyrillic script, so it just needed a change in script of the books we already had. It was a low-cost project and there was plenty of government support.

Instead the BPP chairman lead a gang and disrupted the ceremony of a Russian becoming a Mobed.

In the meanwhile, Agha Khan sponsored a university and built hospitals to win the heart and mind of the youth. The Saudis and Iran spend billions to built mosques and paid women to wear the Hijab, they employed the mullahs to advance their cause. Recently the government shut down 200 mosques in the city of Dushanbe and passed a legislation that children up to the age of 18 should not be indoctrinated into any religion. Still we are in deep sleep, waking up only to spend public funds to fight in the Supreme court of India, those who want to keep their religion, like Goolrukh Guptaⁱⁱⁱ.

Now fast forward 2017 and the Kurds are returning to their ancient faith. Same story, they want guidance. They are the ancients Madhs, the people whose daughter gave birth to Kurosh, Cyrus the Great, who founded the Persian Empire and ruled it based on the teachings of Zarathushtra. The same Madh's to whom the Magi tribe belonged. Their national dress is the same as that worn by Zarathushtra in the pictures that we adore in our homes. Their Kusti is their shawl, like the one tied around the waist of Zarathushtra, which they proudly display, with 3 knots representing Good Thoughts Good Words Good deeds.



They are not asking permission to become Zarathushti, for it is their ancient faith, their birth right, something they have preserved in their hearts, in their customs and in their dress. They are asking for guidance, for moral support, for the books that they lost to the invaders. They need our presence in large numbers to warm their hearts to give them strength, to tell any opponents that they are not alone. To tell the world that the first monotheistic religion is alive and strong. To show the world the source, the inspiration, the ideology that created the First Charter of Human Rights.

Southern Kurdistan or Bashoor Kurdistan is now a free land for all religions, a secular state. Their parliament has unanimously approved the now famous Article 5 which gives everyone the freedom to profess their own religion. Tribe after tribe are declaring their allegiance to their ancient faith.

Let's declare 23 September, 2018^{iv} as the year of the return of the Fire of Zarathushtra to Kurdistan, let's lead a procession with the ancient flag of Kaveh and carry the flame from the ancient Fire preserved in Udvada and Yazd to reignite the fire in Kurdistan.

In October 2017 let's reciprocate the visit of the Kurdish delegation to USA lead by the Lion Lady Awat and lay the foundation of the Fire Temple.

Let's inform the misinformed and the uninformed that the teachings of Zarathushtra is about freedom of choice, about diversity, about freedom of religion, freedom of culture, freedom of thoughts. It was implemented in history when the rulers of Persia followed the teachings of Zarathushtra. By bowing in front of the statue of Mardukh the god of the defeated nation, by releasing the Jews from slavery and giving them gold and silver to return to Jerusalem and rebuilt their temple, by reinstating defeated kings who promised to be just rulers for their people.

It is but natural for the Kurds and the Tajiks wanting to return to their ancient faith of Truth, of justice,



freedom and equality; of righteousness and of progress. Of progress for the sake of progress of the human kind. Where the reward is not sought in gold, silver and dollars but in becoming AMERTATA, immortal in the memories of future generations for their good work. The faith that teaches to find God within oneself (Khod Ah) and not in the skies. The faith that teaches to find your own solution and not plead to God for the solution.

Existing Associations and Anjumans may not have the mandate to go all the way and the Kurds will end up in the same boat as the Tajiks. Let's form an Umbrella Organization of action-minded people and concentrate on advancing the cause. Sitting in front of computers and cheering will lead to nowhere. To begin with, let's get books translated and help them open branches in other towns.

Be a Sushiant and help refresh civilization. Fear not,
take heart from our Kurdish Sisters who

fight along side their brothers.

If you have made up your mind please register at <http://ahura.homestead.com/KURDISTAN-BASHOOR.html>

ⁱⁱ Bombay Parse Panchayat (BPP)

ⁱⁱ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYQjGRwdmd4>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://parsikhabar.net/issues/supreme-court-to-review-gujarat-high-courts-controversial-decision-goolrukh-gupta-case/6799/>

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