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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Happy New Year 2021!!!

Dear Readers,

If there's one lesson that the wise would have learnt through the rigours of 2020, it's about how to make the best of a less than ideal situation. And that's the exact same learning that we need to put into practice, as we bid adieu to 2020 and usher in 2021 without any fanfare or big celebrations with family or friends. There's a night curfew we must respect, like we respect life itself... even if it's the biggest eve of the year - New Year's Eve!

Just like the wise saying, 'When fishermen cannot go to sea, they repair nets', we too need to continue biding our time with both - patience and precaution - and continue repairing our nets, which one must add, were sure as heck in need of repair! We've let way too many important things slip away inadvertently, through the tear in our nets... consumed as we've been by our hectic lives, which debilitated our vision from noticing the increasing gash.

Interestingly, just like its ophthalmic connotation, where '20/20 Vision' denotes visual acuity or impeccable eyesight, the year '2020' too made us see various life truths with crystal clarity. We were put under house arrest, with life coming to an instant standstill, and enough time on our hands to uncover, discover, realise and set right so many things.

It's been a tough year - but it's over. And may its end set the precedent for the pandemic to follow suit. As we inch towards the New Year, with a renewed sense of self and renewed insights into things that really matter, let's hope and pray for the healing of those who endured losses, and for the safety of all, till the new vaccine makes its way to us.

Let's welcome 2021 with a sense of gratitude and embrace the new world order which has underlined for us, the fragility of life and the significance of its indispensable constructs, like compassion, courage, positivity, hopefulness, happiness, service... but more than all else, a revitalized sense of respect for the human connect and for all of God's creations.

Wish you all A Happy New Year 2021!

Have a fun weekend!

- Anahita
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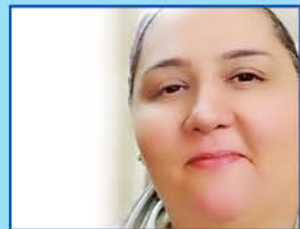


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What A Blessed Year!



DAISY P. NAVDAR

Daisy P. Navdar is a teacher by profession and a firm believer in the efficacy of our Manthravani. She is focused on ensuring that the deep significance of our prayers is realized by our youth. She credits her learnings and insights, shared in her articles, to all Zoroastrian priests and scholars whose efforts have contributed towards providing light and wisdom for all Zarhostis.



*“Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the load seem heavy that you are called
to bear?
Count your many blessing angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journeys end.
Count your blessings name them one by one
Count your blessings see what God has done
Count your blessings name them one by one
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done!”*

These are the lovely words of a beautiful song that we sang in school! It's set to a lovely lilting tune, too! Sometimes these memories bring in fresh learning. Songs that we sang as children take on a new meaning.

In recent times, I have felt a wave gratitude come over me. As we enter the final lap of what has been a challenging year and with fresh challenges looming over the horizon, I feel grateful for all that I have been blessed with. Perhaps it is this attitude of gratitude which will help us tide over all circumstances. Hence, I have decided to count my blessings!

Time and again, we receive a bounty of blessings. I am sure that they come to us through the source of our prayers. It is very important to understand here, what we classify as blessings. Blessings take the shape and form of all that is around us...

The calm confident voice of a friend on the phone is a blessing. Somebody making a magnanimous gesture and pulling you out of a financial difficulty, is a blessing. Appreciation from your family is a blessing. A wonderful day spent with your spouse is a blessing. Cooking your favourite meal is a blessing. Looking at the ocean is a blessing. A priest who is reciting the *boi* ceremony and you witnessing it, is a blessing. The hugs of your children are blessings. A smile from your neighbour is a blessing. Your house-help arriving on time and completing their duty is a blessing. Making it through Covid times with good health and happiness, is a blessing. A family that

itches in and helps, is a blessing. Having the discipline and fervour to recite our holy prayers everyday is a blessing. The small things that occur around us on a day-to-day basis are all manifestations of the blessings of Dadar Ahura Mazda.



How frequently we make a mental list of everything that is wrong with our life. How deeply we allow this negativity to fester in our consciousness and become a part of our suffering. But if seen through the gaze of clarity and prayers, we realise that most of what we face, is through our own doing. We cannot disregard the part that we play in our own well-being, or lack thereof.

So, let us enter the portals of 2021 with renewed faith, hope and gratitude for all that our Pak Dadar Ahura Mazda has showered upon us so abundantly. Let us value and enjoy each moment that He has granted us!

I leave you with a poem which comes straight from my heart....

*A train that is comfortable with seats that are wide,
And nobody comes and sits by your side;
Sugarcane fields, flash past the car,
Winding village roads take you afar;
A swing in the courtyard and many fruit trees,
A well that is holy and streams that flow free;
Where you breath in the morning with lemongrass tea
And honey in large pots, gleam on the balcony;
The sunlight comes in and dimples your dawn,
You pray facing east - what a holy morn!
The call of the birds - a cacophony of sound,
The smell of the earth brings blessings profound;
It's easy to complain about the year that is past,
But gratitude springs deeply in the well of my heart!
So, if you are stuck in the ways of the mind,
Look outside your window - God's blessings
you'll find!*

Wish You All A Happy and Blessed 2021!

Let Us Be The Harbingers Of Good Will To All

Start your weekend with positive vibes with inspirational excerpts from the acclaimed book, 'Homage Unto Ahura Mazda' by Dasturji Dr. Maneckji Naserwanji Dhalla of Karachi.

Let not my faith in human nature be ever shaken, even when man falters and fails. My faith in human nature strengthens my faith in Thee. I see Thy image, Creator of mine, in myself, but so is it in my neighbor, also. Thou art enthroned in every human heart. Let us then, meet one another with goodwill and with the mutual belief that we greet Thee in all whom we approach and meet.

Selfishness, jealousy and mutual distrust hinder our unity. Help us to tear down the barriers that divide men from men, races from races and nations from nations. Let us bear one another's burdens. All men and all women are drops of water drawn from the one and the same sea of life. Let us strengthen the bond of unity between people and people. Let us love all, as we love ourselves.

All mankind is made of one blood. All are of one human family, united by the indissoluble bond of common humanity. Every man and every woman is brother and sister to every other man and every other woman, brothers and sisters all in the one human family. When hearts are united with hearts and souls are united with souls, whole mankind will be one heart and one soul in Thee, the Father of all. Teach us, O Thou loved by all, to love all mankind as Thou dost love all Thy children. Let us live unto Thee and let us live for Thee and let us live for all Thine.

Let everyone's heart go out to the heart of everyone else. Let everyone give himself to everyone else. Let the ideal of cooperative life grow day by day. Let it not stop at community and nation. Help it, Ahura Mazda, to grow to the supreme ideal of one common humanity, one universal Brotherhood.

RELIGIOUS ANNOUCEMENT

Boyce Agiary Adaran Celebrates 186th Salgreh

Boyce Dhana Patel Fire Temple at Tardeo, Mumbai, will celebrate its 186th Adaran Saheb ni Salgreh on 30th December, 2020, (Roj Sarosh Mah Amardad 1390 YZ). A Fala ni Machi will be performed in the Havan Geh followed by a Jashan at 9:15 am. All Zoroastrians are invited.

Salgreh Of Panthaky Agiary

On 30th December, 2020 (Roj Sarosh Mah Amardad), Panthaky Agiary will celebrate its Salgreh with a Jashan and a Machi performed in the Havan Geh, by the Trustees, at 9:30 am. This will be followed by a Hama Anjuman Ni Machi and Jashan at 5:00 pm, in the Aiwisruthrem Geh. Donations for the Hama Anjuman Ni Machi and Jashan will be accepted.

Vatcha Gandhi Agiary Clebrates 164th Salgareh

Seth Sohrabji Bomanji Vatcha Ganghi Agiary will celebrate its 164th Salgreh on 30th December, 2020, with a thanks-giving Jashan at 9:30 am on behalf of the trustees and at 4:30 pm by the Agiary staff. After the Jashan, Er. Darayus Katrak will deliver a religious talk.

'Dudh Ma Sakar' Presentation

Frohar Films' Tele-Serial, 'Dudh Ma Sakar', presents 'Enthronement of Sacred Fire in Jokhi Agiary - II' on 27th December, 2020, at 12:00 noon, on DD Girnar channel. [Feedback: froharfoundation@gmail.com]

Community, BPP Governance Suffer Under Rule Of 'Reckless Majority'

'There is nothing uglier than an unrighteous and foolish majority'

- Mehmet Murat ildan, Author of the two-act play, 'Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi'.

About two and a half months ago, BPP Trustee Kersi Randeria had requested all his colleague trustees to give a thought to and plan for the elections to fill the vacancy caused by the unfortunate and untimely demise of Zarir Bhatena. The Board did not heed his requests.

With hardly any time left, trustees Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala, despite their refusal to attend any more Zoom meetings, joined the Zoom meeting on Monday, 21st December, 2020, just to ensure compliance with the extended deadline granted by the H'ble Bombay High Court.

Trustee Kersi Randeria presented before the Board, a schedule for the elections, following exactly the schedule that was followed for the last elections. It was proposed that the announcement be made over this weekend in the Parsi publications.

While no flaws could be found in the schedule, Trustee Viraf Mehta, at the Zoom meeting held on the December 21, insisted, based on a rumour, that there may be another vacancy and therefore, the schedule should not be published or made public.

It was pointed out to him, that whether there be one vacancy or more, the schedule would remain the same. It was also pointed out to him that the Trust cannot plan its work based on rumours!

It was further pointed out to him that following the schedule of the last election, due to the unfortunate resistance of the three trustees not in compliance with announcing the elections earlier, the community was left with less than two weeks to fill up the forms and register themselves on the election roll. Delaying the announcement any further would leave the community with less than even a week to enrol!

The appeals of Trustees Dadrawala and Randeria to make the announcement, were rejected by Trustee Viraf Mehta, based on his obscure reasoning that 'the BPP would look foolish'. Based on a rumour he had heard, Viraf believed there could be the possibility of another seat up for elections, and making an

announcement of one seat, for the time being, would somehow make the BPP 'look foolish', though another announcement could easily have been made in a subsequent meeting! And thus, Trustee Viraf stuck to his guns, based on a rumour or a perception, as opposed to going ahead with current facts, so BPP would not look foolish!!!

Finally, when pushed into a corner, 'Acting' Chairperson Armaity Tirandaz suggested that they could discuss and decide this over another Zoom meeting on Wednesday, 23rd December, in keeping with Viraf Mehta's non-stop badgering. Having failed to convince his colleagues, Viraf now started claiming that he would not be available even for this brief call on Wednesday, suggested by Tirandaz! (Interestingly, on Wednesday, this claim was made to look ridiculous, as through the day, Viraf was in touch with other Trustees and on the phone with the BPP Administration!)

Finally, when all his ludicrous excuses were countered, his final argument was that we should postpone the announcement by a week because of COVID!!!

Truth is - Viraf was simply unwilling to have the schedule published, for reasons best known to him. In which case, the least that the other two trustees - Tirandaz and Dastur - needed to do, was simply cast their respective votes, particularly as this was only Viraf's singular, individual view.

At such a point in time, when it was a 1-against-2, with Viraf's baseless preference against the better judgment of the other two Trustees (Randeria and Dadrawala), in an even more absurd show, highlighting an abysmal lack of individual thinking and sincere governance, Trustees Tirandaz and Dastur refused to speak a word!

They couldn't garner a simple 'Yes' or 'No', knowing full well that Kersi Randeria did have a substantial point and was only asking for what needed to be rightfully done, as Trustees. But fearing that conceding to Randeria and Noshir would antagonize Viraf, it was impossible to get a peep out of Trustees Armaity and Xerxes, who did not voice their views and chose to keep quiet, despite being repeatedly asked to speak up.

In the meanwhile, Chairman Yazdi Desai's resignation letter arrived on Wednesday morning and the need to accept his resignation became even more important.

The SCHEME OF ELECTIONS states:

'A meeting shall be convened "URGENTLY" of "ALL THE TRUSTEES" to table any such resignation.

Such resignation shall become "EFFECTIVE AS AND WHEN THE SAME IS ACCEPTED IN THE MEETING", so convened.

A Trustee shall be at liberty to withdraw his letter of resignation at ANY TIME PRIOR TO SUCH RESIGNATION BECOMING EFFECTIVE as provided herein.'

The meeting on Wednesday (23rd) evening would have ensured that the Trustees complied with the Scheme of Elections and held an urgent meeting; And also, the announcement for two seats up for elections, would go out over the weekend.

However, at the scheduled time of the meeting, Trustee Armaity Tirandaz had switched off her phone and so had Viraf!!! Trustee Xerxes said that since Mrs. Tirandaz and Viraf are unable to join, he too would not join!!!

Therefore, Trustees Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala requested that all trustees could join a short 5 to 10 minutes Zoom meeting at 9:00 pm.

