



Some believes about the birth and the new born (Case Study Lamerd City South of Iran)

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ABSTRACT

This article study believes of the birth and the new born. Some of them tell us how to support and take care of a pregnant woman and some believes tell us how to recognize whether the fetus is boy or girl. They believe according to child behavior and appearance, they can predict child future. Doing magic and resorting to wizardry for preventing the bad event which may happen to the mother and the newborn in this research is so noticeable.

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Introduction

This article study believes of the birth. The important point in this research is how to cure and heal the mother and the newborn and preserve them against the decease. In most of them, there is a power named as the devil and there are different ways to remove it, very likely, this devil is the same as that devil power which was in ancient Iran and all the time was against the goodness and beneficence. Sometimes this evil power won over the society but strengthening of the goodness, decrease the evil power. It means the battle between good and bad continues and people do different thing to get rid of the devil power. This power from the beginning of the creation and when the fetus is in mothers abdomen accompanied the fetus and its spirit very likely, this devil power is driven from ancient Iranian believes that are mixed by Islamic believes that are later came to Iran land and was known as devil that disobeyed god and try to deceive people. In these believes, using the metal objects for removing the devil and evil power is effective.

Believes about Birth:

If a newborn made a fist to clench the hand, the baby would be stingy but if he has open hand, he is generous. They believe tickling the newborn, asking god for death. For example, they named the last child Mandani, that's means he/she will alive. Since in past, the son was recognized as a breadwinner and supporter of the family and even warlike in battle field .So they prefer son more than girls. Because of this a family after several girls they called the last girl Golbas to not have another of local medicine girl. It means Gol bas or girl is enough .or when the bride was taken to the groom's house, they put a son besides the bride on the animal to have the first child, son.

When a child was born, for 40 days or one week nobody could visit him since not to become Haftei. Becoming Haftei that resulted in mental and physical disorder and even some cases killed the newborn was because of a kind of local medicine named Sarvaze that fed the newborn and scissors was cut the umbilical cord. Because scissors were contaminated and

caused the Childs death. The scientific reason of this problem becoming haftei that is proved by doctors. Because in the first week mother should be beside the newborn.

The woman who their children were dying a lot, wear an iron ring around their feet that is called mil pa to keep save their children from death. Today, some women have mill pa around their feet. Mill pa is made of gold and usually silver. Believing everything can be useful and effective. In this idea, believing in an iron metal can save the Childs life even an unborn child .The mother usually show a kind of prevention and heart preparation against child's death. Sometimes they believe that Childs name affects his life and death. Because of this, the family with more dead children, choose the name that originated from life, lasting .because the mothers feeling and emotions towards the baby in the first days have the most influence.

In past, to protect the newborn from heat, they catch the seaweed from water and put them on the child's body to become cool. According to believes, this action in this case was effective. Because scientifically seaweed has antibiotic and penicillin that is ant febrile, is driven from a kind of seaweed named peslium. If the first tooth was appeared in the superior maxilla. It cause ominousness and to remove this problem. They put the child on the blanket on the roof with low height, facing the such, they hold four corners of the blanket and threw the child to down, nowadays this costume is done in some cities, the same costume is common in some parts of china If the newborn has teeth late they don't put henna on his head to angles take care of him.

On Saturdays, they didn't take the newborn to the bathroom because they believe just devil takes a bath in this day. The woman who delivered the child shouldn't walk on bare feet till one week or 40 days. Because she went off milk and the milk escaped. The specialist answered this question and then we conclude that this idea has scientific origin , according to them woman's body in this time is so sensitive and a kind of microbe exist that enters the body through the feet and makes problem in

breast, so milk was not produced in first 40 days. The mother is in the danger of decease.

To make the barren woman pregnant, there are different ways. For example two women who married at the same time, one of them didn't become pregnant .after delivering a child one of them should take a mouthful from her. It means they took a piece of cookie or bread to the bride who has a baby and let her eat a little of that and took the rest to the barren woman to eat and becoming pregnant. In local term this action is *loghme gereftan* . In another action they believe if the barren woman fasten the red thread around her finger, she becomes pregnant .also they took her to the mortuary to jump over the dead person for 3 times. If the newborn's tongue was sharp- pointed the next child should be son but if it is wide, the next child is girl.

