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To the ZAQ 50th Anniversary Celebrations

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THE GOVERNOR GENERAL - LE GOUVERNEUR GÉNÉRAL

It is a pleasure to send greetings to all those in attendance at the 50th anniversary gala dinner of the Zoroastrian Association of Québec, the oldest Zoroastrian organization in North America.

I have seen first-hand how Canadians show compassion for people and passion for causes. Taken together, this generosity of spirit has an impact on our whole society. You can be proud that your presence at this event fosters a spirit of solidarity between members of the Zoroastrians community.

Whether it is through a gift of time, talent or funds, your collective giving moments are examples for all of us to follow.

I wish all of you a wonderful gala.

David Johnston

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THE GOVERNOR GENERAL - LE GOUVERNEUR GÉNÉRAL

Je suis ravi de saluer les invités au gala du 50^e anniversaire de l'Association zoroastrienne du Québec, la plus ancienne organisation zoroastrienne en Amérique du Nord.

J'ai souvent été témoin de la compassion que les Canadiens éprouvent pour les autres et de la passion qu'ils manifestent pour diverses causes. Cette générosité d'esprit collective influe sur notre société tout entière. Votre présence à cet événement favorise un esprit de solidarité entre les membres de la communauté zoroastrienne. Vous pouvez en être fiers.

Que vous donniez votre temps, vos talents ou de l'argent, vous êtes pour chacun de nous des exemples à suivre.

Je vous souhaite un merveilleux gala.

David Johnston

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August 6, 2017



Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greeting to everyone celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Zoroastrian Association of Québec (ZAQ).

For 50 years, ZAQ has worked to preserve and promote the religious, cultural and social heritage of Zoroastrians in the province. This milestone offers an ideal occasion to reflect on the history of ZAQ and the important role it has played in your community.

This year, as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation, let us take the opportunity to honour the many cultures, traditions and beliefs that make Canada such a wonderful place to live.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable celebration.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada

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PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

Le 6 août 2017



Chères amies, chers amis,

Je suis heureux de présenter mes salutations les plus chaleureuses à celles et ceux qui célèbrent le 50^e anniversaire l'Association zoroastrienne du Québec (AZQ).

Depuis 50 ans, l'AZQ s'emploie à préserver et à promouvoir l'héritage religieux, culturel et social des zoroastriens dans la province. Cette étape importante est l'occasion idéale de rappeler l'histoire de l'AZQ et le rôle important qu'elle joue dans votre collectivité.

Profitons de cette année de célébration du 150^e anniversaire de la Confédération canadienne pour rendre hommage aux nombreuses cultures, traditions et croyances qui font du Canada un endroit où il fait si bon vivre.

Je vous souhaite des célébrations des plus mémorables.

Cordialement,

Le très hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, C.P., député
Premier ministre du Canada



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ZUBIN MEHTA

To the Zoroastrian Association of Quebec

Tel Aviv in July 2017

It gives me great pleasure in embracing all my Zoroastrian soul mates in Quebec and to congratulate you on your 50th anniversary.

I am so sorry not to be there with you all.

All my love,

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Francis SCARPALEGGIA

*Member of Parliament for Lac-Saint-Louis
Député de Lac-Saint-Louis*



I would like to extend my most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to the Zoroastrian Association of Quebec on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

This milestone anniversary is testimony to a vibrant community that has contributed proudly to the Canadian cultural mosaic and social fabric. The Zoroastrian community's core value of goodwill through positive thoughts, words and actions serves to strengthen Canada's identity as a country built — for 150 years now — around the principles of solidarity and mutual support.

I would like to thank this evening's organizers on a successful celebration.

Yours truly,

Je tiens à transmettre mes plus sincères félicitations à l'Association Zoroastrienne du Québec à l'occasion de son 50^e anniversaire.

Cet anniversaire, qui marque un jalon important, témoigne du dynamisme d'une communauté qui a fièrement contribué à enrichir la mosaïque culturelle et le tissu social du Canada. La communauté zoroastrienne a pour valeur fondamentale de faire preuve de bonté par le biais de bonnes pensées, de bonnes paroles et de bonnes actions. Cette valeur renforce l'identité du Canada en tant que pays qui a évolué — depuis 150 ans déjà — sur les principes de la solidarité et de l'entraide.

Je tiens à remercier les organisateurs de cette soirée pour une célébration réussie.

Sincères salutations,

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Montreal, July 6, 2017

BY EMAIL

Zoroastrian Association of Quebec
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Beaconsfield, QC H9W 5T6

Att: Dr. Dolly Dastoor, Chair, Organizing Committee

Dear Dolly:

It is a great honour and pleasure to be invited to celebrate and participate in the Zoroastrian Association of Quebec's 50th Anniversary.

As you know, I have been involved with ZAQ for many years and it is an association that is dear to my heart.