However, once again, none of the three Trustees - Armaity Tirandaz, Viraf Mehta or Xerxes Dastur - made themselves available! Viraf and Armaity Tirandaz once again switched off their phones and Xerxes did not answer calls from the BPP Administration, to request him to join!!!

It is indeed unfortunate, that while all three trustees had the time to talk to each other and certain other members of the community, they did not have even 10 minutes to spare for an urgent meeting to accept the resignation and to approve the publication of the Election Schedule.

Viraf Mehta was ready to hold discussions at meeting only on Saturday, by which time the deadline to publish the schedule in Parsi Times would be missed.

It is sad to see trustees put good governance on the back burner and indulge in power politics, abusing the majority vote of 3:2, at the cost of the welfare of the community, which elected them to safeguard their interests in the first place! There is, indeed, nothing uglier or more dangerous than an unrighteous and foolish majority, which recklessly holds to ransom the welfare of its community.

Yazdi Desai Tenders Resignation As BPP Chairman

On 23rd December, 2020, BPP Chairman, Yazdi Desai put in his papers to the BPP Board, announcing his resignation from his post, as the frontman of the community's apex body. Having suffered a stroke earlier this year in April, he is yet to make a complete recover. With his full recovery taking longer than anticipated, and in keeping with various restrictions and advisories prescribed by doctors, with a special emphasis on avoiding all stress, Yazdi Desai decided to step down.

In his resignation letter to the Board of Trustees, he wrote (excerpts), "After much thought and soul searching, I have come to the conclusion, that due to constraints on my activities triggered by my stroke, I will not be in a

position to give my best to my duties as Chairman and Trustee of the BPP and therefore I am submitting my resignation from the august body of the BPP....

It is unfair to the community to leave my seat vacant and my duties unattended for an uncertain period of time. Since an election for the post of one BPP Trustee is to be held in February / March 2021 owing to the demise of my colleague Trustee Zarir Bhatena, and as every election costs the community a lot of money, I think it is my duty to be prudent and hand in my resignation as Chairman/Trustee...

In the course of one's life, hard and painful decisions have to be taken. This is the most painful decision I have had to take, as for nearly 20

years my life has revolved around my community and the Punchayet... which I have had the distinction to serve as Trustee for the last 12 years, including 5 years as Chairman...

It has been a privilege and honour to serve the Parsi Irani Zarthushti community and I could not have done it without the support and dedication of my wife Anahita, whom I see as a fearless warrior for the good..."

Sharing this sad news on social media, Anahita Desai, wrote, "With a very heavy heart I am informing that my husband Yazdi Desai has tendered his resignation from the post of Chairman / Trustee of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet."



Even as the buzz on the social media platforms and WhatsApp went into overdrive with this news, in addition to the numerous messages wishing our former BPP Chairman a speedy recovery, a large number of community members have been voicing their desire to see Anahita Desai step into the shoes of Yazdi Desai and take over the reigns as a BPP Trustee/Chairperson.

Parsi Times received a number of calls and messages

reinforcing the same sentiment, and adding that Anahita Desai should in fact, be welcomed unopposed into the BPP, in keeping with her unflinching commitment and dedication to helping the community members, and her extensive and flawless record of community service.

On behalf of the community, Parsi Times wishes Yazdi Desai a full and speedy recovery.

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Amardad Parabh Celebrated in California

On 20th December, 2020, a Jashan in honor of Amardad Amshashpand was performed by Ervads Zarrir and Zerkxis Bhandara, at the ZAC Atash Kadeh. Sponsored by Cyrus and Dr. Scheherazade Mistry (New York), the Jashan was streamed over Zoom to an audience of over 40 Zarthostis. After the Jashan, Er. Zarrir lead the online congregation with Humbandagi, in which *Ardibehest Yasht ni Nirang* was recited for healing and *Sarosh Yasht ni Nirang* was recited for protection.



After the prayers, Er. Zarrir shared a sermon explaining the significance and qualities of Amardad Amesha Spenta, saying, "The attribute of Amardad Amshashpand is immortality, which doesn't mean that by praying to Him you will live forever! It refers to the illustrious life that will be remembered long after you've passed, through your good deeds, which you performed in this life and through the generations of your progeny, who would walk in your footsteps. In other words, your legacy. In present times, we have realized the importance of life more than ever before... Amardad Amesha Spenta, can help us overcome this difficult time and keep us safe."

He explained that one could attain the attributes of Amardad Amesha Spenta by following the principles of the first 5 Amesha Spentas, namely - Hormazd / Spenta Mainyu - who looks after the creation of human beings and has the quality of wisdom, and teaches us

to treat not just man, but all of God's creations with kindness and respect; Bahman Amesha Spenta / Vohu Manah - who looks after the animal kingdom and invokes kindness, teaching us to be compassionate towards all animals (not just our pets); Ardibehest Amesha Spenta - is about righteousness and order - the creation being fire, the physical manifestation of energy that is present in us all; Kshatravairyas/ Sherevar Amesha Spenta - who looks after the sky, inculcating in us courage to tread the path of righteousness, following the precepts of your own religion; and Spenta Armaity/ Asfandarmad Amesha Spenta - the guardian of our Mother Earth, epitomising the qualities of benevolence, love and holy piety.

Er. Zarrir concluded by thanking the online congregation for participating and blessed them with long life, perfect health and spiritual advancement.



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PM Modi Awards Ratan Tata 'ASSOCHAM Enterprise Of The Century' Award



The Associated Chambers of Commerce of India (ASSOCHAM) organised its Foundation Week from 15 to 19 December, 2020, celebrating the theme, 'India's Resilience: Atmanirbhar Roadmap Towards \$5 Trillion Economies.' PM Modi addressed the 'ASSOCHAM Foundation Week 2020' via video conferencing. Marking the finale of the celebrations

on 19th December, PM Modi presented the 'ASSOCHAM Enterprise of the Century Award' to Ratan Tata, on behalf of the TATA Group, for his distinguished contributions to the country.

PM Modi praised Tata Group for its role in India's development, over the last century, all through the ups and



downs of India's development, including the country's independence struggle. "Tata Group has played an important role in India's development," Modi said, marking the contribution of the business group in the nation's progress.

Speaking at the event, Tata Group Chairman Emeritus, Ratan Tata thanked PM Modi

for leading the country from front during the difficult time of pandemic and hoped that the industry would now take forward the benefits of his strong leadership. "Yes, there will be periods of discontent, there will be opposition, but there is never any dithering or any running away... You want a lockdown, you got a lockdown, you showed the country as one

that responded to shutting out of power and lights for few minutes, you made that happen...It's not cosmetic, it's not showmanship, it has put the country together showing we can stand up and marshal our efforts to do what we have set ourselves to do... It is now our job as industry, to follow this, to show the benefits of this leadership which I am quite confident we will do," Tata said.

Ratan Tata added, "I think if we all stand together and follow what you have said, what you have done and what you have shown, we will have a situation where the world will look at us and say, this Prime Minister said it could happen and he made it happen."

Archaeological Findings Could Predate Yazd History

Recent archaeological findings have shed new light on the history of Yazd, the UNESCO-registered oasis city in Central Iran, which houses a Zoroastrian population, proposing that its antiquity could be much further dated, than supposed earlier.

As per a news release in Tehram Times, archaeologists believe that potteries recently excavated in Yazd, could belong to the Parthian era (247 BC - 224 CE). The potteries were found during ongoing restoration works on *qanats* (subterranean aqueducts). Yazd province's Tourism Chief announced last week that if the archaeologists' hypothesis is proven, the history of Yazd would in effect, date back to pre-Islamic times. "Our archaeologists attribute their history to the Parthian period, but this hypothesis must be proven. So, we need a license to conduct a comprehensive archaeological survey," he said.

It is widely believed that Yazd had probably been an area of transit, rather than an area for the emergence of the prehistorical settlements,

based on its arid climate and severe water scarcity. The oasis city of Yazd is wedged between the northern Dasht-e Kavir and southern Dasht-e Lut, on a flat plain ringed by mountains. Its historical structure enjoys a harmonious religious architecture that dates from different eras.

Described as the 'Noble City of Yazd' by Marco Polo, Yazd is widely believed to date from the 5th century CE. It stands on a mostly barren sand-ridden plain, about 4,000 feet (1,200 meters) above sea level.

Since Sassanian times, Yazd has been famous for beautiful silk textiles that were rivalled in later periods only by those of Kashan and Isfahan. The city is still a major center of silk weaving and is known for its winding lanes, forest of *badgirs* (windcatchers), mud-brick houses, atmospheric alleyways, and centuries of history. The city has an interesting mix of people as well, 10% of whom follow the ancient Zoroastrian religion.

Yazd is a living testimony to the intelligent use of limited available resources in the desert for survival. Water is brought to the city by the qanat system. Each district of the city is built on a qanat and has a communal center.

The use of earth in buildings includes walls and roofs by the construction of vaults and domes. Houses are built with courtyards below ground level, serving underground areas. Wind-catchers, courtyards, and thick earthen walls create a pleasant microclimate.

Partially covered alleyways together with streets, public squares and courtyards contribute to a pleasant urban quality. The city escaped the modernization trends that destroyed many traditional earthen cities. It survives today with its traditional districts, the qanat system, traditional houses, bazaars, hammams, water cisterns, mosques, synagogues, Zoroastrian temples, and the historic garden of Dolat-Abad.

Clarification By Burges H. Wania

I recently lost my dad, Hoshang N Wania, who was a well-known chartered accountant and trustee of a number of religious and charitable institutions. Just a few days after his demise, even as my family and I were still grieving and coming to terms with our loss, some insensitive persons, without verifying facts, unleashed a smear campaign, which has caused us deep pain and anguish.

The message which went viral on WhatsApp stated that my dear dad, Hoshang N Wania, expired due to Covid and his mortal remains were consigned to the dokhma at Doongewadi, based on a false death certificate which stated cause of death as "organ failure".

This viral message was without any name or contact details but we have traced the author who happens to be a lady claiming to be a so-called religious person and another individual known for making irrational and irresponsible statements. So far, we have not even received as much as an apology from either perpetrator of this act of insensitivity.

My dear father expired at the reputed Parsi General Hospital and he was under the care of senior doctors with an unblemished record of professional medical services. To even think that these senior doctors or this reputable hospital would issue a fake certificate at a critical time like this, is unthinkable.

My family and I are deeply religious and I hereby affirm on oath that at the time of his death, my father, Late Hoshang N Wania was Covid negative. Throughout his life, my father was known as a man of integrity and we, his family members, have followed in his foot-steps. We would never even think of such acts, let alone do something that is wrong or harmful to anyone.

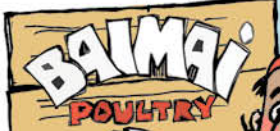
The author of this write up and all those who have thoughtlessly and mindlessly circulated this false message should hang their heads in shame. The fundamental tenet of our Zoroastrian faith is truth and it is sad to see fellow Parsi Zoroastrians propagating and perpetuating lies of this nature.

We have been deeply hurt and it is unfortunate that certain members of our community have neither let the soul of my dear departed father rest in peace nor shown the decency to let my family grieve in peace.

- Burges Hoshang Wania (Son of Late Hoshang N Wania)



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Surviving and Thriving - Against All Odds!

A WZCC Webinar Featuring Sam Balsara and Lara Balsara Vajifdar



WZCC - Building the Spirit of Entrepreneurship, Dubai Chapter, organized a webinar on 19th December, 2020, titled, 'Surviving and Thriving - Against All odds' with charismatic speakers - the dynamic Chairman of Madison World - Sam Balsara and the inspirational Executive Director of Madison World - Lara Balsara Vajifdar - who enthralled all those who attended the same.

A stalwart of the Media Industry, Sam Balsara's rich experience spanning 45 years, in Marketing, Advertising and as an entrepreneur, has won him innumerable accolades and awards worldwide. His passion for community service has him actively involved in innumerable causes including Jiyo Parsi, GWG and WZCC. The Chairman of one of India's foremost Media agencies, Madison World, Sam Balsara is the revered recipient of the Advertising Agencies Association of India's Lifetime Achievement Award. He has also been felicitated with the Kolkata's Hall of Fame Award and has entered the International Advertising Association's Hall of Fame. The Economic Times' Brand Equity Ad Agency Reckoner has ranked Sam as India's Most Influential Media Person for 11 consecutive years now!

Following in the illustrious footsteps of her celebrated father, Lara Balsara Vajifdar is as much a visionary, playing a key role at Madison World for over 16 years, currently an Executive Director, overseeing Marketing, HR and Legality for Madison World companies. She has featured in the Economic Times Brand Equity Ad Agency Reckoner's Top 50 Most Influential People In Advertising and also in Impact's Top



40-Under-40. She has also been featured in Impact's Top 50 Most Influential Women in Media, in India for nine consecutive years.

