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The New Awakening in Asia

Seed Sown by Vivekananda

Japan's Failure Due to Bullying

(By SWAMI RANGANATHANANDA)

(The following thought-provoking article by Srimath Swami Ranganathananda, Head of the Ramakrishna Math, Karachchi on the new awakening in Asia to which the recently held Inter-Asian Relations Conference was a symbol should be of interest to our readers. The Swamiji visited Ceylon some weeks ago. This article was written on the eve of the Inter-Asian Relations Conference).

THE Inter-Asian Relations Conference which meets at Delhi today is a momentous event in the history of Asia; it serves to focus the mind of Asia on itself and on the world, and the mind of the world on Asia in a new way. And in this it holds vast possibilities not only for the future of Asia but also for the future of the world at large. It provides a forum for an awakened Asia to take stock of its assets and liabilities in the world of its thought and life and assess them at their true value in the context of a dynamic present and a still more dynamic future. The Conference is the culminating act in the process of self-discovery, as it hopes to become the starting process of self-expression, in the great drama of Asian awakening. From now on, Asia enters the world stage as a full-fledged actor, casting off the role of a puppet which she has been playing for the last three hundred years. Her emergence and free functioning is bound to affect profoundly the nature and process of the world drama.

The Impact With West

Two significant events stand out in the history of Asian awakening which might be considered historic and epoch-making in their bearing on world history: the first is the appearance of Swami Vivekananda at the World Parliament of Religions at Chicago in 1893 and the second is the victory of Japan over Czarist Russia in 1905. Both these events are products of the Asian mind newly awakened by her contact with the mind and spirit of Europe. The impact of the dynamic culture of the modern West which had attained a high degree of technical efficiency and material prosperity through the pursuit and application of science and efficient social organization produced a different result in India from what it produced in Japan. The establishment of the British Power in India in the early nineteenth century served to quicken the long-dormant spiritual fires of India giving birth to a Cultural Renaissance whose note was harmony and universality and whose impulse was the urge to unite the whole credo of the human spirit through a synthesis of the values of faith and reason, religion and science, the spi-

ritual and the secular, and the East and the West. This impulse, which found its early expression in the first two decades of the century in the dynamic personality of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, developed strength and vigour and amplitude in the succeeding years until, in the closing decade of the century, it found its effective expression as an international cultural force in the great Swami Vivekananda. At the Chicago Parliament of Religions the world became aware of and greeted with joy this renaissance India in the personality of Swami Vivekananda.

Japan's Rise

The roaring guns of Commodore Perry of the United States Fleet in the middle of the last century roused Japan to the realities of the modern world. Dynamic as she is, Japan quickly reacted to this new situation by discarding her old mental isolation and feudalistic life and bent her energies in the direction of assimilating the elements that contributed to the strength and power of the Western nations. The energy and alacrity with which she tackled this problem and the astounding results she attained in this line in the short space of about thirty years have been among the wonders of the modern world. The end of the century saw Japan rise as an industrious, prosperous and technically efficient power on the horizon of the East. And her astounding victory over Czarist Russia in 1905 compelled her recognition as a world power on the part of the nations of the West.

Japanese Imperialism

The aggressive West found in Japan a replica of itself and a challenge to her world dominance. But to the enslaved peoples of Asia, Japan appeared as the symbol of hope and redemption. The nationalist movements in China, India, and other Asian countries drew much inspiration from the example of Japan during the early years of this century. They had the hope that a dominant Japan would become the spearhead and vanguard of a movement for the cultural and political regeneration of entire Asia. But succeeding years found Japan taking a

Hindu Temple in London

The Hindu Association of Europe has launched an appeal for £10,000 to provide London with its first Hindu temple. The president of the Association, Dr K. M. Parthasarathy has left by air for India to raise funds there.

"Our aim is to build a temple with separate rooms for performing the Havan Yagna and to be used for meditation and prayers" the appeal says.

"It is a great pity that whereas our Muslim brothers have many mosques in London, there is neither a Hindu centre nor a temple. The proposed temple will have a library and rooms for accommodating Hindus in particular, and Indians in general.

"Those coming from India often find it difficult to get lodgings but they would be able to stay for a fortnight at the temple. We shall have learned pandits to teach Hindi to Indian children", the appeal states.

'Women Are Better Leaders'

"The time is not far away when 60 or 70 percent of the leading statesmen, even Ministers will be women, for women are more constructive statesmen" said Mr V. V. Giri, former Congress Minister in the Madras Government speaking at a meeting of the Ceylon Indian Congress Women's Section last week.

POLICE AND ELECTIONS

Strong Action to be Taken

It is understood that Mr. A. Mahadeva the Minister for Home Affairs has given strict instructions to the Police Department to see that law and order are preserved during the forthcoming Parliamentary elections. A special officer has been appointed to supervise the peaceful conduct of elections. The officer Mr. P. I. M. Irwin (Superintendent of Police, Elections) has now finished half of his tour of the island to fix the provisional programme.

As regards the strength of the Police in each Electorate during election time. Mr. Irwin, said in the course of a statement to the press that it depended on the merits of each area. Wherever it was found that the strength of the Police Force was insufficient to maintain order, additional strength would be sent there from Colombo. At present he was only making a

FOOD POSITION

A consignment of 7,050 tons of rice arrived in Colombo on Sunday last from Rangoon.

Further shipments of rice, totaling some 20,000 tons are expected from Burma by the middle of May. The rice situation will be quite satisfactory until the end of May, if all the consignments due, arrive in time.

A cargo of 6,000 tons of sugar is expected from the United Kingdom in a few days, and also a large consignment from Mauritius.

