
ZARATHUSHTRA'S

DATE OF BIRTH

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Zarathushtra, the Sage of ancient Iran, was born on the 6th 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 correct.

As for the year of his birth, 1768 BCE is the year based on the astronomical indication in the Avesta, which was 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 search 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 wise ministers, Jamasp and Frashaoshtra. It is said he was 30 years of age when he was accepted. Thus, 1738 BCE is considered the first year of establishing his school of thought, named the 'Mazda Yasni' (Reverence unto Wisdom), those who respect and pursue wisdom. In the Avesta, it is repeatedly mentioned 'Mazdayasno Ahmi Mazdayasno Zarathushtrish'.

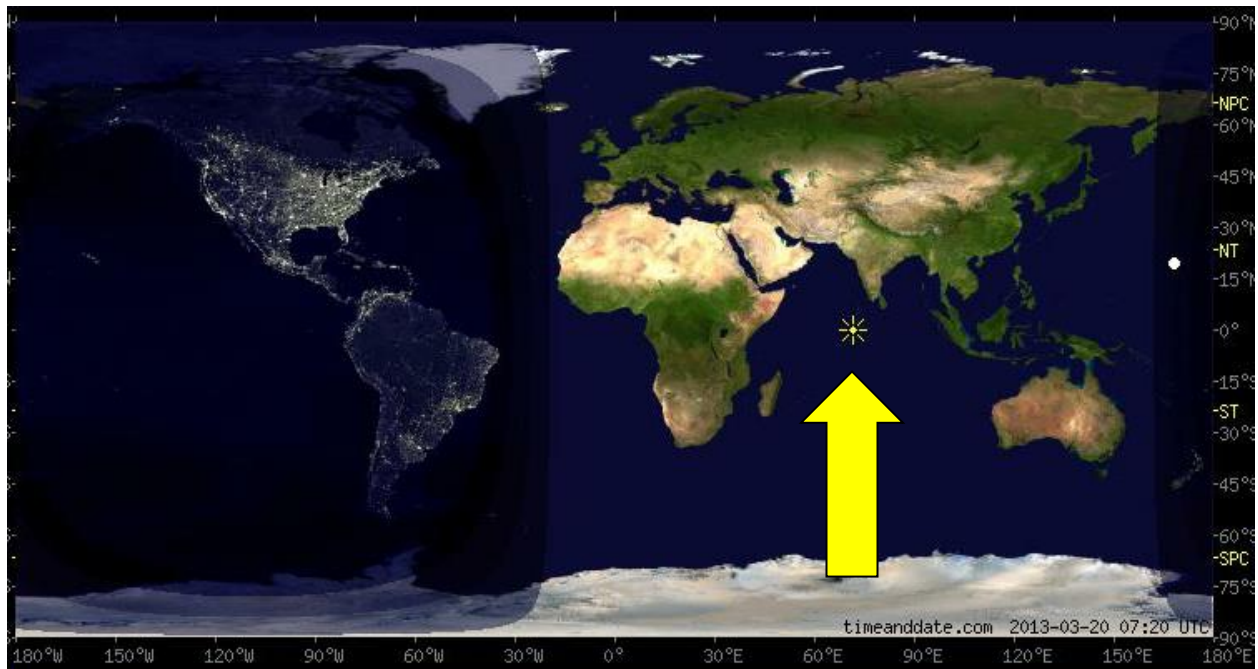
SOME MORE EVIDENCE OF THE CORRECTNESS OF THE DATE.

Having been accepted by King Vistasp, Zarathushtra marries Havovi, the sister of Frashaoshtra, and settles at Lake Hamoun in Balkh. He started practising what he preached and 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 Earth's centre from where Mithra (Sun) spreads its arms and holds the entire hemisphere. This centre happens to be at 63 degrees longitude, close to where Zarathushtra had settled. When the Sun (Mithra) is at Mid Day **-NIM RUZ-** 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 RUZ

THE MERIDIAN OF ZARATHUSHTRA



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$$27+153=180 \text{ degrees'}$$

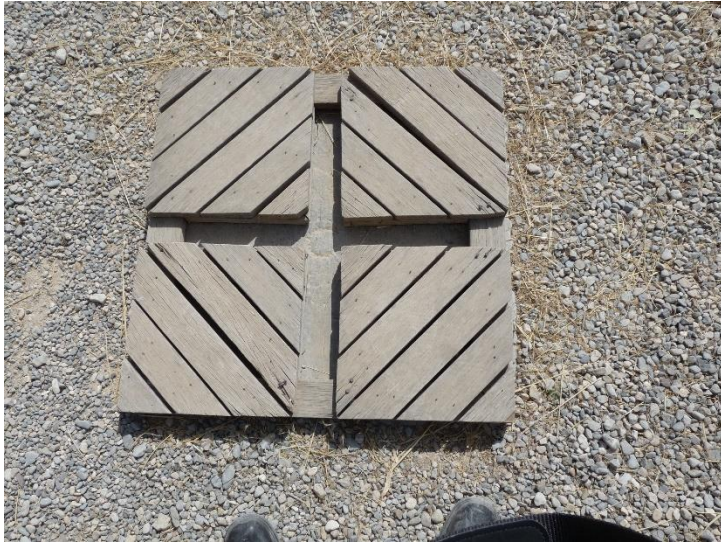
We have another word that rhymes with **NIM RUZ**: **NOW RUZ** – NEW DAY. Today, hundreds of millions in more than 20 countries and many more in pockets worldwide celebrate Now Ruz on the Vernal Equinox. Why do they call their New Year New **DAY**?

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 exact moment in Balkh. That is a once-in-a-lifetime event for any given location on Earth because the sun rises at a different location every year at the time of the Equinox. He called this once-in-a-lifetime New Year **NOW RUZ - New Day**. He informed King Vistasp, who proclaimed the New Year of 1725 BCE as the New Day - Now Ruz, 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. Zarathushtra calculated and realized the uniqueness of the two events in Nature happening simultaneously at a location and named that particular year Now Ruz.

This once-in-a-lifetime event validates 1768 BCE as the date of Zarathushtra's birth.

NOW RUZ is historically 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 would occur in Parsa. They calculated and erected a pillar in the Apadana Palace, and when the Equinox was announced, the first rays of the rising sun lit that pillar. The basrelief around the palace is about celebrating 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 it is verifiable. Also, the time of Sunrise and the Vernal Equinox are verifiable.



THE PEDESTAL REMAINS OF THE PILLAR



BEYOND THIS GATE AT TAKHT E JAMSHID

Zarathushtra studied Nature and branded the knowledge he acquired from Nature as 'Asha Vahista', 'The Ultimate Truth'. Truth is always the Truth and can be verified at any time. This evidence is all based on facts and is verifiable.

Having said that, the theories of Zarathustra's date of birth range from 600 to 6000 BCE, making no real difference. 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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