

The Gathas
The Hymns of Zarathushtra

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Ahunuvaiti Gatha

Yasna 30

1. O ye, coming to seek wisdom, now shall I proclaim
to you the message of the Wise Creator,
The hymns unto Ahura, and the offerings of the Good Mind,
The enduring sacred Truth,
And the glorious vision of the Heavenly Lights
attainable through Truth sublime.
2. Hearken with your ears to these best counsels,
Reflect upon them with illumined judgment.
Let each one choose his creed with that
freedom of choice each must have at great events.
O ye, be awake to these, my announcements.
3. In the beginning there were two primal spirits,
Twins spontaneously active,
These are the Good and the Evil, in thought,
and in word, and in deed.
Between these two, let the wise choose aright.
Be good, not base!
4. And when these Twin Spirits came together at first,
They established Life and the Denial of Life;
And so shall it be till the world will last.
The worst existence shall be the lot of the followers of evil,
And the state of Best-Consciousness be the reward of the righteous.
5. Of these Twin Spirits, the Evil one chooses doing
the worst,
While the most bountiful Holy Spirit of Goodness,
clothing itself in the imperishable heavens,
chooses Truth and Righteousness.
And so will those who would please Ahura Mazda
with righteous deeds, performed with faith in Truth.
6. Between these two Spirits the Demon-worshippers
could not discern aright.
To them Deception came at the time of decision,
And they chose the Worst Mind.
With violence then they rushed together,
Life, in the world, to destroy.
7. And to support this life comes Armaity, the spirit of
Benevolence and Right-mindedness.
Together with the Spirit of Holy Power, the Good Mind, and Truth,
That the soul, passing through the test of truth,
shall be with Thee, O Lord.

8. And when there cometh the ultimate retribution
for the evil ones,
Then, at Thy Ordinance, shall the Good Mind
establish the Kingdom of Heaven, O Ahura!
For those who will deliver Untruth into the hands of Truth.
9. So may we be like those making the world progress
toward perfection;
May Mazda and the Divine Spirits help us and
guide our efforts through Truth;
For a thinking man is where Wisdom is at home.
10. Then truly cometh the blow of destruction upon Untruth;
While those of good renown shall be received in
the promised abode,
The blessed abode of the Good Mind, of Truth, and
of the Wise Lord.
11. O ye mortals, mark these commandments,
The commandments the Wise Lord has given for
happiness and for pain:
Long suffering for the doer of Evil, and bliss
for the follower of Truth,
The illumination of salvation for the Righteous ever after.

Ahunuvaiti Gatha

Yasna 31

1. O ye, mindful to learn, I proclaim to you this message,
Unheard as yet by those who are destroying the
civilization of the Righteous,
with evil ways of the Spirit of Untruth,
The message, most welcome to Thy followers
dedicated to Thee, O Mazda!
2. As you realize not the eternal truths,
and recognize not the better life,
I come to you all to guide you in the right selection
between the two sides
That we may thence live in accordance with Truth and Right.
3. Tell me, O Mazda -
That which Thou shalt bestow by Thy Spirit and Fire,
The blessing Thou shalt assign through Truth for
those acting with discernment,
The Holy Law for their enlightenment.
Give it in Thy own inspired word
That I may thereby bring its realization to all.
4. As you hear our prayer, O Lord,
Give us the Truth,
Give us the help of the Divine Spirits,
Give us the blessing of Armaity,
the Spirit of Benevolence,
And through the work of the Best Mind,
give us the mighty Dominion,
That we may overcome, thereby,
the Evil Spirit of Untruth.
5. Declare to me, what Thou hast, through Right,
appointed for me as the better portion;
Teach me, with the help of the Good Mind,
to know and realize my state,
And apprise me, O Mazda Ahura, of all things that
are to be and not to be.
6. His is indeed the Best State who declares truly
the message of holy wisdom:
The message of the perfection of being and rightful immortality,
Of Mazda's Kingdom which ever flourishes through the Good Mind.
7. He who in the First Beginning thus thought:
Let the glorious heavens be clothed in light;
He by His supreme understanding created the
principles of Truth and Light;

Enabling mortals thereby to maintain the Good Mind.
O Wise Lord, O ever-the-same Ahura, by Thy Holy Spirit
make these realms flourish.