The webinar commenced with Global Director, WZCC, Middle East Region - Meher Bhesania, welcoming the guest speakers, along with WZCC Global President- Edul Daver, WZCC Regional Directors, members and all present. She said, "These webinars have created a circle of friendship within the community and the organization. Madison, today, is India's largest independent communication's company and was recently ranked as the world's fifth largest independent media agency by size of billing in the US, and second in Germany." Nozer Buchia from Houston presided as the guest host. A short film showcasing WZCC was screened.

Introducing Sam Balsara and Lara, media expert, Jasmin Sohrabji, showered praises on both. She spoke of how Sam is truly an industry leader, admired by generations of media professionals. She spoke highly of his work ethics and his ability to cultivate long-lasting, close relationships, in an otherwise cost-driven industry. She credited Lara for ensuring that Madison always stays relevant and future ready, and for strengthening its digital offering and adding new dimensions to the business.

Nozer Buchia started the talk show stating Madison phenomenal achievements, being India's second largest media house and the fifth largest independent advertising agency in the world, with approximately 900 full time

workers, 500 clients in India, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Turning to Sam, who originally hailed from Balsar and had done his primary schooling from Gujarat, he asked him to share a glimpse of his journey into the world of Advertising. Sam shared, "Till my sixth standard, I was in Balsar. I feel it is an advantage to have spent a few years in a small town in India because city folk tend to camouflage their persona, whereas in small towns, everyone knows everyone and their real emotion and the real person comes out. This is very important for a communications and advertising person because then you understand what drives individuals in society, what they think...what makes them buy and not buy. What would appeal to them...I have come to recognize that starting life in a small town like India is actually a big advantage."

On taking the entrepreneurial jump, Sam said, "I did not have a dying ambition to start a business of my own...but somewhere it got into my head that... a small agency with a few large clients was an ideal agency and my earlier stint in Mudra, after its initial successes which I contributed for, developed the ambition that they should be the largest agency in India. That somehow did not appeal to me initially. Even today, I remain a craftsman at heart and not a manager. Later, I thought, why not start on my own and I must say that I had a very easy start. An agency that existed and not doing too well, called Madison, owned by a Parsi gentleman, fell in my lap. I went to two of my

largest clients and both were ready to move their accounts to this agency and it so happened that I decided to start the agency on 21st March and the next day was our first release."

Speaking with Lara, Nozer asked what made her decide upon joining her father at the workplace. "When we were younger, dinner time conversations were around advertising, so getting into advertising was natural for me. I completed my Masters in Marketing and things simply fell into place." Speaking about her journey and its evolution in this dynamic industry, she added, "Our industry is constantly evolving. When I started out, we had just 5 businesses - Creatives, Media Marketing, PR, Outdoor and Rural; today we have 24 across 11 functional areas! Earlier, only 1% of the Ad-market was focused on the Digital aspect - today, it's at 30%! In this business, you have to continuously evolve and change with times."

Sharing about wisdom gained from his initial setbacks when he nearly lost 70% of his business, in the early years of Madison, Sam sought motivation from the saying, 'Real success can come after real failure', and recovered even more strongly from this debacle, with Madison increasingly gaining recognition in the industry as also top clients.

Speaking about some of the immutable laws at Madison and what makes it a great organization, Lara's advice to young entrepreneurs was that one needed to possess a good combination of professional confidence and a good service

product to start with. "One needs to have a sufficient capital and plan for all eventualities... Parsis are lucky thanks to WZCC, an entrepreneur can get access to so many talented senior advisors. It's quite difficult and challenging, but the rewards far outweigh the challenges," she said.

Nozer also revealed how a decade ago Sam Balsara was able to successfully negotiate the tough terms of a partnership with WPP, which later worked out brilliantly in his favour. "Sometimes, ownership is not important. You have to give sometimes to get back. It worked for Madison too," he shared.

Lara then expounded the reasons for Madison's success, highlighting their client focus as a prime factor. This would explain how clients have been with them for a long time. Their strong value system of honesty and integrity as also a great team of people empowered their success. She explained the difference between media marketing and advertising, alongside concepts like public relations, outdoor and digital advertisements, events, celebrity and sports management.

Nozer praised Sam and Lara for their excellent efforts which have made Madison World a massive success. Global Director - WZCC UK, Perses Sethna, further conducted the question-and-answer session. Concluding the captivating webinar, Percy Master gave the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to a fab team of people for making the WZCC webinars a resounding success - including Edul Daver, Meher Bhesania, Jasmin Sohrabji, Nozer Buchia, Sam Balsara, Lara Balsara Vajifdar, Perses Sethna, IT Guru Yazdi Tantra and Tantra Tech in tech-support for hosting webinars and zoom meetings, as also the audience.



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WINNING CAPTION!!!



Modi: Hope the US recovers soon – COVID's put you in the dump!
 Biden: Oh - we are gonna do just fine – we survived Trump!!!

By Behzaad R. Irani

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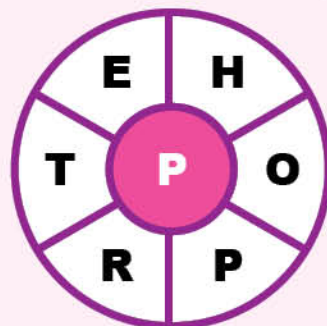
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Thought of the Week

“Whatever has happened in the past year, the New Year brings fresh beginnings. Exciting new experiences and relationships await. Let us be thankful for the blessings of the past and the promise of the future.”

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Super Starters To Kick In New Year's Eve!

It's been a year like no other. It's been a Christmas like no other and it's gonna be a New Year like no other. No public celebrations, with the curfew announced. Definitely a buzz-kill, but then again, we'd rather that the only thing that got killed was the buzz, in the name of the much needed safety these days! So, you can't step out to party with friends and family to welcome 2021, but you can at least enjoy at home with your loved ones! In keeping with the ongoing party trend of a preference for starters over dining meals, Parsi Times brings you a list of easy-to-make Super Starters to wow your friends and their palates, and be the perfect accompaniment to ring in 2021 amidst excitement, happiness and fun!!

STIR FRIED CHILLI CHICKEN



Ingredients:

- 2-3 Tbsp Oil
- 4 garlic cloves, chopped
- 3-4 red and green chillies, chopped
- 1 cup boneless chicken (cut into bite sized uniform pieces)
- 2 tsp chilli sauce
- 4 tsp tomato puree
- A dash of soy sauce
- 1 tsp sugar
- 7-8 basil leaves
- 2-3 Spring onion greens chopped

Method:

In a pan add oil. Add chopped garlic, chillies. Saute for 3-4 minutes. Add the chopped chicken and let it cook for 2-3 minutes. Add the spring onions. Coat the chicken with the garlic and chillies. Add salt and toss. When the chicken is almost cooked, add chilli sauce, tomato puree, soy sauce and sugar. Cook till the sauce reduces. Add basil. Stir. Serve hot!

QUICK N EASY MICROWAVE PANEER TIKKA



Ingredients:

- 1 Kg paneer cubes (about 3 cm/1.5" each)
- 2 tsp garlic paste
- 2 tsp ginger paste
- 1 tsp chaat masala
- 2 tsp chilli powder
- 1 tsp black pepper, powdered
- 1 tbsp salt
- A few drops of red colour (optional)
- 3 tbsp vinegar
- Oil for brushing
- 1 Lemon (quartered)

Method:

Mix all the masalas to make a marinade and apply over the paneer pieces - leave for 20-30 minutes. Place a saucer like plate, greased in a bigger plate. Arrange the paneer pieces along the edge and cook, uncovered on High for 4 minutes. Turn the paneer pieces over, brush with a little oil and cook again on High for 4 minutes. Squeeze lemon and serve with chutney.

BACON CORN DIP



Ingredients:

- 4 slices bacon, diced
- 3 cups corn kernels - frozen, canned or roasted
- ½ cup diced onion
- ¼ cup diced capsicum
- ¼ cup diced yellow/red bell pepper
- 150 gms grated cheese
- 4 tablespoons milk
- 2 Spring onions with greens, thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Salt and Freshly ground black pepper - to taste

Method:

Heat a large pan over medium high heat. Add bacon and cook for 6-8 minutes till its brown and crispy. Transfer to a plate. In the fat remaining in the pan, add the corn, onions and peppers and saute for 4-5 minutes. Stir in the cheese and the milk until well combined - about 2-3 minutes. If the mixture is too thick, add more milk as needed until desired consistency is reached. Stir in green onions and sugar. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Remove in a bowl and sprinkled the fried bacon on top. Serve with lavash or crackers.

ZUCCHINI PARMESAN CRISPS



Ingredients:

- ½ cup oil
- 1 cup bread crumbs

- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 Zucchini - thinly sliced to quarter-inch thick rounds
- ½ cup maida
- 2 large eggs, beaten

Method:

Heat vegetable oil in a large pan over medium high heat. In a large bowl, combine bread-crumbs and Parmesan and set aside. Working in batches, coat the zucchini rounds in flour, dip into eggs, then dredge in bread-crumbs, pressing to coat. Now add these coated zucchini rounds to the pan - 5 or 6 at a time, and cook until evenly golden and crispy, about 1-2 minute on each side. Drain on a paper-towel lined plate. Serve hot with ketchup.

EASY-PEASY TUNA FISH CAKES WITH SRIRACHA AIOLI



Ingredients:

- 3 large Tuna cans (in spring water), drained
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup chopped coriander
- ¼ cup chopped mint (also for garnish)
- ¼ cup diced red bell pepper
- 1 Tbsp diced green chillies
- 1 small cup Breadcrumbs
- 2 Tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ cup olive oil

Method:

In a large bowl, mix together all the above ingredients (except olive oil) with a fork, flaking the fish as needed, until combined. Pack the mixture into 1/3 cup measuring cup, to form cakes. Gently remove and flatten slightly. Repeat to form as many cakes. In a large pan, heat olive oil to medium high. Add cakes, allowing them to sear on one side for about 3 minutes. Flip cakes and reduce heat to medium. Cover pan and allow cakes to cook for 3 -5 more minutes, or until browned on second side.

Serve with Sriracha Aioli.

Sriracha Aioli:

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1½ tbsp Sriracha sauce
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 Garlic clove
- ¼ tsp salt

Mix all the above ingredients and keep in the fridge.

Celebrating Faith And Hope in 2021!



NOSHIR H. DADRAWALA

If there was ever a year in living memory that we could term 'annus horribilis', it would inarguably be 2020. No astrologer even remotely predicted this! In fact, most predictions were au contraire, on how wonderful this year would be. Sadly, there's been immense loss of life and livelihood. But despite the gloom, what has truly bloomed and seen most of us Zoom (literally and figuratively) through the year, has been faith and hope. In faith, people have found their anchor in life, and in hope, the courage to face all odds.

Faith and hope are distinct yet complementary to each other. Faith is grounded in the reality of the past, while hope is looking to the reality of the future. Without faith, there can be no hope, and without hope there can be no faith.

Most of us may have heard the phrase 'Hope is not a strategy', - it's true. Hope cannot be a strategy if it is based on illusion, delusion, fiction and false assumptions. Even so, hope is a critical part of achieving a strategy when based on what is possible... maybe not highly probable, but possible. When hope is based on real-world experience, knowledge and tangible and intangible data, it results in trust and faith, with which even what's impossible can be achieved!

Messenger Of Hope: Thousands of years ago, when planet earth was in turmoil, *Ahura Mazda* promised the very soul of this earth a messenger of hope - *Zarathushtra* - the shining golden star. This messenger did not talk about salvation. Instead, he spoke about happiness. His message was neither about pleasing God nor about fearing God. His message was about exercising the right choices in life and attaining friendship with God. His message was not about sacrificing, instead his message



was about giving.

He spoke about the twin mentalities and the choices we all must make using our *sucha managha* or 'illuminated mind' and adding that once we make a decision, we must stand responsible for its consequences. This messenger did not see the Creator as an angry, vengeful or punishing God. He saw the creator as loving and friendly towards all good creations. But if the Creator is all good and loving, why is there suffering in this world? Why is there pain and poverty? Why is there conflict and cruelty? To understand this, one needs to understand *Zarathushtra's* vision of *Ahura Mazda*...

Perfecting Imperfection: In *Ushtavaiti Gatha*, *Yasna* 46.2 *Zarathushtra* says, "*Rafedhrem chagvaao hyat fryo fryaai daidit, Aakhso vangheush ashaa ishtim manangho*," meaning, 'Take notice of it, Lord, offering the support which a friend should grant to a friend. Let me see the power of good thinking allied with truth!'

Here *Zarathushtra* does not see the Supreme Divinity as the Master or the Lord or as Father or someone to fear. He sees *Ahura Mazda* as a beloved friend to talk to in times of distress and to love Him and seek His support to perfect this imperfect world with friendship based on good thinking allied with Truth. These are distressing times, but the message of hope and faith is loud and clear. Indeed, now is the time to befriend *Ahura Mazda*, seek His

friendship and work towards perfecting some imperfections in this world, starting with our own imperfections.

