

Investigation and comparison of I'tikaf from the perspective of Islam and Zoroastrianism

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Abstract: The aim of this study was Investigation and comparison of I'tikaf from the perspective of Islam and Zoroastrianism. This paper seeks to answer these questions: 1. customary Secretions in Zoroastrianism there? 2. If there are rituals and ceremonies like Zoroastrianism cleave to the rituals and ceremonies are both similarities and differences with Islam? To achieve these objectives, the methodology used library. Zoroastrianism and all the books and a significant number of Islamic religious books that have been studied in this article have been tried from reliable sources should be used between the two religions. The results indicate that similarities between the rituals of the "Nozoudi" and "Bradhnom" In Zoroastrianism, the religion of "cleave" in Islam.

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1. Introduction

Secretions of different prayers, acts of worship such as fasting, praying, attending mosque, reading the Koran, thought and reflection and some acts of worship that enriches days stayed. Each of these prayers alone are worthwhile. While Secretions of all that. Secretions in virtue enough to be in God's house, mosque, to be fulfilled, even in the largest and most prestigious mosques. Secretions virtue should be in deep meditation when we see Abraham and Ismail peace be upon them, the great prophets of God, commissioned to prepare his house, to have stayed presence. Secretions so virtuous that in some traditions, such as the Hajj and Umrah rites and great value compared to the top. They are all numbered. Imam Sajjad (AS) narrates from his father (Ibn Abi Jomhour, 3/147/1: 14-3 AH [2]). Whoever in Ramadan, ten days to be stayed. Hajj and Umrah two is worth two. And this is what ultimately stayed the reward is worth the benefit. One stayed, open all sins and good deeds done to him as someone who reward the (same).

It should be noted that in Zoroastrianism there is an event that is not dissimilar to cleave in Islam.

I'tikaf in Zoroastrianism

After much searching in the books of the Zoroastrians, only once was the word I'tikaf. Of course it is, before the Prophet Zoroaster is concerned because in the book "Zoroastrian temple" stated: "The King Lorasib, the throne passed to his son Goshtasb thirty years in Balkh Nava Vihara cleave to pay."

Tavarikh and Alqss the brief says, "Lorasib Zarir war with the army and sent to work as Goshtasb, Zarir brought him. And his throne, and the smell of Balkh Bahar went to Temple to worship God, to leave Arjasb, great grandchildren Afrasiyab's army, was killed in Balkh and Lorasib campaign".

Temple, he was the greatest and most cherished

Prshtgah Iran until Ardashir always prosperous and flourished and kings were diligent in repair and maintenance "(Shahmardan, it has 18 [9]).

It's in the history books that Goshtasb of Zoroaster support and the support he was led to the spread of the religion. As just as in the book of the prophets and kings (age on earth kings and Prophets) cited "Lorasib before his death, his kingdom to his son Goshtasb" (Esfahani, 37: 1367 [5]).

And on the swallow that "Zarathustra Bdanh timely Goshtasb Kingdom came out and claims the prophet of God and the law of the Magi and King Goshtasb he accepted his authority and of his kingdom all but the last thirty years that he was Zarathustra" (swallow, 56 : 1341 [7]). So I'tikaf Lorasib, before the advent of Zoroaster happened and do not have to Zoroastrianism. But in this ritual ceremony that in some ways, there are similarities with I'tikaf. Therefore, we examined them. These events include: Nozoudi and Bradhnom.

Regulations Nozoudi (new priest)

Nowadays, people who want to work in the House of Clergy and the priest have in their jobs for years under the supervision and training of skilled and trained priests were interned. These students also learn tips and secrets of the ritual Avesta and religious education must seek edification and their behavior.

Beginner intern while in the education and training for self-purification, and purification of his soul must repeatedly "Bradhnom".

Bradhnom time and training time of three hours, during which time he cut off contact with others. To worship "Mazda" and concentrate their internal resources pays. Principles of purity and righteousness to adhere to the maximum. His food is simple and pure perfection and purity is produced. Avesta calls before eating. When eating off.

Food with a spoon and fork to eat. The others

will not feed and food after praying to God for His blessings Thanksgiving is great.

After the expiry of Education meeting chaired by priests and other religious leaders, to test the trainee is formed. Recent examination not only of religious information intern exam but also to physical health and spiritual refinement and good behavior test him enough to take action and if the student in all exams and employment Mobedi to succeed Nozoud allowed he is given.