More bread may be available to the public when the shipments of flour from America, Australia and the Straits arrive next week.

Teaching of Science at Ramanathan College

It is understood that arrangements are being made at Ramanathan College to teach Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology up to the H. S. C. Standard. It is proposed to equip the Science Laboratory of the College adequately for this purpose. The College authorities gratefully acknowledge receipt of a contribution of Rs. 1,000/- from Mr. K. A. Sithampara Pillai of Point Pedro for improving the Science Laboratory. A Hindu Lady who holds an M. Sc. Degree in Physics will be joining the staff of the College from the beginning of next term. Domestic Science is taught at the College up to the H. S. C. standard. A Hindu Lady who received her training at the Lady Irwin College, Delhi, is in charge of this work.

tentative programme because until Nomination Day he would not be in a position to gauge the necessary Police strength for the various areas as it depended on the number of candidates who would be contesting each Electorate.

"I have gone round about half the Provinces," said Mr. Irwin, "and I am going round the other Provinces this week. In the course of my visits I will have to interview the various Government Agents and Superintendents of Police. When I finish all my visits I will try to fix some sort of programme which will have to be vetted by the various authorities concerned in the Elections."

It is understood that the Board of Ministers take a strong view of some of the untoward incidents enacted by rowdy elements at some of the recent election meetings held all over Ceylon, and that they have given definite instructions to the Police Chief through Mr. A. Mahadeva to bring offenders who interfere with the civic liberties of the people, to book immediately.

FOR SALE

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FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1947.

DHOBIS' STRIKE

A LIGHTNING STRIKE WAS announced on Saturday last by the Dhobis' Trade Union in Jaffna. The immediate provocation was the refusal of traders to sell the entire stock of washing soda to the dhobis on demand. The traders pleaded that they had to distribute their stock to their customers who had applied for this commodity which had become rare in Jaffna since last November. The wholesale dealer in Jaffna is the Firm of Messrs Abdul Hussein Jafferjee from whom traders from all parts of the peninsula have been in the habit of buying and selling on retail to the dhobis in their respective areas. As soon as Messrs Abdul Hussein Jafferjee received a fresh stock of washing soda after a lapse of about four months there was a great rush for it; many dhobis from many parts of the peninsula demanded soda from the firm which was unable to cope with the demand. The agent of the firm stated that he had to supply his customers; he was however prepared to sell 5 lb. per head at 12 cents a pound to the dhobis who had mustered in large numbers. On last Thursday dhobis were able to queue up and obtain 5 lbs. each in an orderly manner. On Saturday last the dhobis again queued up and obtained 5 lbs. each; the dhobis' union demanded that the entire stock should be distributed through their union. Though Messrs Jafferjee were wholesalers they resolved to sell 5 lbs. to each dhoby for the purpose of giving relief; as there was no control in relation to their sale of soda the firm was not prepared to sell the entire stock to the Dhobis' Union. On the suggestion of the Assistant Government Agent, Jaffna Messrs Jafferjee have consented to sell 40 percent of their stock

Hindu Society

The Present Unsatisfactory Position

At the morning sessions of the All Ceylon Saiva Conference of 18-4-47, Mr. Murugesu delivered an address on *Thasi Kariam*. Though the subject was an intricate one, the speaker succeeded in arousing an interest in it among the audience.

In the afternoon, Pandit Miss Thampoo Rajeswari and Rao Bahadur C. M. Ramachandran Chettiar addressed on "Sampandar and the Tamil Country and 'Suntharar' respectively. With the Chairman's (Mr. Subramania Mudaliar's) concluding address the first day's proceedings ended.

Rao Bahadur C. M. Ramachandran Chettiar presided on the second day. In his presidential address Mr. Chettiar appealed to the Hindus in Jaffna to preserve their religion in all its purity. Mr. Chettiar, who as Commissioner of the Hindu Endowment Board of South India visited more than 2000 temples recalled his experiences in the carrying out his duties. "The present unsatisfactory position in the Hindu Society" said Mr. Chettiar "is due to the deterioration in the state of the three main institutions of the Saiva Religion viz temples madams and Religious Associations. These bodies do not function as they ought to. If only the custodians and office-bearers of these bodies will wake up from their lethargy and keep in view the lofty ideals set before them by their ancestors, Hinduism would not have been assailed by proselytizing agencies."

Messrs. C. Nagiah, C. K. Subramania Mudaliar, Mrs. T. Selvanayagi and the President spoke on *Sivagnapotham, Pitalayar* Tamil greatness of Saiva Saints, and Youth and age respectively.

Mr. C. K. Subramania Mudaliar presided on the 3rd day and speeches were made by Messrs. M. Gnana-pragasam B. A. B. Sc., and T. Kumaraswamy pillai and by those students who came out successful in the elocution contest held by the All Ceylon Saiva Young Men's Association.

A number of resolutions were also passed.

on permits issued by the Assistant Government Agent and sell the remaining 60 percent to retailers. The Brothers' Union which is the name by which the trade union of the dhobis is called agreed to this formula and the strike has been called off.

The innocent public have been penalised for no fault of theirs. The strike cannot be justified. If the Brothers' Union thought that the action of Messrs. Jafferjee was improper—there is no reason to think so—they could have represented matters to the proper authorities and agreed upon some formula regarding the mode or method of sale and distribution as they have in the end agreed to; instead the union resolved upon a strike which has caused great inconvenience especially to the poor patients ailing in the pauper wards at the Jaffna Civil Hospital. It is to be hoped that Trade Unions will not fail in their duty to give notice of strikes before they strike; and strikes should not be lightly resolved upon except as a last resort when all attempts at conciliation have failed.

