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There are in all 33 yazatas. Shraosha is placed 17th exactly in the middle as he is a link which connects all the qualities or powers to achieve Conscient Existence in Ahura Mazda or Life which is One without a second. He represents intuition. The word comes from the root shru = to hear and implies obedience to the voice of Conscience.

It is everyone's experience that the voice of Conscience alerts us to do any action in the only one right way and prompts us not to fall a prey to the innumerable wrong ways in which anything can be done. It is also our experience that so long as we heed this inner voice the whole inner being gets stronger and his whole personality gets integrated enabling him to live a fuller (sat-chit-ananda) life.

In the Avestic scriptures this idea is put in a very poetic way and the devotee is called upon to intune himself with this power (yazata comes from the root yaz = to become one or intune and ta is a suffix indicating receptacle, meaning the sanctuary of life. The appellations of shraosha are ashim = holy; hurodhem=beautiful; verethrajnem = victorious; fradat-gaithem = promoting and expanding life and the world around; ashavanam = pure; ashe-ratum = lord of purity. He is the antagonist of aeshma or the demon whom he smites with an uplifted weapon. This fact is symbolised in the 4th karda of sarosh yast vadi where it is mentioned that "pascha hu frasmo daitim" after this little inner voice is respected and heeded kindling the light

of awareness of the "drigu" or the poor in spirit, shraosh builds a strong house for him but if he disobeys this voice Shraosha with an uplifted weapon breaks down this house. Here by "amavata nmanem" is meant the two systems (the sympathetic and Ceribrosipinal) the former including the chakras which are again referred to in the 9th and 11th kardas of the same yast.

Once this inner voice is respected, full integration into the Life Principle which is eternal, Omnipresent, Boundless and Immutable takes place and man becomes a "Gaithim Yazataq", no longer a slave to forces of the lower nature represented by the satanic force, but an entity who can regulate according to the Law of Asha or Order Divine the processes of creation, sustenance and the reorientation of the corporeal worlds. In the Cosmos Shraosha is a guardian angel maintaining the Divine order, guiding and inspiring all souls on their upward march towards Ahura Mazda or Conscient Existence.

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