

New light on the history of Iran

How Ilm-e-Khshnoom reveals the origin of history from the functioning of the 7 celestial influencers, and the role of the Mazdayasnis therein

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Part 2: The last days of the previous Zravane Daregho Khadata and events at the beginning of the current Zravane Daregho Khadata

The presence of law and order is a vital element of any civilized society and in its absence society can soon degenerate into a near barbaric existence. The same dictum applies to nature too. The material world in which we live would be unimaginable without the presence of an apparatus to maintain its proper functioning. Man often wonders at the scale and complexity of nature's operation, and after years of study and doubt, has now come around to believe that surely all this cannot be chance happenings with no correlation. There exists an extensive infrastructure of unbelievable complexity which drives the precise functioning of nature's various components. Contrary to popular belief, nature does not function in a haphazard or indiscriminate manner. There are no freaks of nature. The seemingly obvious aberrations we sometimes examine are only the result of the divine order and justice, known in the Avesta as *Asha*, which permeates the running of this entire system. It is therefore fair to accept that the formation of history in each Zravane Daregho Khadata cycle is also subject to this Law of Divine Order and Justice and that no event which occurs through out the Zravane Daregho Khadata cycle is an aberration. Therefore, the fundamental principle to bear in mind is this: the events of history are not the cause but rather the results of the mysterious functioning of the seven celestial influencers.

In order to properly study the history of the current Zravane Daregho Khadata (ZDK from now on), an analysis needs to be done of the last few hundred years of the previous ZDK. A look at the chart showing the reign of the various planets as primary influencers in the ZDK cycle shows that the last 15,000 years of any ZDK cycle are ruled by the overwhelming influence of Saturn. We cannot repeat ourselves enough when we reiterate that the names of the celestial bodies should not be confused with the physical planets we see. Those are physical manifestations of a Spiritual Being far removed from them. *The influence is exerted*

by the Spiritual Being, not by the physical mass of the planet. The influence of Saturn is that of destruction and decadence.

English name	Persian name	Reign in years
Jupiter	Burjis	11,000
Mars	Hasham	17,000
Sun	Khur	4,000
Venus	Nahid	9,000
Mercury	Tarad	13,000
Moon	Dae	12,000
Saturn	Kaiwan	15,000
	Grand total	81,000

The last years of the previous ZDK cycle

The last few thousand years of the last (and any other) ZDK cycle marked the nadir of human existence. Man descended into an almost animal-like state with his entire existence being driven by his primary needs, which were fuelled by his physical senses. It is pertinent to note that this diminished human-like behaviour was also marked by a striking change in man's appearance at that time. The average height of man during those last few years was not more than four feet. Truth became a scarce commodity and the institutions of all the major religions remained in a state of disarray. The very existence of earth was threatened as the individual and collective Activity-clouds became more and more murky, and formed the dreaded 'Saen Druj' clouds which could wipe out the entire existence.

The few good men and women left stood no chance against the combined might of the collective evil. It was at this point in time, when everything seemed lost, that the last great saviour – *Soshyos*, called *Astvat Ereta* in the Avesta, descended on the visible earth after making preparations over many years in the unseen earth, or *Aiwithrishwa* to fulfil his duties as described in Karta 28 of the Fravardin Yasht. With his spiritual authority, the saviour began the process of screening and then selecting one good pair of every genus, species and sub-species of all animate and inanimate creations. When the selection was complete, the entire group began the migration towards a place called '*Pamar*'. (not to be confused with the modern day *Pamir* range of mountains in Central Asia and Tajikistan.) This was to be the place of sanctuary for the group of souls who would be the sole survivors of the destruction that would soon follow. The Pamar, referred to in the Avesta as '*Airyana Vaeja*' is located near the North Pole on the very top of the world. Preparations for the reception of the great group of survivors were made at this place many years in advance by the forerunners and

helpers of Soshyos. Here, the community of survivors, led by Soshyos established their abode.

Soon thereafter, as the 81,000 year cycle came to its fag end, the process of glaciation began. Temperatures throughout the world began to plummet and rainfall, and thereafter snowfall, increased. Gradually, all parts of the earth were covered by ice and entire civilizations, countries and continents were submerged under a thick layer of ice. Soon, the world was totally destroyed and the Ice Age began. The process of giving the earth a spiritual bath began with this cleansing. As the perpetrators of evil perished, the advanced souls residing in the unseen area of the earth, *Aiwithrishwa*, (which is not subject to glaciation), began the slow but steady purification of the earth, a course of action which would take nearly 25,000 years.

