



The Connotation of Nauroz: Documentary Analysis

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Abstract - *Nauroz* (Persian: نوروز, pronounced [now'ru:z]; lit. 'New day') the very first day of Persian calendar, is celebrated in most countries elaborating its historical significance as well as to welcome the spring season. Nauroz the 'New Day' - which signals the beginning of spring and a change in seasons - a time which should also reflect a change and a rebirth within ourselves. The day of great happiness and falls on March 21 and is celebrated throughout the Muslim world. Nauroz is celebrated from March 21st onwards for a week or ten days depending on where it is being celebrated. It marks the New Year and the beginning of spring across a vast geographical area covering Azerbaijan, India, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan. Different people around the world celebrate it in different perspectives and beliefs. Nauroz has a dominant cultural asset possessing religious and historical background. In Pakistan it is celebrated with great enthusiasm in Gilgit, Hunza, Skardu, D.I.Khan, Bilot, Multan, Parachanar, Bhakkar, Karachi, Layyah, Khushab and Chitral, with polo, foot-ball, volley-ball and hockey matches, folk dances and music. People living in other cities also celebrate but more privately, the home being the centre of festivities as family and friends call on and visit each other or get together for a meal, with traditional customs like the offering of sweets and looking into a mirror etc: before entering the host's house still taking place to preserve the ancient rites of the festival. The present study focused to find out the historical & cultural background of the day enriched with its importance, traditions of Eid-e-Nauroz and moral values. The researcher visited different districts of Pakistan to participate in Nauroz celebrations in this regard. The available documents and literature was also explored to get into the event with due interest and pleasure. This review article is just based upon the literature review regarding the importance of Nauroz.. The study ended with some practical suggestions to observe the event more attractive in a joyful situation.

Key words: Nauroz, spring season, Pakistan, culture, ghadeer-e-Khum, documents, literature, poets, pleasure. Joy, history, celebrations

I. DOCUMENTARY ANALYSIS OF THE EVENT WITH DOMINANT SIGNIFICANCE

The Nauroz is a joyful day to be celebrated with utmost pleasure and happiness. Here we are excited with happiness to do better in our practical life. Basically Nauroz is the connotation of peace, pleasure, health and happiness. It also represents happy marriage in the lovely spring season. The day is observed when the Sun crosses the Celestial Equator. People observe several rituals on this day to celebrate this day.

"In the alternation of night and day, and what God has created in the heavens and the earth — surely there are signs for a god fearing people" — Holy Qur'an

The connotation of Nauroz may be as following:

Springtime is chance to say goodbye to winter and to welcome the Spring Season;
Springtime is the time for daylight savings, which makes the beautiful Sun set one hour late;
Springtime is also positively linked to good health and well-being;
Springtime is the time to enjoy beautiful outdoor activities;
Springtime is when the Snow and Ice begin to melt and the raining season starts;
Springtime is when the Rays of Warm Sun provides us with important source of vitamin "D" for our bodies;
Springtime is when the food is fresh and also vegetables grow in our gardens for making Green Juice, which is made from Wheat grass;
Springtime is when the fresh air and sunshine are available from our Mother Nature, which is created by God;
Springtime is when children, cats and dogs want to go out and play with other kids, while parents socialize with friends and other family members;

Springtime is a wonderful time to appreciate the beauty and bounty that the Mother Earth has to offer; Springtime is when the Tulips, Garlic and Sunflowers start to bloom and show their beauty from underground; Springtime is when Mother Nature offers many opportunities to people such as exercise, hunting, gathering, fishing and other forms of recreation; Springtime is also time for Wedding Season, when many couples tie the knot to be together forever (Almas, 2015; Tanveer, 2017; Prince, 2014).

When Almighty Allah uttered 'Kun' from His Divine Command, the universe came into existence, it was the promising day of Nauroz. Returning from last Hajj, our holy prophet was directed as, "Oh Apostle, deliver what has been revealed to you from your Lord And if you do not do so, then you have not delivered His message, Allah will protect you from the people." When the 'wilayat' of Ameer ul Momineen Maula Ali (a.s) was declared at Ghadeer -e- Khum on 18th Zilhajj , 10 Hijri, exactly it was March 21st ; the auspicious day of Nauroz (Bakhsh,1997).

