



AŠŌ-DĀD

AŠŌ-DĀD, Zoroastrian (Pazend) term for the remuneration to a priest for his services. The word means “what is given to the righteous or holy person,” with *ašō* from *ašaw* (Ao. *ašavan*, Pahl. *ahlaw*) and *dād* “given.” This *ašō-dād* consist of payment in money or in kind. At the ceremony on the third day after death, in addition to the gift of money, a *sudra* (q.v.) or a sacred shirt made of white mull is distributed to each priest invited for the ceremony. Again the *drōn* (q.v.) or sacred unleavened breads and the *myazda* (q.v.) (votive offerings of fresh or dried, fruits, etc., consecrated in honor of the departed ones in the *Srōš bāǰ*) are given to the family priest as a remuneration. The suit of white clothes that is consecrated in honor of the departed with the *bāǰ* ceremony which is known as *siyav* in Parsi parlance, is usually given to the family priest as *ašōdād*.

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