Choose Hope With Wisdom: The Pahlavi *Dinkard* (Book 3) asserts, "*Be it known that, whatever wisdom and happiness exist now, are owing to the principles that give strength of wisdom and the power of happiness. Among these, by means of the proper power appertaining to the soul, Ohrmazd reaches into the heart of the acquirer of wisdom, and the power of obtaining the wishes, reaches into the heart of the acquirer of wisdom. And on that wisdom reaching into the mind, a path is found by the mind that is obedient to Ohrmazd and is pure, to see what relates to the invisible; and so, man becomes worthy of fresh and superior happiness.*"

It is interesting to observe that acquisition of wisdom goes hand in hand with happiness. One who is wise is also happy. Divinity enters the heart of the acquirer of wisdom and makes that individual experience 'fresh and superior happiness'.

Angra Mainyu - A State Of The Mind: *Mainyu* is variously translated as 'Spirit', an abstract energy or 'Mind' (*Sanskrit mana* or mind). *Angra* is viewed as destructive, chaotic, disorderly and inhibitive. One of the chief manifestations of *Angra* is destruction, which arises from anger, and anger is a state of the mind. Thus, *Angra Mainyu* is a destructive state of the

mind which often manifests into anger and destruction of all that is good.

In *Yasna* 30.3 there is reference to *Aka Mainyu*. *Aka* is *Avestan* for 'evil' or 'deficient' and is the antithesis of *Spenta* which is good and bounteous. So, while the earlier *Avestan* texts refer to *Angra Mainyu* in the abstract, the later Middle Persian texts refer to a more personalized embodiment of evil named *Ahriman*. But, *Angra Mainyu* or *Ahriman*, both are in eternal conflict with all that is good and bountiful.

Angra Mainyu Is Only A Shadow: Theologically, *Angra Mainyu* is limited to material space and time and at the end of time, *Angra Mainyu* will be finally defeated or simply disappear because *Angra Mainyu* is akin to a shadow. A shadow is simply the absence of reflected light. Shadow is not a standalone object. Scientifically speaking, shadow exists only in relationship to a light source, a disrupting object and an object in the background. In other words, if Truth is light and the mind is the disorderly obstructive object, what is seen in the background of life is the shadow of what we perceive as evil. But, let the light of truth shine through a mind attuned to that light (of truth) and there would be no obstruction and no shadow can be seen in the background of life. There would be just light! Little wonder that various Pahlavi texts view *Ahriman* as 'nonexistent'!

Positive Assertions: Affirmations are not wishful thinking or empty hope. Daily repetition can reprogram one's thinking patterns and over time, one actually begins to think and act differently. Affirmations help us challenge and overcome self-sabotaging negative thoughts.

Therefore, as we stand on the threshold of yet another new year, more than just hope, let us affirm that we shall stay attuned with our good mentality and reject the dark mentality. Let us reaffirm that evil has no real existence. Evil is simply the absence of good, just as darkness is absence of light. When we choose light, we automatically reject darkness and when we choose goodness, we automatically reject evil.

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The *Zamyad Yasht* is a litany to the spirit of this earth. The final paragraph of this hymn is most inspiring and hope-giving! It affirms that: *Akem-Mano* (evil mentality) smites, but *Vohu-Mano* (good mentality) shall smite it back; the Word of falsehood smites, but the Word of truth shall smite it back. *Haurvatat* (*Khordad* or perfection) and *Ameretat* (*Amardad* or eternity) shall smite both hunger and thirst: *The evil-doing Angra Mainyu bows and flees, becoming powerless.*

The *Yasht* does not speak of *Angra Mainyu* being destroyed, because, one can only destroy what exists. *Angra* bows (accepting defeat) and simply flees, just like darkness flees when light is brought in. In like manner, ultimately, evil mentality shall bow to the good mentality and flee and the world will know *Frasho Kereti* or a Perfect World.

May *Haurvatat* (*Khordad* or perfection) and *Ameretat* (*Amardad* or eternity) smite the pandemic! May the evil-doing novel coronavirus bow and flee, becoming powerless! May this hope be anchored in our faith and the right choices that we make towards perfecting this world!! Happy New Year!!!

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વૈજ્ઞાનિક રીકવરીમાં પ્રાર્થનાની શક્તિ!

શું પ્રાર્થનામાં ફક્ત આવવાની શક્તિ છે? વિશ્વાસુ ચોક્કસપણે જવાબ હા માં આપશે. જ્યારે પુરાવા શોધનારાઓ સંપૂર્ણ હા, ના અથવા ક્યાંક વચ્ચે છે. આજે, હું આ પ્રશ્નનો જવાબ વૈજ્ઞાનિક રીતે અને થોડું સંશોધન અધ્યયન કરી આપીશ.



આ કેટલાક પ્રશ્નો છે જેનો વૈજ્ઞાનિક રીતે જવાબ આપવાનો પ્રયાસ થઈ રહ્યો છે. હીલિંગમાં પ્રાર્થનાની શક્તિ પર કેન્દ્રિત સંશોધન પાછલા દાયકામાં લગભગ બમણું થયું છે. વૈજ્ઞાનિક સંસ્થાઓ જે અગાઉ પ્રાર્થના શબ્દ સાથેના અભ્યાસની સમીક્ષા પણ કરતી નહોતી, હવે તે પ્રાર્થના અને તેના ઉપચાર પરના પ્રભાવોના આધારે ભંડોળ પૂરું પાડે છે.

દરેક ધર્મની પોતાની પ્રાર્થના અને પરંપરાગત આધ્યાત્મિક પદ્ધતિઓનો સમાવેશ થાય છે, કે વિશ્વાસુ તેના ઉપચારના ગુણોનો આશરો લે છે. મોટાભાગના જરથોસ્તીઓએ હીલિંગમાં 'અરદીબહેસ્ત યક્ત' પ્રાર્થનાની શક્તિની કથાઓ જોઈ અને સાંભળી હશે. પ્રાર્થનામાં કેટલાક અવાજો,

તાલ, પુનરાવર્તનો અને ધ્યાન પ્રથાઓ શામેલ હોય છે જે તણાવ, મન અને શરીરને શાંત પાડતી, અને અંદરથી કુદરતી ઉપચારની પ્રતિક્રિયાને પ્રોત્સાહન આપતા આરામદાયક પ્રતિક્રિયા આપે છે.

ધાર્મિક લોકો સ્વસ્થ જીવન જીવવાનું વલણ ધરાવે છે. તેઓ ધૂમ્રપાન, પીવા અથવા પીને વાલન ચલાવતા નથી. લકીકતમાં, જે લોકો પ્રાર્થના કરે છે તે ઓછા બીમાર પડે છે. જે લોકો વધુ ધાર્મિક હોય છે, તેઓ હતાશ ઓછા થાય છે અને સ્વસ્થ વધુ રહે છે. મને આશ્ચર્ય નહીં થાય જે ભવિષ્યમાં આપણી પાસે તબીબી વિજ્ઞાનની એક શાખા હશે જે પ્રાર્થના ઘેરેપીથી લોકોને સારા કરશે.

જો હું જરથોસ્તી દ્રષ્ટિકોણથી બોલું તો, અરદીબહેસ્ત યક્તમાં, આપણે દવા તેમજ શસ્ત્રક્રિયા દ્વારા ઉપચારનો સમાવેશ કરનારા પાંચ પ્રકારનાં ઉપચારો છે. પરંતુ ઉપચારના સૌથી શ્રેષ્ઠ સ્વરૂપને હીલિંગ કહેવામાં આવે છે જે પ્રાર્થના દ્વારા થાય છે. પોતાની જાતને અથવા કોઈ પ્રિય વ્યક્તિની માંદગી દરમિયાન એક સરળ પ્રથા એ છે કે સંપૂર્ણ શુદ્ધતાની સ્થિતિમાં અરદીબહેસ્ત યક્ત અને તેના નિરંગની પ્રાર્થના કરવામાં આવે છે આપણા વડીલો દ્વારા આ પ્રથાને અરદીબહેસ્તની પીછી તરીકે ઓળખવામાં આવતી હતી.

- ડૉ. દાનેશ ચીનોય

પદ્મશ્રી યજ્ઞી કરંજ્યા કોમેડી થિયેટરને ડિજિટલ રૂપે ગ્લોબલ ટૂર પર લઈ જઈ રહ્યા છે

કેનેડામાં પારસી-ગુજરાતી ડાયસ્પોરા બે પારસી હાસ્ય નાટકો મનોરંજન માટે તૈયાર છે સુરત સ્થિત કરંજ્યા આટર્સના સભ્યો દ્વારા રજૂ થનારા નાટકો રોગચાળાની પરિસ્થિતિ વચ્ચે વર્ચ્યુઅલરૂપે રજૂ કરવામાં આવશે. પારસી થિયેટરના લેજેન્ડ અને પદ્મશ્રી એવોર્ડ વિજેતા, ૮૪ વર્ષીય યજ્ઞી કરંજ્યા, જેમણે પોતાનું જીવન પરફોર્મિંગ આર્ટને સમર્પિત કર્યું છે, તે પણ બે નાટકોમાંના એકમાં 'પારસી હરીશચંદ્રની' મુખ્ય ભૂમિકા નિભાવશે.

ગુજરાતી પારસી થિયેટરના વાલી તરીકે ઓળખાતા કરંજ્યા પરીવારે છેલ્લાં સાત દાયકાઓથી તેમની અદભૂત રજૂઆતોથી આનંદકારકતા જીવંત રાખી છે. બંને નાટકોના તમામ પાત્રો આખા કરંજ્યા પરિવાર દ્વારા જ રજૂ કરવામાં આવ્યા છે. 'મુંગી સ્ત્રી' અને 'પારસી હરીશચંદ્ર' એમ બે હાસ્ય નાટકો કરંજ્યા પરીવાર દ્વારા કેનેડા સ્થિત 'ફેન્ડસ ઓફ ગુજરાત અને ગુજરાત અબ્રોડ' (એફજીએ) અને ખાસ કરીને વિદેશમાં, ગુજરાતી ડાયસ્પોરા માટે ડિજિટલ સ્વરૂપમાં રજૂ કરવામાં આવ્યા છે.

ગ્લોબલ લોકડાઉન પહેલા, તેઓ (એફજીએ) એ અમને કેનેડામાં પ્રદર્શન માટે આમંત્રણ આપ્યું હતું, જે રોગચાળાને કારણે બદલાઈ ગયું હતું. તેથી, ગુજરાતી ડાયસ્પોરા જૂથે અમને તેમના માટે બે હાસ્ય નાટકો ડીજિટલી ફરીથી બનાવવા માટે કહ્યું. બંને નાટકોના રિહર્સલ માટે અમે એક મહિના કરતા



વધારે સમય માટે જુદા જુદા ખૂણાના ત્રણ કેમેરાથી શૂટિંગ કરીને તેને ડિજિટલ મોડમાં રૂપાંતરિત કરવા માટે એક ઓડિટોરિયમ ભાડે લીધું હતું, એમ બંને નાટકોના ડિરેક્ટર ફરજાન કરંજ્યાએ જણાવ્યું હતું.

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દાદર અહુરા મઝદાએ બનાવેલા તમામ ક્ષેત્રમાં, તેમણે રખેવાળની નિમણૂક કરી છે. તેક્ષર તીર યજ્ઞ આવા જ એક શાસ્ત્ર છે. તેક્ષર તીર યજ્ઞ ગ્રહ (ગ્રહો) અને સિતારા (તારાઓ) પર રાજ કરે છે.

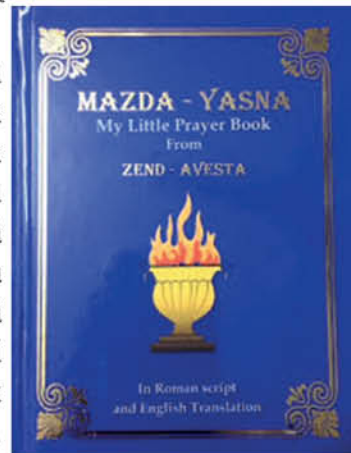
સત્વેશ યજ્ઞ, બહમન અમેશાસ્પંદ, અર્દવીસુર યજ્ઞ, વાદ યજ્ઞ, હોમ યજ્ઞ, દિન યજ્ઞ, બેરેજો યજ્ઞ અને અશો ફરોહર આ બધા જ તેક્ષર તીર યજ્ઞના આજ્ઞા માનનારા પાત્ર છે. તીર યજ્ઞ જીવન આપનાર વરસાદને લાવનાર છે. આપણે બધાએ શાળામાં પ્રારંભિક વર્ષોમાં જળ ચક્રનો અભ્યાસ કર્યો છે. શું આ જાણવાનું આશ્ચર્યજનક નથી કે આ ચક્રનું વર્ણન આપણા શાસ્ત્રોમાં પણ આવી વિગતોમાં કરવામાં આવ્યું છે!