8. Not only did I conceive of Thee, O Mazda
As the very First and the Last,
As the Father of the Good Mind,
As the veritable Creator of Truth and Right.
As the Lord Judge of our actions in life,
I beheld these with my very eyes!
9. Thine was Armaity, the Spirit of Benevolence,
Thine was the Wisdom which created Life,
Thine was the Divine Spirit which established choice
Between the diligent protector of creation, and
the not diligent.
10. Of these two, did Creation choose the diligent
cattle-tending protector.
As a righteous master and one possessing the Good Mind.
The deceiving idler, the non-protector, has no share
in the Holy Message.
11. By Thy perfect Intelligence, O Mazda
Thou didst first create us having bodies and
spiritual consciences,
And by Thy Thought gave our selves the power of
thought, word, and deed.
Thus leaving us free to choose our faith at our own will.
12. He lifts up his voice, be he the speaker of truth or
the speaker of falsehood,
He who knows and he who knows not,
Each according to his heart and mind,
May Armaity appeal to the spirits wavering in doubt.
13. Doctrines and deeds, clearly manifest or dimly recognized,
Those which impose great penance for a trifling offense;
These all, through Thy Truth, do not escape Thy perceptive vision.
14. This I ask Thee, Ahura!
Of the events happening, and the events to happen,
What requitals, in accord with their deeds, are
appointed for the truthful righteous, and
what for the lying sinners?
15. This I ask Thee, Ahura!
What is the penance ordained for one who seeks to
achieve sovereignty for the Liar;
For one of evil deeds who seeks not his living
without harm to the flock of the shepherd;
And of the good who listen not to the voice of Untruth?

16. And this I ask Thee, O Mazda Ahura!
The truthful righteous striving to establish the dominion
That will further the well-being of his house,
his province, and his country,
How shall his spirit be like unto Thee?
When shall he be worthy of Thee?
What actions of his shall be most acceptable to Thee?
17. Let him that knows, tell him that would know,
which of the creeds is better,
The belief of the righteous or of the liar?
Let not the unenlightened deceive any more!
Be Thou to us, O Mazda Ahura, the bestower of Good Thought.
18. Then let none give ear to the words of the evil liar,
The liar bringing woe and destruction to house and
clan, to the province and the land.
Resist him, then, with force.
19. Listen unto the teller of Truth, a healer of existence,
Listen unto him who thinks of Righteousness,
Listen unto him the enlightened and the knowing,
Who, standing before Thy holy Fire,
with his powerful words and flowing tongue,
Reveals the truth to the contending sides.
20. The follower of the righteous shall attain the Abode of Light;
But he who deceived the good and the righteous,
For him shall the future be long life of misery and
darkness, woe and despair,
O ye of evil lives! Your own deeds will lead you to
this dark existence.
21. To him, who is Thy true friend in spirit and in
action, O Mazda Ahura!
To him shalt Thou give the perfection of integrity
and immortality;
To him shalt Thou give perpetual communion with
Truth and the Holy Dominion,
And to him shalt Thou give the sustaining power of
the Good Mind.
22. Clear is this all, to the man of wisdom,
as to one who thinks with care:
He who upholds Truth with all the might of his power,
He who upholds Truth the utmost in his word and deed,
He, indeed, is Thy most valued helper, O Mazda Ahura!

Ushtavaiti Gatha

Yasna 43

1. Happiness be the lot of him who works for the
happiness of others.
May the Lord grant him health and endurance.
For the effort to uphold Truth, I beseech these very
gifts from Thee!
Mayest Thou, through Armaity, the Spirit of Rightmindedness,
Bless me with the perfection of a life guided by the Good Mind!
2. And may we have the Best the Lord bestows;
As we strive for enlightened purpose, may we attain it!
Through Thy Most Holy Spirit, O Mazda,
Inspire us with Truth, revealed through the Good Mind,
And bless us with things good, for all the days of a long life!
3. He who teaches others the righteous path of truth and happiness,
Both in the material world and also the spiritual,
The path leading to Thy abode, O Ahura;
He attains an end better than good.
A generous and enlightened helper, a faithful worthy
of Thee, is he, O Mazda
4. Verily I regard Thee as the Holy and Powerful
Benefactor, O Mazda.
For Thou bestoweth upon the righteous as well as
the wicked their recompense,
From the flaming splendour of Thy Fire, mighty
through Asha (Truth),
The power of the Good Mind comes to me, O Mazda.
5. Verily I believed Thee, O Mazda Ahura, to be the
Supreme Benevolent Providence.
For I beheld Thee as the primeval source of creation.
For by Thy perfect wisdom Thou shalt render just
recompense for all actions,
Good to the good, evil to the evil,
At the last turning of creation.
6. Then at the last, shalt Thou come, with Thy
Bountiful Spirit, O Mazda!
With Thy Sovereign Power, and with Thy Good Mind,
The Good Mind which brings prosperity to the world.
Right dedication shall teach the Eternal Laws of Thy Wisdom,
The Wisdom which none can deceive.
7. Verily I believed Thee, O Mazda, as the
Supreme Benevolent Providence.

