

THOUGHTS TO BE TREASURED

போகின்ற எட்டும் புகுவின்ற பத்தெட்டும்
ஆகிப் படைத்தன ஒன்பது வாய்தலும்
நாகமும் எட்டுடோடு நாலு புரவியும்
பாகன் சிடாவிழல் பண்றிய மாலேம்.

The eight that go out, the eighteen (10+8) that come in, the well-made nine-gates the monkey the twelve (8+4) horses.—all these become pigs if not properly directed by the driver.



Hindu Organ

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Dispelling Darkness

LEAD us on! Kindly Light. Let us thus greet the Great God in adoration at the time of the Thirukkāthikai Thiruvilakku ceremony

Shiva Peruman is Light. He is the Ever-Resplendent Enlightener of souls. We souls wantonly grope in darkness unaware of the fact that there is a latent Power — the Eternal Light that can make us see the light only if we wish to do so.

Despite all the wonders of science and the diffusion of scientific knowledge, notwithstanding the extension of the effects of electricity all over the earth, yet, the darkness in man has not been removed. He continues to grope in darkened confusion. Of what avail is then science or keen knowledge of scientific research? The Devil of Ignorance is the personification of Darkness. That the world is being domineered by the Devil is evident from the large scale disasters that are being caused almost every hour by murderous mischief — hijacking, black mailing, kidnapping, highway robbing and head-hunting. Humanity has simply ignored the existence of Light. Else why should it become corrupt and seek pleasure in being black-hearted, in practising black art? Shall we not even at this late hour learn by our own sufferings that there is chance left for us to endeavour to see the Light? Cannot we learn the significance of the religious ceremonies — the heritage of our forbears — and try to interpret the meaning thereof to make our lives more sublime?

“ஏதுக்களாலும் எடுத்தமொழியாலும் மிககுச் சோதிக்கவேண்டா, கடர்விடோன் எங்கள்மேடி. மாதுக்கம் நீங்கல்லறுவீர் மன்றபற்றிவழந்த விழு. சாதக்கள்மிக்கர் இறையேலந்து சார்மிங்களோ.”

Futile it is to search for Him with too much of argumentation and citation of analogies. Our Shining Lord manifests Himself as Flaming Fire. Come ye, that would get rid of your immense woes, and prosper concentrating your thoughts on Him. And ye, tranquil-minded sages, come quick and abide in Him.

தோற்று காட்சி கடர்விட்டுள்ள என்பது, ஆன்ற அன்பிற் புறத்தொளியாய் அன்பிற ஊன்ற உள்ளெழுஞ் சோதியாய் நின்றனன், ஏன்று காண்பாரிக்கு இதுபொருள் என்றதாம்

That the Shining One manifests Himself as Flaming Fire means that He is not only the outside worldly Light but also manifests Himself as the intense Light rising from within to those who contemplate on Him with steadfast love. To those who identify themselves with Him and understand this truth will be clear.”

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

BY V. SIVASAMY

Light has been and continues to be an essential element for all aspects of creation. Man, the crown of creation, has realized its importance long before the dawn of civilization. The early man wondered at the various aspects of natural phenomena. Light whether in the form of the sun, the moon, the stars, the lightning, and the fire has drawn his attention. He longed to have the light, wherever, he lived

When civilization advanced man realized the importance of God as the creator, protector and destroyer of the creation, who is above everything but controls and guides everything in the universe. He thought of the God as having a form or without a form or a Saguna or Nirguna Brahman. A Vedic Seer has said “Truth is one and the sages call It in various names”. Man living in various parts of the world visualized God as light. In this respect as in some others too, there is a fundamental unity among all the great religions of the world.

The seers and sages of Hinduism right from the earliest record of literature the Rig-Veda have very often referred to the God as in the form of light. When one traces the evolution of any religion, he will invariably find that the society and the social thought of a particular locality have an important bearing on that particular religion. To start with, man has wondered at the sun the moon, the stars etc. He Among these, the Deepavali and the Karttikai Deepam are more popular. These two are celebrated in the Sarad or Autumn season. The former is more popular as a social and religious festival and vrata in the Northern parts of India, whereas, latter is more popular in the South especially in Tamilnadu. It is also to be noted that Karttikai is a cold month

The idea of God as light did not stop with this. It developed further, when nobler and Karttikai is a cold month

வான்முகில் வழாது பெய்க் கலிவளஞ்சரக்கமன்னன் கொன்றுமை அரசு செய்க் குறைவிலா துயிர்க்கன் வாழ்த் தாங்கமை யறங்க கோங்க நற்றவம் வேங்கி மக்க மேங்கமொன் சைவந்து விளங்குக உலக பெல்காம்,

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Healthy Democratic Precedent

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It is reported from Washington that Mr. Carter, the President of the United States of America, met the old President Mr. Ford, his predecessor in office and discussed matters relating to their great country between the two of them. Mr. Carter expressed his satisfaction after the interview, inter alia, in the following sentence:-

“There cannot have been a better demonstration of unity, friendship and good-will than has been shown to me since the election, by President Ford.”

This democratic, helpful and statesmanship procedure is worthy of being followed by leaders in Sri Lanka, if I may be permitted to say so with deference. A new Prime Minister could meet an old Prime Minister in the same manner. Such a convention could be followed by the Presidents of our Republic as well as by our country's Ministers, and Members of Parliament, and officials in the service of the State.

in Tamilnadu and the importance of the fire or the light at this time need not be reiterated. Further, the month Karttikai also is also closely associated with the God Muruga.

The Karttikai Deepam has a long history, possibly from the pre-Sangam days. It is referred to in the Sangam classics like the Akananuru and Nedunvalvaci. This festival is closely associated with the worship of Muruga the God par excellence of the ancient Tamils. Further in the ancient Tamil literary tradition Muruka is the God of the hills. Some popular Tamil expressions like “the light of moun’tain” (மலையினக்கு) like the beacon on the summit of a mountain (குன்றின்மேலிட்டுப் போல) are also worthy of note

(To be continued)

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