I thank you and the other members of the organizing committee for organizing the Gala dinner at Crown Plaza and look forward to seeing you there.

Warm regards

Karen M. Rogers
KAREN M. ROGERS, J.C.S.

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Au nom de l'ensemble des Montréalaises et Montréalais, je tiens à offrir mes vœux les plus sincères aux membres de l'Association zoroastrienne du Québec en ce 50^e anniversaire.

Premier chapitre nord-américain, créé en 1967, l'Association zoroastrienne du Québec promeut les valeurs de solidarité, de générosité et de partage, des valeurs qui sont chères à l'ensemble de nos concitoyens.

Cette année de festivités qu'est le 375^e anniversaire de la fondation de notre métropole est une occasion privilégiée de célébrer ensemble ce qui nous unit et de nous réjouir de cette grande diversité qui fait de Montréal un modèle en matière de vivre-ensemble.

Je tiens à saluer l'engagement citoyen de tous les membres de votre communauté qui, au quotidien, travaillent au mieux-être de notre collectivité et vous remercie de contribuer activement à l'édification d'une ville reconnue pour l'importance accordée à l'inclusion et au respect.

Bon 50^e anniversaire et longue vie à l'Association zoroastrienne du Québec!

In the name of all Montrealers, I offer my most sincere wishes to the members of the Zoroastrian association of Québec on its 50th anniversary.

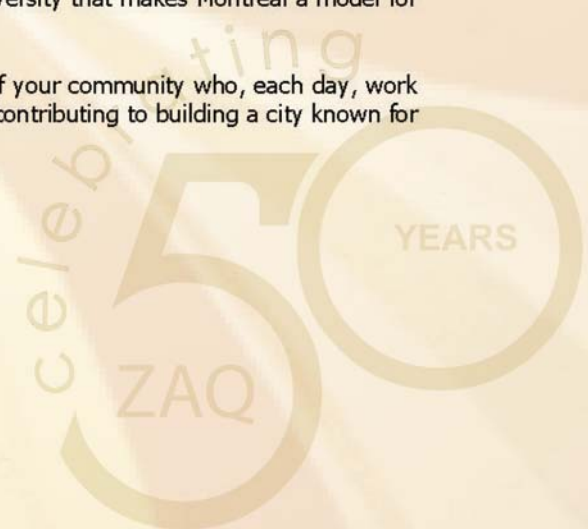
As its first chapter in North America, founded in 1967, the Zoroastrian association of Québec promote values of solidarity, generosity and sharing, values that are dear to all of us in Montréal.

This year of festivities, for the 375th anniversary of the founding of our metropolis, is the perfect occasion to celebrate together what unites us and to rejoice in this great diversity that makes Montréal a model for living together.

I also wish to salute the citizen involvement of all the members of your community who, each day, work for the betterment of our community and I thank you for actively contributing to building a city known for the importance it gives to inclusion and respect.

Happy 50th and long live the Zoroastrian association of Québec!

Denis Coderre
Maire de Montréal
Mayor of Montréal





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Vida Fereydoonzad
President, ZAQ

Dear Vida Fereydoonzad,



On behalf of the FEZANA Executive, member associations, corresponding groups and committee chairs, I would like to congratulate you, the Executive Committee, and the members of the Zoroastrian Association of Quebec (ZAQ) for celebrating this unique first event in the history of the North American Zarathushti community.

It is amazing to think about, but it was fifty years ago that a small group of Zarathushtis gathered together to form an association to have an impact on their community. Little did they realize what would take place, but I am sure that they dreamt about the possibilities of planting the seeds of the Zarathushti heritage in the western diaspora.

This milestone offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the history of the ZAQ and the important contributions it has made to the personal lives of many individuals and to the North American Zarathushti community. You were the leaders and paved the way for the next 25 associations on the North American continent.

As you mark 50 years of success, you have every reason to be proud of the association's past and excited about its future. I am certain that you will continue your contribution successfully for the next 50 years and beyond.

FEZANA is proud to announce the celebration of your Golden anniversary by declaring August 6, 2017 as "ZAQ Day". Happy 50th Birthday, ZAQ!

Homi D. Gandhi
President, FEZANA

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August 6, 2017

Dear Friends

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you this evening to celebrate 50 glorious years of the Zoroastrian Association of Quebec (ZAQ), the first and the oldest Zoroastrian association in North America. It all started in 1967 when a group of Zarathushtis who had settled in Montreal decided to form an Association to keep alive the ancient religion and the rich cultural heritage. We salute the pioneers for their vision and foresight. The association has been a trail blazer for many of the institutions that have been functioning on this continent.

The first publication "Gavashni" was started in 1974 in Montreal by Dr Ervad Bagli, the first president of the Association. It was a vehicle to disseminate the message of Prophet Zarathushtra to the Zoroastrian community across the North American continent. With the formation of the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA) in 1987, it later morphed into the FEZANA JOURNAL.

