

SALUTARY UNDERSTANDING

NEED FOR INNER LIGHT

AN essential requisite in life is right understanding. We need this inner light to see the way in all circumstances. In this world of duality, good and evil, right and wrong, true and false are so intermixed that clear understanding is indispensable for right choice at each and every step of life. By it we can view things in the true perspective and appraise them correctly. It enables us to distinguish between the good and the pleasant, the essential and the non-essential, the primary and the secondary, the real and the unreal. Thus it prevents confusion and infuses conviction in us. With this inner eye open, we feel we walk in light.

A person may have wealth and position without being able to use them judiciously for lack of right understanding; rather there is every chance of his losing them by unwise measures. On the other hand, a man having no rank or power can rise to the heights of glory by the exercise of right understanding. Even when all external resources fail, the right understanding alone can guide us out of all difficulties and dangers. It teaches us how to make necessary adjustments in all conditions. It exhorts us to be at our best in each and every situation. There is no obstacle which cannot be overcome, no problem which cannot be solved, no plight from which there is no escape, when we can read the situation aright with clear understanding and well-balanced mind.

Purifying the Mind

Right understanding develops when the mind is purified. It is the same pure intellect. It does not function unless the mind is calm. Mental purity and calmness go together. Moral impurity blurs our vision and prevents us from seeing things in their true light. Even if, by some means,

we come to know the right course we are not able to pursue it as long as the wrong tendencies prevail. As it often happens, emotion like anger, pride, greed, jealousy, fear, and lust unbalance the mind, overpower will and hoodwink reason.

So when we pray to God for right understanding, we should at the same time try our utmost to be pure in thought, speech, and deed and pray to Him to help us to be so. Prayers are readily responded to only when we are sincere, when we make the best use of our existing capacities; however limited they may be. Whatsoever resources God has already provided us with we must utilize fully before we ask for more. 'Heaven helps those that help themselves' is not a saying without meaning.

Value of Prayer

We have to pray to God. With all our weaknesses, how can we depend solely on ourselves? Try howsoever we may, self-effort alone proves inadequate for our upliftment. Can the bound free themselves? Can the blind be their own guides? After continuous struggle and repeated failures we realize more than ever how weak we are, how strong is our attachment to sense life, how deep-seated are the passions and propensities in us. To eradicate them seems to be beyond mortal power. Then we feel the absolute need of divine help, guidance, and grace. Then we pray to God with all sincerity and humility. We surrender ourselves to Him, yet our efforts do not cease. We struggle, depending on His grace for success. Who but the all-loving, all-merciful Maker and Ruler of the universe can forgive our faults, make us free from all sins and vices, and lead us in His path amidst the allurements of life? Who but the All-seeing Supreme

Indian Premier On Peace Move

Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, India's Prime Minister, told the House of the People on 12-6-52. "I remember seeing an advertisement in England, 'Join the British Navy and see the world'. Now you might very well say, 'Join the peace movement, and have free trips around the world'."

With these words, Mr. Nehru ridiculed the Communist "peace" campaign and suggestions made in the House that he should call a peace conference of the Big Powers.

He said he could not understand how people talked of peace while preparing for war.

"We have plenty of peace conferences nowadays. We all want peace of course. Yet in some countries, peace is considered a dangerous word, and if you talk of peace there one almost suspects your loyalty," Mr. Nehru said.

"In other countries, peace is talked about so much, and in such tones that they deafen your ears, and almost sound like war. Are we going to help by shouting slogans and attending meetings and conferences?"

Being can endow us with the inner vision to see the Light in this world of darkness and delusion? Who but the ever-free, ever-pure Omnipotent Lord can remove all our bondages, miseries, and delusions and make us eternally free, pure, and perfect?

