

Point 14 – Annexure VIIIa

HAMĀZOR

(A follow up of ‘Coming Together’ meet at London.)
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Hamā-zor bād vehāne haft-keshvar zamīn ... emān avā eshān, eshān avā emān, hamā-zor ham-baher, ham-yāred (Āfrin-ī-Gāhambār 3)

May all of us be in co-operation with the righteous men of the seven regions (i.e., the whole world) May we be one with them and may they be one with us. May we all benefit and help one another.

The word ***Hamā Zor*** means “united in spiritual energy”. ***Hamā*** “together”; and ***Zor*** (Av. *zavare, zāvare*) means “strength, vigour.” ***Zor*** does not just mean physical strength. It means the inner strength which is essential for being assertive and affirmative.

Hamazor is a beautiful concept, but it is very difficult to put into practice because of our individual wishes, desires and beliefs and sense of personal rights and wrongs. To put the idea of Hama Zor into practice, we first need to understand this concept. It works at three levels..

The First level is the Personal level. It expects us to have empathy with fellow men so that we can create a synergy when working. In order to develop empathy, it is essential to have understanding and tolerance towards fellow men..

The Second level of ***Hamāzor*** is Cosmic in character. We are connected with all creations through a Matrix, as all creations are created by one Power and from one substance. Hence it is necessary to have ***Hamāzor*** with natural creations like animals and plants and also with seemingly inanimate creations like the earth, mountains and plants.

The Third level of ***Hamāzor*** is Celestial in nature. From an invisible but bionic perspective we belong to a Force Field which is connected with invisible, benevolent spiritual entities which we refer to as God, Yazads, Ratu Fravashi etc.

Progress is possible only with unity. Hence if we want that our Community may progress and our religion may flourish, it is imperative that we work together.

While performing the Jashan ritual, the Zoroastrian priests participate in a special handshake while reciting the words: ***Hamāzor hamā asho bed*** “May we be united in spiritual energy, may we all be righteous in our actions.” Then, after the ritual they used to exchange this special handshake also with the others present

This priestly tradition also had a parallel among the Zoroastrian laity, which was practiced till not very long ago. A similar handshake was exchanged among friends and family to share their comradeship and energy and effectuate a bonding by this handshake while uttering the word ***hamāzor***. This gesture helped at two levels. One was symbolic, that is, it encouraged the idea of being in harmony and brotherhood with all. At another level it was an actual sharing of one’s inner strength and energy with others. This tradition was specially practiced at festive occasions like the Navroz - New Year’s day.