Islands' V. C's

A Central Body Formed

A Meeting of Village Committee Chairmen and representatives of V. Cs of the Jaffna Islands convened by Mr. M. Ambalavanar (Chairman of the Village Committee, Karanagar), was held at Karanagar on Saturday, with Mr. C. Suriyakumar, Assistant Commissioner of Local Government in the chair.

Mr. Suriyakumar explained the object of the meeting which was chiefly to organise an Association of the Village Committees of the Islands. He said that Village Committees independently would not be able to achieve as much as the V. Cs Association. It was for that reason he encouraged the formation of an Association. A separate association for the Islands was a necessity, he said, and expressed the hope that such an organisation would work in close harmony with the Jaffna District V. Cs Association.

Mr. C. Thiyagarajah, President, Jaffna District V. Cs Association, speaking on the activities of the Village Committees said that it was time that Village Committees got out of the rut of looking after village paths, roads, culverts, and bridges, and took an active interest in providing amenities for the villagers and interested themselves in general village welfare schemes. He was of opinion that a comprehensive publicity campaign should be organised by the Department of Local Government to educate the villagers on the duties and powers of Village Committees.

Continuing he complained that the younger generation of Jaffna were living extravagant lives and it was up to them, as elders of the village, to inculcate the spirit of thrift and disseminate information about the Saving Movement by the establishment of Savings Committees in village areas.

Messrs. M. Ambalavanar (Chairman, V. C., Karanagar), R. Maruthinar (Chairman, V. C., Velanai) and Mr. K. Kailasapillai (Chairman, V. C., Allaipiddi), urged the re-opening of the Kayts Harbour. It was decided to communicate with the appropriate authorities on this matter.

Mr. V. Carthigesu spoke on the desirability of forming Community Centres in Village Committee areas.

The meeting decided to form an association called "The Islands V. Cs Association," and a Committee was appointed to draft rules for the conduct of the Association.

Challenge Accepted

The following letter has been sent by Mr. Pieter Keuneman, General Secretary of the Ceylon Communist Party, to Col J. L. Kotelawala, Chairman, Propaganda Committee, United National Party.

Hon. the Col. J. L. Kotelawala, Chairman, Propaganda Committee, The United National Party.

Dear Mr. Kotelawala:

In your party organ, the "U.N.P." (Vol. 1, No. 3 of 28-3-47), it is reported that, at a public meeting at Ratnapura, you stated:

"I challenge the Marxists to deny that their politics must lead to dictatorship of one small section of the people over the rest. I am prepared to debate this on our platform or even on theirs."

As a Marxist, I accept your challenge. I am prepared to debate the issue with you at any convenient time and place and, should you so desire, the meeting can be presided over by your nominee. I agree to meet one half of the expenses involved in organising the debate, even though I shall have to collect the money from the public.

Please reply by return of post.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd, Pieter Keuneman

NEWS IN BRIEF

The State Council may be dissolved in July 10 unless its term is extended before that.

A treaty of friendship between China and the Philippines was signed on Friday last.

21, 128, 684 lbs of tea have been exported from Ceylon during the month of March 1947.

It is reliably learned that May 9 has been tentatively fixed for the inaugural session of the Burmese Constituent Assembly.

The Lanka Sama Samaja Part has nominated Mr. P. Velchamy to contest the Talawakelle seat in the new Ceylon Parliament.

Both Britain and the United States are spending 300,000,000 dollars (£ 75,000,000) for the payment of Germany's food bill for annum.

508 new motor vehicles (231 cars, 8 buses, 112 lorries, 3 tractors, 10 trailers and 144 motor cycles) were registered in Ceylon in February. Of these 344 were from Britain.

The Ceylon Communist Party and the Government Service Clerical Association have despatched telegrams to Pandit Nehru asking for the release of Dr. Colvin R. de Silva.

In all 14,000 persons are claiming to have their names inserted in the Jaffna electoral register. In Karanagar 7,283 persons want their names inserted. In Vaddukoddai there are 5,914 persons; in Kayts 2,273; in Kopay 1,573; in Chavakachcheri 215; in Point Pedro 4.

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different road; she succumbed to the temptation of becoming a partner with the Western Powers in the economic exploitation and imperial domination of Asia. Her success in this attempt during her first war with China in 1894 made her later on aspire for the undisputed sway over the whole of Asia.

Japan Disappoints

Japan which was the symbol and hope of renescent Asia became Japan, the enemy of Asian freedom and dignity and perfect replica of Western greed and militarism. The disillusionment caused all over Asia by this strange transformation of Japan has been immense; as a matter of fact, the hope has been so strong, that many sections in Asia refused to believe in the picture so presented. But the events since the starting of the Manchurian war and the China incident, the programme of her South-East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere, and the last war revealed Japan as a failure so far as Asian regeneration was concerned. Wise people like Tagore early enough foresaw this failure implicit in the method and manner of her rise to power. If politics is bad and harmful to human welfare when practised by the nations of the West, it is worse when practised by an Asian power which has far greater opportunities for practising low cunning and belying as a finished art on the group of weak states surrounding it.