When the Spirit of the Good Mind came and asked me:
Who art Thou?
Whose art Thou?
How dost Thou propose to enlighten the people
and answer their questionings?

8. I replied:--"Firstly, I am Zarathushtra"
"A veritable opponent of the evil-doer, but a
powerful friend of the good, am I"
So long as I can sing my songs of praise for Thee, O Mazda!
So long shall I strive to enlighten and awaken all to
the realization of Thy Eternal Dominion."
9. Verily I believed Thee, O Mazda Ahura, to be the
Supreme Benevolent Providence.
When the Good Mind came to me and asked:
"What wouldst thou choose?"
Before Thy Fire in veneration, I replied:
"So far as it is in my power, I shall cherish the gift of Righteousness."
10. And grant me Righteousness, for verily I invoke it of Thee!
Earnestly I yearn to proceed in life with Armaity
the Spirit of Rightmindedness.
Teach us how to question Thee, for Thy answers console us,
The answers which lend strength to the Leaders in
their prayerful wishes.
11. Verily I believed Thee O Mazda Ahura, to be the
Supreme Benevolent Providence,
When the Good Mind came to me with enlightenment,
When first I received and became wise with Thy words,
And though the task be difficult, and hardship may
come my way,
I shall proclaim Thy message, which Thou declarest
to be the best.
12. And when Thou didst instruct me in Righteousness,
Thy command to go forth and proclaim Thy
revelation was not unheeded;
Even before the sublime enlightenment coming with
Thy messenger Sraosha,
Bringing us the destiny of our appropriate rewards.
13. Verily I believed Thee, O Mazda Ahura, to be the
Supreme Benevolent Providence,
When the Good Mind came to me ascertaining the
aim of my aspiration,
Grant me, what none has yet obtained from Thee,
The way to a long life of blessed existence for the
Good Creation subject to Thy Dominion.
14. As the wise and powerful Lord would give to
a friend, so give me Thy bliss-producing

wisdom, O Mazda!
Endowed with Thy Authority, with Thy Spirit of Righteousness,
I stand with all the followers of Thy teachings
To proclaim the message of Thy holy creed.

15. Verily I believed Thee, O Mazda Ahura, to be the
Supreme Benevolent Providence,
When the Good Mind came to me and told me assuringly,
That a reflective, contented mind is the best possession.
Let not a leader compromise with, or propitiate evil-doers,
For they treat the righteous as enemies.
16. Thus prays, O Ahura Mazda, Zarathushtra and
those who choose to follow Thy Most
Benevolent Spirit;
May Righteousness become incarnate in the faithful
with enduring vigor!
In the resplendence of Thy sun-lit realms may
Armaity, the Spirit of Rightmindedness reside!
May it grant recompense to the righteous in
accordance with their deeds, through the Good Mind.

Ushtavaiti Gatha

Yasna 46

1. To what land shall I turn, and whither turning shall I go?
For my kinsmen and my peers have deserted me.
Not the people, nor their wicked rulers, favor me.
How shall I satisfy Thee, O Ahura Mazda?
2. I know, Mazda, why I am a man foiled in his wish.
I have but only a few with me, and scantier still are
my means for their support.
Behold, my Lord, I address my appeal to Thee,
Grant me Thy gracious help, as a friend might give
to a friend.
Grant me, through Truth, the acquisition of the riches
of the Good Mind.
3. When, O Mazda, shall the day dawn for establishing
the cause of Truth?
When shall the wise Spiritual Guides spread
effectively Thy sublime teachings?
To whose help will come the wisdom of the Good Mind?
For me, indeed, who has chosen Thee as my
instructor, O Ahura Mazda!
4. The evil-doer holds back the prosperity of the
followers of Truth,
Infamous is he, dangerous in his deeds!
Whoso drives him from the kingdom, removes him
from peoples' lives,
Shall go forth preparing the way for the ideal life.
5. One in a position of power through divine ordinance
or human covenant, follower of Truth,
Upon encountering a stranger, recognized as a
follower of Falsehood,
Should reveal to him the noble life of rectitude.
Protect him from destruction, O Mazda Ahura!
6. But he who will not help to transform Evil,
Shall be with those in the abode of the Lie,
For he who looks upon evil with tolerance is
no other than evil.
And indeed righteous is he who supports the righteous.
These are Thy Laws since the dawn of creation, O Ahura.
7. When evil marks me as the object of its assault,
Who shall be the protector of one like me,
Who, but Thy Sacred Fire and Thy Thought.
Verily through their powerful force shall Truth and

Righteousness come into their own.
O Ahura, bring this to full realization!

