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Dedication

Dedicated to every Zoroastrian living in Pakistan, and every Zoroastrian who had to leave Pakistan. Moreover, it is dedicated to Karachi and the people who will always love the city of lights.

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Abstract

The Parsi community of Karachi is an aging one. Of the 1800 Parsis who reside in the city, about 60 percent are over 60 years of age. During the last five to eight years, several younger Parsis, along with their families but without their aging parents have opted to leave Karachi in search of better opportunities in countries like Australia, Canada, and the United States. Furthermore, because the community as a whole is affluent with a literacy rate of 100 percent, average Parsi life to be about 90 years old, which comparatively, far exceeds the life span of an average resident of Karachi. This could account for the reason as to why the elderly dominate the Parsi population in the city today.

Synopsis

This documentary is about Zoroastrianism, that is one of the oldest religions of the world. Parsis are loyal to Pakistan so much so that they did everything as if Pakistan is their home. They are a scattered community, cannot call any country their home. Mostly all stone buildings of Karachi are made by them. Establishing educational and healthcare institutions. Parsis are the founders of Modern Karachi. They now bury their dead with alternative methods.