Sometimes becoming poor or rich, or having sustenance and livelihood was referred to the children or entering a new person to the family like bride. Because of this they believed if with the birth of the child, the sustenance and livelihood of family was decreased, they should make the new born hot to increase it. Sometimes stars and sky has effect on the fetus. they believed if the pregnant woman looked at the comet , she would delivered a child with a tail .or at the time of lunar eclipse a pregnant woman shouldn't touch her stomach because a part of child's body may become red. A woman who delivered the child lately shouldn't go out alone and if she goes she should have a piece of metal with herself. Because they believed the devil will rob her child.

If the child didn't walk at the age of 2, they put the child in a basket and took it to the neighbors' house. Everyone gave the child some food. They believed the child can walk now . In another action they washed the child's feet with the water that is used in barber shop for cutting hair. For solving the problem of a sleeping child who was chafing the teeth, they put some strings of the horse's tail hair around child's neck or put the horse hair between child's teeth.

As long as the child is not 40 days old, a tired man or horse with a mane can't enter the house. Shaking the empty cradle caused the child has a stomachache. To remove the devil from child put a piece of metal inside the child's cradle. To remove the devil, throw a piece of iron inside a water pool and or put a bowl of water under the cradle. To remove the devil prepares a bowl of henna and put an egg in it. If a pregnant woman saw a snake, she turned her dress around herself; the snake stopped and become move less. To recognize whether the woman' child is boy or girl they divided the cooked head of the sheep or goat into 2 parts if there is meat at the end of Molex bone it would be a girl if no meat left there it would be a boy. In another way to recognize whether the woman' child is boy or girl threw a dead snake to the sky ,if it fell on the ground on back , the child would be a girl , if it fell on the stomach the child would be a boy .

The pregnant woman should have waist lock with herself around her name until 4 months. They hang a shoe over the door of the room where the child was sleeping. They believe everyone who entered the room gave his tiredness to the shoe not to the child. Sometimes to get rid of the devil spirit, they took advantage of the purity and limpidity of the water. in this way, to prevent the jinn and fairies from entering the child's

room , before delivering the child ,at the time of starting the childbirth ,they fasten a piece of metal with rope and hang over a water well and for 40 days this metal should be hanging over inside the well . Some deceases like mental and physical disorders are caused by evil eyes. to remove the evil eyes ,they took the child to the Molla , and he told his beads .A child who has no fallen tooth , should be taken to the cemetery .

If a tired person who was coughing, visited the child, the baby became haftei or sick .the power of the object effectiveness and people in spirit and body is so clear in these believes .a pregnant woman shouldn't look at the ugly things, because her child might become ugly. a pregnant woman shouldn't look at the dead person otherwise her child became jealous . Or if a pregnant saw a person who was eating something, he should give her some otherwise her child become jealous with evil eyes. It is omen when a pregnant woman was brooding under a green tree.

In some believes the relationship between pregnant woman and the thing that are the origin of the productivity is opposite .for example, it's common if a pregnant woman pick up fruits by herself, that tree didn't have fruits any more, r if a pregnant woman put the eggs under the hen, the eggs didn't hatch or the chickens after hatching would die after 1 week. Or if 2 sisters deliver babies in one day , one of the newborn would die. But this relationship is too complicated to understand. If a pregnant woman eats lemon, she will have a boy.

When the child was crying in sleeping, it means the devil told him that the father died and because he didn't see his father for 9 months, he believed the devil's word. But when the child was laughing in sleeping it means the devil told him, the mother died and because he saw her before sleeping, he knew the devil told a lie so he laughed. They believed a baby who was born at Wednesday night, he become naughty and noisy. When a baby was crying up to 40 days , they called him Hafte , to cure him they put his clothes under a stone and hide a piece of iron under it . In some cases they take advantage of the effective power of stones and precious objects to cure a sick person .For example to increase the mother's milk; she should wear a white marble on her neck. To cure the child's eye disease, they keep a piece of the child's naval meat that was dried after several days & fell off & when they robbed it on the child's eye to be cured.

Conclusion:

This article studied believes of the birth and the new born. According to child behavior and appearance, they can predict child future. These believes is driven from ancient Iranian believes that are mixed by Islamic believes that are later came to Iran.

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