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Ahimsa is Religious Obligation

In the hurly-burly of political ferment, the common man gets confused and finds that he is unable to realize the true value of some concepts that are placed before him. For example, the word Ahimsa, merely expressed in the term 'non-violence' is often referred to by all propagandists along with political pundits. To the present generation, the concepts may appear to be a new ideal that has occurred to modern politicians. Beyond repeating this oft-repeated word - Ahimsa or non violence, no leader has ever attempted to render a true exposition of the significance of the religious trait that lies behind this magic term.

Mahatma Gandhi, however, had on every occasion rendered the true import of this religious duty in simple and significant words. He alone had quoted Scriptures to prove the holiness and efficacy of the weapon of non-violence, a way of moral conduct carrying religious authority with it.

January is the month in which this great interpreter of this hallowed concept, Mahatma Gandhi lost his precious life at the felonious hands of the very person to whom among thousands of others, he was indicating by his prayer the essence of non-violence. The assassin had only soiled his hands and exposed the humbug and hollowness of the group of politicians who preach progress by means of pernicious weapons. Hence it is very appropriate that we should refer to the need for re-thinking during this month of January an occasion for universal grief, so that man might be able to place religion before everything else.

KARUNAKARAK KADAVUL

சிர்குன சிரமய விருஞ்சன திராமைப்
நிர்விஷை கைவல்யமா
விள்ளன அசக்கங் சரைகிட சிர்வண
திர்த்தொங்க நிர்த்தமுக்கத
தற்பர வில்லாந்த க்ஷோமபரி பூரண
சதானந்த ஞானபகவ
சம்புசிவ சங்கர சர்வேச என்றுநான்
சர்வாலமூழ வினாவனே
அற்புத அகோச விவரித்தபெறம் அஸ்பருக்
கானந்த பூர்த்தியான
அந்தவை விச்சய செற்றுப்பா கார்த்தார
ஏதுபுதி யஞகுடமூங்
கற்பனீர் மறக்காண முககணுடன் வடமிழ்
கண்ணுடிடுத் துருவே
கருதரிய சுறைபையில் அனந்த விர்த்தமிட
கருணை ரக கடவுளே.

(Sri Muttucumarasamy's Translation)

On God of mercy, Who performest the dance of immeasurable happiness, in the hall of inconceivable Intelligence! O three-eyed Preceptor, who art seated under the shelter of the A'la tree in order that followers, who have obtained the rare and incomprehensible deliverance (Niviti), might, their doubts cleared, attain the blissful, non-dual, certain, self-evident, true, Swarupa experience. Shall I ever think of Thee as one, devoid of the three qualities, suffering, births, attachments; inaccessible to the senses, alone, formless, freed from relations, immovable, indescribable, independent, eternal, released from sins, supreme, above the universe, all pervading us space, the ever-happy Lord of wisdom, Sambhu, Siva Sankara, Sarveshwara.

ON SLAUGHTER OF COWS

The Text of a Memorandum to the Minister of Rural and Industrial Development, Colombo,

Honoured Sir,

Hinduism and Buddhism emphatically consider the Cow as a holy being. Hindu scriptures enumerate a number of prohibitions as unpardonable sins. The slaughter of animals is one such prohibition. The killing of cows is unthinkable.

Like the Panchakaras five holy letters, the five old products of the cow, are sine-qua-non for all ceremonies in Temples and for religious rites in general.

Our Sabha has all along advocated the preservation of the cow and the prohibition of the slaughter of the cow. The journals of the Sabha, the Hindu Organ and the Inthusathanam, time and again have appealed to the government and the people in respect of this very important issue.

The proposal of the present government rightly described as Tharmista Administration, to bring forward legislation to prohibit the slaughter of cows, has the full and enthusiastic support of our Sabha.

The Executive Committee of our Sabha on learning of your proposal promptly adopted a resolution welcoming and appreciating the laudable move and suggesting that the proposed legislation should be introduced without delay."

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
M. Mylvaganam
Religious Propaganda Secretary

Works of the late A. VISVANATHAN

Read and enjoy the works of the late A. Visvanathan, who wrote under the pen-name "Science Graduate."

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Letter to the Editor

What is Wrong with Present-day Leadership?

Morality is derived from the spirituality of the WORD OF GOD revealed by His Prophets of the age.

When a man assumed the leadership of religion for which he had no authority, morality was dethroned and immorality was enthroned, which we see expressed in lawlessness, boozing, sex, alcoholism, drugism, corruption, pillaging, violence and divorce which in Britain are running at over 130,000 per annum.

How could the finite man penetrate the infinite and know the WILL OF GOD which is a prerogative of the Prophets who are the base for religion and civilization.

Remakrishna: "O preacher, unless you have been commissioned and inspired by God, you are wasting your lungs." Swami Vivekananda: "Religion is growing from a lesser truth to higher truth O' Divine Reality, as we prey to Thee we know the Vedas, the Bible, the Koran, all have come from Thy Book of Truth, but an infinitesimal number of pages still remain to be unfolded."

The world today reflects man's wrong leadership Seremban, Malaysia

K. RAJAH

Independence Day

Some ideas which certainly are not exhaustive arising from Sri Lanka's Independence Day strike me. They are the following:

(1) Giving Religion the first place in our collective and individual life

(2) The avoidance of extremism. The Prime Minister of Australia Mr Malcolm Fraser after meeting our distinguished visitor Shri Morariji Desai is reported to have stated as follows:-

"Extremism which took the form of refusal to understand the perspectives and problems of others, the lack of respect for the legitimacy for different approaches was dangerous. Mr. Fraser pleaded for our passion to be on the pursuit of tolerance. All the world's religions have preached the pursuit of tolerance and it is inspiring to read the emphasis on this ideal given by an international and experienced statesman like Mr. Fraser"

LANKA THE LAND of TEMPLES

At the sessions of the Viseva Hindu Parishad held at Allahabad in January 1979, Mr. M. K. Kanagendram delegate of the Federation of Y. M. B. A.s of Sri Lanka read a paper on "Hinduism in Ceylon". In the course of his paper, he referred to the glorio past of Hinduism in Sri Lanka and to the five renowned I-warams placing emphasis on the unique position of Thirukoneswaram quoting historical works of eminent non Hindus.

3. On this occasion, the following words from a celebrated writer, Mr. Mark Twain are very instructive:-

'The Country is the real thing;
the substantial thing;
the eternal thing.'

4. Having been associated from my school days in the Movement for National Independence of Sri Lanka, that is for nearly 70 years, I humbly pray that something of the spirit of the submissions and the quotations offered would to some extent be considered dispassionately, if not favourably, by citizens Sri Lanka, of all races and creeds,

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வாங்மூலில் வழாது பேர்ம
மயவளர்த் தைக மனைக்
கோங்குறை யாச சௌக
கொறவாத மயிகை வாந்து
மறவும் வெளி வைக
கொலம்போல் அசுவநி
விளங்க உலக மூவரை.

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Lead me from death to immortality