8. Should one be intent upon bringing harm to that which is ours,
May not the form of such devastation reach us!
But back upon him, let the harm recoil.
The evil of his actions shall keep him far from the Good Life,
But not from ill, O Mazda.
9. Where is the faithful man who heeds me as the first to teach
That, verily, Thou art the Highest to invoke,
In very deed, the Bountiful Providence, The Holy Lord!
Who will hear, through the Good Mind
What Truth made known to me,
The Truth revealed by the Creator Supreme!
10. Whoever, man or woman, does what Thou, O
Mazda Ahura, knowest to be the best in Life.
Whoever does right for the sake of Right,
Whoever in authority, governs with the aid of the Good Mind;
I shall bring all these to join in songs of Thy Praise,
Forth, shall I with them cross the Bridge of Judgment.
11. The Karpans and the Kavis have tyrannized over humanity,
Their evil actions are destructive of Life.
Verily, the conscience of such a one shall torment his soul.
And thus, when they shall come to the Bridge of Judgment,
Their abode, for endless ages, shall be in the House of the Lie.
12. When among the kinsmen and descendants of the
renowned Turanian, Fryana, Right arises,
When through the spiritual zeal of Armaity, they
further the welfare of the country,
Then shall Ahura Mazda bring them the illumination
of the Good Mind,
And show them the path of Regeneration.
13. He who shall please Spitama Zarathushtra, by his
noble actions,
He indeed is worthy himself to proclaim the
doctrines of Thy Faith, O Ahura!
Him shall Ahura Mazda bless with Good Life,
He shall flourish through the Good Mind,
Verily, he is a faithful friend of Thine, O Truth !
14. "O Zarathushtra, what man is thy faithful friend for
the consummation of the Great Cause?
Who wishes to have thy mission announced?"
Verily, he is King Vishtaspa!
Those whom Thou shalt gather in Thy Abode, O Mazda Ahura,
Those shall I address with words of the Good Mind.
15. O ye Spitamas, descendants of Haechataspa,
I declare to you:

With wisdom distinguish well between Right and Wrong.
Let your deeds advance the Right,
In conformity with the primeval laws of Ahura Mazda.

16. O Frashaoshtra, of the clan of Hvogva,
Go thou with those faithful whom we both have
 chosen for the world's illumination,
Where Devotion and Zeal shall be united with Truth,
Where the Good Mind holds the power of Sovereignty,
There, where the splendor of Lord Mazda abides.
17. I shall announce in verse, rather than prose, O
 Jamaspas Hvogva,
He who renders prayers and deeds in perfect obedience
Shall, from Mazda Ahura and the Spirit of Truth,
 receive protection,
When the just are separated from the unjust.
18. He who is with me in our highest aspiration,
On him shall I bestow, through the Good Mind, the
 best in my power;
But torment shall be upon him who to us is a
 tormenting oppressor.
O Lord Mazda and O Spirit of Truth, striving thus
 to accomplish Your wish,
Is the decision of my understanding.
And thus do I will.
19. He, who following Truth, shall work for me,
 Zarathushtra,
To bring us toward the Great Renovation, in
 accordance with Thy purpose,
For him shall be all honor and content in this world,
And a fitting state in the life beyond.
As, verily, Thou hast revealed to me, O
 All-knowing Mazda!