The following Persian poem, composed for Nauroz 1395 (spring 2016), contains "Saal-e Nau Mubarak" ("Happy New Year") in the initial letters highlighted in its right margin. A rough English translation may be as following. Happy New Year

Oleaster, vinegar, sumac, and seeds sprouting into green
Love, caress, pleasantness, joy, have all entered the scene
From flowery twigs, the nightingale sings bright and bold
Odes and songs are on people's lips, be they young or old
The spring wind spreads jasmine's fragrance everywhere
Leaves and buds are aplenty, they emerge here and there
Image of nature in spring, is like an angel's warm glory
Rainbow-toned in colors, splended like a fabulous story
In this spring and New Year, may your holidays be bright
Clear spite away, embrace an affection that's out of sight

— Behrooz Parhami, Norooz/Spring /2016

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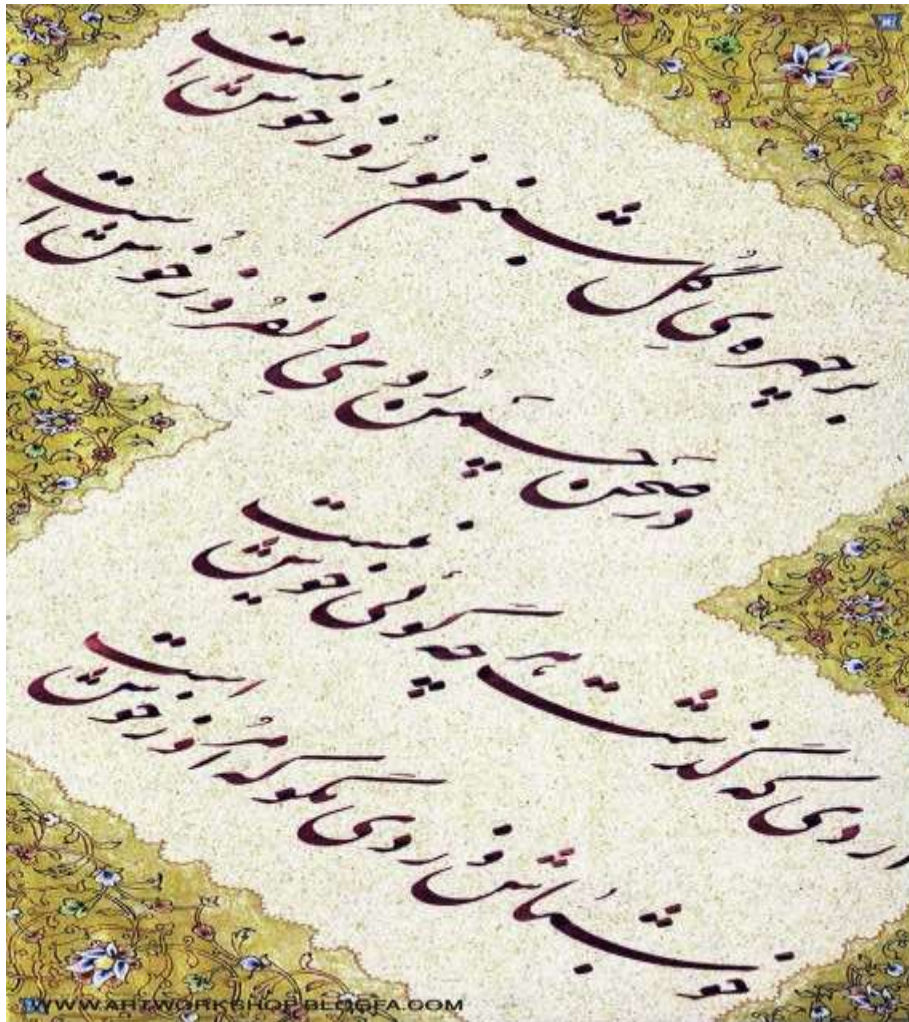
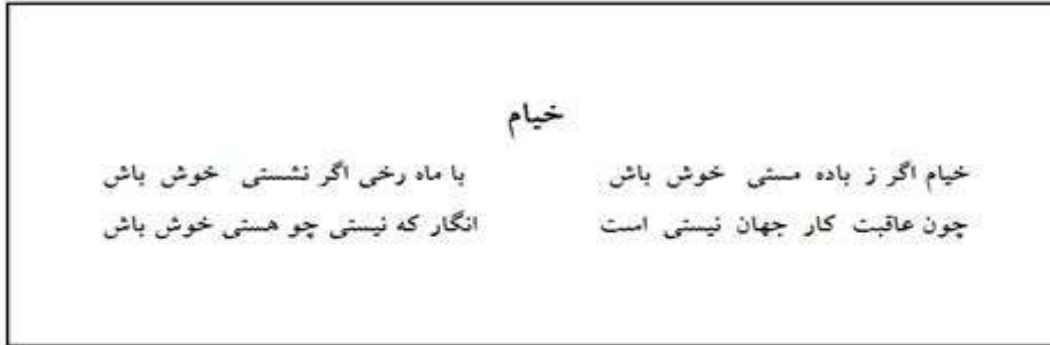
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مهر و نوازش و صفا ، وجد به خانه آمده	م
از گل و شاخه بلبلان، نغمه سرا ز روح و جان	ا
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لطف نسیم کرده پیر، دشت ز بوی یاسمن	ل
این سر و آن طرف همه، برگ و جوانه آمده	ا
نقش طبیعت و بهار، همچو فرشته خوش نگار	ن
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وقت بهار و فرودین، عید تو با خوشی قرین	و
کینه ز دل زدا که هان، عشق یگانه آمده	ک
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II. RECOMMENDATIONS