તીર યજ્ઞ વોલુકાશ સમુદ્ર ઉપર પવન ફુંકવાની આજ્ઞા આપે છે. તે સમુદ્રના તરંગો પર તોફાન લાવે છે અને તેની સપાટી ઉપર પણ શાંતતા લાવે છે. તે ઓટ અને ભરતીના પ્રવાહને આદેશ આપે છે. સમુદ્રમાંથી ઉભરેલા બધું જ પાણી હિંદવ પર્વત (હિમાલય સમાન લાગે છે?) ની આસપાસ વાદળોની જેમ એકઠું થાય છે, જે સમુદ્રની મધ્યમાં

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ઉભરે છે. (અવલોકનની બાજુની નોંધ: આજે પણ, ભૂસ્તરશાસ્ત્રીને હિમાલય પર દરિયાઈ છીપલાના પુરાવા મળ્યા છે. શું આ વિચિત્ર નથી.. મને આશ્ચર્ય થાય છે!)

હિંદવની આજુબાજુ ભેગા થયેલા વાદળો ત્યારબાદ તીર યજ્ઞ દ્વારા તે જમીનો પર માર્ગદર્શન આપે છે કે જેના પર તેઓ ખૂબ જરૂરી છે. તે જમીનો કે જેના પર માણસ અને પ્રાણીઓ રહે છે, તે સાત કિશ્વરો (કદાચ ખંડો) માં વહેંચાયેલું હતું અને તીર યજ્ઞ એ બધામાં વરસાદ લાવે છે. તીર યજ્ઞ આજ્ઞા અને વિકાસ અને પુનર્જીવન અને નવીકરણના દૂત સમાન છે. તે માણસને ઉગાડતા પાક અને જીવનનિર્વાહ માટેના ખોરાકમાં મદદ કરે છે.



આ ચક્ર આપણા અસ્તિત્વ સાથે આટલું આંતરિક રીતે જોડાયેલું છે કે માત્ર આદર અને કૃતજ્ઞતાને લીધે, આપણે તેક્ષર તીર યજ્ઞને માન આપવું જોઈએ અને આગળ આપણા જીવન માટે તેમના પરોપકાર માટે પ્રાર્થના કરવી જોઈએ.

તેક્ષર તીર યજ્ઞને યજ્ઞ પણ માનવામાં આવે છે જે આંખને લગતી તમામ બિમારીઓના ઈલાજ કરવામાં મદદ કરે છે. એવું કહેવામાં આવે છે કે તે આપણી આંખોમાં પ્રકાશ લાવવા માટે સ્પિતમાન જરથુસ્ત્રના તેજનો ઉપયોગ કરે છે. મોટેભાગે હું મોબાઈલ ફોન અને કમ્પ્યુટરના ઉપયોગને કારણે આંખોમાં તાણથી પીડાવ છું - તે એક સામાન્ય ઘટના છે. જો કે, હું વારંવાર તેક્ષર

તીર યજ્ઞનું નામ યાદ કરું છું. મારી આંખોને ઘસું છું અને તેને ખંજવાળમાંથી મુક્તિ આપવા પ્રાર્થના કરું છું. હું અત્યાર સુધી ક્યારેય નિરાશ નથી થઈ.

પાક દાદર અહુરા મઝદાના ૧૦૧ નામોમાંથી, આપણે તીર રોજના દિને પાણીનો ગલાસ સામે મુકી ૧૦૧ વાર ફરખાતંતેનો પાઠ કરવો જોઈએ. આ પાણી પીવાથી અને તેને આંખો પર લગાવવાથી આંખોની બીમારીઓથી ઘણી રાહત મળે છે.

જો તમે વર્ષમાં ઓછામાં ઓછા એક વાર તીર મહીનો અને તીર રોજ પર તીર યક્તની પ્રાર્થના કરવાનું મેનેજ કરો છો, તો તમે તમારી જાતને ખૂબ ધન્ય ગણાવી શકો છો. તે સરળ કાર્ય નથી, તેમ છતાં આપણે આપણા ટ્રેનિક પડકારોનો સામનો કરી શકીએ છીએ. જો આપણે તેની પ્રાર્થનાઓ બોલીને તેક્ષર તીર યજ્ઞની સહાય લીધી હોય, તો શું તેઓ આપણે બમણું આશીર્વાદ નથી આપતા?

'શોધની વાસ્તવિક સફર નવી લેન્ડસ્કેપની શોધમાં નથી, પરંતુ નવી આંખો લોવાનો સમાવેશ કરે છે.' માર્સેલ પ્રોઉસ્ટ

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અઠવાડિક રાશિક્ષણ: તા. ૨૬.૧૨.૨૦૨૦ થી તા. ૦૧.૦૧.૨૦૨૧

 <p>Aries - મેષ - અ.વ.ઈ.</p> <p>તમને આજથી ૪૨ દિવસ માટે રાહુની દિનદશા શરૂ થયેલી છે. તમારી ચિંતાઓ વધતી જશે. તમારા વિચારો નેગેટીવ બનતા જશે. જેબી કામ કરતા હશે તે કામ કરવામાં ખુબ આળસ આવશે. ૩૩ ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધી રાહુ તમારી દિવસની ભુખ અને રાતની ઉંઘ ઉડાવી દેશે. નાણાકીય મુશ્કેલી વધતી જશે. ખર્ચ વધતો જશે. રાહુનું જોર ઓછું કરવા દરરોજ 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૩૦, ૩૧, ૦૧ છે.</p> <p>Lucky Dates: 26, 30, 31, 01. Starting today, Rahu rules you for the next 42 days. Your worries could increase. Thoughts could get increasingly negative. You will feel great lethargy in doing your works. Rahu's influence could make you lose your sleep and your appetite till the 3rd of February. Financial challenges and expenditures could increase. Pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.</p>	 <p>Cancer - કર્ક - ડ.દ.</p> <p>શનિની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમારામાં ખુબ આળસ આવી જશે. નાના કામો કરવામાં પણ પરેશાન થશો. ૨૪મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી ઘરમાં કોઈ નવી ચીજ વસાવવામાં સફળ થશો. બીજાનું ભુલુ કરવા જતા તમારું ખરાબ થશે. કોઈને સાચી સલાહ આપવાથી તે વ્યક્તિ તમારી સલાહ નહીં માને. નાણાકીય સ્થિતિ સુધરવાની જગ્યાએ બગડી જશે. ખોટા ખર્ચાઓથી પરેશાન થશો. દરરોજ ભુલ્યા વગર 'મોટી હમન યશ્ત' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૭, ૨૮, ૨૯, ૩૧ છે.</p> <p>Lucky Dates: 27, 28, 29, 31. Saturn's ongoing rule fills you with lethargy. You will feel troubled even in doing small works. You will be able to make purchases for the house by 24th January. You could land in trouble trying to help another. Financial conditions could worsen instead of improving. Unnecessary expenditures will worry you. Your honest advice will not be adhered to by others. Pray the Moti Haptan Yasht daily.</p>	 <p>Libra - તુલા - ર.ત.</p> <p>આજથી ૨૨મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી મંગળની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમારા માર્નિન્ડને બેલેન્સ નહીં રાખી શકો. મંગળને કારણે ચીડીયાના સ્વભાવના થઈ જશો. નાની બાબતમાં ગુસ્સો આવશે. પ્રેશરની તકવીક હોય તો ડોક્ટરની સલાહ અવશ્ય લેજો. જ્યાં રહેતા હશે ત્યાં આજુબાજુવાળા તમને ઈરિટિટ કરી નાખશે. ઘરમાં ખોટા ખર્ચ વધી જશે. રોજ 'તીર યશ્ત' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૩૦, ૩૧, ૦૧ છે.</p> <p>Lucky Dates: 29, 30, 31, 01. Mars' rule, starting today till the 22nd of January, could cause mental imbalance, making you very irritable. You could get angry over petty matters. Those suffering from Blood Pressure should consult a doctor. Your neighbours could irritate you. Unnecessary expenses could increase at home. Pray the Tir Yasht daily.</p>	 <p>Capricorn - મકર - ખ.જ.</p> <p>૧૪મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી શુકની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમે તમારા મોજશોખ સારી રીતે પૂરા કરી શકશો. ગમે તેટલું ધન ખર્ચ કરશો તો પણ કોઈ પાસે મદદ માંગવી નહીં પડે. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં સારા સારી રહેશે. ફસાયેલા નાણા પાછા મળવાના ચાન્સ છે. રોજના કામ પૂરા કરવામાં સફળ થશો. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યજદ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૭, ૨૮, ૨૯, ૦૧ છે.</p> <p>Lucky Dates: 27, 28, 29, 01. Venus' rule till 14th January nudges you to indulge in fun and entertainment. Despite spending a lot of money, you will not have to borrow any from others. Financially, things will continue to improve. Funds which were stuck could be retrieved. You will be successful in completing your daily chores. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.</p>
 <p>Taurus - વૃષભ - બ.વ.ઉ.</p> <p>૨૨મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી ગુરૂની દિનદશા ચાલશે. રોજના કામ સાથે ચેરીટીના કામ કરવામાં સફળ થશો. બીજાના મદદગાર થવા ભાગદોડ કરવામાં પાછીપાની નહીં કરો. ઘરનું વાતાવરણ સારું રહેશે. ઘરવાળા તરફથી માન-ઈજ્જત મેળવશો. જીવનસાથી શોધતા હશે તો મળી જશે. ઘરવાળાની ડિમાન્ડ પૂરી કરી શકશો. દરરોજ 'સરોશ યશ્ત' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૨૮, ૨૯, ૦૧ છે.</p> <p>Lucky Dates: 26, 28, 29, 01. Jupiter's rule till 22nd January will bring you much success in executing your daily tasks as well as charitable works. You will go all out to help another. The atmosphere at home will be cordial. You will receive appreciation and respect from your family members and you will be able to cater to their needs. Those looking for a life partner will be fruitful in their search. Pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.</p>	 <p>Leo - સિંહ - મ.ટ.</p> <p>૧૮મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી બુધની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમારા મુશ્કેલીભર્યા કામ વિજળીવેગે પૂરા કરી શકશો. પારકાને પોતાના બનાવી લેશો. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં નકામા ખર્ચ પર કાબુ મેળવી બચત અવશ્ય કરજો. મિત્રોને તમારા મનની વાત કરી તેમનું દીલ જીતી લેશો. કામમાં તમારા કામની કદર થશે. દરરોજ 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૨૭, ૩૦, ૩૧ છે.</p> <p>Lucky Dates: 26, 27, 30, 31. Mercury's rule till 18th January helps you complete even your difficult tasks at lightning speed. You will be able to win over strangers. Ensure to hold back your unnecessary expenditures and invest from your savings. You will win over your friends by confiding in them. Your efforts will be appreciated at your workplace. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.</p>	 <p>Scorpio - વૃશ્ચિક - ન.પ.</p> <p>ચંદ્રની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે તમારા રોજના કામો સમય પર કરવામાં સફળ થશો. જે પણ કામ કરશો તેમાં જથ મેળવશો. મનની શાંતિ રહેવાથી બીજાને સમજાવી શકશો. કોઈ અંગત વ્યક્તિ કે સગાઓની મુશ્કેલીને દૂર કરવામાં આગળ પડતા ભાગ લેશો. મુશ્કેલીભર્યા કામ સહેલાઈથી કરી શકશો. ગામ પરગામથી સારા સમાચાર મળશે. દરરોજ ૩૪મુ નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧વાર ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૨૭, ૨૯, ૩૧ છે.</p> <p>Lucky Dates: 26, 27, 29, 31. The ongoing rule of the Moon helps you to complete your daily chores in time. You will gain fame in all you do. Being at peace mentally, you will be able to make others understand your point of view. You will lead from the front in helping a close friend or relative through their challenges. You will be able to effectively resolve any challenging tasks. You could receive good news from abroad. Pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtama', 101 times, daily.</p>	 <p>Aquarius - કુંભ - ગ.શ.સ.</p> <p>શુકની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી કામકાજ સાથે મોજશોખ પણ વધતા જશે. કોઈ નવી વ્યક્તિ સાથે ઓળખાણ થવાના ચાન્સ છે. નવી વ્યક્તિ ભવિષ્યમાં તમારા ખરાબ સમયમાં તમને મદદગાર થશે. તબિયતમાં સુધારો આવશે. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં સારા સારી રહેશે. જ્યાં પણ જશો ત્યાં માન મેળવશો. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યજદ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૨૭, ૨૮, ૩૧ છે.</p> <p>Lucky Dates: 26, 27, 28, 31. Venus' ongoing rule will cause an increase in your fun and entertainment along with your works. You could meet someone new, who would prove to be helpful during your bad times in the future. Health will improve. Financial stability is indicated. You will receive respect wherever you go. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.</p>
 <p>Gemini - મિથુન - ક.છ.ઘ.</p> <p>તમને આજથી ગુરૂની દિનદશા શરૂ થયેલી છે. આવતા ૫૮ દિવસમાં તમે જે માન-ઈજ્જત ખોયેલી છે તે પાછી મેળવશો. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં સારા સારી થતી જશે. ગુરૂની કૃપાથી ધર્મના કામ કરી શકશો. તમારા કરેલા કામની કદર થશે. તબિયતમાં સારા સારી થતી જશે. દરરોજ ભુલ્યા વગર 'સરોશ યશ્ત' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૨૮, ૩૦, ૩૧ છે.</p> <p>Lucky Dates: 26, 28, 30, 31. Starting today, Jupiter's rule will help you regain any of your lost reputation or respect over the next 58 days. Financially things will continue to improve. You will be able to perform religious works. Your work will receive much appreciation. Health will keep getting better. Ensure to pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.</p>	 <p>Virgo - કન્યા - પ.ઠ.ણ.</p> <p>તમને તમારી રાશિના માલિક બુધની દિનદશા શરૂ થયેલી છે. તમારા રોજના કામો ૧૭મી ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધી સમય પર પૂરા કરવામાં સફળ થશો. વેતિદિતીના કામોમાં મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. નોકરી કરતા હશે ત્યાં પ્રમોશન મળવાના ચાન્સ છે. મિત્રો તરફથી કામદાની વાત જાણવા મળશે. ગામ-પરગામથી સારા સમાચાર જાણવા મળશે. દરરોજ 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૭, ૨૮, ૩૦, ૩૧ છે.</p> <p>Lucky Dates: 27, 28, 30, 31. The onset of Mercury's rule, till the 17th of February, helps you complete your work in good time. Transactions related to lending or borrowing will flow smoothly. A promotion is predicted for those who are employed. Friends will bring you beneficial information. You could receive good news from abroad. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.</p>	 <p>Sagittarius - ધન - ભ.ધ.ફ.</p> <p>સુર્યની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમારા જરૂરી કામ કરવામાં સફળ નહીં થાવ. માથા પરનો બોજો વધી જશે. કામના બોજાના લીધે ઓંખમાં બળતરા કે એસીડીટી જેવી માંદગીથી પરેશાન થશો. વડીલવર્ગની તબિયત અચાનક ખરાબ થવાના ચાન્સ છે. નાની બાબતમાં ઘરવાળા સાથે મતભેદ પડશે. તમારા વાંક ગુના વગર બીજાઓ તમને ફસાવી દેશે. દરરોજ ૯૬મુ નામ 'યા રયોમંદ' ૧૦૧વાર ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૨૯, ૩૦, ૩૧ છે.</p> <p>Lucky Dates: 26, 29, 30, 31. The ongoing Sun's rule could end up causing disruptions in your important works. Mental pressures could increase. This could cause acidity or eye-burns. The health of your elderly could suddenly go down. You could end up squabbling with family members over a petty issue. You could get framed by others despite being faultless. Pray the 96th Name, 'Ya Rayomand', 101 times, daily.</p>	 <p>Pisces - મીન - દ.ચ.ઝ.થ.શ.</p> <p>૫મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી રાહુની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમારું ધ્યાન તમારા કામ પર નહીં રહે. નકામા કામોમાં સમય ખરાબ કરશો. ખર્ચનો ખાડો ઉડો થતો જશે. રાહુને કારણે માથા દુખાવાથી પરેશાન થશો. ઘણી-ઘણીયાણીમાં નાની બાબતમાં ખટપટ થશે. રાહુને કારણે ખોટા વિચારોથી પરેશાન થશો. દરરોજ 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૮, ૨૯, ૩૦, ૩૧ છે.</p> <p>Lucky Dates: 28, 29, 30, 31. Rahu's rule till 5th January does not allow you to focus on your work. You will waste time over unnecessary works. Expenses will keep increasing. You could suffer from headaches. Couples could end up having squabbles over petty issues. Negative thoughts could trouble you. Pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.</p>