In 1982 ZAQ hosted the North American Zoroastrian Congress which was a huge success. On that occasion the association compiled the Directory of Zoroastrians living in Canada, thus offering all Canadian Zoroastrians the opportunity to communicate with each other. Directories of Zoroastrians all across North America are now compiled by FEZANA, with even an electronic version available. In 1999 the North American Youth Congress was also hosted by the youth of the association with great success.

Quebec Zoroastrians continue to play leadership roles in the local, national, and international organizations. The multicultural fabric of the Canadian and Quebec societies have welcomed us with open arms and true to the Zoroastrian religion, spirit and way of life, the community has integrated into the Canadian and Quebec mosaic while retaining their identity. They serve on professional and community organizations giving their time and talent for the betterment of the country they now call HOME.

We proudly celebrate the 30th anniversary of FEZANA, 50th anniversary of our association, the 150th anniversary of Canada, the 375th anniversary of Montreal.
Thank you for being with us tonight.

Dolly Dastoor Ph.D
On behalf of the organizing committee
Past president ZAQ
Past President FEZANA





Who are We?

The Zoroastrian Association of Quebec , the first association to be established in North America in 1967 had many defining moments which were precursors to the founding of the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America. (FEZANA).

The publishing of Gavashni , (editor Ervad Dr. Jehan Bagli) , the first Zarathushti newsletter of North America, distributed around the continent , the purchase of burial lots, compilation of standard procedures for funeral services , the compilation of the first American Zoroastrian Directory, the North American Congress 1982 where for the first time Non-Zoroastrians in Zoroastrian precepts were discussed.

This association launched the discussion on the standard Zarathushti calendar and prepared a compilation of opinions from across the world.

We organize events which fosters a spirit of togetherness among community members e.g. celebration of Navroz, Mehregan, Tirgan, Sadeh, Yalda, Ghambars and related Picnics. Activities are also organized to promote the teachings of the religion through religious classes for the children, adult discussion groups, participating in interfaith activities, maintaining a website and a newsletter, participate in activities organized by other Zoroastrian Associations in North America and by FEZANA.

Our Missions

The Mission of the Zoroastrian Association of Quebec is to perpetuate the religion of Asho Zarathushtra among the Zarathushtis of Quebec and to others who may wish to learn the teachings of Prophet Zarathushtra, and the scriptures , and to facilitate the performance of all religious ceremonies and the celebration of Zarathushti feasts

Zoroaster & Zoroastrians

Zoroastrianism, founded in 1500 BCE, by prophet Zarathushtra, in Central Asia, is one of the oldest monotheistic religions, which flourished through the rise and fall of many civilizations. It was the state religion of the Great Persian Empire founded by Cyrus the great (558 BCE) who gave the world the First declaration of Human Rights, inscribed on the Cyrus Cylinder, freed the Jews from Babylonian captivity and allowed them to rebuild their temple in Jerusalem. The Persians were conquered by Alexander who destroyed the Zoroastrian scriptures with the burning of Persepolis. Zoroastrianism again flourished under the Sasanian empire (226 CE-641 CE). With the advent of Islam and the conquest of Persia by the Arabs, Zoroastrians struggled to survive, many were forced to convert, many left for India where they are called the Parsis and many stayed in Iran holding on to their faith and preserving amongst much hardship.

The Zoroastrian Religion has had more influence on mankind, directly or indirectly, than any other single faith ... its leading doctrines were adopted by Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Concepts like Belief in One Supreme God Ahura Mazda, Heaven and Hell and individual judgement, ultimate triumph of good over evil, freedom of choice, are all Zoroastrian concepts. It is an ecological religion believing in the stewardship of the environment and protecting it with great reverence.

In Iran, in spite of religious persecution, the Zoroastrians played a significant role in the social development of Iran. Zoroastrian entrepreneurs were the first to introduce English and sports in schools, Jamshid Jamshidian introduced modern banking, Esfandiar Yeganegi introduced modern irrigation, Farhang Mehr, was the President of Pahlavi University in Shiraz, founder of the Central Insurance Company and later appointed General Deputy Minister, Keikhosrow Shahrokh had a major role in changing the official Islamic calendar to the current Iranian civil calendar, Farangis Yeganegi was the founder and Director of Iranian Handicrafts Organization. They all enriched the community with their vision and knowledge.

In India, notable Zoroastrians nationally and internationally are Rohinton Mistry, the celebrated Canadian author, Zubin Mehta the internationally renowned Conductor, late Freddy Mercury of the famed band, Queen and the Zoroastrian Companies such as the House of Tatas, manufacturer of Tetley Tea, Jaguar Cars and Land Rover S.U.Vs. who have also made munificent donations to Universities in North America.