Meanwhile, as temperatures around the globe plummeted, the North Pole began experiencing the phenomenon of Eternal Spring. In the Pamar, the survivors of the deluge, under the spiritual and temporal leadership of Soshyos and his appointed successors, (and, in time, their descendents), began the journey of their spiritual advancement. Practicing the spiritual kinetics handed to them by the Saviour and his successors, the survivors started their progression. The practices of the individual religions which had existed at the time of the deluge were now merged into the collective worship of the Supreme Being, *Ahura Mazda*. As each successive generation arose, the degree of spiritual development increased. Slowly but surely, the survivors became the adept and were now called the *Anjuman-i-Salasi*: the Universal Brotherhood. This process continued for a period of nearly 25,000 years, and as the Earth finished her spiritual cleansing, the *Anjuman-i-Salasi* reached their own pinnacle of spiritual advancement. In this manner, the nearly 25,000 year long period of glaciation was marked by the total absence of any physical activity on the visible earth, accompanied with the hectic spiritual activity both on the physical world as well as on the Pamar.

Arriving at the timeline of the current ZDK cycle

As the cleansing process of the earth ended, and the *Anjuman-i-Salasi* reached perfection, the preparations for the commencement of the new ZDK cycle started in nature. Based on the calculations revealed to us by our Master, Ustad Saheb Behramshah Nowroji Shroff, the current ZDK cycle commenced approximately 14,638 years ago (counting from the year 2005), i.e. in approximately 12,633 BC. The beginning of every ZDK cycle starts with the

Primary, Secondary and Tertiary influencers all being Jupiter. (This is denoted technically as *Jupiter-Jupiter-Jupiter*). As per the calculations given in the previous issue, the reign of Jupiter as primary influencer is 11,000 years. Similarly, within the primary period, the reign of Jupiter as secondary influencer is 1494 years, and the tertiary reign of Jupiter extends for a period of 202.865 years. The process of calculating these figures is quite simple and given below.

For example, to calculate the secondary reign of Jupiter in Jupiter primary

Planet x Primary planet/ZDK years, i.e.

$$11000 \times 11000 / 81000 = 1493.827 \text{ years}$$

To calculate the Tertiary reign of Jupiter in secondary Jupiter

Planet x Secondary planet/Years as primary, i.e.

$$1493.827 \times 1493.827 / 11000 = 202.865 \text{ years}$$

However, there is an added degree of calculations to be followed. According to the Zarathushtrian mystic revelation, after calculating these figures, certain adjustments need to be made to take into account what is technically known as '*Zed*', i.e. the unseen wobble of the spiritual force behind the physical planets. Just as the earth has movements in addition to rotation and revolution, namely precession, obliquity and eccentricity, which although spread over a very long period of time, are nonetheless to be taken into account, so also the periods of influences of the various planets over the earth are to be adjusted based on certain non-physical movements of the spiritual forces as they cause one period of time to emerge from the other. For example, the primary reign of Jupiter is followed by the primary reign of Mars. This can be expressed by saying that Jupiter is exerting a centrifugal force (technically called the process of '*Infesal*'), due to which the creation of the primary period of Mars is helped. At the same time, Jupiter as the primary influencer is exerting a centripetal force (technically called the process of '*Ittesal*'), pulling the coming years of Mars as primary influencer towards it. These unending cycles of push and pull between the celestial influencers (technically called '*Dauran*'), which are different in each ZDK cycle, need to be calculated and the proper adjustments made for calculating the primary, secondary and tertiary periods. Unfortunately, the Master, while giving the *Zed* figures for the current ZDK cycle, did not disclose the method for making such calculations. Nonetheless, these figures are available and are tabulated below.

Hence it is seen that although the primary reign of Jupiter in every ZDK cycle is of 11,000 years, after making the Zed calculations, this primary period is increased by nearly 1,640 years, resulting in the primary period of Jupiter increasing to 12,640 years, and correspondingly, the primary period of Mars is reduced by the same amount from 17,000 years to 15,360 years. These additional 1,640 years of Jupiter as primary influencer are to be now properly allocated among the secondary influencers. Thus it is seen from the table that although the secondary reign of Jupiter should be 1,494 years, a further 1,100 years are added to this time, making the secondary influence of Jupiter stretch for 2,594 years. Similarly, these additional 1,100 years of Jupiter as secondary are to be properly allocated either at the beginning, or middle or end of the tertiary periods of the other planets. It is only after doing this elaborate process that we are left with a near accurate depiction of the time line of the current ZDK, and the influences of various planets in the primary, secondary and tertiary configurations. The same is given below:

Primary planet & number of years	Secondary planet & number of years	Tertiary planet	Tertiary Years	Year of Zravane Daregho Khadata	Starting as per Christian year	Ending as per Christian year	
The Zravane Daregho-Khadata begins				0	12633 BC		
JUPITER	JUPITER	Jupiter	203	203	12633 BC	12427 BC	
12,640 years	2,594 years	Mars	313	516	12427 BC	12114 BC	
		Sun	73	589	12114 BC	12041 BC	
		Venus	165	754	12041 BC	11876 BC	
		Mercury	240	994	11876 BC	11636 BC	
		Moon	222	1216	11636 BC	11414 BC	
		Saturn	276	1492	11414 BC	11138 BC	
		Additional	1102	2594	11138 BC	10036 BC	
		Mars	Mars	484	3078	10036 BC	9552 BC
	2,309 years	Sun	114	3192	9552 BC	9438 BC	
		Venus	256	3448	9438 BC	9182 BC	
		Mercury	370	3818	9182 BC	8812 BC	
		Moon	342	4160	8812 BC	8470 BC	
		Saturn	427	4587	8470 BC	8043 BC	
		Jupiter	314	4901	8043 BC	7729 BC	
		Additional	2	4903	7729 BC	7727 BC	
		Sun	Sun	27	4930	7727 BC	7700 BC
	1,081 years	Venus	61	4991	7700 BC	7639 BC	
		Mercury	87	5078	7639 BC	7552 BC	
	Moon	81	5159	7552 BC	7471 BC		
	Additional	538	5697	7471 BC	6933 BC		
	Saturn	101	5798	6933 BC	6832 BC		
	Jupiter	74	5872	6832 BC	6758 BC		
	Mars	112	5984	6758 BC	6646 BC		