Light of Truth

Right understanding is a rare gift of God. As it develops the light of Truth dawns upon us. We learn to discriminate between the eternal and the evanescent, the real and the unreal, the relative and the absolute. Eventually we know God alone is real; He alone exists in the true sense. It is

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PROBLEM OF THE FUTURE OF MANKIND

All - Round Co - operation— The New Order

HOW little we know of man's beginnings — and still less of his destiny, here or elsewhere! This thought occurred to me more vividly than ever the other day when I was visiting the old home of Charles Darwin at Downe, in Kent, where he lived and worked for over forty years until his death in 1882.

Another Darwin, grandson of the first, has recently written a book entitled "The Next Million Years" in which he discusses, *inter alia*, what may happen to the human race before the end of that long epoch. The publication in 1859 of "The Origin of Species" by his famous forbear caused a revolution in thought, the substantial effects of which are with us to this day. But there is obviously a vast difference between a work that was based upon ascertained facts and one which could be little more

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than an exercise in speculative anticipation. The past may be weighed and checked, but who can measure what a single year may bring forth let alone a lakh of centuries?

Pessimistic View

Prophets of woe are warning us that this globe is in danger of bursting its bounds by the sheer surplus of population, which, they say, becomes more unmanageable as the years roll on. This problem of the future of mankind is of immediate concern to all now living since it involves questions of race survival which are casting their dark shadows before. All four continents are confronted with racial conflicts that are becoming ominously acute in the varied spheres of anthropology, sociology, economics and politics. How and where is room to be found for the myriads yet to be born on this small and diminishing earth without cataclysmal upheavals. In the atomic age we have now entered it can hardly be premature to think of what may be awaiting those who come after us, if not ourselves. Indeed, there are signs enough already that man himself, by his perverted

"science", may precipitate a fate beyond our worst imagining.

Population Problem

Let us recall a few of the facts. The present population of the world is estimated to be about 2,000,000,000, a figure which, under prevailing conditions, will probably be doubled in the next fifty years. Mark also, in passing, that the rate of increase is notably higher in what is called the East than in the West. It is impossible here to discuss the internal repercussions which this fact involves for some of the countries of Asia, particularly India, China and Japan. On current reckoning the upper limit of the world's inhabitants is put at 10,000,000,000. It is further computed by certain economists that unless far greater food resources can be found than are at present in sight it will be impossible to keep pace with ultimate demands and that, in the absence of fundamental changes, untold millions will be doomed to utter starvation.

Modern Discoveries

This is not an essay on birth control or any other artificial antidote to the human spillover. We must beware of specifics which may be more dangerous morally and socially, than the diseases they are supposed to remedy. Nor can the prophets of doom be allowed to have it all their own way, though a facile optimism is also to be avoided. After all, the later Darwin's million years are a fairly long period of time, and a few more of nature's secrets will be uncovered before its expiration. These are days of pessimism when it is the fashion to talk as if destructive forces will always be in the ascendant, while the powers of construction lie dormant. The mass-destroying bomb is not the last word in the atomic dictionary. The rivalry of a few great Powers has magnified the military significance of modern discoveries in nuclear science, but these discoveries are no less applicable to the physical needs of mankind. Think what might be done to improve the status and

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Hindu Organ

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1952

Treasure These Thoughts

First win the heart and then appeal to reason. Love might hope where reason would despair. The wind could not take the coat from the traveller in the fable but the heat did.

THE RED SATYAGRAHI

Atom bomb and Ahimsa go ill together. And so do many other known incompatibilities. If Mr. Jaiprakash Narain who began political life as a Congressman and later founded the Socialist party in India resolved to undertake a political fast, Satyagrahis of the Gandhian Order would laugh in their sleeves. And Mr. Narain is an unrelenting critic of Communism as practised in India.

