

Reading the Names of God from Ahura Mazda Yasht

...Ahura Mazda replied unto him: 'My name is the One of whom questions are asked, O holy Zarathushtra!

'My second name is the Herd-giver

'My third name is the Strong One

'My fourth name is Perfect Holiness.

'My fifth name is All good things created by Mazda, the offspring of the holy principle.

'My sixth name is Understanding;

'My seventh name is the One with understanding.

'My eighth name is Knowledge;

'My ninth name is the One with Knowledge.

'My tenth name is Weal;

'My eleventh name is He who produces weal.

'My twelfth name is Ahura.

'My thirteenth name is the most Beneficent.

'My fourteenth name is He in whom there is no harm.

'My fifteenth name is the unconquerable One.

'My sixteenth name is He who makes the true account.

'My seventeenth name is the All-seeing One.

'My eighteenth name is the healing One.

'My nineteenth name is the Creator.

'My twentieth name is Mazda.

Worship me, O Zarathushtra, by day and by night, with offerings of libations well accepted I will come unto thee for help and joy, I, Ahura Mazda; the good, holy Sraosha will come unto thee for help and joy; the waters, the plants, and the Farvardin of the holy ones will come unto thee for help and joy.

'If thou wantest, O Zarathushtra, to destroy the malice of Daevas and Men, of the Yatu and Pairika,

of the oppressors, of the blind and of the deaf, of the two-legged ruffians, of the two-legged Ashemaogha , of the four-legged wolves;

‘And of the hordes with the wide front, with the many spears, with the straight spears, with the spears uplifted, bearing the spear of havoc; then, recite thou these my names every day and every night.

‘I am the Keeper; I am the Creator and the Maintainer; I am the Discerner; I am the most beneficent Spirit.

‘My name is the bestower of health; my name is the best bestower of health.

‘My name is the Athravan; my name is the most Athravan-like of all Athravans.

‘My name is the Lord

‘My name is the All-wise.

‘My name is the Holy; my name is the most Holy.

‘My name is the Glorious; my name is the most Glorious.

'My name is the Full-seeing; my name is the Fullest-seeing.

'My name is the Far-seeing; my name is the Farthest-seeing.

'My name is the Protector; my name is the Well-wisher; my name is the Creator; my name is the Keeper; my name is the Maintainer.

'My name is the Discerner; my name is the Best Discerner.

'My name is the Prosperity-producer; my name is the Word of Prosperity.

'My name is the King who rules at his will; my name is the King who rules most at his will.

'My name is the liberal King; my name is the most liberal King.

'My name is He who does not deceive; my name is He who is not deceived.

'My name is the good Keeper; my name is He who destroys malice; my name is He Who conquers at

once; my name is He who conquers everything; my name is He who has shaped everything.

‘My name is All weal; my name is full weal; my name is the Master of weal.

‘My name is He who can benefit at his wish; my name is He who can best benefit at his wish.

‘My name is the Beneficent One; my name is the Energetic One; my name is the most Beneficent.

‘My name is Holiness; my name is the Great One; my name is the good Sovereign; my name is the Best of Sovereigns.

‘My name is the Wise One; my name is the Wisest of the Wise; my name is He who does good for a long time.

‘These are my names. And he who in this material world, O Spitama Zarathushtra! shall recite and pronounce those names of mine either by day or by night;

‘He who shall pronounce them, when he rises up or when he lays him down; when he lays him down or

when he rises up; when he binds on the sacred girdle or when he unbinds the sacred girdle; when he goes out of his dwelling-place, or when he goes out of his town, or when he goes out of his country and comes into another country:

‘That man, neither in that day nor in that night, shall be wounded by the weapons of the foe who rushes Aeshma-like and is Druj-minded; not the knife, not the cross-bow, not the arrow, not the sword, not the club, not the sling-stone shall reach and wound him.

‘But those names shall come in to keep him from behind and to keep him in front, from the Druj unseen, from the female Varenya fiend, from the evil-doer bent on mischief, and from that fiend who is all death, Angra Mainyu. It will be as if there were a thousand men watching over one man.

“‘[Ke Verethrem-ja:] Who is the protector guarding thy teaching? Affirm my purpose as guide for both worlds. O Lord, may Conscience with Good Mind come as thou wilt and help whomsoever.”

‘Hail to the Glory of the Kavis! Hail to the Airyanem Vaejah! Hail to the Saoka, made by Mazda! Hail to the waters of the Daitya! Hail to Ardvi, the undefiled well! Hail to the whole world of the holy Spirit!

‘[Ahuna Vairya:] The will of the Lord is the law of righteousness. The riches of the Good Mind reward all who minister in this world for Wisdom, who work by God’s purpose power to benefit the poor.

‘[Ashem Vohu:] Righteousness is the most excellent good. It is also joy. Happy be the one freely choosing holiness.

‘We worship the Ahuna Vairya. We worship Asha Vahishta, most fair, undying, and beneficent. We worship Strength and Prosperity and Might and Victory and Glory and Vigour. We worship Ahura Mazda, bright and glorious.

‘[Yenghe Hatam:] All righteous men and women, the Lord remembers in holiness; so them we praise.