Trainee after obtaining a license for carrying out Nvzvdy given day, but he is required before "Nozoud the" double-row" Bradhnom ". So in about twenty days before the Nozoudi Bradhnom, one after the other is done and then the trainee is ready Nozoud (Adhargushab, 1352: 271 to 273 [4]).

Grand ceremony Bradhnom

"Bradhnom Middle Persian word that the word Avesta Barashnu = up = head, is derived. Later this as a cleansing ceremony to name the most detailed summary of their work. (Zoroastrians in Iran has called for baptism the names, "Owereknt" or "catchment" take).

If the infection is severe. So that the so-called Persian personal "Rayman rima"] unclean [the cleanliness rules should be applied more extensively that it "CD Labeling si-shuy" or "cc saline si-shur" called and it means washing is thirty times . "Tavadya word pixag Bradhnom ritual bath called for in the original instrument and not node clause is not straw." (Mazdapour (Translator), 52: 1369 [15]).

Pollution and extreme filth that consists mainly of contact with Nisa] dead [joint cleansing ceremony should be held "Bradhnom not like Barashnom-Noshaba" or "bath is not overnight. [Zoroastrians] Iran has only" not like "call. Corp] India [it "hear" or "nail" read. In such cases "due to the size of the impurity, the initial purification or" Bradhnom "original must be elsewhere that" Bradhnom sometimes called "done. Corp India the term" Brshyngv Barashingo "the summary said. This place [where possible, should be taken away. Arid and barren and away from water, fire and plant and indented with creatures of February and virtuous man. This place is usually surrounded by a wall have restricted uncleanness. But since the ritual "Cache" (Track) is also sufficient to the purpose of their intention to attend the viewing wall into the "new religions] of [protected." Bradhnom time "is always roofless purification and cleansing the sun to shine light through it. Tradition dictates that evil can always circle to the dark corner in which to hide and ambush there. The priest should do both.

One of them should be to look to the rock metal chain dog to remove the impurity. Purification ceremony in the courtyard of the "Bradhnom never"

done. This area by creating a series of grooves (cache) on the ground, along with Avesta whispered provide up to uncleanness and filth in it to stay closed. In the past, the "contrast Magha"] abyss = pit [in the digging area.

Rayman one of them in her knee. As was clean and purified from the pit to the pit was found. Later pit was abolished. The pit was filled to not rock or not rock that has been laid on the ground. (The "thirty-salt" are also not rock. On both occasions, the intention is to avoid possible contamination of ground) Iranian Zoroastrians today want to do Bradhnom ceremony called "the rock" take. If events take place in summer midday heat hot sun sitting on rocks that are not pleasant. After drinking "cunning" person Rayman on rocks with three cleaner shalwar] cow piss [the sand and water purification. Like a "C salinity" priest who made them or not is tied in such a way that he does not have any contact. He is sure that the rocks surrounding outside the grooves. In Vandidad, exactly how these Rayman should's a cleansing agent on his naked body lay. The old rules are still to be performed with the utmost precision. After his body was removed from individual impurity not stop and after purification by foot from the "Cache" on the tenth stone is laid out. Where open water is poured over him. Then a new white dress worn by the "ship" binds himself anew.

Then to a desolate place where "Bradhnom home" or "closet" was called, not days, spent in solitude.

The time had finally carefully in observing cleanliness, maximum respect for the creation of a variety of respects. More time devoted to prayer. Three times in this period, the days of the fourth, seventh and ninth at the same time that the first ceremony "Bradhnom" was a new priest but he is such a simple, wash off.

The christening of the "no show Navy" (apparently meaning washing is not overnight), you read that in the open air or under the roof done. For the baptized only, on three stones around which only three cache [groove] have drawn arrive. Then rinse in clean clothes a person wears washed. During all this time, someone clean, he must prepare the reception and care of and feed.

When eating, you should eat special clothing and gloves to be worn. With respect to metal spoon to eat until June and August, there is no failure. Should take utmost care to his bare hand or foot with earth or "Sepandarmaz" NOT touch?

Any physical contact or "bond" with another person, so that evil does not spread should be avoided. Dialogue, and being not mind to sit or sleep on the ground, whether in the day or at night, only the thin blanket or quilt can be used. If a man is not allowed to

sleep. Each nurse him occasionally wake up any contamination during the first three nights of ceremony, ritual purification nullifies the entire process must be repeated again.