अेक नजर पारसी मरणो उपर

Deceased मरनार	Age यय	Date तारीख	Address र. डे.	Relations सगार्थो
Armin Heroish Shroff आरमीन हीरोईश श्रोफ	52 ५२	17-12-2020	663, Shroff Panday Building, Sorab Palamkote Road, Dadar, Mumbai 14. ६६३, श्रोफ पांडे बिल्डिंग, सोराब पावमकोट रोड, दादर, मुंबई १४.	ते हीरोईशना घण्टीयाणी ते मरलुम साम तथा सीवु कलवयवावाना दीकरी ते शलजादना माताळ ते केशमीरा जरोईवावाना अलेन ते रुजवे जरोईवावाना सावी ते इरलान, जेनीकरना मासी ते ते रोशनी तथा मालनाजना भाळी ते पर्व, कीयानना मामी ते इवी अने अज्तावर श्रोफना वडु.
Dinaz Cavas Mistry दीनाज कावस मीस्त्री	81 ८१	17-12-2020	A1/3, New Khareghat Colony, Off. Babulnath Road, Mumbai 7. अ-१/३ न्यु खारेघाट कोलोनी, बाबुलनाथ रोड, मुंबई.	ते मरलुम कावस जलव मीस्त्रीना घण्टीयाणी ते मरलुम पेस्तनळ अने जोरशेदना दीकरी ते देवशादना मम्मी ते आनंदना सासुळ ते जोयाना ममईळ ते जलवेजर अने जरलई मीस्त्रीना वडु.
Noshir Rustomji Gandhi नोशीर इस्तम गांधी	88 ८८	17-12-2020	Jesal Park, B-28, Dev Tulsi Chs, Bhayander (East), Thane 401105. जेसल पार्क, बी-२८ देव तुलसी सीअेचअेस, भायन्डर ईस्ट, थाणे ४०११०५.	ते आबानना आविंद ते मरलुमो पुतलामाय तथा इस्तमळ नसरवानळ गांधीना दीकरा ते जरीर तथा इरदोशना भावाळ ते परीनाज तथा नाजनीनना ससराळ ते सोदराब तथा मरलुमो जलंबल, नरगीस तथा गुलना भाई ते उर्वल, यजद, यजीश्री, अजीताना अपावाळ ते मरलुमो दादीबा तथा धनमाय दमण्टीयाणा जमाई ते परवीळ तथा नवल कुपरना वडेवाई ते मरलुमो मालइण तथा इस्तमळना वेवाई ते जोरशेद, आदीव, यजदी तथा मरलुम रक्षाना काकाळ ते शेदनाज इरोण मीस्त्रीना मामाळ ते रक्षाने इरजानाना कुवाळ ते मरलुम इनीमाय तथा जूनना देर.
Tehmi Soli Todiwalla तेहमी सोली तोडीवाला	82 ८२	18-12-2020	P-40, Navroz Baug, Dr. S. S. Rao Road, Lal Baug, Parel, Mumbai 12. पी-४०, नवरोज बाग, लालबाग, मुंबई १२.	ते सोली दाराबशा तोडीवावाना घण्टीयाणी ते मरलुम जरलई अरदेशर अदाजनीयाना दीकरी ते मरलुम पोरस तथा शीराळ लोशेदर टंपावना माताळ ते लवोवी यशान अंभाता ने इस्तम टंपावना ममईळ ते लोशेदर गुस्ताद टंपावना सासुळ ते मरलुम दारा ने जलव अदाजनीया, जमशेद अरदेशर अदाजनीया, अरपी अदाजनीया ना अलेन ते मरलुम दाराबशा तथा मरलुम नरगेश तोडीवावाना वडु ते मरलुम पेरीन केकी बेसानिया तथा मरलुम गोदरेज दाराबशा तोडीवावाना भाळी.
Katy Sorabji Minocherhomji केटी सोराबजी मीनोचहेर लोमज	97 ९७	18-12-2020	H-22, Navroz Baug, Dr. S. S. Rao Road, Lal Baug, Parel, Mumbai 12. अेच ब्लोक नवरोजबाग, लालबाग, डोंडर अेस. अेस. राव रोड, लालबाग, मुंबई १२.	ते मरलुम सोदराबळ लोरमळळ मीनोचहेर लोमजना घण्टीयाणी ते मरलुम माणोकवाई इस्तमळ कुपरना दीकरी ते मरलुम नाजमाय तथा लोरमळळ मीनोचहेर लोमजना वडु ते रशीदा रोहिनतन महेता, जमी तथा मरलुम इमी सोदराबळ मीनोचहेर लोमजना मम्मा ते मोनाज, क्यनाजना ममईळ तथा पोरसना अपईळ ते शान, यश, लमीशना ग्रेट ग्रान्ड मधर ते मरलुम रोडा अदी इाईवर तथा पीवु लोरमसळ मीनोचहेर लोमजना भाळी ते अरपी तथा मरलुम तनाजना मामी ते मरलुम दीनामाय तथा जमशेदळ महेता तथा मरलुम वीवु लोमी गनदेवीयाना वडेवाण.
Dariush Jamshed Irani दारायस जमशेद ईरानी	64 ६४	18-12-2020	Porbunderwala Castle, 3rd Floor, 3rd Pasta Lane, Colaba, Mumbai 5. पोरबुंदरवाला कस्तनव, ३जे माणे, ३ पास्ता लेन, कोलाबा, मुंबई ५.	ते मरलुमो शीरीन तथा जमशेद महीयार ईरानीना दीकरा. ते जरीन जमशेद ईरानीना भाई.
Silloo Fali Titina सीलु इली तीतीना	87 ८७	19-12-2020	Enterprise Apts, Flat No-182, Forjett Hill Road, Mumbai 36. अेनटरपेस अेपार्टमेंट, इवेट नं. १८२, फोरजेट हील रोड, मुंबई ३६.	ते मरलुम इली मनचेरशाळ तीतीना घण्टीयाणी ते मरलुम नरीमन अने नजमाई अवसाराना दीकरी ते मीनु अने रोनीना माताळ ते केशमीरा अने गुलचेदेरना सासुळ ते इराल अने अयेशादना लोरमज बावाना अपाईळ ते मरलुम रोशन अने मेहेलीना अलेन ते रति अदी लमगराना वेवाण ते मरलुम मंयेरशा, आनुबाई तीतीनाना वडु ते लोरमज बावाना अपईसासु.
Hutoxi Rusi Dadachanji हुतोखी रुसी दादाचानज	70 ७०	19-12-2020	649 Kaka Bldg, Dadar Parsee Colony, Dadar, Mumbai 14. ६४९, काका बिल्डिंग, पारसी कोलोनी, दादर, मुंबई १४.	ते इसी अरदेशर दादाचानजना घण्टीयाणी ते मरलुम मानेकशाळ अने वीवीमाई वळइदारना दीकरी ते मरलुम नाजमाय ने अरदेशर दादाचानजना वडु ते गुलशाद ने जलबलना माताळ ते इरामरोज न. रोकसानना सासुळ ते दीनयार तथा मरलुम ईरदोशना बेन ते मरलुम जरीन दादी वाखाना वडेवाण ते रोशनी केरसी पुनावावाना वडेवाण ते शाजनीन अने विस्तास्पना ग्रान्ड मधर.
Rhoda Eruchshaw Udwadia रोदा अेरुचशाळ उदवाडीया	82 ८२	19-12-2020	A/12, Shapur Baug, V.p. road, Girgaon, Mumbai 4 १२/अे, शापुर बाग, वी. पी. रोड, गीरगांव, मुंबई ४.	ते मरलुमो हीरा तथा अेरुचशाळ लोरमसळ उदवाडीयाना दीकरी ते लोवी अेरुचशाळ उदवाडीयाना बेन ते नोशीर अरदेशर उदवाडीया ने मानेक टी. अंकवेसरीयाना कळीन.
Jer Rusi Motivala जर (जइ) रुसी मोतीवाला	97 ९७	19-12-2020	621, Khush Villa, Khareghat Road, Mumbai 14. ६२१, खुश वील्वा, खारेघाट रोड, मुंबई १४.	ते मरलुम इसी अमनशाळ मोतीवावाना घण्टीयाणी ते सइश अळ बिलिमोयां तथा इरीदा अनीव अन्नाना मंमा ते राहुव, रोकसान अरपी तेंगरी तथा मेहेर रोहिनतन दाइवावाना ग्रेन्डमधर ते सहायरा, नीकोवाय, कायरीन सिमोन, अरमान, सेराना ग्रेट ग्रेन्डमधर ते मरलुमो रतनबाई तथा कावशाळ मास्तरना दीकरी ते मरलुमो जरलई तथा अमनशाळ मोतीवावाना वडु ते मरलुम पेरीन अलेराम तवाती तथा पेसी कावशाळ मास्तरना अलेन.
Maneck Mahiar Patel माणेक महीयार पटेव	75 ७५	19-12-2020	B/101, Joy Alka C.h.s., Ceaser Road, Amboli, Andheri West, Mumbai 58. बी१०१, जेय अलका को. अो. अ. सोसा., सीजर रोड, अंधेरी (वे), मुंबई ५८.	ते महीयार मंयेरशा पटेवना घण्टीयाणी ते लनोज महीयार पटेवना माताळ ते दीवनार लनोज पटेवना सासुळ ते मेहेरजाल लनोज पटेवना अपईळ ते शाइइण संजानाना बेन ते नाजु जमशेद मरजबानना भाळी ते परवेळ मंयेरशा पटेवना भाळी ते मरलुमो धनमाय तथा मंयेरशा पटेवना वडु ते मरलुमो लीवला तथा जमशेदळ संजानाना दीकरी.
Osta Kersi Homi Elchidana ओस्ता केरसी लोमी अेलचीदाणु	78 ७८	22-12-2020	E/6, Daswani CHS., Four Bungalows, Andheri (West), Mumbai 53. ई/६, दासवाना सीअेचअेस, चार बंगला, अंधेरी (वेस्ट), मुंबई ५३.	ते ओस्ती इरीदा केरसी अेलचीदाणुना आविंद ते मरलुम ओस्ता लोमी, मरलुम ओस्ती जरबानुना दीकरा ते देवनाज नादीर दाजना भावाळ ते बेदीन मलाझीन अरजस कामाना भावाळ ते अेरवद नादीर तथा बेदीन अरजसना ससराळ ते अेरवद दारायस तथा ओस्ती यजीशनीना ममावाळ ते ओस्ता नोशीरना भाई तथा जोरशेदना जेठ.
Keki Sawkasa Merchant केकी सावकशा मरयंत	87 ८७	22-12-2020	Parsi Colony, D-805, Lullanagar, Pune 411 040 पारसी कोलोनी, डी-८०५, लुल्ला नगर, पुणे-४११०४०	ते मरलुम परवीन केकी मरयंतना आविंद ते जलंबल, इरोण तथा लोम्यार मरयंतना भावाळ. ते मरलुमो कुवरबाई तथा सावकशा मरयंतना दीकरा. ते लीवी, इरजानाना ससराळ. ते काजवीन, दीनाज, बेजान अने आइरीनना अपावाळ ते जमी मरयंत तथा मरलुम हीनु मरयंत भाई ते बेपसी, मलइण, पीन्की, तनाज अने लोमीना अंधरईन लो ते जोशइ, यीराग अने शाइइणना अंकल ते मरलुमो रती तथा अेरुच पटेवना जमाई.
Coomi Kaikobad Patel कुमी केकोबाद पटेव	87 ८७	23-12-2020	21/24, Poornima, S.B. Road, Colaba, Mumbai 5. २१/२४ पुरनीमा, अेस.बी. रोड, कोलाबा, मुंबई ५.	ते मरलुम केकोबाद पेस्तनळ पटेवना घण्टीयाणी ते मरलुमो नाजमाय अने अरदेशर वाकरावावाना दीकरी ते आदीवना माताळ ते यासमीन आदीव पटेवना सासु ते योदान अने आयानाना अपईळ ते मरलुमो पीवु, आवु, जोरशेद, हीनु, जडुना अलेन ते मरलुमो दोसीबाई तथा पेस्तनळ पटेवना वडु.