After centuries of separation of Parsis and Iranian Zoroastrians, they are now united again in North America where they have formed a vibrant community contributing to the Canadian and Quebec multicultural fabric of Society.



SPITAMA ZARATHUSHTRA



ERVAD GEV PESY KARKARIA

Ervad Gev was born in Bombay on February 6th, 1943. After completing his schooling at St Theresa High School and Bharda New High School, he obtained his CA from India. Born in a priestly family, he completed his navar training in Navsari, and was ordained as a priest at the age of 12.

Before immigrating to Canada in 1975, Gev worked in India as an accountant with Air India. He has lived in Montreal, and became a Canadian citizen in 1980. He worked as an accountant and was vice-president at Wirth Steel in Montreal for over 35 years.



Gev is widely admired in the community, by his former co-workers, family and friends for his calm demeanor and honest, quiet leadership. He has dedicated countless hours to the Zoroastrian community in Quebec and beyond the province, performing jashans, navjotes, weddings and funerals in Montreal and across North America. Most recently, he proudly co-performed the navjote of his grandson last year along with his son Zal, also a mobed.

Gev is married to Shirine Motafaram, his staunch supporter in all his community work for 44 years. They have two children and four grand children, son Zal working for the Canadian Government, lives in London, with his wife and two children and daughter Zia, a social worker, who now lives in Ireland with her husband and two children.

Gev has always been very active in the Community. Since 1977, he has been the Treasurer, committee member and then president from 1997-2001. He was the Treasurer of the NAMC from 2002-2009 and secretary from 2010-2015, always actively participating in a variety of topics discussed at the meetings.

Gev is the backbone of the community, looking after their religious and social needs, always ready to help people in need and offering his services for filling tax returns, driving people to hospital for appointments, helping solve family issues, etc. We have never heard Gev say NO to any request for help.

The Zoroastrian Community is very grateful and we recognize his contribution with this small token of our gratitude.



Ervad JAL M. PANTHAKI

Jal was born in Bombay on 22 Nov. 1933 to Bachu and Minocher Panthaki

After completing his schooling at St. Xavier High School he graduated in science from Sidharth College in Bombay .

At the age of 12 he was ordained as a priest after completing his training as a navar and a martab in Navsari. Even with his university studies he performed religious ceremonies during the muktad days at the agiary and assisted at various jashans, navjotes and weddings.



During his university days he had a distinguished career in National Cadet Corps as Sr. Under Officer- Cadet Adjutant-representing Bombay at the Republic Parade in New Delhi.

He was selected for Dehra Dun Military College, but had to resign because of his weak eye sight.

In India Jal joined TATA Textiles, and was sent for Practical & Executive Training to England, France, Germany & Switzerland. He was also sent to the United States where he worked in New Hampshire and in New Jersey to learn American methods. In India he worked in several different positions in Tata Mills, Swadeshi Mills, Ahmedabad Advance Mills and finally In Nagpur Empress Mills as Processing Manager. Jal married his childhood sweetheart Dr Nergish in 1961 and they left for Canada in 1972 with their son Zubin who is a plastic surgeon and lives in Miami, with his wife and three children .

In Canada, Jal joined Rayonese Textile in St. Jerome, Quebec as Chief Chemist & Processing Manager, retiring in 2005, with honors as a Senior Executive of Rayonese-Culp, a U.S.A. Company.

Jal has been very active in the Montreal community serving the religious needs of members, performing rituals for death ceremonies, weddings, initiation into the religion (navjote /sudreh pushi) ceremonies, community and house jashans, visiting and comforting the sick and helping with their transport.

Jal is always ready to respond to any request for religious ceremonies for all members of the community.

Jal has served as an Executive Committee member of ZAQ for 2 terms.

The Montreal Zoroastrian community is very fortunate and grateful to have Ervad Jal Panthaki as our member and we recognize his contribution with this small token of our gratitude.



ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF QUEBEC

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Ervad Jehan Bagli, PhD	1974-1976
Adi Daruwalla Late	1976-1978
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Nari Madon	1985- 1989
Khushroo Mirza	1989- 1993
Dolly Dastoor, PhD	1993-1997

Gev Karkaria	1997-2001
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PROGRAM

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- 19.00 hr** **INTRODUCTION BY MASTER OF CEREMONIES PHEROZ AUSTIN**
- BENEDICTION**
- WELCOME SONG IN DARI**
- PIR E SABZ BY KHANOOM IRANDOKHT ESTFANDIAR-MEHRABAN**
- WELCOME MESSAGE**
- INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OF HONOUR *ERVAD DR JEHAN BAGLI***
- RESPONSE BY DR ERVAD BAGLI**
- TRADITIONAL IRANIAN MUSICIANS –GROUP ARSAM**
- INTRODUCTION OF PRESIDENT OF FEZANA *MR HOMI GANDHI***
- RESPONSE BY MR HOMI GANDHI**
- INTRODUCTION OF *MR FRANCIS SCARPALEGGIA, MP FOR LAC SAINT-LOUIS***
- RESPONSE BY MR FRANCIS SCARPALEGGIA**
- 20.00 hr** **DINNER (DOOR PRIZES WILL BE ANNOUNCED)**
- BOLLYWOOD BLAST**
- PAST PRESIDENTS TO CUT CAKE**
- 21.30 hr** **DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY TO THE MUSIC OF DJ SAM**



