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# ZARATHUSHTRA'S

## DATE OF BIRTH

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Zarathushtra the Sage of ancient Iran was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> day after the Vernal Equinox. This day has been traditionally celebrated as his birthday. Herodotus says "Of all the days in the year a Persian distinguishes his birthday, and celebrates it with a dinner of special magnificence." Birthdays being so important, it is apparent that the traditional date is right.

As for the year of his birth, 1768 BCE is the year that has been accepted by many Zarathushtis today. It is based on the astronomical indication in the Avesta and calculated and published for the first time by Prof. Zabih Behrooz. Western scholars in this field have been confused and have given varying and misleading dates.

Zarathushtra at a young age was in quest of knowledge. He wanted to find out the purpose of life on earth. He found his answer in nature, but when he proclaimed it, he met with opposition in the country of his birth. So, he left and went in search of someone who would understand him. He found that person in King Vistasp of Balkh and his two wise ministers Jamasp and Frashaoshtra. It is said he was 30 years of age when he was accepted. Thus, the year 1738 BCE is considered the first year of the establishment of his school of thoughts, named the 'Mazda Yasni' (Reverence unto Wisdom), those who respect and pursue wisdom. In the Avesta it is repeatedly mentioned 'Mazdayasno Ahmi Mazdayasno Zarathushtrish'.

Based on this calculation, 21 March 2017 will be the 3755<sup>th</sup> year of the establishment of the 'Mazdayasni Zarathushti' religion and 26 March 2017, the 3785<sup>th</sup> birthday of Zarathushtra.

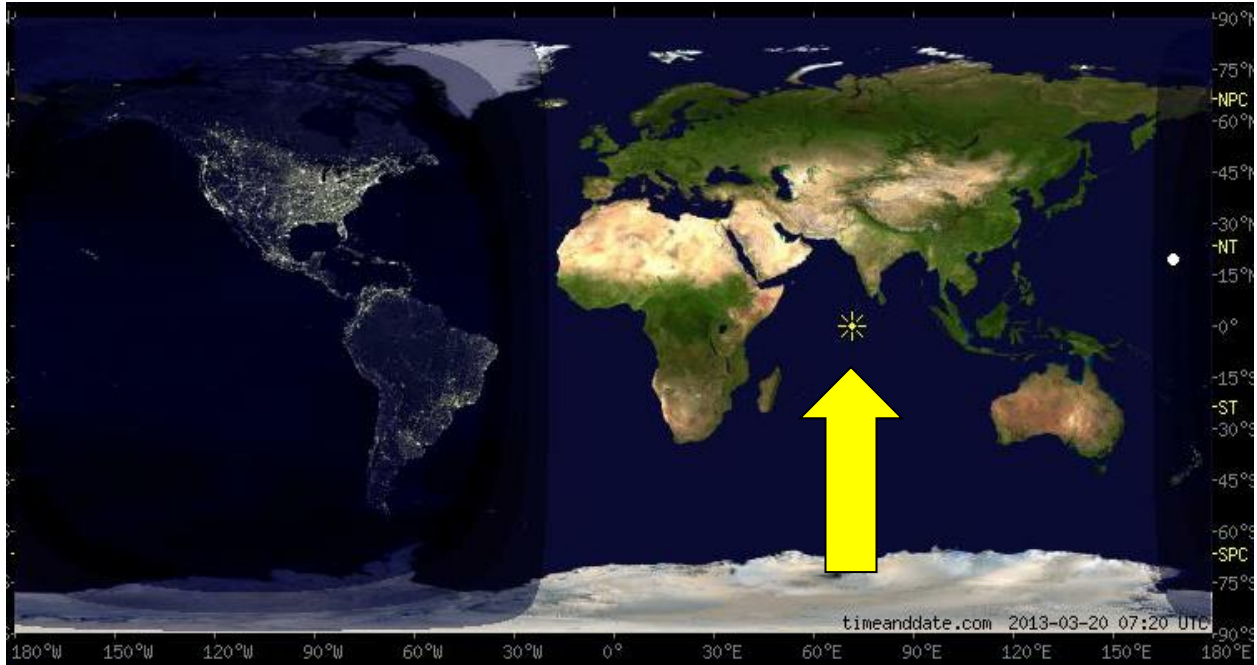
### **SOME MORE EVIDENCE OF THE CORRECTNESS OF THE DATE.**

Having been accepted by King Vistasp, Zarathushtra marries Havovi the sister of Frashaoshtra and settles by Lake Hamoun in Balkh. He starts practicing what he preached, he is said to have established an observatory by Lake Hamoun where he continued his research.