We must look forward with HOPE as time promises a new morning, so Nauroz نوروز promises a New Day. a day of peace, good health, security, a day when stranger greets stranger like brother and sister where as children, our compassion and tolerance burn bright for all wish for goodness and grace even the earth's

submissive tilt renders it perfect for season and change .The sun on this spring equinox equates the day and the night and symmetry magically stabilizes our earth in motion (Tauqeer, 2016).

A man has short span of life. Death has been created just before life. We will not be here in this world , so one must be happy, gallant and bold with joyful sentiments. The same expressions associated with Nauroz may be seen in the following quatrain of Khayyam (Whinfield, 2000)



The above lines composed regarding the importance of Nauroze, excite us to be fresh, fair and live hearted, and more happier to enjoy the natural blessings. In Persian, it is said regarding the connotation of Nauroz (ذروز) that we must be Fershad (فرشاد)

همیشه نوروز

ه	هستی چوتازه گردد از مقدم بهاران
ن	نم نم غبار غم را شوید نوید باران
م	مستی زبوی گلزار درمان درد هردل
و	وصف نسیم خرم از بلبلان هزاران
ی	یاد آور لطافت هر شب ز سال نورس
ر	روزش امید بخشد بر عاشقان و یاران
ش	شور طبیعت آرد بر دوست بی ریائی
و	و جدش عدو فرستد برسوی شوره زاران
ه	هر ساله باز گردد نوروز باستانی
ز	زانکه شکستی نیست با لشکروسواران

The glorious transformation of nature in spring reminds us of the creative power of Allah, who continually showers His bounties for us. Thus, the festival of Nauroz should affect a spiritual renewal in each one of us. It should inspire greater fidelity for Imam-e-Zamana as is enjoined upon us by almighty Allah (Fakhr, 1200). The Persian poem pasted below, composed for Nauroz 1393 (spring 2014), hides "Nauroz Khojasteh" (Auspicious Nauroz) in the initial letters.

نوروز خجسته

نم نم باران درخت میوه را پربار کرد
خاک را سبزینه داد و دشت را گلزار کرد
وجد و لطف تو بهاران شد نوید زندگی
جمله غم در خواب برد و خنده را بیدار کرد
رخت نوروزی چو بر تن کرد هر شاخ و گیاه
سنبل نورس ز بویش مست را هشیار کرد
وقت آن شد تا ز بغض و دشمنی دوری کنیم
تازه چون شد روز ما، این راه را هموار کرد
زین تحول قلبها نزدیک شد با دوستی
همنوایی را قزود و کینه را دشوار کرد
بهر روز پرهامی، نوروز ۱۳۹۳

We should do our best to ignore the troubles of the past and should enjoy the present. The personal and social differences must be taken over towards a joyful and happier situation for everyone. The 'seven seen' (س هفت)، the seven essentials beginning with seen (س) represent rebirth, joyful sentiments to spark love, fertility, peace and affluence.

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