(To be continued)

Politics and Malayan Ceylonese

GOVERNOR GHENTS' PHILOSOPHY

Isolation Homily Severely Criticised

GOVERNOR Sir Edward Ghent of the Malayan Union speaking at a tea party given recently by the All Malayan Ceylon Associations Federation advised the Ceylonese Community not to seek "any special advantage as a community" but to contribute to the cultural and social consolidation of Malaya. The *Indian Daily Mail* of Singapore while appreciating the "usual philosophic manner" of Governor Ghent categorically states that "Ceylonese or any other community in Malaya cannot afford to ignore political matters, or keep themselves aloof from political activities." In its leading article of 2-4-47 the *Indian Daily Mail* states:—

Though Ceylon was lopped off from the administrative control of the Madras Presidency and created into a separate Crown Colony as far back as 1802, Indians in Ceylon had always looked upon the Mother Country with increasing love and affection. This unbreakable tie with the Mother land, however, had not in any manner affected their loyal relationship with their country of adoption. This had ever been, and is still, the case even with regard to those popularly known as "Jaffna Tamils," who have been settled for several centuries in the northern districts of the charming island and who are considered as part and parcel of the indigenous population. The majority of the Ceylonese in Malaya hail from this category of Jaffna Tamils, whose tradition and culture, language and religion are all Indian. Apart from the Jaffna Tamils, the Ceylonese community in this country also include an appreciable number of Sinhalese and others such as the Burghers. Some of the remarkable qualities of the Ceylonese here as elsewhere are the spirit of tolerance, unity and co-operation, unqualified loyalty to the land they live in, and pride of their own culture and traditions, as well as unbounded affection towards their own beautiful and charming land, the Gem of the Indian Ocean.

The Ceylonese Community in Malaya differ from the Indian in that they are most of them of the educated or the middle class, while the latter is predominantly labour. Several decades ago, when the development of Malaya came to be undertaken, Ceylon contributed her educated men to help this country, whereas India supplied the bulk of the labour force required for the purpose and also a considerable amount of capital such as that invested in this country by the Nattukkottai Chettiers, North and South Indian business-men and traders. This happily saved the Ceylonese from involving themselves in any labour problems as those which unhappily confront the Indian community today. The educated Ceylonese placed their loyal and unstinted services at the disposal of the local Malayan Administration, the Railways and such other Government or semi-Government institutions, where by dint of hard work and perseverance, they have been able to rise to great heights and to spread themselves and make their influence felt on a vast scale.

Educated Indians also could have secured a fair percentage of these lucrative employments but they mostly preferred the jobs on the Rubber Estates because of better remuneration. Many Indians in those days resigned from Government Service and worked on the rubber estates instead, with the result that their number in the Government service was reduced to a negligible amount. However, despite the poor salaries in the Government and in the Railways and other institutions in the olden days, the Ceylonese stuck on to their jobs with astounding tenacity and made themselves an indispensable asset to Malaya and the Malayan Administration.

Though throughout their long association with this country the Ceylonese had remained a passive and secluded, quiet and reserved community, without coming into the open or into clash with any body, they had nevertheless not been unmindful of their own cultural and social progress. In fact, as explained by Mr. R. N. Thambythurai in the course of his speech on the occasion of a tea party recently given by the All-Malayan Ceylon Associations' Federation to Sir Edward Ghent, the Governor of the Malayan Union, the Ceylonese in Perak had as long ago as 1898 formed a Ceylon Association in this country. Ever since then the Ceylonese in other parts of Malaya had also formed social bodies for themselves, and just before the outbreak of the war in the East, they had decided to form a Federation of all these numerous Associations. And, now after the war, the Ceylonese have fulfilled their ambition by forming the Federation, which is a sort of mouthpiece for their community. In view of many more reforms about to be imposed on it, it is very gratifying that the Ceylonese community have established a powerful body for themselves to voice their hopes and aspirations and to safeguard their rights and interests.

Sir Edward Ghent in his address to the Ceylonese Federation, in his usual philosophic manner, has advised the community not to seek any "special advantage as a community" but "to contribute to the cultural and social consolidation of Malaya." In this connection, we are sorry to note that the Governor has minimised the importance of a community's political contribution to the country. "Constitutions are important," he said, "but they are not the most important works of construction in a country." Technically, it may be true, but in practice, it is difficult for any one to play their part fully in these days of constitutional progress and activity if one is not sure about one's political rights and privileges. Everything today hinges on political power. Economic prosperity, cultural advancement, scientific industrial and educational progress—none of these could be successfully achieved until and unless the people are politically conscious and politically powerful. The Ceylonese, or any other community in Malaya, cannot therefore, afford to ignore political matters, or keep themselves aloof from political activities.

Jaffna's Tribute

To The Late K. C.

A touching reference to the untimely death of Mr. N. Nadarajah K. C., Commissioner of Assize was made at the Jaffna District Court on Monday last. Soon after the District Judge, Mr. R. R. Selvadurai with whom was associated the Additional District Judge Mr. G. C. T. A. de Silva occupied the bench, Mr. T. Muttusamypillai, Crown Advocate on behalf of the Jaffna Bar addressed the Judges and members of the bar on the great loss suffered by the Legal profession by the untimely death of Mr. N. Nadarajah, K. C., Commissioner of Assize Colombo on Saturday last. Mr. Muttusamypillai dwelt on the sterling qualities of the late Mr. Nadarajah, an ornament to the Tamil Community and a great Ceylonese whose varied activities in the field of law, religion and education were worthy to be emulated by all. Mr. Muttusamypillai requested the District Judge to have a minute made in the record of the proceedings of the court and have it sent to the window.

The District Judge Mr. R. R. Selvadurai associating himself with the sentiments expressed by the Crown Advocate said that Mr. Nadarajah who was a college-mate of his (the D. J.'s) at the Law College was an erudite scholar and a consummate lawyer and was very lavish in his hospitality. The District Judge made order as requested by Mr. T. Muttusamypillai.

It is the divine infinite that is being progressively fulfilled in your nature
It is the supreme power-to-be; it is the Shakti of the Lord that takes shape in Your SWABHAVA —Sri Aurobindo.