નવા વરસની ભેટ!

પોરસ મીઝી એક બીઝનેસમેન હતા. નવસારીમાં તેમની પતરાની એક ફેક્ટરી હતી. જેમાંથી તેઓ કીમ કે પેસ્ટ બનાવવાની ટ્યુબ બનાવતા. તેમનો ધંધો ખુબ સારો હતો. કંપની સાફ પ્રોફીટ કરતી હતી. પોરસ પોતે પણ મનથી ખુબ દયાળુ હતા. તે જાતે પોતાના દરેક કર્મચારીઓનો ખ્યાલ રાખતા અને વરસના અંતે કમાવેલ પ્રોફીટમાંથી તેઓ લોટરી સીસ્ટમે કોઈ એકને મદદ કરતા. આ લોટરી સીસ્ટમ ઘણા વરસોથી ચાલી આવી હતી.

ડિસેમ્બરની ૩૧ તારીખે કંપનીના મેનેજર તેમના ૩૦૦ માણસોના સ્ટાફ પાસેથી એક-એક હજાર ઉધર-વીને ૩ લાખ જમા કરતો અને એમાં પોતાનાં તરફથી ૩ લાખ ઉમેરીને ૬ લાખની લોટરી ડ્રો કાઢતો. એમાં જેનું નામ નીકળતું, એને ૬ લાખ બક્ષિસરૂપે મળતાં. છેલ્લા દિવસે કંપનીમાં કામ કરતા દરેક લોકો પોતાના નામની કાપલી બનાવી લોટરી બોક્ષમાં નાખી દેતા.

એ દરમિયાન ઓફિસ સાફ કરતી વીમળાના દીકરાની તબિયત ખરાબ થતા તેને અચાનક પૈસાની ખુબ જરૂર

પડી. કંપનીમાં તેણે ૧૦૦૦/- પહેલા જ ભરી દીધા હતા. તેને મનમાં થયું કે કાશ આ લોટરી આ વખતે મને લાગે તો મારા દીકરાનું ઓપરેશન થઈ જાય મને પૈસા માટે આમતેમ ભટકવું ન પડે. પરંતુ લતી તો આખરે લોટરી. એ ભગવાનને પ્રાર્થના કરતી હતી કે લોટરી એને જ લાગે. મેનેજરને એની દયા આવતી હતી. એ પણ ચાલતો હતો કે ઈનામ એને જ લાગે. એણે યુક્તિ કરીને નામની કાપલી પર પોતાના નામને બદલે એનું નામ લખીને કાપલી બોક્ષમાં નાખી દીધી અને



મનોમન પ્રાર્થના કરી કે ઈનામ વીમળા બેનને જ લાગે.

આમ તો ૩૦૦ માણસમાં પોતાનું એક નામ જતું કરવાથી ઈનામ એને જ લાગે એવી શક્યતા બહુ ઓછી હતી. છતાં એમની ધાર્મિક લાગણીએ એમને એવું કરવા પ્રેર્યાં. બધાની કાપલી એકઠી થયાં

બાદ લોટરી ડ્રો નો સમય આવી પહોચ્યો. બોસે એક કાપલી કાઢી. વીમળા બેન અને મેનેજર, બંનેની ઘડકન વધી ગઈ. કોનું નામ નીકળશે, એની આતુરતાથી રાહ જોઈ રહ્યાં. એકજ પળમાં બોસે વિજેતાનું નામ ઘોષિત કર્યું અને જાણે ચમત્કાર થયો. એ નામ વીમળા બેનનું હતું. એની આંખમાં હરખના આસું છલકાઈ ગયાં. મેનેજરની આંખો પણ ભીની થઈ ગઈ. બોસે કામવાળી બાઈને ઈનામની રકમનું કવર આપ્યું. એણે આંખમાં આસું સાથે કહ્યું કે હવે મારાં દીકરાને કોઈ ભય નથી, હું મારાં દીકરાનું ઓપરેશન કરાવી શકીશ. સાથે હું બહુ નસીબદાર છું. મારાં પર ભગવાનની અસીમ કૃપા છે. મેનેજર અમસ્તા જ લોટરી બોક્ષની બાજુમાં જઈને ઉભા રહ્યાં અને કૌતુક ખાતર એમણે બીજી કાપલી કાઢીને જોઈ તો એની આંખો આશ્ચર્યથી પલોળી થઈ ગઈ. બીજી કાપલીમાં પણ વીમળા બેનનું જ નામ હતું. એમણે ત્રીજી કાપલી કાઢી ને જોઈ તો એ ચક્રાઈ ગયા. ત્રીજીમાં પણ એનું જ નામ હતું. પછી તો એમણે એક પછી એક તમામ કાપલી જોઈ તો દરેક દરેકમાં એનું જ નામ લખેલું હતું. એમની છાતી ગર્વથી ફૂલાઈ ગઈ. ઓફિસના બધાં કર્મચારીઓએ મૂક રહીને નવા વરસને દહાડે એને મદદ કરી હતી. વીમળા બેનને લાગ્યું જાણે એને નવા વરસની ભેટ કેમ ન મળી હોય તેવા તે પ્રસન્ન ચિત્ત બની ગયા.

આ જ ની વા ન ગી

પાઈનેપલ કેક કુકરમાં



સામગ્રી: ૧ નંગ પાઈનેપલ (૭-૮ પીસ), ૧ વાટકો મેંદો, ૧/૨ કપ તેલ, ૧ કપ દહીં, ૧ કપ ખાંડ, ૧ પેકેટ ઈનો, જરૂર મુજબ દૂધ, ૨ ટ્રોપ પાઈનેપલ એસેન્સ ૬-૭ નંગ ચેરી, કેરેમલ સીરપ માટે ૧ કપ ખાંડ.

રીત: સૌથી પહેલા કેરેમલ સીરપ બનાવવા માટે તપેલીમાં ખાંડ લઈ ધીમી આંચ પર ગરમ મૂકો. ફક્ત ખાંડ લેવાની છે. એમાં ચમચી લગાવવાની નથી એમ જ થવા દો. સાણસી વડે તપેલી હલાવી લેવી. બ્રાઉન સીરપ થઈ જાય એટલે ઉતારી ને કેક ટીનમાં રેડી દેવું. પાઈનેપલના પીસ કરીને કેક ટીનમાં સીરપ પર સેટ કરી લેવા. તેના પર વચ્ચે ચેરી મુકવી. હવે એક બાઉલમા તેલ લઈ તેમાં દહીં એડ કરી દેવું. મેંદો અને દળેલી ખાંડ ચાળી ને ઉમેરી દેવી. બધું એકદમ મિક્સ કરી જરૂર મુજબ દૂધ ઉમેરી મિશ્રણ રેડી કરી લેવું. પાઈનેપલનું એસેન્સ અથવા તેનો રસ ઉમેરી દેવો. જેથી કેકમાં તેનો ટેસ્ટ સરસ આવશે. લાસ્ટમાં ઈનો ઉમેરી ખૂબ હલાવી ને મિક્સ કરી લેવું. તૈયાર કરેલા મિશ્રણને ટીનમાં પાઈનેપલ પીસની ઉપર રેડી દેવું. પછી કૂકરમાં નીચે મીઠું પાથરી કુકર ૧૦મીનિટ ગરમ થવા દેવું તેની ઉપર સ્ટેન્ડ મૂકી કેકનું ટીન મૂકી દેવું. ઉપર ઢાંકણ ઢાંકી ૪૦ મિનિટ ધીમા ગેસ પર થવા દેવું. ચાકુથી ચેક કરવું કેક થઈ ગઈ છે કે નહીં. ચેક કરી ઉતારી લેવું ઠંડુ થાય પછી ઉપર પ્લેટ રાખી ઉથલાવી લેવી ઉપર મસ્ત પાઈનેપલ દેખાશે. રેડી છે પાઈનેપલ કેક.

ઓફિસના લોકો ચાલત તો લોટરી ડ્રો કરી. હમેશાં યાદ રાખજો જ્યારે પણ કર્યા વગર એને હાથમાં રોકડ રકમ આપી મદદ કરી શક્યાં હોત, પણ એમ ન કરતાં એમણે એને નવા વરસના સમયે પોતાની હકની રકમ મળી હોય એવી રીતે મદદ કરી. હમેશાં યાદ રાખજો જ્યારે પણ કોઈને મદદ કરો ત્યારે એને લાચારીનો એહસાસ ન થાય અને એનાં માનનું લનન થાય, એવી રીતે મદદ કરશો તો ખરાં અર્થમાં મદદ કરેલી ગણાશે.