The possibility of infection, take these joint events, makes obligatory. More contamination from contact with the dead corpse to be found and which can thus be neighborly kindness. A woman who is nursing a sick neighbor. To carry the corpse of the man who helped neighbors.

With children who have to carry the body of a dead fetus can become infected and impure. (In the Zoroastrian tradition the corpse of a dead fetus is exposed to the air, leaving their two minor children. Corpse fetus two sons and two daughters carrying female fetuses.

Priests must ceremonies during his lifetime "Bradhnom" repeatedly do and what lay before entering or after it, often for supervision and carrying out the importance of worship and prayer is essential that he finally the temperature may be clean. Since it appears that the importance of cleanliness in Zoroastrian priest competent for carrying out internal purification "Pvzhdasragr Yozdathgar = someone who is purified" is called.

Bradhnom practice was abolished in Iran in the early part of this century. Yazd and the surrounding villages are still ordinary people, men, women and children, led by the priest, they draw instead. Sally dozen people. Parsi priests do the ceremony, the Bradhnom about those who are truly infected and impure (especially Nsasalaran) that they need not resolve proxy baptism run.

Vice Thread justify taking the bath of purification, is more difficult. It can be assumed at the beginning, vice baptism for the dead would have been cleansed. Then perhaps it can be argued that if the past was vice Why not live? (Boyce, 1374: 419 to 421 [8]).

Bradhnom in the ancient texts of Zoroastrianism (worthy wrong - Vandidad)

Zoroastrianism is one of the ancient texts worthy inappropriate text Middle Persian (Pahlavi Sassanid). The book "Master and overseeing various aspects of Zoroastrian religious issues. The second to the eighth chapter of the book in its original long season and second in the impurity or Rayman described dead bodies and ethical method] Bradhnom [against it pays (Mazdapour, 1369: 13 and 15 [15]). As an example we mention some of it.

In the second chapter of the book reads: "If a thousand men gynecology invisible dog suffocates. So too all of them, Rayman (is) certainly the Bradhnom them, should be washed." (Ibid: 25). Organizer Bradhnom and also how it is. "In the bath washing Bradhnom is Tkatk organs (Vandidad 8, paragraphs 37 to 39, fargard 9, 13 and 26, fargard 13, paragraphs

9 to 11)." (Ibid: 52).

"Attributes" troubled man "in Vandidad 9, paragraph 2, and it must be a spiritual man and organizer of rituals, including rites of purification and Bradhnom know." (Ibid: 171). On page 225 of the narrative. "" February Pvnjyh "according to the fifth fargard Vandidad, orders come in the form of poetry is compressed it is: "If a woman than a month to remove dead child ten months old, she is unclean and impure and must be spent only on the corner. To be erased after the ceremony. Because therein Nisa] dead, and thus its and clothing and whatever belongings that have been in contact with him it is unclean. because the child was born dead, be sure to read Soroush phonemes. must bring their dog to be quarantined and women go out.

Must deception of religion and "productivity Aderan" that he was not to continue

So Padyab tone up. Water did not. Stew and feed him milk and fruit wine. Three nights and days, so. After Vradran (cow piss False) eat and wash his Padyab. It's Tuesday night and another day and another about to be repeated. After wearing the same clothing and water to eat and the place of isolation and separation, forty-one night stay and day of water, fire, and tree and plant and Osho people away.

Three steps of the fire and get water and Avrvr (plant) and from the Osho three steps. Seclusion and isolation as Dora the traditional all must be Bradhnom and after Bradhnom or purification ceremony, all his clothes were plain and desert, torn and discard. Then again with Padyab (Gvmyz) up. But not utterly tons into the water, then Bradhnom and after ten days the dog will be deleted. The purpose of the Osho, all Mzdysnany that factors such as menstruation and copper Mitt and not foul.

I'tikaf in Islam

I'tikaf valuable worship that has certain legal conditions, special rules and customs that the legal situation and if its conditions are not met I'tikaf I'tikaf are due to cancellation. These include:

1. Fast
2. Less than three days
3. Do in Mosque
4. Stay in the mosque and not out of it except for necessity
5. Let the person who I'tikaf his satisfaction in the health condition.

Some scholars have noted the intention of the I'tikaf conditions and also with the phrase "I shall enema" General Conditions like and faith in the circumstances I have mentioned (Hilli, manuscript: 27] 11]). And in the other books have also reason (Hilli, 255: 1363 [12]).