Naranthanai Iaignar Sangam, Kayts

The Second Annual Meeting of the above association was held on the 9th inst., at Naranthanai, with Mr. T. Thillainathar in the chair. Messrs. A. Ponnudurai, V. Kandiah, S. R. Ponnaiah and N. Kandiah spoke on rural service and the duty of the youths.

NOTICE OF SALE

About 220 cwts of Mannar Rice Bran and small quantities of other cattle foods will be sold by public auction by Stock Inspector, Jaffna Kacheheri on Monday the 28th April, 1947 at 11-30 a. m. at the Eorage Store, Bankshall Street, Jaffna.

One-fourth of the purchase price should be paid at the spot if the bid is accepted.

Jaffna, M. SRI KHANTA,
21st April, '47. for Govt. Agent, N.P. (G. 15. 25-4-47.)

Toddy Rent Sale 1st July 1947 to 31st December 1947

Tenders are hereby invited for the purchase of the exclusive privilege of selling Toddy in Mannar District during the period 1st July 1947 to 31st December 1947. Tenders should reach the Assistant Government Agent, Mannar not later than 10-00 a. m. on Saturday 10th May 1947.

The conditions of sale and any other particulars can be obtained on application at the Mannar Kacheheri.

N. Q. DIAS,
Asst. Govt. Agent,
Mannar.

April 17, 1947.
(G. 16. 25-4-47.)

Be fearless—only then
You can storm the citadel
Of darkness and enter
The realm of eternal splendour
Your bid is for a life that fades not
A joy that is yours for ever and ever.
—Swami Ramdas.

Letters to the Editor

Women's Training College

Sir,
The decision of the Government to open a Training School at Kopay, now temporarily housed at Tiarevely, marks an epoch in the history of Education in North Ceylon. Until this School was opened denominational bodies controlled the Training of women teachers and gave preference to applicants of their own denominations. Applicants from the so-called depressed classes had little or no chance of securing admission to the Training Schools run by Hindus. Nor did they, especially if they were Hindus, have much chance of securing admission in Training Schools run by Christian denominations for they gave preference to applicants of their own denominations. Therefore a Training School for women run by the Government and open to all regardless of caste or creed was a great necessity in Jaffna.

That such a school has now been established by Government is due to the public-spirited and indefatigable efforts of Mr. N. Arulambalam of Irupalai who made the authorities realise the need for such a school. The public agitation for the establishment of this school was organised and led by him. He interviewed the Minister of Edu-

cation and pressed upon him the need for such a school in Jaffna. It may be mentioned incidentally that the Government Junior English School at Kopay was established by Mr. Arulambalam's efforts.

It is not too much to say that Mr. Arulambalam has placed the people of the Peninsula under a deep debt of gratitude for his services in this regard.

Yours etc,
A Kopay Resident.

Tea at the Common Man's Price

Sir,
The Ceylon Tea Propaganda Board, in their Report for 1946, says that 93 per cent of the people of Jaffna town and a large area of the Peninsula now drink tea daily as a habit and that last year Jaffna imported 228 tons of tea as against 44 tons in 1941.

But a serious hindrance to the increased consumption of tea in Jaffna is the fact that at most hotels and boutiques one has to pay as much as 10 or 12 cents for a cup of tea.

In Colombo, on the other hand, one has to pay only 6 cents—
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VEDANTA MOOLA SARAM OR THE ESSENCE OF THE UPANISHADS

(By A Science Graduate)

(Continued from our issue of 11-4-47)

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XIV. THE TAITTIRIYA UPANISHAD (Contd.)

The following questions are then raised; Does one who knows not (God) ever go to that world (heaven) after departing from this life? Or does he who knows...?—As a preliminary to the answering of these questions, we have a brief reference here (at the conclusion of the sixth lesson) to the creation of the world: He (God) desired (willed) to grow (breed) and multiply. He had recourse to *Tapas* (i. e. He brooded over himself) and created all this (world) whatsoever that was (latent in Him). He then entered it and became *Sat* (soul) and *Tyat* (non-soul, matter), the defined and the undefined, the supported and the unsupported, the knowing and the non-knowing, the true and the non-true, all this whatsoever that exists. Therefore is He called the True. —The seventh lesson starts quoting a memorial verse on the same topic, "In the beginning (before creation) this (world) was *Asat* (i. e., unmanifested, undifferentiated, in a nebulous state chaos). Hence verily was *Sat* (the world as it now exists, the cosmos) created. This Atman (Paramatman, God) manifested Himself. Therefore He is called *Sukritam* (self-created). Because He is self-created (or holy), He is verily *Rasam* (taste, bliss). For any one obtaining bliss becomes delighted. If that bliss were not present in the Akas (God), who then could live, who could breathe? For it is He (God) that bestows bliss."

The subject of creation is dealt with at much greater length than here in other Upanishads like the Chandogya, VI - 2, 3, &c. But there are one or two points here which we should not pass over unnoticed. The most startling proposition the reader will note here is the assertion in the memorial verse just quoted that in the beginning this was *Asat* and from it came *Sat*. This would at first sight appear to be contrary to all common sense and to the general purport of the Upanishads as a whole. The generally accepted view is that *Sat* (literally, the existent) was there in the beginning and from that *Sat* everything proceeded. It, however, the sentences in this Sruti are read with the words we have introduced within brackets, the sense would be quite clear and unexceptionable. Words, as we have repeatedly pointed out, have to be understood according to the context. Here the word *Asat* (literally, *non-sat* or other than *sat*) clearly stands for the world that existed in an unmanifested or nebulous or chaotic state before creation, and the *Sat* that came out of it stands not for God as is usually the case but for the cosmos or manifested or ordered world as we see it. The *Atman* (or God) stands quite apart from these. It (the Atman) was not created from or born of *Asat*, but it is self-created, i. e. self-manifested or self-existent.