Spenta Mainyu Gatha

Yasna 47

1. For the Best Mind, and for the Best word and deed
 acted by Truth,
From the Bountiful spirit of the Lord Mazda,
May He in Sovereign Authority and through the
 spirit of Right-mindedness
Bestow upon us His two great blessings,
Perfecting integrity here and Immortality hereafter.
2. The best work of this Bountiful spirit, he fulfils
Endowed with the Good Mind, speaks word of wisdom,
Works with his hands as prompted by active Benevolence,
Inspired by the insight that Thou, O Mazda, art
 the Father of Truth.
3. Thou art the Holy Lord of this Blessed spirit, O Mazda!
For in consultation with the Good Mind,
Thou hast created this world for our satisfaction,
And provided the protection of Armaity's
 benevolence to bring us peace.
4. By this Bountiful spirit, O Mazda,
The evil-liars feel afflicted, but not so the righteous.
Whether a man's possession be great or small
Let him ever aspire to righteousness and abjure the wicked.
5. By this Bountiful spirit of Thine, O Mazda,
Thou hast assigned all that is best to the good;
But far from Thy Grace shall the evil have his portion,
The Liar, abiding, by his own deeds, in the home of
 the Evil Mind.
6. By this Bountiful spirit of Thine, O Mazda
And through Thy Holy Fire,
Thou shalt apportion good and evil to the two
 contending parties,
With Truth and Right-minded justice standing by
 Thy side,
Verily, this shall cause many to hear Thy Message.

Vohu-Khshathra Gatha

Yasna 51

1. A righteous government is of all the most to be wished for,
Bearing of blessing and good fortune in the highest.
Guided by the law of Truth, supported by
dedication and zeal,
It blossoms into the Best of Order, a Kingdom of Heaven!
To effect this I shall work now and ever more.
2. Grant Thou to me, O Mazda, Thy Rule of Righteousness
Which from the beginning has been Thine.
And Thou, O spirit of Rightmindedness, grant me
the power of will,
And vouchsafe Thy blessings on him who realizes
Thee in ever serving with the Good Mind.
3. All these, indeed, gather unto Thee, O Mazda,
They who have done Thy work,
Whose actions accord with the Truth,
Whose words proceed from the Good Mind,
Whose Inspirer art Thou from the very beginning!
4. Where shall we find security from threat of harm?
Where, compassion for our precarious state?
When shall Truth come into its own?
Where is the power of Holy Benevolence?
Where is the illumination of the Good Mind?
And whither, O Mazda, is Thy Dominion?
5. All these questions do we ask,
That receiving guidance from Truth, we may work
for the welfare of creation,
Ever wise in dedication,
Ever upright in action,
Acknowledging the Teacher of Truth appointed for
the just well-being of the people.
6. At the last turning of life,
To the faithful making the right choice according to
His norm,
Doth Ahura Mazda, the Lord judge, in His sovereign Power,
Bestow an end better than good.
But to him who shall not serve the cause of good
He giveth an end worse than bad.
At the last turning of life.
7. O Fashioner of the World! O Creator of the waters and plants!
Grant Thou to me Thy blessings of Perfection and Immortality!

- O Most Bountiful Spirit, grant me the strength
 enduring to bring to realization Thy
 announced purpose,
 With the help of the Good Mind.
8. On Thy behalf then shall I speak forth, O Mazda,
 As one that knows to those who would know:
 "Evil is the portion of the wicked,
 But bliss for the one who stands by Righteousness,"
 Let this message be announced with joy to the wise!
 9. With what understanding shalt Thou, O Mazda,
 give judgment to the two contending sides,
 Through Thy fire, a token of the final molten test?
 Let there be a sign of the separation:
 The destruction of the evil, from the blessedness of
 the righteous,
 10. He who strives to destroy me, O Mazda,
 Without cause and without justice,
 An offspring of evil is he, maleficent to all that live.
 Here I invoke the spirit of Truth
 To come to me with Thy noble reward, O Mazda!
 11. Where is the man, O Mazda
 Who shall come as friend of Spitama Zarathushtra,
 Who shall take counsel with Truth,
 Who endowed with the zeal of Bounteous Armaity,
 Who inspired by the Good Mind,
 Shall be fit for the spread of the Great Cause?
 12. On this bridge of transient earthly life
 No followers of the wicked lords have pleased
 Zarathushtra Spitama;
 Thy servant aspiring for lofty attainment
 Will seek with sincerity to repel their efforts.
 13. The Wrong of the wicked shall perish before the
 Right of the truthful.
 Standing at the Bridge of Judgment,
 The evil soul beholds the path of the righteous,
 But the evil of his actions, the words of his evil
 tongue, prove to be his fetters,
 In fear, he finds that he fails.
 14. The evil Karpans do not preach the laws of settled
 and peaceful life.
 They cause suffering to the earth and its creatures,
 Their deeds and their doctrines shall consign them at
 last to the House of the Lie.
 15. The Abode of Songs where Ahura Mazda was the
 first presence,
 Is the Blessed Reward, designated by me,