Others have mentioned the intention of both the original condition and the fifth condition to someone who I'tikaf his satisfaction in accuracy is required, and the conditions have not (Mohaghegh Helli, 1378 AH: 97 [14]).

However, reason, decide (maturity), faith, among the conditions that should be public and what should remain for all religious orders, bets.

I'tikaf sentences I'tikaf what is necessary and what is recommended, stayed one should refrain from doing things not forbidden to commit. These prohibitions include: 1. stewardship women 2. masturbation 3. smelling fragrance to delight 4. controversy 5. Buy and Sell

Customs I'tikaf To be worthy of worship I'tikaf, its fruitful results in human existence rather than leave practices should be observed. Among these rules the following: 1. Maintain sincerity I'tikaf 2. Select the appropriate time 3. Lack of employment during the world I'tikaf 4. The requirement to put in I'tikaf 5. Observe the customs mosque

Philosophy and wisdom I'tikaf

Islam is the religion of balance and the fundamental purpose of education and proximate God is an exalted man. So all applications faith, morality and laws and worship of Islam in order to achieve this lofty goal, is planned.

I'tikaf as a special worship at the same time is a collection of prayers for the situation.

For balanced human development, Islam does not allow extreme asceticism and monasticism and separation from community and social activities to give his followers and they loved not chirping and the daily life and activities of its community and lose their purpose.

I'tikaf, provides a quiet withdrawal is limited to the idol worshiper's opportunity for their familiarity. Because Imam Ali (AS): (Amadi, 661: 1335 [6]). Selecting privacy, comfort worship is expensive.

And in the comfort and privacy at this sincerely, servant's treasures to find that the chirping society cannot be achieved. Perhaps that is why Imam Ali (AS) says: (ibid: 6504) choosing to worship God alone treasures profits.

Perhaps the most precious jewel of this treasure of divine love, the love that Imam Sajjad in the sweetness tenth Khamse liturgy describes it says: (Qummi , 235: 1377 [13]) My God, Who taste your sweet tooth after another you will not, and who were accustomed to the nearness baulk looked after you. I'tikaf yet time for thinking, thinking, thinking of the glory of God and His blessings, reflect and meditate on his birth.

Their thinking is the highest worship. Best worship is thinking. And cleave to the ground for it, because the development of life and everyday

problems, pest thinking and provides Secretions quiet contemplation.

Attending mosque is one of the blessings Secretions, if someone loves God must have a constant presence in her house, and this presence is valued in our tradition. Imam Ali (AS) said: sitting in the mosque is better than sitting with me in paradise because myself and sit down in heaven satisfaction in the mosque, the Lord is pleased.

Monasticism has no place in religion, attending the mosque is recommended. Prophet, to Uthman bin Maz'oon frock had a tendency to avoid social and Frmvdndk (al-Tusi, 1401 AH: 191 [10]) do not Osman ! Because the monastic community, I sit in the mosques and waiting for prayer.

Secretions of blessings and other governments to strengthen the will. It is clear to travel in the direction of God must overcome many attractions and a host of demons and jinn won the fight, and this will not be possible unless strong will and ambition, in spite of the individual.

Secretions one-day actions, and will strengthen one of the benefits of fasting, so Secretions can also be a factor to strengthen the will of Imam Ali (AS) said: (Amadi, 8305: 1335 [6]) that hardly any self-sustainment and training to take advantage.

It should be kept in mind all the wisdom Secretions, will be advanced that only the body, but is not stayed, this is the heart and recluse in his house to attend the ceremony, he sent men, otherwise if the stayed, presence spirit and be formal, the Secretions, like other forms of worship, but the body of what remains.

Conclusion

Parallels between the rituals of the "Nozoudi" and "Bradhnom" In Zoroastrianism, the religion of "cleave" In Islam, there are:

1. In either event, the time, at least that's Secretions, at least three days in Nozoudi and Bradhnom nine-day period (at least two nine-day period, before there is ritual and ceremony Nozoudi Bradhnom, not overnight day).

2. In both cases, the places where the event is known. Secretions should Brshnmv mosques and Nozoudi and Bradhnom should never be done.

3. In both cases, there are special regulations and rules that must be observed non-compliance, due to the cancellation of the ceremony.

4. In both cases, the duration of the event, there are a limited withdrawal

5. The most important thing is that the purpose of both religions, ritual purity of the moral and spiritual excellence.

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