In these columns we have often drawn a sharp distinction between the true Satyagrahi and the counterfeit. For it is an accepted fact that the weapon of moral might cannot be used but by those who had subjected themselves to the strictest disciplinary self purification as contemplated by Gandhiji. At a time when the Ceylon Indians are making every endeavour to mobilise public opinion in their favour the announcement that Mr. Aziz is heading the list of sponsors in Sri Lanka of the Communist guided 'Peace Conference' only points to the way the wind is blowing. In the agreeable company of the Communist member of Parliament Mr. Pieter Keuneman, the leader of the Ceylon Indian Congress

can only represent that political complexion which the latter wishes the otherwise peace loving Ceylon Indian Congress to take.

We make bold to say that unless and until the Ceylon Indian Congress disowns Mr. Aziz and denounces his disruptionist tendencies, the fair amount of sympathy and feeling for the cause of the Ceylon Indians will disappear and go by default. The common man has unequivocally declared at the polls that the revolutionary brand of political organisations cannot any longer trap him and that totalitarianism cannot take root in this little isle of peaceful thoughts and deeds. In short Sri Lanka can never allow any brand of Marxism and its allied or improved ideologies gain a foot hold in her sacred shores. Then is it not the height of impudence for Mr. Aziz who is essentially a Communist, to march at the head of a large number of unsuspecting Ceylon Indians in a non violent struggle called 'Satyagraha'? Does Mr. Aziz feel satisfied that the Indians whose cause he professes to fight for will not be able to discover the real reddish complexion in his political outlook?

The people of this country as those of the neighbouring sub-continent have in common a culture and a civilisation that recognise spiritual values in preference to material assessment. And therefore the Marxist method of political hegemony cannot be entertained even as an experiment. The cult of the cruel weapon of destruction has thrown a challenge to humanity and it is only the East that can courageously accept the wager. The Ceylon Indian Congress has a duty to discharge and a responsibility to shoulder at this juncture. It should show to the people of this Island the clearest proof of their good intentions by getting itself rid of all revolutionary elements. As for the mockery of the slogan of peace being mouthed by those who breathe in the atmosphere of disruption, foment the fumes of hatred, din the words of destruction into the ears of the man in the street and draw the sword of death, we need not be alarmed for the people who cherish the sacred rights of human justice know how to meet it with withering scorn and derision.

In The House of Representatives

LEFTIST LEADER REPORTED

Reference To 'Some Queer Animals'

The Member for Ruwanwella did not avail himself of the opportunity given him by the Speaker to make a statement on the complaint made by the Leader of the House that Dr. N. M. Perera was reported to have said at a recent public meeting that "I visited Parliament yesterday, and what did I see—some queer animals! There were people in it who did not understand what politics meant. The very sight of them would make one lose one's appetite for a week." "How did they creep into the Parliament."

This added colour to the colourful incidents on Tuesday last when the Second Parliament began in a sombre note, gloomy because the Leftist Leader now no longer Leader of the Opposition being accused of breach of privilege and another Leftist being named for insisting on speaking in the Sinhalese Language notwithstanding the Speaker's ruling that already two speeches had been made in Sinhalese and a third without adequate notice could not be allowed.

The 'Breach of Privilege' motion gave ample scope for the speech-makers. The S. L. F. P. Leader who on a previous occasion had himself handled such a motion, in his new capacity as Leader of the Opposition, went to the aid of him whom he had displaced and who had been his *vis-a-vis* in the 1st Parliament.

Obnoxious Practice

Mr. C. Suntharalingam, perhaps the only Independent now in Parliament the others having joined the Government Party, hastened to oppose the motion and characterised any attempt to ask for the appointment of a Select Committee to investigate the matter merely on a news report as an obnoxious practice.

The Leftist M. P. for Galle to whom the subject matter of discussion was no new thing attempted to treat the question in a lighter vein.

Finally the motion of the Leader of the House requesting the appointment of a Select Committee of the House to enquire into the breach of privilege was accepted by 71 votes to 21.