Community Mobeds & Their Services

ZAQ Mobeds who have agreed to offer their guidance and services to the Zoroastrian Community

Ervad Jal Panthaki
Tel : 514-937-1917

Ervad Gev Karkaria
Tel: 514-630-6065

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- Community Jashan: on auspicious occasions like Navroz, Pateti, Sadeh, Ghambars.
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The Wisdom of Sages:

Some call on the Lord, "Rama", some cry "Khuda"
Some bow to Him as Gosain, some as Allah,
He is called the Ground of Grounds and all the Bountiful
The Compassionate One and Gracious
Hindus bath in holy waters for His sake, Muslims make pilgrimages to Mecca
The Hindus perform puja; others bow their heads in namaz
There are those who read Vedas and others-Christians, Jews, Muslims- who
read the
Semitic scriptures
Some wear blue, some wear white robes
Some call themselves Muslim, others Hindus
Some aspire to bahishat (Muslim heaven), some to Swarga (Hindu heaven)
Says Nanak, Whoever realizes the will of the Lord,
He will find out Lord's Secrets!

Sikhism, Adi Granth, Ramkali, M.5.p. 885

Ever is He present with you-think not He is far,
By the Master's teaching recognize Him within yourself.

Sikhism, Adi Grant, Majh Ashpadi, M.3, p. 116

Why do you go to the forest in search of God?
He lives in all and is yet ever distinct,
He abides with you, too
As fragrance dwells in a flower
And reflection in a mirror;
So does God dwells inside everything;
Seek Him, therefore, in your heart.

Sikhism. Adi Granth, Dhanasari, M.9, p.684

With best wishes to the Zarathusti community from:

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Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore:

Zarathushtra was the greatest of all the pioneer prophets who showed the path of freedom to men, the freedom of moral choice, and the freedom from blind obedience to unmeaning injections, freedom from the multiplicity of shrines which draw our worship away from the single-minded chastity of devotion.

Though surrounded by believers in magical rites, he proclaimed in those dark days of unreason, that the religion has its truth in its moral significance, not in external practices of imaginary value; that it is to uphold man in his life of good thoughts, good words, and good deeds.

The distance between faith in the efficacy of bloodstained magical rites and cultivation of moral and spiritual ideals as true form of worship is immense. It is amazing to see how Zarathushtra was the first among men who crossed this distance with a certainty of realization which imparted such a fervor of faith in his life and words. Zarathushtra was the first prophet who emancipated religion from the exclusive narrowness of the tribal God, and offered it to the universal man. This is a great fact in the history of religion.

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I think it can be said without doubt that such a high conception of religion, uttered in such a clear note of affirmation, with such a conviction that it is truth of the ultimate ideal of perfection which must be revealed to all humanity, even at the cost of martyrdom, is unique in the history of religion belonging to such a remote dawn of civilization.

His message sends its call to all men to work together with Eternal Spirit of Good in spreading and maintaining *Kshatra, the Kingdom of Righteousness*, against all attacks of evil. The ideal gives us our place as collaborators with Ahura Mazda in distributing His blessings over the world, is:

***"Clear is this to the man of wisdom as to the man who carefully thinks,
He who upholds Truth with all the might of his power,
He who upholds Truth the utmost in his words and deed,
He, indeed, is thy most valued helper, O Mazda Ahura!"***

Yasna 31-22

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Jainism is the religion of about ten million people in India, with its own distinctive scriptures, history, and a long philosophic tradition. Although a part of greater Indian culture, Jainism, like Buddhism, is a non-vedic religious tradition. Noted for its rigorous asceticism, Jain thought has influenced the greater Indian culture especially through its doctrine of ahimsa, non-injury to all living beings.

Jainism teaches a strict doctrine of karma, which binds a person to suffer rebirth and retribution for all evil actions. A person must therefore liberate himself or herself from the fetters of karma by taking a vow of asceticism and therefore avoiding all violence in deed, in word, and in thought.

All passionate desire begets violence, and is itself the result of the karma of a deluded consciousness which must be eliminated. According to Jainism each person has within himself or herself the potential to realize perfection and become Paramatman, a soul freed from all karmic fetters and able to reach the highest point in the universe.