Another unusual statement the reader will note is the use of the word *Sat* in yet another sense in the previous (sixth) lesson where it is said that God created the world and entered it and became *Sat* and *Tyat*. Here these words *Sat* and *Tyat* clearly indicate the sentient and insentient worlds, respectively, what we call the *Chetana* (சேதன) and *Achetana* (அசேதன) *Prapanchas* (பிரபஞ்சங்கள்) or *Pasu* (பசு) and *Pasam* (பாசம்). That this is the sense of the Sruti will be placed beyond all doubt if the reader will compare it with another Sruti (*Svetasvatara Up. IV-18* which reads: எப்போது இருள் (தமசு) உளதாய்ப் பகலாயிற்று இரவாயிற்றுச் சந்தையிற்று அசத்தாயிற்று இருந்ததோ, அப்போது சிவ பெருமான் ஒருவரே இருந்தார், when there was darkness (Tamas, general gloom, confusion, chaos), when there was neither day nor night, neither *Sat* (soul) nor *Asat* (non-soul, matter), then *Sivan* alone existed (*Siva eva keva'ah*).—The statement that God became *Sat* and *Tyat* has, of course, to be understood in the same sense in which we understand the words இருவரையும் தீயாகி நீருமாகி இயமானாயும்... (Devaram), He became the huge earth, fire, water, soul..., உலகெவாமாகி... (Siddhiyar), He became all the world..., &c. This has been fully explained several times before. Particular attention is drawn to the *Atharva Sira Upanishad* which we have already studied.

That God bestows infinite bliss on His devotees is a truism emphasised and re-emphasised in our Shastras in the Tamil too. Thus in *Siddhiyar*.

சிந்தார்த்தத்தே, சிவன் தன் திருக்கடைக்கண் சேர்த்திச்
செகசம் ஒன்றிலே, சிவன் முத்தராக
வைத்து, ஆண்டு மலம் கழுவி, ஞானவாரி
மடுத்து, ஆனந்தம் மொழிந்து, வரும்பிறப்பை அறுத்து,
முத்தார்த்தப் பாத மலர்ச் சீழ் வைப்பன் என்று,
மொழிந்திடு...
In *Siddhantam* it is stated that in a single (appropriate) birth God bestows His Gracious Glance (on His devotees) and makes them *Jivan Muktas*, washing their sins away, making them drink the ocean of knowledge (*Gnanam*), showering torrents of Bliss on them and cutting off all future births, and crowns them with His Flowery Feet of Endless Beatitude.

And in *Tiruvachakam* we read:

தான் அந்தம் இல்லான் தீன அடைந்த ஞானியை
ஆனந்த வெள்ளத்து அழுத்து வித்தான்...
In a flood of Bliss did He the Endless One immerse me,—me (as low) as a dog that took refuge in Him.
நத்தது உன் தன்னைக் கொண்டது என் தன்னைச்
சங்கரா ஆர்வோலோ சதுரர்,
அந்தம் ஒன்றில்லா ஆனந்தம் பெற்றேன்,
யாது நீ பெற்றது ஒன்று என் பால்...
Oh! Sankara, Thee Thou didst give unto me and me take unto

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 667.

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Iladchumpillai widow of Arnugam Vaitilingam of Sandiruppay, Jaffna.

Deceased.
Eliyathamby Kandiah of Sandiruppay.
Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Sivakamippillai wife of Eliyathamby Kandiah of do.
2. Chellappah Manikkavasagar of do, presently Post-master Kollupitiya.
3. and wife Sivakkolunthu of do.
4. Chellappah Alagaratnam.
5. and wife Kanmany of Dehiwela.

Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the above-named petitioner coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai, Esqr. District Judge, Jaffna on the 17th day of February 1947 in the presence of Mr. V. Nagalingam, Proctor for petitioner and the affidavits of the petitioner and Notary having been read; it is ordered that the Will of the above-named deceased dated the 20th day of November 1929 be and the same is hereby declared proved unless the said respondents shall appear before this court on or before the 20th day of march 1947 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of the court to the contrary.

It is further declared that the petitioner is the Executor named in the said Last Will and that he is

Pakistan in Burma too!

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Letters to the Editor

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Yours etc.,
M. Karthigasam

entitled to have probate of the same issued to him accordingly, unless the said respondents shall appear before this court on or before the said date and show cause to the satisfaction of the court to the contrary.

This 17th day of February 1947.

Extended to 1-5-47.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai.
District Judge, Jaffna.

(O. 12. 25 & 29-4-47).

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Thee, who is the gainer? Everlasting Bliss I gained. What didst Thou get out of me?...

...கல்லைப் பிளைந்து கணியாக்கித் தன்கருணை
வெள்ளத் தழுத்தி வினை கடிந்த வேதியன்...

The Omniscient One who softened my stone-like heart and made a pulp-like fruit of it, immersed me in the flood of His Grace and removed all my sins.

...நீனத்தோறும் கரண்டோறும் பேசுந்தோறும் எப்போதும்

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குளிப்பு உடையான்...

He, the Dancer, who pours forth the honey of Bliss in abundance always, whenever one thinks of Him or sees Him or speaks of Him, so as to make even the bones all to melt.

(To be Continued)

AUCTION SALE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

No. 848 Testamentary

In the matter of the estate of the late M. M. Kanagasingham

Deceased.
Kamalambikai widow of M. M. Kanagasingham Admix.