The Conduct of Elections

It was a matter-of-fact speech hardly in keeping with the well known Bandaranaike style of debate when the Leader of the Opposition moved his motion demanding

an enquiry into the conduct of the recently held General Election. The same facts the same sentiments and the same paraseology as were in evidence at the Galle Face Mass Protest Meeting could be seen in the introductory speech of the M. P. for Attanagala. He moaned that the essential ingredient in the democratic system was not to be found and proceeded to accuse the highly placed public officers of having wielded their influence in favour of the U. N. P. Candidates. However, Mr. Bandaranaike had nothing to say against the Presiding Officers in the booths he had visited!

The Dead Resuscitated

'From the grave to the polling booth' explanation of the M. P. for Galle to account for the General Election and other similar sarcastic sallies of Mr. Dahanayake were as stimulating as his pre-election denunciation of the Freedom Party Leader that Mr. Bandaranaike was as much a U. N. P. man as any other U. N. P. member. But strangely enough it fell to the lot of Mr. Dahanayake the unrelenting critic of Mr. Bandaranaike to second the motion of the latter!

The guns on the Government side did boom but not the 'Bren type'. Mr. A. Ratnayake, Minister for Home Affairs led the attack but it was the Finance Minister who, evidently feeling that the House would like some witticisms to counter Mr. Dahanayake's winged darts, made a full contribution to the debate perhaps reminiscent of the devastating speech he made in a U. N. O. Conference in America. Straightaway he characterised the Leader of the Opposition as the most pathetic political figure in the whole of Asia having earlier described him as the Judas of democracy. To Mr. Jayawardena the indignation of the Reds was understandable for did not the Communists after the Elections in India and Burma say that the results were obtained fraudulently? But he could not comprehend the working of the mind of the Leader of the only democratic group in Parliament other than the U. N. P.

The M. P. for Vavuniya now an adept in the art of coining picturesque phrases described model of the present Government as 'fraudocracy'.

The debate that extended late beyond dinner time ended tamely. 64 shouted 'no' to 20 ayes.

NEHRU ON OFFICIALDOM

The governance of any country in the world to-day is no easy matter and the governance of a great and varied country like India is perhaps as hard a task as any in the world to-day.

Any person who is associated with this governance must approach this great task with humility as well as with a measure of faith. Whether we are small men or big, we are engaged in great undertakings affecting the life and future of vast numbers of human beings. No man can say with certainty that success will come to him, but every man can determine to do his utmost to achieve success.

The governance of a country does not merely consist in issuing orders from some high office but rather in reaching the minds and hearts of the masses of the people to bring about satisfactory human relations. Ultimately, almost every problem can be resolved into one of human relations.

We have to deal with human beings and humanity and we can only deal with them if we always keep in view the human aspect of every problem. We are apt to forget this, living in our ivory towers of Government offices and dealing impersonally with files and papers. But behind those files and papers and the problems discussed in them, lie human beings.

Gandhi's Ideals For World Peace

The Indian President Dr. Rajendra Prasad while replying to a joint address of welcome presented by the Nainital Municipal and District Boards, said the only way to establish international peace and retain independence of free nations was for them to follow the ideals laid down by Mahatma Gandhi, which were aimed at the well-being of the entire human race. Every nation in the world to-day, the President said, wanted peace but they looked at their neighbours with fear and suspicion, making a departure from the right approach to the problem.

India could take the lead in contributing to world peace only if she was able to retain her newly achieved independence, the President said. But, he, however, added that no nation in the world could retain its freedom so long as the people were not alert and India having borne the brunt of foreign invasions in the past should remain vigilant to protect her freedom. The people had to work ceaselessly even at the cost of their lives for the nation's prosperity, the President said.

Problem Of The Future Of Mankind

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happiness of all races if the mind of man could be diverted from the forging of weapons of war to the cultivation of arts of peace. We of this generation are the unhappy victims of a vicious circle in which the whole world has been caught up. If the wars of the past hundred years could have been prevented and science had concentrated on works of amelioration, we would have gone far towards the eradication of plague, pestilence and famine. The production of food alone would have multiplied to such an extent that nearly every human need would have been satisfied. Instead of being threatened with over population the world would have profited by the fruitful inventions of science and all nations might have shared in an unheard-of prosperity.