The wise man looks upon life as a mere dew drop which quivers upon the tip of a blade of kusa grass, to be whisked off or blown away by the breeze at any moment. The life of an unwise, imprudent, and ignorant person is likewise as transient as said dew drop.

Jainism. Acarangasutra 5.5

That which is free from birth, old age, disease, death, grief, pain and, fear, is eternal, blissful, and the nature of pure delight, is called Nirvana.

Jainism, Samantabadhra

Ratnakarandasravakacara 131

One who you think should be hit is none else but you,
One who think should be governed is none else but you,
One who you think should be tortured is none else but you,
One who think should be enslaved is none else but you,
A sage is ingenuous and leads his life after comprehending the parity of the
Killed and the killer.
Therefore, neither does he cause violence to others nor does he make
others do so.

Jainism. Acarangasutra 5-101-2

With best wishes to the Zarathusti community

Aakash, Tina and Kaushik Gandhi



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Jainism, Siddhasena, Sanmatarka 1.28

Those who praise their own doctrine and disparage the doctrine of others are do not solve any problem.

Jainism, Sutrakrianga 1.11.50

May the religion of the prophet Zarathustra prosper in the new world are the prayers of

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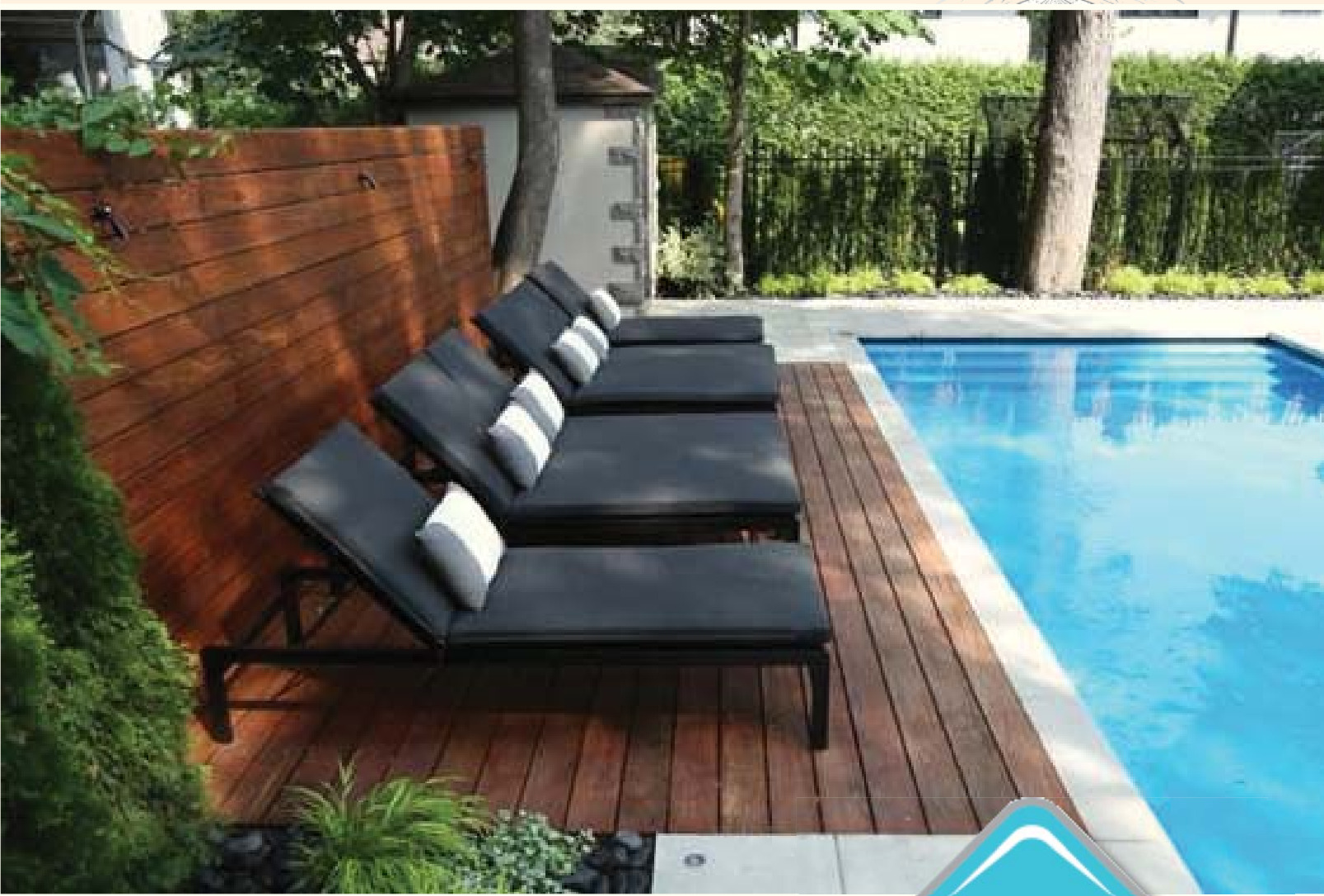