- Zarathushtra,
 For the supporters of the Great Cause!
 It shall be bestowed upon you
 If you accept the enlightenment of the Good Mind,
 If you tread the path of Truth.
16. The King Vishtaspa, through righteous power,
 has attained the grasp of the Great Cause.
 The inspired Wisdom of the doctrine has reached him,
 The Wisdom of the Good Faith which Holy Ahura
 Mazda devised through the Universal Law
 of Truth.
 Let thus, the hail of salvation be proclaimed.
17. To me, has Frashaoshtra Hvogva manifested the
 dedication of himself to the Cause.
 May Mazda Ahura bestow on him the profoundest
 truths of the good Faith,
 May Mazda grant him the Will to promulgate the
 Cause of Truths.
18. Jamaspa Hvogva aspiring to enlightened power
 through Truth,
 Has chosen for himself the Wisdom of Thy Faith;
 And so choosing, does he attain the Kingdom of
 the Good Mind.
 Grant O Lord, that we may so teach people
 As ever to seek their protection in Thee.
19. O Maidyomaha of the Spitama family, even as you,
 The man who with wisdom, achieving insight into the Faith,
 Shall dedicate his life through fruitful deeds to a better
 existence for all,
 And instruct them in the Laws of Truth and Right,
 ordained by Mazda;
 That man has indeed served the Great Cause!
20. O ye all, working with one will,
 Let Truth, Good Thought and Rightmindedness,
 Through which you progress to perfection,
 Bring to you the wished-for happiness!
 O Mazda, awaiting this Bliss from Thee,
 Our reverent homage we offer unto Thee!
21. The man of devotion is beneficent to all.
 He is beneficent because of his wisdom,
 Because of his realization of truth,
 Because of the goodness in his thoughts, in his
 words, in his acts.
 Unto him Ahura Mazda shall grant the Kingdom of
 the Good Mind,
 And verily, this blessing I too long for!

22. The good persons of righteous worship,
Those who have been before and those who exist now,
Whom Ahura Mazda knowest well,
I invoke them in my prayers by their names,
And shall approach them with deep reverence.

Vahishto-Ishti Gatha

Yasna 53

1. The highest aspirations of Zarathushtra Spitama
attain fruition, O Mazda,
When thou dost grant him for his righteousness
Blissful existence enduring for all times;
When all, at last, turn to him
To accept and practice the principles of the Good Religion!
2. Let them advance in thought, word, and deed
Toward the satisfaction of Mazda with reverential worship,
King Vishtaspa, Frashaoshtra, and the successors of
Zarathushtra Spitama.
May they teach all to keep to the established straight path,
Announced by the spiritual preceptors, and ordained by Ahura,
3. To Pouruchista, scion of the clans of Haechataspa and Spitama,
Youngest of the daughters of Zarathushtra,
Grant the constant aid of the Good Mind,
The strong support of Thy Truth,
That she may take counsel with enlightened understanding,
And with devotion act well as wisdom may direct!
4. (Pouruchista:
Verily have I, as a righteous one, chosen him,
And shall honor father and husband,
And be righteous to nobles and peasants.
For righteousness let our heritage be the radiance of
the Good Mind,
May Mazda Ahura grant the blessing of the Good
Faith for all time!
5. (Zarathushtra:
These words do I address to you maidens who are
being married,
These counsels do I give to you, bridegrooms,
Heed them in your minds and lay them to heart.
Let each cherish the other with Righteousness.
Then surely the reward of a happy life shall be yours.
6. This, indeed is the case, O ye men and women!
No happiness can be yours if the spirit of
Falsehood directs your lives.
Cast off from your selves the bonds that chain you
to Untruth.
Satisfaction linked with dishonor or with harm to
others is a prison for the seeker;

The faithless-evil bring sorrow to others and
destroy their own spiritual lives hereafter.

7. O ye, men and women!
When faithful zeal inspires your life,
When tainted thoughts and intentions are rooted out,
When the evil within you is destroyed for ever,
Then shall the Blessed Reward be yours for the
 Good Work.
And if you fail, "Alas, Alas" shall be your final words!
8. Let the evil-doers stand foiled in their wish,
Let them be abandoned to confusion and ruin!
Let those of virtuous principles frustrate them,
 prevent their harm,
And make way for the advent of happiness and
 peace on our humble dwellings!
Let the Great Upholder of virtue bring the evil
 to naught.
And let it be quick!
9. The men of evil creed torment Thy followers, O Lord!
They set themselves to condemn the worthy, to
 despise the good.
Where is the righteous lordship that will smite them
 and deprive them of their freedom?
O Mazda, Thine is the sovereign Power
Whereby Thou shalt give the right-living and needy
 their ultimate better portion!