







## THOUGHTS TO BE TREASURED

தான் முன்னம் செய்த விதிவழி தானல்லால்  
வான் முன்னம் செய்த அங்கு கைத்தகது ஓர்  
மாட்டு இல்லை,  
கோன் முன்னம் சென்னி குறிவழியை சென்று  
நான் முன்னம் செய்ததே நல்லிலம் ஆகிறே

There is no fate ordained by the excellent Lord except in accordance with the deeds performed by me in previous births. I prostrated myself in the Lord's presence following the prescribed path and it led me to the heavenly world of the Lord.



## Hindu Organ

Friday, October 1, 1976

## Day for Dedication

PARTICULAR dates have acquired special significance as acknowledged by the people of the whole world. How these occasions count in the life of man can be gauged by the need for the ideals underlying these days of remembrance that is being felt almost everywhere in the world.

The Gurupoojahs of religious saints and teachers have a significance all their own as such observances lead to spiritual awakening and awareness in temporal living. There are other internationally observed days that have a special import in the context of man's endeavour to live well. One such observance is on October 2, a day that constantly keeps mankind reminded of the high potential of soul force.

It may be appropriately said that Mahatma Gandhi was the most successful interpreter of the need for acquiring soul force in any struggle for redress of genuine grievances. Dedication to Truth was his ideal; that meant the discharge of duty. Gandhiji, however, was a religious devotee all the time; his parting phrase was his oft repeated Lord's Name.

Let us not, therefore, classify October 2 in the general category of international dates of remembrance. Leaders of movements of all description see the correct definition of true leadership in the lofty life of this Great Apostle of non violence. Members of mass struggle find in the several crusades of this Soul Force Crusader, the proper procedure for such deliberations. Rulers of the people who saw in the Gandhian movement something that was directed against them knew well that there was no malice or ill-will involved. Hence the purity of the high pedestal — leadership of the Gandhian agitation.

And so October 2 is certainly a day to be understood and held as an exalting example.

## Mahatma Gandhi

howsoever feeble a manner are written. The following are just a few thoughts and recollections.

The Mahatma came only once to Sri Lanka. It is natural that he gave excellent advice as usual. When an address of welcome was presented to him, he said that self-suppression, self-effacement and self-sacrifice were indispensable for

## Sale of Unredeemed Jewellery

I shall sell by public auction the unredeemed jewellery pawned before 1-4-1975 with Mr P. S. Appiah of Ansikoddai Road, Kokuvil West Jaffna. On Wednesday 13-10-1976 commencing at 9-30 a.m. at the said pawn shop.

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any kind of public service whether it be for leaders or for workers and followers.

Another matter he stressed was that the education of any Hindu child is incomplete unless he has some knowledge of Sanskrit.

Yet another point he stressed was, to use his own words, that the "hateful system of dowry" should be discarded completely.

A further point he emphasized was that God makes no distinction between His worshippers and that the doors of all temples should be open to one and all who wish to worship Him.

In one of his earlier utterances in Britain, he called vegetarianism as the "priceless and unique treasure of Hinduism".

Another dictum of his was the following "Happiness does not depend on what you can get but on what you can give".

His humility, spiritual and otherwise was well-known. He gave expression to these poignant words:—

"In judging myself I shall try to be as harsh as truth as I want others to be. Measuring myself by that standard, I must exclaim with Surdas:—

'Where is there a wretch So wicked and so loath-

some as I  
I have forsaken my Magker  
So Faithless have I Been'

The Mahatma's attitude reminds us of the following sacred stanzas from our holy Saiva scripture:—

வாந்தெனும் சமயல் விட்டு  
எறுமையாம் சீறுமை தப்பித்  
தாந்தெனும் தனமையோடு  
சொவமாம் சமயம் சாரும்  
ஆந்தெறநிது —

ஸ்ரூபாயின் சூதாந்தை  
பொமிம் மக்களுடைப்பேறு  
நினை பெறுவே, வா

## THE WORSHIP OF THE SUPREME MOTHER GODDESS

BY V. SIVASAMY

From very early times before the dawn of civilization, man has been thinking about the force or Sakti who creates, protects and destroys the universe. It might be that he looked at the various natural phenomena and being struck with wonder, worshipped them. In course of time, the concept of a powerful force in, behind and beyond the world was evolved. Man thought of this force as male or female in the wake of his own experience in his own country, as a human being living with his family in the society. Historians believe that long before the evolution of the patriarchal society where man dominated over his female counterpart, there had been a time when the female member of the human species played a predominant role. And in such a

of a long dry summer, rainy seasons sets in by this time. The parched up land puts forth tender shoots of grass and other forms of minor vegetation. Trees which have shed leaves begin to have tender leaves. More especially in an agricultural society as ours, the farmer begins to plough and sow his paddy which also sprouts by this time. Thus the whole landscape becomes green and beautiful. It is nothing but fitting that a festival dedicated to the Almighty Mother Goddess is celebrated on a grand scale at this time of the year.

It is also worth to remember that this festival has some rites relating to the futility cult of the dim past. The consecration of the nine types of grain usually grown in this region with the pure water and following them to sprout to be taken out on the tenth day may be cited here.

In the Saiva form of Hinduism, the supreme God Siva and Sakti are conceived of as inseparable. The Sakti is the energy of Siva and without Her, He cannot activate the universe. This Sakti is the grace Siva descending on all souls to save them from the miseries of sin. The Siddhiyar, one of the most important works on Saiva Siddhanta succinctly says "Sakti is the Grace of Siva and without the Grace there is no Siva and there is no Siva without Sakti." Such a pre eminent position is given to the Mother Goddess in Saivism; correspondingly, atleast in theory, the woman is held

(To be continued)

வாந்தெறிக வந்து பெய்க விவைக்கு ஏற்க மன்னை  
கொல்லுமை அரசு கெய்க குறைவிலா தப்பிக்க வாந்து  
நான்மை மறந்த கொல்ல நற்றுவம் வேண்டி மால  
மேன்மொள் வைந்தி விளக்கு உடை மென்மை

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