New Determination

But it is no use wringing our hands in despair over wasted opportunities: better turn our energies to the coming age with a new determination to bring good out of evil, if that be possible. It is not mere wishful thinking to look forward to an era in which the urge to betterment shall overcome the drift to ruin and death. If man will only be guided by wisdom in these next hundred years the utilisation of his fast developing resources will enable him to surmount many of the physical obstacles now standing in his way. What may be called the law of intensified momentum has become much more manifest in these later days. Things taken for granted in 1952 would have appeared incredible and miraculous to the Victorians. What was fabulous yesterday is fact to-day.

An Instance

Let us take only one example — aeronautics. In this sphere there was little or no advance throughout the nineteenth century, but as soon as the heavier-than-air machine was brought into being, marvellous strides were made in air transport within a short period, both in speed and distance—though here again, as so much of this advance has been misdirected.

We are already on the threshold of the super-territorial. It is fanciful to predict that, within a conceivable future, adventurous men (and women too) will not only be delving more deeply into the bowels of the earth, but will also be reaching out into depths of space which now seem fathomless? Only it will be necessary and advisable to scrap those predatory instincts which have worked so much evil in the past. All-round co-operation and fair shares will have to be the order of the new day. Given these, who can measure the effect of the resulting discoveries even

upon our mundane problems of population?

Promising Future

It is not only possible but probable that the clouds, the atmosphere, the very air we breathe will be brought under some degree of human control at no very remote date to the inestimable advantage of soil fertility and food production. The oceans can be made to yield us hydraulic power to an extent beyond computing. Light and heat from the sun, now largely dissipated, will be canalized and applied to human purposes as never before.

And will not other worlds be open to peaceful conquest before this old earth is exhausted? (Not so very old, either, in comparison with some others!). We want no "war of the worlds" in the Wellsian sense, though even the victories of science cannot be won without sacrifice. Pushful investigators have already ventured into and beyond the stratosphere, and it begins to be certain that contact with outer space promises something more than a Jules Verne "voyage to the moon".
— Madras Hindu

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 1445

In the matter of the estate of the late Emily Packiam widow of Samuel Edmund Nesaratnam Solomon of Uduvil, Jaffna.

Deceased.
Samuel Araskone Solomon of Chavakachcheri.

Petitioner.
Vs.
Spaulding Paul Kirubai Solomon of Uduvil.

Respondent.
This matter of the petition of the petitioner praying that he be declared entitled to administer the estate of his deceased father the abovenamed deceased and that letters of administration issued to him accordingly, coming on for disposal before K. D. de Silva Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 25th day of April 1952 the presence of Mr. P. R. Rajendra Proctor for the petitioner and the petition and affidavit of the petitioner having been read;

It is ordered that the abovenamed petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled to administer the estate of his deceased father and the letters of administration issued to him accordingly, unless the respondent above named or any others shall show sufficient cause to the contrary on or before the 30th day of June 1952 at 10 a. m.

This 25th day of April 1952.
Sgd. K. D. de Silva
District Judge.

Drawn by,
P. R. Rajendra Proctor for Petr.
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In the Senate.

Deserving Congratulation For Govt.

Clear Mandate From The People

Senator S. R. Kanaganayakam proposed the address of Thanks to the Governor-General in reply to the Throne speech and said that the Government had achieved outstanding success in the matter of maintaining stability and order, obtaining a higher standard of living and increasing food production. This freedom of speech assured and given by the Government to the people has been turned into a 'freedom of abuse' by some of the opposition leaders added Senator Kanaganayakam and then referred to the proposed Paddy Bill; irrigation projects and food production schemes.

In conclusion he said that the country had given the Govt. a clear mandate and

that was significant.