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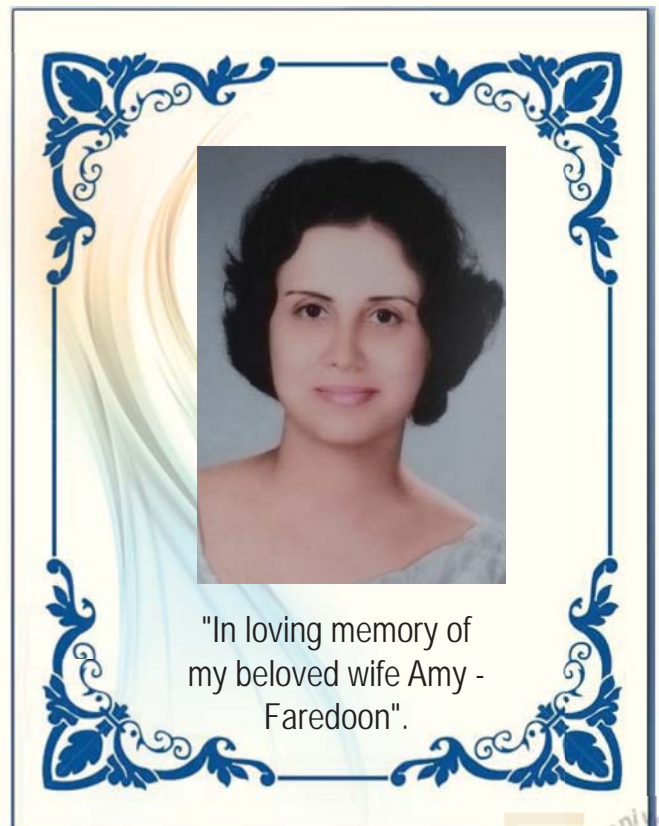
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*Yasna 54.1 "The Heritage of Zarathushtra," Humbach-
Ichaporia, 1994, page 107*

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May there be no suffering.

Prayer for the Good of All:

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O Bhagwan! Do good to all..

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The Truth in many Paths:

Like the bee, gathering honey from different flowers,
the wise man accepts the essence of different scriptures and sees only the good in
all religions.

Hinduism. Srimad Bhagavatam. 11.3

The Buddha says, "To be attached to a certain view and to look down upon other
view as inferior—this the wise men call a fetter."

Buddhism, Sutta Nipata 798

Confucius said: : In the world there are many different roads
but the destination is the same.

There are hundred deliberations but the result is one."

Confucianism. 1 Ching, Appended Remarks 2.5

The Hindus and the Muslims have but one and the same God,
What can a mullah or sheikh do?

Sikhism, Adi Granth, Bhairo, p, 1158

Our Father, it is thy universe, it is thy universe, and it is thy will.

Let us be at peace, let the souls of the people be cool.

Thou art our Father, remove all evil from my path.

African Traditional Religion

Nuer Prayer (Sudan)

Tzekung asked, "Is there one word that can serve as a principle of conduct for life?"

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Confucianism. Analects 15.23

One going to take a pointed stick to pinch a baby bird should first try it on himself
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African Traditional Religion,