Under and by virtue of the Commission issued to me in this case I shall sell by public auction the under-mentioned properties on Monday the 12th day of May 1947 commencing at 9 a. m.

1. An undivided 1/2 share of all that piece of land situated at Sanvankkaddy in Kachchai parish called Veppal in extent 32 1/2 Lms. V. C. with its appurtenances and bounded in the East by lane South by lane, North by the village limit of Kodigamam and on the West by Thevanipillai widow of Kanapathipillai.

2. Land situated at Kodigamam called Kodaiparathan in extent 6 Lms. V. C. and 12 1/2 Kls with its appurtenances and bounded on the East by the Temple land, North by Pakkiam widow of Arunasalam West by Road and on the South by Saraswathipillai wife of Chelliah.

3. An undivided 1/2 share of 1/2 share at all that piece of land situated at Mirusuvil called Nunavilvayal in extent 25 Lms P. C. with its appurtenances and bounded on the East by Vinayagar Kathirasar North by the village limit of Mirusuvil, West by Kanapathy Ambalavan and South by Arunan Ambalan and others.

4. An undivided half share of all that piece of Land situated at Kollakurichey in Poonakeri called Maruthady Kaduvasal in extent 66 Lms. P. C. and bounded on the East by Mulaikuddy Kanapathipillai North by Sivaguru Somasundaram West by Water Channel South by Road and the property of Mulaikuddy Kanapathipillai.

5. An undivided half share of all that piece of Land situated at Kandavalai in Karachchey called Puthukoddu Palakatharai in extent 150 Lms P. C. with its appurtenances and bounded on the East of Velaithar Arunasalam North by Spoet, West by Sinnathamby Sithamparapillai and East by Sithamparam widow of Sithamparapillai

6. An undivided half share of all that piece of land situated at Kandavalai in Karachchey called Palakathari in extent 50 Lms P. C. with its appurtenances and bounded on the East and North Muthalithamby Mappanakulasagarampillai West by Vellaithar Arunasalampillai North by Sithamparapillai Kassi-pillai.

V. A. DURAYAPPAH,
Commissioner.

Jaffna, 13-4-47.
(Mis. 12. 25)

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M. PONNAMPALAM,
for Govt. Agent, N. P. Jaffna, 18th April, 1947.
(G. 17. 25)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

No 346 (Testamentary)

In the matter of the Intestate estate of the late Narayanan Chetty Govindasamy Chetty of Vannarponnai East Deceased

Govirdasamy Chetty Nadarajah. of Vannarponnai East

Vs. Petitioner.

1. Govinda Chetty Thiruvankadam and wife 2. Pakkaya Lechunay both of Vannarponnai East 3. Govindasamy Chetty Mahadewa of Ganapawa 4. Govindasamy Chetty Mircer Somasundaram of Vannarponnai

5. Govindasamy Chetty Narayanaamy of do (dead) 6. Narayana Chetty Krishnaamy, and wife Chellammah of Vannarponnai East. Respondent

This matter coming on for disposal before H. A. De Silva, Esq. District Judge Jaffna on the 24th day of November 1944 in the presence of Mr. V. K. Subramaniam, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the petitioner and affidavit of the petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the 7th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad litem over the 4th and 5th Respondents abovesaid and the petitioner be declared entitled to Letters of Administration of the estate of the abovesaid deceased unless the Respondents shall appear on the 22nd day of January 1945 and show cause to the contrary.

This 24th day November 1945

Sgd. H. A. De Silva,
District Judge

103-7
This Order Nisi to show cause extended to 24-4-47
Jd RRS
DJ
(O. 11 22 & 25.)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 675

In the matter of the estate of the late Maheswary wife of Sellappu Appathurai deceased of Vaddukoddu East who died in Mohre Bahru in Malay Union Deceased, Amma vanar Vaithilingam of Vaddukoddu East Petitioner

Vs Respondents
Sellappu Appathurai of Vaddukoddu East
This matter coming on for disposal before K. R. Selvadurai Esq. District Judge, Jaffna on the 3rd day of March 1947 in the presence of Mr. A. Cumaraswamy Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the abovesaid Petitioner dated the 23rd day of February 1947 having been read

It is ordered that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate as father and sole heir and as such Letters be issued to him according unless the Respondents or others interested shall on or before the 30th day of April 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary

The 3rd day of March 1947.
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.

(O. 6, 27 & 25)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 685

In the matter of the estate of the late Sivagurunather Ponnuswamy of Vannarponnai East, Jaffna Deceased.

Rasamma widow of Sivagurunather Ponnuswamy of Vannarponnai East Petitioner

1. Ponnuswamy Balasubramaniam, (minors) 2. Ponnuswamy Pajusudaram, 3. Ponnuswamy Kamalam ikai 4. Ponnuswamy Ramathanran, 5. Ponnuswamy Nalanesegaram, 6. Ponnuswamy Kannakaran 2nd to 6th respondents appearing by 7. Cathiresat Sivagurunather Rajaram all of Vannarponnai East affiants Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire, District Judge Jaffna on the 27th day of March 1947 in the presence of Mr. A. Thanabalaniam Proctor on the part of the petitioner and on reading the affidavit and petition of petitioner.

It is ordered that the abovesaid 7th respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the minors the abovesaid 2nd to 6th respondents and that the abovesaid petitioner be granted Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased unless the respondents or any others shall show sufficient cause to the contrary on or before the 8th day of April 1947 at 10 a. m. It is further ordered that the said minors be produced on the same date.

This 27th day of March 1947.
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.
(O. 4. 22 & 25)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 677.