Electoral Law Broken

Senator S. Nadesan directed his attention on the Press, the Catholic Church and the 'intrusions of the U. S. Embassy in the internal affairs of the country' and went on to find reasons for the defeat of the Anti U. N. P. forces. Later he brought the candidates as a 'Community' into the ken of his observations and exclaimed that the electoral law had been broken for according to his computation anything between Rs. 30,000 and Rs. 100,000 had been spent by each candidate.

Generalisations of improper conduct were made but with the reservation that the U. N. P. had more resources than other parties.

Later Senator Nadesan moved an amendment regretting that the conduct of the recent election had resulted in a travesty of democratic process. Sir Latha Rajapakse spoke for the Government Party and put a plain question why the Opposition could not take defeat in the same spirit in which they took success. Senator P. Nagalingam said that the U. N. P. Government was nothing but 'Jobbery'.

The Lanka Ayurvedic College— Jaffna

Examination Results— 1952

The North Ceylon Board of Indigenous Medicine has declared the following students to have passed the Annual Examination held in March 1952.

The order is according to merit.

Final Year—(D. A. M.)

- K. Kanapathippillai IIrd Div.
- S. Gunaratnam IIrd "
- T. Thambaiyah IIrd "
- M. Nallathambay IIIrd "
- S. Ambalavanar IIIrd "

Second Year—(S. A. M.)

- G. Sivapiragasam IIIrd Div.
- S. Kandiah IIIrd "

First Year—(Pre-medical)

- V. Ramaiya IIIrd Div.
- S. Thiyagarajah IIIrd "

Our Astrological Feature

WEEKLY FORECASTS

"SRI PATY"

FROM 22-6-52 TO 28-6-52

ARIES Aswini, Barani, Kartikai 1st part [Medha Rasi]

You will have much to gain if you are patient this week. Social success and triumph over competitors promised. An old problem likely to clear up before week end.

TAURUS Kartikai 2, 3, 4, Rohini, Mirugasirisha 1, 2 [Idapa Rasi]

There will be some personal complications and you will be worrying over minor affairs. If you stop worrying and concentrate on job at hand you will be able to achieve something substantial. Avoid arguments and hasty decisions week end.

GEMINI Mirugasirisha 3, 4, Thiruvathirai, Punarpusam 1, 2, 3 [Mithuna Rasi]

A somewhat stormy week in your personal affairs. Mental restlessness also shown. But on the other hand financial gains and success in business promised. Health may cause you some anxiety.

CANCER Punarpoosa 4, Poosa, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]

You may fall out with some intimate friend this week. Some old problem about which you have completely forgotten may crop in fresh again. But you will be able to tackle them with some difficulty.

LEO Maha, Poora, Uttira 1, [Singha Rasi]

This will be an entirely pleasant week in your personal affairs. Secret success also promised. Avoid gambling and stick to routine and you are bound to achieve some gains. New deals need careful handling week end.

VIRGO Uttira 2, 3, 4, Atta, Chittirai 1, 2 [Kanni Rasi]

You may have to spend a lot this week. Social and business schemes may be temporarily held up. New friends will prove useful in clearing up some personal problems end of week.

LIBRA Chittirai 3, 4, Swati, Visaka 1, 2, 3, [Thula Rasi]

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday morning may cause you some anxieties and restlessness. Improvements promised after Tuesday and success in new undertakings and gains through friends indicated week end.

SCORPION Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

First two days of the week will be favourable for routine work. Tuesday afternoon Wednesday and Thursday are unfavourable days. Indication for minor accidents or fever. Week end must bring in some improvements.

SAGITTARIUS Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1. [Thanu Rasi]

Except the last two days this week is quite favourable. Good prospects in business and ruin to enemies promised. Go ahead with your ventures. Domestic troubles likely week end.