In Mehr Yasht 104-105 we are told about the location of the center of the earth from where Mithra (Sun) spreads its arms and hold the entire hemisphere. This center happens to be at 63 degrees' longitude, close to where Zarathushtra had settled. When the Sun (Mithra) is at Mid Day -**NIM ROOZ**- position over 63 degrees' longitude, the entire hemisphere from Japan and Australia in the east to Africa and Europe in the west has sunshine, (the arms of Mithra). To this day in Afghanistan at 63 degrees' longitude there is a province named Nim Ruz.

## NIM ROUZ

### THE MERIDIAN OF ZARATHUSHTRA



-27

63

153

**27+153=180** degrees'

Mehr Yasht is in the Avestan language and this language has not been used for more than 2500 years. We have cuneiform text from 2500 years ago, left behind by Persian kings, in three languages none of which resemble the Avesta language. So, it would not be wrong to be attribute the calculation requiring such high competence, to the poet, philosopher, mathematician, astronomer and ecologist Zarathushtra whose poems are in the Avestan language.

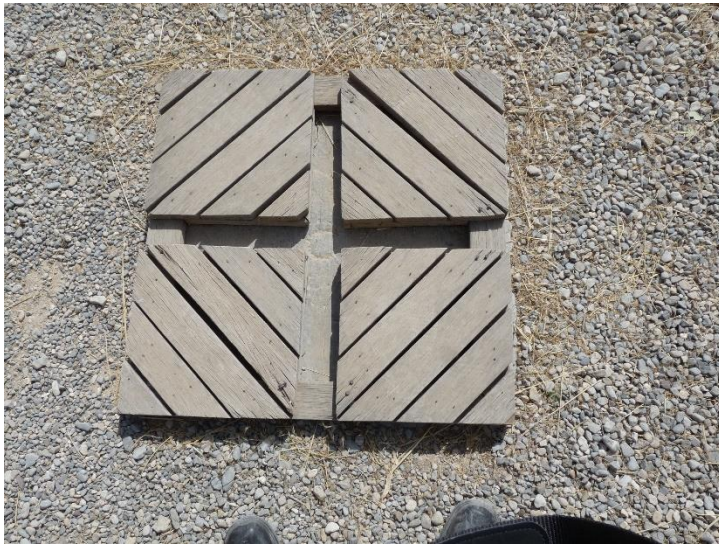
We have another word that rhymes with **NIM ROUZ** and that is **NOW ROOZ** – NEW DAY. Today hundreds of millions of people in more than 20 countries and in pockets all around the world, celebrate Now Rooz on the Vernal Equinox. Why do they call their New Year, New **DAY**?

It goes back to 1725 BCE, **thirteen years after Zarathushtra had settled in Balkh** on the banks of Lake Hamoun. He calculates that at the exact time of the Vernal Equinox of 1725 BCE the Sun will also rise in the Kingdom of Balkh. In other words, the New Year and the NEW DAY will start at the same moment, in Balkh. This is a once in a life time event for any given location on earth. Every year the sun rises at a different location on the Equinox and it takes 72 years for this phenomenon to repeat close to the same location. He called it **NOW ROOZ**. He informed King Vistasp of the phenomenon, who proclaimed the New Year of 1725 BCE as the New Day - Now Rooz, in his kingdom. Otherwise Spring was celebrated as New Year since the days of Shah Jamshid, after the great ice age, some twelve thousand years ago. It

was Zarathushtra who calculated and realized the uniqueness of the two events in nature happening at the same time at a location and named that particular year as Now Rooz.

This once in a life time event gives validity to 1768 BCE as the date of birth of Zarathushtra.

NOW ROOZ is recorded once again in 487 BCE, this time at Takht e Jamshid -Persepolis. King Daryoush the Great was informed by his astronomers that the phenomenon will occur in Parsa. They calculated and erected a pillar behind Apadana Palace and when the Equinox was announced the first rays of the rising sun lit the pillar. The bas relief around the palace is all about the celebration of Now Rooz of 487 BCE. The pillar is no longer there but the pedestal is still there. Every year in spring the sun rises right across from the location of this pedestal and is verifiable. So also, is the time of Sun Rise and the time of the Vernal Equinox of those two years for the two locations, verifiable.



THE PEDESTAL REMAINS OF THE PILLAR



BEYOND THIS GATE AT TAKHT E JAMSHID

Zarathushtra studied Nature and he branded the knowledge he acquired from nature as 'Asha Vahista' 'The Ultimate Truth'. Truth is always the Truth and can be verified any time. These evidences are all based on facts and are verifiable.

Having said that, theories about the year of Zarathustra's birth range from 600 to 6000 BCE, which again makes no difference. That what is important is, what he has said in his Gathas, **and 6000 does not outdate it nor does 600 BCE reduce the uniqueness of his teachings.**

It is time to petition UNESCO to recognize the truth and register 63 degrees' longitude as **THE MERIDIAN OF ZARATHUSHTRA.**



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