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Vaithilingam Thurai-rinjasingam of Vannarponnai East Deceased
Thaiyalmettu widow of Vaithilingam of Vannarponnai East

Vs. Petitioner
1. Canagasabai Kantiah and wife
2. Anbararanam both of Vannarponnai East presently of Mount Lavinia Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esquire District Judge, Jaffna, on the 6th day of March 1947 in the presence of Mr. R. Maningam, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the abovesaid petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased be issued to the petitioner as his mother unless the respondents abovesaid or any other person or persons interested shall appear before this Court on or before the 30th day of April 1947 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 6th day of March 1947.
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai
District Judge

(O. 5. 22 & 25.)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 680.

In the matter of the estate of the late Ponnampalan Chelliah of Punnaiykkadduvan who died in Kuala Lumpur Deceased.

Thirgammah alias Amirthavalli widow of Ponnampalam Chelliah of Punnaiykkadduvan Petitioner.

Vs.
Minor 1. Easwari daughter of Chelliah
" 2. Chelliah Riddhakrishnan
" 3. Chelliah Paramsothy
" 4. Chelliah Vivekanandhan and
" 5. Chelliah Balasingham all of Kadduvan
6. Karthiah Chellathurai & wife
7. Muththichchi both of Urum-pilai Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 12th day of March 1947 in the presence of Mr. A. Cumaraswamy Proctor on the part of the Petitioner, and the affidavit of the abovesaid Petitioner dated 10th day of March 1947 having been read.

It is ordered that the abovesaid 6 and 7 Respondents be appointed Guardian ad litem over the minors 1 to 5 Respondents for the purpose of protecting their interests and of representing them on these proceedings and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovesaid deceased be granted to the Petitioner as his lawful widow, unless the said Respondents or others interested shall on or before the 30th day of April 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 12th day of March 1947.
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,
District Judge.
(O. 7. 22 & 25)

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ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 641

In the matter of the intestate estate
of the late Kathiresu Appalingam
of Changanai West, Jaffna lately
of Johore in Johore in Malaya.Deceased
Chellappah Kathiresu of Changanai
West Vs. Petitioner

1. Kathiresu Tharumalingam
2. Kathiresu Mailvaganam
3. Kathiresu Thambimuttu
4. Kathiresu Perara Abingham
5. Kathiresu Pancharacharam
6. Kathiresu Merkkandu
7. Kathiresu Theiverdram
8. Nagamattu widow of S. Kasipillai
9. K. Nagalingam and wife
10. Valiachechi all of Changanai West, Jaffna Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal
before R. R. Selvadurai Esq. District
Judge Jaffna on the 9th day of
December 1947 in the presence of
Mr. M. K. Subramaniam Proctor on
the part of the Petitioner and the affi-
davit of the Petitioner dated 2nd day
of December 1947 having been read.It is ordered that the Petitioner as
the father and heir of the deceased is
entitled to have letters of Adminis-
tration to the above estate issued to
him accordingly unless any person or
persons interested shall on or before
the 17th day of January 1947 show
sufficient cause to the satisfaction of
this Court to the contrary.This 9th day of December 1946
Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai
District JudgeThe date for showing cause is exten-
ded to 28-1-47Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai
District Judge
(O. 10, 22 & 25.)**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 668

In the matter of the intestate Estate
of the late Chellamma wife of
Viravapathar Srinathambay of
Paththeimery Deceased

1. Thampoo Subramaniam and wife
2. Sinaraha kanchi both of Path-
theimery Vs. Petitioner
3. Vairavenathar Srinathambay of
do. Respondent

This matter coming on for disposal
before R. R. Selvadurai Esq. Dis-
trict Judge Jaffna on the 19th Febru-
ary 1947 in the presence of Mr. K.**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

(held at Point Pedro)

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 339Pr

In the matter of the Last Will and
Testament of the late Kasinather
Ramu Chinrathambay of Thunnalai
South Deceased.Kasinathar Ramu Namasivayam of
Thunnalai South Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Chithamparam widow of Ramu
of Thunnalai South
2. Ramu Faravanamuttu of do
3. Achchipillai wife of Kasinathar
Ramu Namasivayam
the petitioner of do.

This matter coming on for disposal
before G. C. T. A. de Silva Esq.,
Additional District Judge, Jaffna on
the 26th day of March 1947 in the
presence of Mr. R. Navaratnam
Proctor for the Petitioner and the
affidavit of the Petitioner dated the
18th day of December 1946 having
been read.It is ordered that the Last Will
of the deceased be declared proved,
that the petitioner be declared Exe-
cutor of the said Last Will and that
Probate be issued to him accordingly
unless the Respondents or any other
person shall on or before the 2nd
day of May 1947 show sufficient
cause to the satisfaction of this Court
to the contrary.

This 24th day of March 1947.

(Sgd.) G. C. T. A. de Silva,
Addl. District Judge.
Drawn by R. Navaratnam,
Proctor for Petitioner.
(O. 8, 22 & 25)Aiyadurai Proctor for Petitioner and
the Affidavit of the Petitioner dated
the 20th February 1947 having been
read.It is ordered that the 2nd Petition-
er as sole heir of the deceased is en-
titled to Letters of Administration to
the Estate unless the Respondent or
any person shall on or before the
21st day of March 1947 show suffi-
cient cause to the satisfaction of this
Court to the contrary.

This 19th day of February 1947.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai
District Judge
Time to show cause is
extended to 1-5-47
Sgd. R. R. S.
D. J.Drawn by
K. Aiyadurai
Proctor for Petitioner
(O. 9, 22 & 25.)**Knitting Wool**

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