CAPRICORNUS Uttiradam 2, 3, 4, Thiruvonam, Avittam 1, 2. [Makara Rasi]

A good week for both personal and business deals. Opposition will melt away and you are bound to succeed in new ventures. Old investments must bring in some unexpected good returns.

AQUARIUS Avittam 3, 4, Satayam, Pooraddati 1, 2, 3 [Kumbha Rasi]

A somewhat disturbing week in personal affairs. Don't trust important affairs with new friends. Unless you are careful you may be made a scapegoat in your office.

PISCES Pooraddati 4, Uttiraddati, Revati. [Meena Rasi]

You will make some interesting social contacts this week. Triumph over competitors also promised. You are sure to succeed through some speculative ventures week end.

ANNUAL REPORT ON BROADCASTING

Progress of Tamil Service

IN Tamil music there are two distinct categories, classical Carnatic and light film music. The first though classical and high-brow has nothing lighter for the uninitiated listener. Nevertheless, by tradition, Tamil listeners, whether or not they possess a knowledge and appreciation of technical Carnatic music, accept classical music as a matter of course. A large number of Tamil listeners, however, have expressed their appreciation of film music, which consists of a mixture of Hindustani, Western and Carnatic music. A good proportion of time was therefore devoted to this type of programme. At the same time the claims of classical music were not overlooked. The hours devoted to the broadcasting of live musical programmes of this type being increased from 8 hours per week to approximately 10½ hours per week.

Talks

Talks on a varied number of subjects such as literature, arts, travel, science, history indigenous medicine, cottage industries, mother-craft and social hygiene were broadcast twice a week during the year.

Drama and Features

With the appointment of a Drama Assistant Radio drama which had been neglected for a number of years was revived. Weekly plays are now broadcast regularly and have proved most popular with listeners. In addition to drama, two detective serials were broadcast during the year and were well received.

Women's and Children's Programmes

Programmes for women and children were regularly broadcast at week-ends. The child audience is very receptive and it is interesting to note that many Radio Associations have been formed in different parts of the country by the radio ward to broadcast

Rural Broadcasts

Regular broadcasts for the rural audience were introduced during the year under review. A half

hourly Rural Magazine was broadcast daily at 6 P. M. except on Sundays. This consisted of dialogues, discussions, short plays with a rural theme, folk songs, folk dramas talks on cultivation, rural welfare, health, &c.

The Tamil Service introduced for the first time a scheme of Rural Radio Societies (Grama Radio Sangams) throughout the Island. The purpose of these Societies is to listen to the Rural broadcasts, send in reports criticisms, opinions and suggestions on the programmes broadcast by Radio Ceylon, and to act as a valuable liaison between the rural population and Radio Ceylon. This has proved most successful and has been of the greatest assistance in the compilation of our programmes.

Once a fortnight Farmers' Forum programmes were broadcast in which typical cultivators from various areas were asked to discuss their methods of cultivation. Experienced farmers from Mannar, Vavuniya, Murungau, Jaffna, Chunnakam, Mullaitivu, Trincomalee and Batticaloa took part in these programmes. These broadcasts were of considerable instructional value and evoked much favorable comment.

Arangetram (Radio Debut)

Among the new features introduced in 1951, was Arangetram or Radio Debut, a programme devised to encourage and develop fresh local talent. This proved highly successful both with the studio audience and listeners. As a result a number of new artistes have been found for use in Radio plays and feature programmes.

Round Table Discussion. Fortnightly discussion group programmes were broadcast during this year on a variety of subjects ranging from national languages to superstitions.

Change of Address

J. Hukkumbure L. D. S. Ben. has set up his Dental Practice at 37, 1st Cross Street, Jaffna. (M 41)

New Post Office Cycles

A new type of cycle, named the "Universal", has been introduced for the use of the Post Office staff in Britain.

The machine has been designed to meet all Post Office needs and will employ wherever practicable up-to-date components in common use in the trade. It is a great improvement on the old standard model, being 4½ lbs lighter in weight, and having 1½" tyres instead of 1¾". It has light alloy mudguards, standard trade pattern handlebars and all-rubber pedals.