Death Announcements from Poona Parsee Panchayat (Trust Office)

Farshid Sharukh Irani ફરશીદ શાહરૂખ ઈરાની	42 ૪૨	17-12-2020	Lotus-B/69, Parmar Garden, Wanvadi, Pune 40. લોટસ-બી/૬૯, પરમાર ગાર્ડન, વાનવાડી, પુના ૪૦.	તે પરવીન તથા મરહુમ શાહરૂખ ઈરાનીના દીકરા તે કેઝાદના પપ્પા તે મરહુમ કેઝાદના ભાઈ તે મ. બાનુ તથા પોલાદના ગ્રેનસન તે મ. ખોરશેદ તથા મ. નરીમાન બારીયાના ગ્રેનસન તે જુબીન, બહેરામશા, નોશીરવાન, હોશેદર, ફેયાના, ખુશનમ, ખોરેમંદ, કરીસ્મા, તનાઝ, માલકમ, દેલનાઝ, દિલબર, જવારે, કેઝાદના ખજીન બ્રધર તે રોહીન્ટન, ગોદાફરીન, આદીલ, ફારેન, દારાયસ, ફરાનાઝ, મહેરનોશ, ધન, પરવેઝ, ફરીદાના નેચુ.
Khorshid Soli Cantevala ખોરશીદ સોલી કેન્ટીનવાલા	71 ૭૧	11-12-2020	A-128, Somwar Peth, Pune - 411001 એ-૧૨૮, સોમવાર પેઠ, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૦૧.	-
Perin Darayus Dotiwala પેરીન દારાયસ દોટીવાલા	82 ૮૨	20-12-2020	B 11/12, Shwetel Park Society, Opp Gokul Row Houses, Satellite Road, Ahmedabad 380015. બી ૧૧/૧૨, સ્વેતલ પાર્ક સોસાયટી, સેટેલાઈટ રોડ, અમદાવાદ ૩૮૦૦૧૫.	-

Death Announcements from Munnar, Kerela

Shehriar Fardoonji Mistry શેરીયાર ફરદુનજી મીઝી	85 ૮૫	21-12-2020	Munnar, Kerela. મુન્નાર, કેરાલા.	તે મરહુમ જાસ્મીનના ઘણી તે મરહુમ ફરદુનજી તથા પીલામાય અને તેહમીનાના દીકરા તે અદી અને સોહરાબના ભાઈ તે જુબીન, યઝદીના પપ્પા તે હોમાય, ફરઝીનના સસરાજી તે પર્વ, બેહઝાદ, કયાનુસના ગ્રાન્ડ ફાધર.
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Death Announcements from Parsi Anjuman Jabalpur

Dadi D. Dossabhoy દાદી ડી. દોસાભોય	94 ૯૪	23-12-2020	B-102, Jehangir Apartment, South Civil Line, Jabalpur, MP 482001. બી-૧૦૨, જહાંગીર અપાર્ટમેન્ટ, સાઉથ સીવિલ લાઈન, જબલપુર, મધ્ય પ્રદેશ ૪૮૨૦૦૧.	તે પેરીન દોસાભોયના ઘણી તે તેહમી અને આદીલના પપ્પા તે હોશંગ અને શ્રીટીના સસરાજી.
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Death Announcements from Prayer Hall

Sharukh Marzban Cooper શારૂખ મર્ઝબાન કુપર	59 ૫૯	20.12.2020	Rijumal Mansion, Pedder Road, Mumbai 26. રીજુમલ મેન્શન, પેડર રોડ, મુંબઈ ૨૬.	તે યાસ્મીન વકીલ કુપરના ખાવિંદ તે સુન્નૂ તથા મરહુમ મર્ઝબાન કુપરનાં દીકરા. તે ઝીનોબિયા જુબીન લાકડાવાલાના ભાઈ તે ડો. આદિલ એરય વકીલના સાલા તે સનાયા આદિલ પ્રેસ તથ ઝીશાન જુબીન લાકડાવાલાના મામા તે ડો. એરય વકીલ તથા મરહુમ બાનુ એરય વકીલના જમાઈ.
Meher Kaikhushroo Madon મેહેર કેખુશરૂ માદન	81 ૮૧	23.12.2020	Motabhoj Mansion, 4th Floor, Flat 9, 130 M. Karve Road, Churchgate, Mumbai 20. મોટાભોય મેન્શન, ૪થે માળે, ફ્લેટ ૯, ૧૩૦ એમ. કર્વે રોડ, ચર્ચગેટ, મુંબઈ ૨૦.	તે મરહુમ લિલ્લા અને મરહુમ કેખુશરૂના દીકરી તે બેજન કેખુશરૂ માદનના બહેન તે જમશેદ બી. માદનના કુઈ.

The Power Of Positivity!



RUBY LILAOWALA

Infinite riches are all around you if you'll open your mental-eyes and see the treasure-house within you from which you can extract everything you need to live your life joyously and abundantly. Many of us are fast asleep with their mental-eyes shut and hence, they are blissfully unaware of this goldmine of boundless treasure within them.

This goldmine of boundless treasure is called Positivity - or the power of positive thinking. Most people indulge in 'what if', 'I'm sure to fail' and 'It's beyond me'. They go through a life of 'ifs and buts'. If you are reading this and if you're one of them, STOP!! Stop right here, right now and promise yourself that you'll eliminate such negative thoughts of defeat and failure.

There are two types of people - persons who are full of confidence, faith and positivity, who 'know' that they are bound to succeed if they 'try their best and leave to God the rest', and persons who are 'doubting Thomases'. This second category of persons are full of fears and doubts and imaginary failures. Such people don't get very far in life because they have already decided sub-consciously that they are failures in life.

Everyone deserves health, happiness, good relationships with family and friends, peace of mind, security, creativity and joy. However, a lot of us fail in these. Karma also plays its part since we get everything within the limitations of our Karma. Hence, it follows logically that a *punyashali* soul will get much more than others due to its collected punyas or good deeds.

However, we cannot sit back and take refuge saying - my *naseeb* is bad, it's my fate, *kismet* and destiny to be a failure in life. You'll be surprised to know that fate, *kismet*, *naseeb*, *taqdeer*, *destiny* - call it what you want, are entirely self-created and self-earned, whether by positive thoughts, which we call 'good-luck' or by negative-thinking, which we call 'bad-luck'. Refusing to see the connection between your positive and negative thinking and the events in your personal life, doesn't cross out its existence.

This is because we live a two-fold life - an outer material life and an inner mental-life which is made up of our positive and negative thoughts. These thoughts, whether positive or negative, may take years, centuries or even a future lifetime to materialize, but ultimately, they do.

The world that you don't see, which is the unseen world of your thoughts, is the real world of "Causes" and the world you experience daily, is the world of "Effects". Whatever thoughts we throw out, positive or negative are ultimately thrown back at us as fate, destiny, *naseeb*, *kismet* or *taqdeer*. If you feel helpless,



fearful, frustrated, defeated and unhappy, that will be the sort of things that keep appearing in your life. On the other hand, if you are positive and patient (Saibaba's Shradha and Saburi), be sure that nice things will happen to you.

Of course, we all have difficulties, set-backs and tragedies in life. We have all experienced 'The dark night of the soul' when we are so sad that it's impossible to think positively. What does one do then? Two things. First remember that Nothing is permanent. Hence, neither happiness nor unhappiness last forever. They follow each other like night and day - *kabhi khushi, kabhi ghum*. This idea itself will lift you up like a shot of freshly-brewed coffee!

After hanging on to this thought, tell yourself - This too shall pass. Think about this and think positively about the future. Tell yourself that tomorrow will be better than today. It Will be! I have tried it several times myself, and it works most of the times, once again, within your Karmic limitations. My karmas were such that years ago, my left-eye had to be removed for retinal-cancer, which was galloping to the brain. Ok - I quickly accepted the fact that I'm blind in one eye and made up my mind to use my one and only (*ek-puri-laarki*) other eye to write beautiful spiritual and humorous articles for thousands of anonymous readers in various publications to spread happiness and collect good karma for the future!

Today we are all going through tough-times due to Covid 19. Everyone is affected at various levels. Everyone faces challenges - but these aren't permanent - nothing is! Just as we overcame other challenges in life, we are sure to come out of this 'Corona' with flying colours - into a whole new ecologically conscious world where, hopefully, people are kinder to each other. We have different experiences in different lifetimes. I'll tell you how...

We bring with us our old tendencies with each new birth, renew great loves, grand friendships, loyalties, betrayals, face again the problems of old enmities, suffer or enjoy our just desserts and drink from the cup of life's experiences. All this brings wisdom. After several lifetimes, when we have moved up and down the ladder from a ragged beggar to a bejewelled king, when we have been tantalized and disillusioned, when we have burnt our fingers because of wrong-doings or have benefited by doing good, we understand karma.

We are all products of our unseen past experiences. Thus, if we are 'helpless' creatures of our past, we are also 'hopeful' creatures of our future through POSITIVITY!



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Hearty Welcome 2021!

By Meher Parvez Sutaria

Be gone, year 2020!
Be gone, as fast as you can;
You've caused enough havoc,
Ever since your year began!

From the very beginning,
Disasters have struck this world;
In various ways that you've unleashed -
Our planet is now in a whirl!

Wild bushfires and flash-floods,
Caused a lot of dread;
Volcanoes and cyclones,
Left so many dead.

Then came the Wuhan virus,
With a determined intention to kill;
Millions throughout the world,
Are battling with it still!

Be gone, year 2020!
Be gone as soon as you can,
We'll welcome year 2021,
We look forward to the 1st of Jan.

We're waiting with excitement,
To see the new sun rise;
The wonderful day that surely will,
Put back the sparkle in our eyes.

Like the mythological Phoenix,
From your ashes we will rise,
The new year 2021
Will make sure of your demise!

The nightmare is almost behind us,
And folks are cheering up too,
We'll hope and pray for good tidings,
Folks, HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!



Light Up That Positive Spark!



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As the year draws to a close, most of us reflecting back on the year that introduced us to the 'new normal' cannot help but wonder what tidings 2021 will bring. Yes, we've struggled and faced challenges and even great loss. But whatever's happened, it's important that this year ends on a positive note, so that we can begin the next chapter on the right foot. In truth, it's all about perspective. Let's welcome 2021 by releasing negativity, focusing on gratitude and creating a vision of positive transformation for the New Year, open to every possibility, hope and new beginnings.

We've learned a lot from 2020. It's taught us to be leaders and compassionate friends, to show resilience and still make small sacrifices for the well-being of the world. They say all change is hard in the beginning, a bit messy in the middle and gorgeous at the end. If it isn't hard, it's not real change. Now, undeniably, 2020 has been all about change. What's your year been like? Have you connected with your inner self, have you reconnected with your creativity, have you unearthed a talent that was latent but unexplored? Have you reconnected with old friends or made new ones? Have you tapped a skill making it your little home-spun business or a creative enterprise? No matter how big or small your personal endeavour and growth, the fact that you persisted and could make a difference is a heroic show of perseverance and strength. So, kudos to you and a truly deserved pat on the back!!

Yes, as always, New Years are all about new resolutions, new purposes to be imbibed

into our space, sphere and lives. I've personally decided to make mine one with a few positive tweaks for the coming year. All change, improvements and success requires persistence. Small changes make for big differences. Now experts reckon that most failures occur as a result of lack of proper structure to support our behavioural changes. 'Knowing what to do is not an issue, Committing to it is the problem'!

2021 may just about give us the luxury of time to reinvent ourselves. Maybe, just maybe, it's our focus and approach that needs a tune-up. I'm pretty certain 2021 is neither going to be a year of unrealistic wants nor overwhelming goals. We were certainly short-changed in 2020, but we've all come a long way since.

This year, let's focus on time - the minutes we breathe, the hours we count and days we enjoy. Set goals and a to-do list to consistently get work done. Dedicate time to prioritizing towards the bigger picture. Instead of writing a lot of goals you can't achieve, focus on the process that may actually get you closer, and then commit to those encouraging habits. Put timelines to each task and give yourself a deadline to get them done.

Follow daily routines where you can. Peak productivity's not about luck, it's about motivation and time management. Stay in the moment. If at times you feel a bit overwhelmed,

learn to relax. It might not be because you have so much to do, but rather, because you may be trying to do too much simultaneously! And just maybe, multitasking isn't for you... and that's ok too!

In 2021, focus on things within your 'Picasso Zone'. Outsource everything you can't be BIW (Best In the World) at. For all you budding entrepreneurs and dreamers, make the best use of your time and day by setting specific milestones of doable achievements. Remember that it matters not how big or small the goal, it just needs to be well defined. But ensure to celebrate your progress and keep refining it towards a happy, productive year.

Letting fear run amok and loose! Let not the inconvenience of all this change desist you from seeing things differently. If you wish to improve your life, be not fearful, but brave enough to moult out of that skin of complacency. Do things differently this year.

The winter winds are receding, with spring and a fresh year just around the corner. Many may still be lagging, dragging and overall unhappy. Life happens. No doubt we've had some wonderful successes, some dreadful failures and tons of stuff in between, but heck, we've dealt with it and will continue to do so - no matter what! Coz that's what we do. Like they say, 'When the

going gets tough, the tough get going'! So no matter what you're dealing with this year, let's all jam on a positive vibe. Let's pick up, piece it together and make it sweet this year. Let's not waste time on things we cannot control or beyond our ken, instead let's work on things we can. Our thoughts, attitudes and beliefs - that's what makes us, defines us. Attitude is contagious, so let's keep ours positive in the coming year!

From this moment forward, YOU decide. You get to decide what you move toward and what you move away from, how you show up and how you respond. In 2021, you're allowed to think new thoughts and build new strengths. This is your life, after all. If you need support, ask for it; if you need faith, reach for it; if you need inspiration, work at it! As we welcome the New Year, full of things that have never been, let us dwell in possibility and positivity. What this New Year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year! And yes, we may still have no clue where we are going from here, but I promise you this - it sure isn't going to be boring!

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