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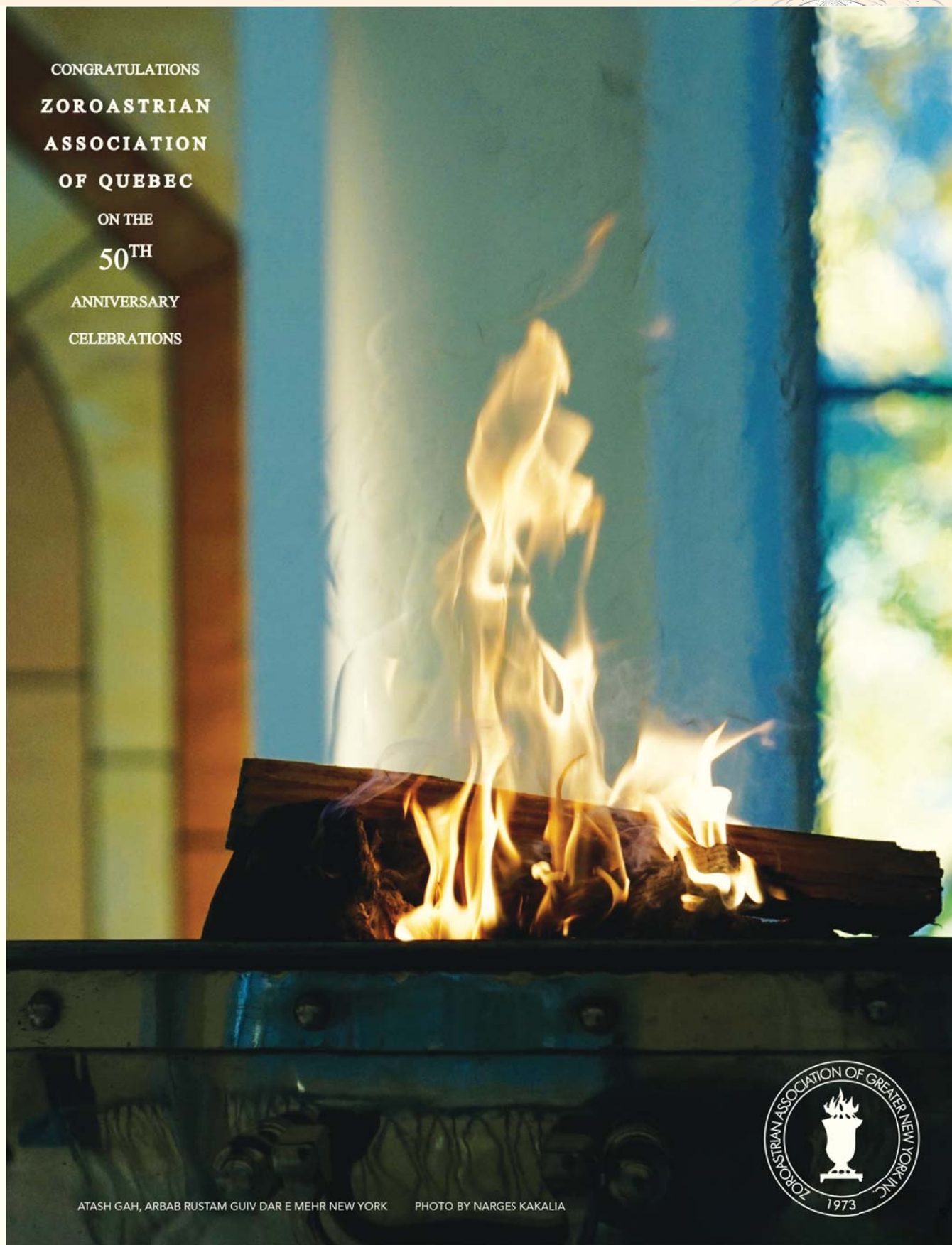
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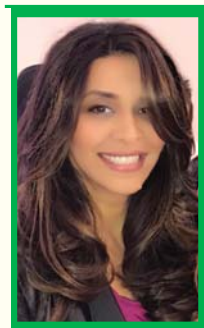
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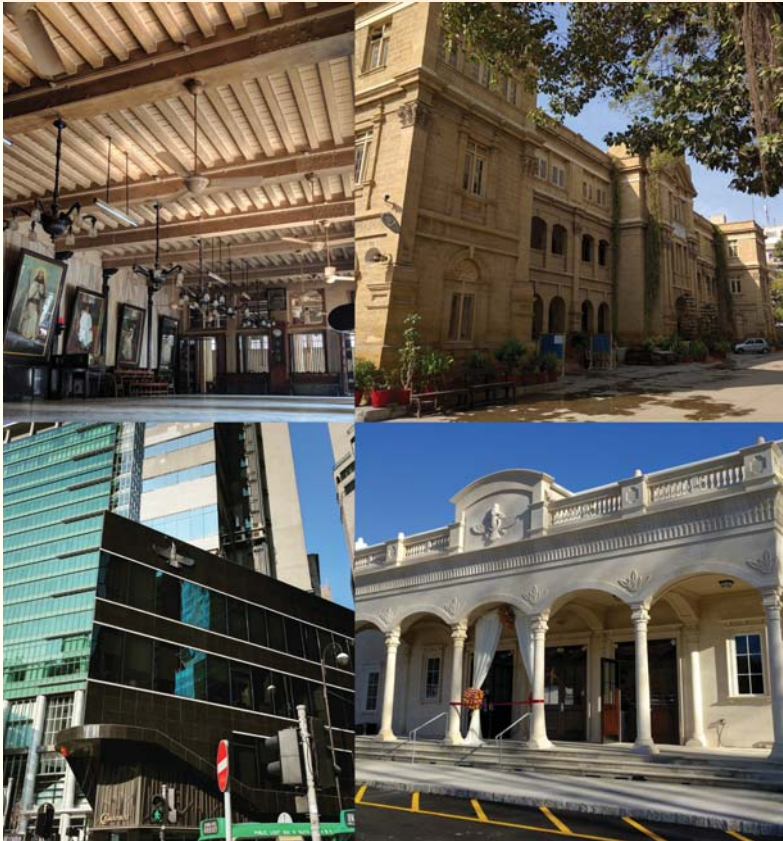
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