Indian Cycle and Tool Industries

By the end of this year five bicycle manufacturing companies in India would be producing about 45,000 cycles a year. The industry to manufacture chains and free wheels used in bicycles is also proposed to be set up near Assol (Bihar).

The Machine Tool Factory at Jalahalli, near Bangalore, is expected to go into production in 1953. A State enterprise, this would be producing high precision tools. The factory, which will be the first fully graded machine tool factory, is expected to cost Rs. 83.7 million.

Ceylon Government Railway Level Crossing Repairs

The following Level Crossings will be closed to vehicular traffic during the periods stated below for effecting repairs:-

(1) The Level Crossing at 47 miles 18 chains (Railway mileage) on the Colombo-Kurunegala Road between Polgahawela and Potuhera Stations

Partial closure from 6.0 a. m. to 8.0 a. m. and from 4 p. m. to 6.0 p. m. on Sunday, 29.6.52.

Traffic will be assisted over the crossing

Totally closed from 8.0 a. m. to 4.0 p. m. on Sunday, 29.6.52.

During the period of total closure, traffic may proceed via Girambe - Narammala Road.

(2) The Level Crossing at 23 miles 52 chains (Negombo) on the Main Street Negombo Town.

Partial closure from 9.0 p. m. to 11.0 p. m. on Wednesday, 2.7.52 and 3.0 a. m. to 5.0 a. m. on Thursday, 3.7.52.

Traffic will be assisted over the crossing.

Totally closed from 11.0 p. m. on Wednesday, 2.7.52 to 3.0 a. m. on Thursday, 3.7.52

During the period of total closure traffic may proceed via Hunupitiya Road, St. Sebastian Road and St. Joseph Street. (G. 13-20)

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His reality that makes everything real. He who is pure Existence Knowledge-Bliss, is the one substance of all changing forms, the one all-pervasive Self of the manifold universe. In Him alone is true life, true light, true peace, true freedom. Then we seek God and God alone. We pray to Him, we worship Him, not for material treasures and joys, here or hereafter, but for divine love and wisdom. We crave His direct vision. We love Him alone. Whatever else we love we love for Him and through Him. Our entire life centres in Him. We think about Him, we talk about Him, we work for Him, we live for Him.

Of such devotees of God, Sri Krishna speaks thus:

'With their minds wholly in Me, with their life absorbed in Me, enlightening one another and always speaking of Me, they obtain satisfaction and delight. To them, ever devout and worshipping me with love, I give the spiritual insight by which they come to Me. Out of mere compassion for them, I, abiding in their hearts, by the shining lamp of knowledge, destroy the darkness born of ignorance.'

Spiritual Intuition

The 'shining lamp of knowledge' which removes all ignorance and reveals

God is the spiritual intuition into which the right understanding bestowed upon us by Him develops through His grace. Sankaracharya gives a graphic description of the 'shining lamp of knowledge' in his commentary on the passage quoted above.

'The lamp of knowledge characterized by discriminatory intellect, fed by the oil of pure devotion, fanned by the air of absorbing thoughts on Me, furnished with the wick of insight evolved by the cultivation of continence and other virtues, held in the receptacle of the heart free from worldliness, placed in the wind sheltered enclosure of the mind withdrawn from sense-objects and untainted by attachment and aversion, shining with the light of right knowledge produced by the incessant practice of earnest meditation.'

Think that a ray of the Divine Sun shining in the spiritual firmament has entered into your heart in the form of right understanding and lighted the 'shining lamp of knowledge,' which is removing all darkness and delusions from within you and revealing Him as the all-pervasive light of pure Consciousness. Meditate on this ocean of effulgent Bliss existing within you, around you, above you, below you and permeating you through and through, until you feel you are one with That. *Vedanta Keerari*



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