
Char-Shanbeh Suri

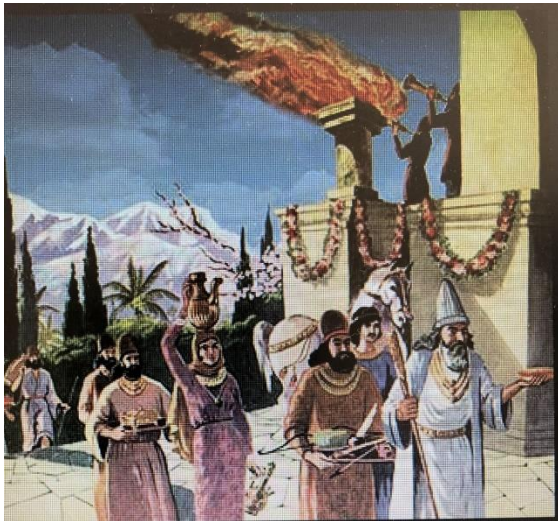
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Chahar-Shanbeh Suri is said to be an Ancient Iranian festival in other words a Zoroastrian festival, but it is NOT.

The people of Greater Iran or Iranshar, the Persian Empire; were all followers of the Teachings of the Great Sage Zarathushtra. They followed the principle of GOOD THOUGHTS GOOD WORDS AND GOOD DEEDS.

According to his teachings, they paid **Reverence to Nature - ASHA** - Earth Water Air and Fire.

They would not have jumped over the fire and cursed the fire with sickness even if it is their own sickness. Such a thought would sow the seed of pollution. According to Professor E.Pur-Dawud "The choice of Wednesday, as well as the ritual of jumping over fire and "insulting" it, must, however, have originated after the Islamic conquest." ¹



In fact, after the Vernal Equinox, on the morning of the New Year, just before the first Sun Rise they would go up on rooftops and light fires welcoming the advent of the New Year.

To this day the Kurdish people light torches and carry them to mountain tops to usher in the New Year with the rising Sun.

Chahar Shanbeh Suri is the result of the second Cultural Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing that was committed against the people of Iran.

After the millennium-long Genocide committed against the Iranian people, there were only about 7711 followers of Zarathushtra left in the Persian Empire hiding in the great deserts of Lut.

Those Iranians who had converted by force to Islam to save their lives, when times were favourable they tried to revive their ancient culture from stories they had heard because their books were all destroyed during the Cultural Genocide. Thus they celebrate Yalda the longest night by reciting the poetry of the 14-century poet Hafez, instead of their ancient practice of reciting the Gathas the Poetry of Zarathushtra. They celebrate Now Ruz by spreading the Now Ruz Table with SEVEN items each representing CHEAP PHILOSOPHY like I am **SUMAC**, I make your Kebabs have a tangy taste, I symbolize Taste. I am **SEER** Garlic I lower blood pressure, I Pacify; I symbolize Peace. etc.

Similarly, they brought down the fire from the mountain tops to the streets and jump over it. On a positive note, these celebrations were always in defiance of the ruling Islamic class and is a movement of political defiance even today. But if we try and celebrate it in its original form it has more value because they are more meaningful and were based on the higher values in life.

Twice in history, the Iranian people went through a Cultural Genocide. The people who introduced philosophy to the Greeks have not a single shred of a document left from their ancient philosophers or even the names of their philosophers from that era.

Of course, the 3759-year-old Teachings of Zarathushtra have managed to survive. It is a LOFTY PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE and is symbolized on the NOW RUZ Table by way of **SEVEN TRAYS** - SEENEE – HAFT SEENEE.

In the trays, they put all that they love and like without consideration of how their names are spelt. The SEVEN represent the SEVEN ETERNAL LAWS OF NATURE.

- 1- **Good Mind**- BAHMAN – Use your Good Mind to inquire and learn the
- 2- **Ultimate Truth**- ORDIBEHST-the Laws of Nature- the Secrets of Nature -Use them to make
- 3- **Good Rules** – SHAHRIVAR- Good Laws- Good Products – Which will lead to
- 4- **Lawful Desire** – ESPAND - Righteousness – that will pave the way toward
- 5- **Perfection** – KHORDAD- Mental, Physical and Spiritual – which will lead to
- 6- **Immortality**- AMORDAD- (a) In Death being remembered for your good work for generations
(b) In Life by losing the fear of Death –resulting in oneness with
- 7- KHOD-AH -**The Creator of Wisdom** – **KHOD** = Self **AH** = to come.

To understand God through **Self Realization**.

The celebration of the ancient Zarathushti festivals in their original form will draw attention to and help revive the true teachings of Zarathushtra, that promote the higher values of life, the teachings that when followed correctly founded the Benevolent Persian Empire, which in 500 BCE gave the world its first Charter of Human Rights, that connected the Mediterranean to the Red Sea, that built 2500 kilometre long highways, that condemned slavery and gave freedom of religion, that allowed the Jews to return to their homeland and rebuilt their temple, that fought wars with well-engineered plans and won wars with minimal loss of life, that allowed defeated rulers to continue to rule if they promised to rule justly.

Teachings that respected nature and celebrated it thus avoiding even the thought of pollution, like the thought of dumping your sickness into the fire. So let's dance around the Fire instead of jumping over it and request it to share its brightness in our lives. The thought of polluting fire with our sickness is the first step towards polluting it with all that is unwanted.

The correct form of the Now Ruz table will inform the world of the true teachings of Zarathushtra, the very teachings that were gifted to Baby Jesus by the Magi. Who mastered it and realized the final stage - Khod-Ah - and said "I and the Father are one".

Jesus was stoned by the people and crucified by the Romans for promoting the rival way of life. Let us help the world shed the Roman way of life, that of using only **one of our senses**, the sense of Hearing. Of Believing what we Hear without contemplating. Instead, let us adopt the Persian way of life of not only **USING ALL OUR SENSES BUT OF USING THEM WITH WISDOM.**

"Dasa Aspa Arsana Vaitis Ustrem Ca Hyat Moi Mazda".
"Ten Senses leading to Illumination through my Wisdom."²

Ten stands for the 5 organs and the 5 senses.

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<http://gathas.ca/>

<http://zarathushticalendar.com/>

¹ *Origin.* According to E. Pūr-Dāwūd (pp. 73, 75), the feast of Čahāršanba-sūrī is derived from the Zoroastrian feast of Hamaspāθmaēdaya, which after the calendar reform under Ardašīr I (a.d. 224-40; see [calendars.i](#)) was celebrated six days before Nowrūz. The choice of Wednesday, as well as the ritual of jumping over fire and "insulting" it, must, however, have originated after the Islamic conquest. The choice of the last Wednesday of the year is likely to have been prompted by an Arab superstition that Wednesdays are unlucky (Jāḥeẓ, p. 227). This belief apparently became widespread in Persia during the first two Islamic centuries (Manūčehrī Dāmġānī, p. 220; Massé, p. 274 and n. 2; Pūr-Dāwūd, p. 73).

² Gathas Yasna 44.18 (FR)