	Venus	Venus	135	6119	6646 BC	6511 BC
1,223 years		Mercury	196	6315	6511 BC	6315 BC
		Moon	181	6496	6315 BC	6134 BC
		Saturn	226	6722	6134 BC	5908 BC
		Jupiter	165	6887	5908 BC	5743 BC
		Mars	256	7143	5743 BC	5487 BC
		Sun	61	7204	5487 BC	5426 BC
		Additional	3	7207	5426 BC	5423 BC
	Mercury	Mercury	284	7491	5423 BC	5139 BC
1,766 years		Moon	261	7752	5139 BC	4878 BC
		Saturn	326	8078	4878 BC	4552 BC
		Jupiter	240	8318	4552 BC	4312 BC
		Mars	370	8688	4312 BC	3942 BC
		Sun	87	8775	3942 BC	3855 BC
		Venus	196	8971	3855 BC	3659 BC
		Additional	2	8973	3659 BC	3657 BC
	Moon	Moon	241	9214	3657 BC	3416 BC
1,629 years		Saturn	301	9515	3416 BC	3115 BC
		Jupiter	221	9736	3115 BC	2894 BC
		Mars	342	10078	2894 BC	2552 BC
		Sun	81	10159	2552 BC	2471 BC
		Venus	181	10340	2471 BC	2290 BC
		Mercury	261	10601	2290 BC	2029 BC
		Additional	1	10602	2029 BC	2028 BC
	Saturn	Saturn	377	10979	2028 BC	1651 BC
2,038 years		Jupiter	276	11255	1651 BC	1375 BC
		Mars	427	11682	1375 BC	948 BC
		Sun	100	11782	948 BC	848 BC
		Venus	226	12008	848 BC	622 BC
		Mercury	326	12334	622 BC	296 BC
		Moon	302	12636	296 BC	6 AD
		Additional	4	12640	6 AD	10 AD
MARS	Mars	Mars	388	13028	10 AD	398 AD
1,931 years		Sun	90	13118	398 AD	488 AD
		Venus	200	13318	488 AD	688 AD
		Mercury	320	13638	688 AD	1008 AD
		Moon	311	13949	1008 AD	1319 AD
		Saturn	361	14310	1319 AD	1680 AD
		Jupiter	261	14571	1680 AD	1941 AD
15,360 years	Sun	Sun	9	14580	1941 AD	1950 AD
91 years		Venus	21	14601	1950 AD	1971 AD
		Mercury	31	14632	1971 AD	2002 AD
		Moon	30	14662	2002 AD	2032 AD

On the importance of KEYWORDS in the study of Avesta

In order to properly appreciate the chain of events to follow at the beginning of the new ZDK, it is necessary to examine the state of the Anjuman-i-Salasi at Pamar at the end of the glacial period, just prior to the commencement of the next cycle. We have seen that the Anjuman-i-Salasi consisted of the descendants of the original pair of every genus, species and sub-species that was collected by Soshyos before the destruction and glaciation which brought the previous ZDK to an end. Talking of mankind, it is important to note that the saved ones consisted of representatives of all the major religions, and not just one man and one woman. Here it is necessary to understand how the Zarathushtrian mystic revelation distinguishes persons of different religions, which brings us to the central concepts of *Ashna*, *Asma* and *Chakhra*, all Avesta words, or as we prefer to call them, KEYWORDS.

One of the main stumbling blocks of philological study is the unawareness about the existence of several KEYWORDS (technically called '*logat*') in Avesta and Pahlavi. These words can be translated as a simple noun or verb, but in reality they contain very deep meanings. For example, the commonly occurring word '*aspa*', literally means 'horse'. We have already seen some examples such as *Zravane Thwashe Khadata*, *Zravane Daregho Khadata*, *Zravane Akarana*, *Airyana Vaeja*, etc. The mistreatment of these words as simple nouns or as parts of a sentence results in an unfair depiction of what Zarathushtrianism really is, and this is one of the main reasons why we say that the study of Khshnoom is indispensable to the true student of Avesta philology. In the next issue, we shall take up the discussion of these three KEYWORDS and relate them to our quest for a more complete history of ancient Iran.

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