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SUBLIME SILENCE GIVES STRENGTH

Method of Self-Realisation

MOUNAM, is more than mere speechlessness. It is silence both within and without. One can be a mouni, because of ignorance, as well as knowledge. The scientist proclaims that extremes of light are alike, or the same. Only they look the same, apparently; but what a great gulf of difference lies between darkness and light! An ignorant man is silent, because he has nothing to say. A wise man is silent because he is complete in himself.

Reflection on Truth, or on God, or Atman, leads one to freedom. Each one should reflect on the goal

By
Swami Omkar
in the Vision

of his life and the soul of his existence and thus try to reach the Highest, before the light goes out, or death overtakes him unprepared. A novice in the beginning need not be afraid of mounam. He can practise it once in a week, or even on *Ekadasi*, or on full-moon day, and gradually increase the duration according to his convenience, for, where there is a will there will be opened a way.

Method of Discrimination

One cannot save the world, but one can save

Law College Tamil Society

At the annual general meeting of the Law College Tamil Society the following were elected office-bearers for the next academic year 1951-52.

President: Mr. S. Ananda Coomarasamy; Vice-President: Mr. S. Ponniah; General Secretary: Mr. A. Sivanandan; Asst. Secretary: Mr. M. Meera Saibo; Treasurer: Mr. R. Sambandan; Committee Members: Mr. J. M. Simon and Mr. M. Sivanandan.

oneself, through *Viveka*, the discrimination of the *Nitya*, the Real, from the *Anitya*, the unreal. Mere talk leads one nowhere. It leads one into the mire of outer life, more than ever. All men of talk are compared to empty vessels that produce a lot of sound.

But men of silence have been always the pioneers of good deeds, setting an example to others to follow in their foot-prints. Look at Rama, Buddha, Christ and Mahomed! They were all souls given to prayer, meditation and silence, year after year, before they became the Saviours of the world.

Where is silence—speechlessness—in the average man of the world, now-a-days? He talks and talks, from dawn to dusk. He talks from birth to death. There is silence only in the passing cloud of the physical change, the so-called death. The outer man kills the inner man, the innocent, with harsh words, cruel words, empty words, lifeless words, and soulless words

If you do not like a certain man, strange as it may sound, you can kill him with words, for words are thoughts, and thoughts are things. The latent thought, forms into a word and the potent word turns into a deed, be it good or bad. Blessed is the one who is the master of the inherent thought, in its very embryo, before its birth. Such an one controls not only himself, but also even the world and its destinies? Such is the power and glory of speechlessness, the sublime silence within and without. Verily, it is in wise silence that souls are created.

My stay in the hospital, confinement in the bed and long attachment to the plaster cast, have been a great blessing in disguise, leading me within, into the spheres of deep introspection of the soul, thus creating in me a burning desire towards

Indian Affairs

Principles of Manu For Political Party

The Ram Rajya Prasad a new party has been declared to be based on the principles laid down by Manu Sankara Brahaspati and Kantilaya.

The chief aim of the party is to establish a 'government which would be based on justice and morality.'

The Communists, Socialists and the Congress have been decried by the new party as considering God and religion being obstacles to human progress.

'Religious education would be imparted by the State, cowslaughter totally banned', are some of the election promises.

Imprisonment For Posing as Member of Nehru's Staff

Two years rigorous imprisonment for impersonation and cheating was what Vishnu Sabai got in return for posing as a Member of Premier Nehru's personal staff and inducing an official of the Indian Agriculture Ministry to give his daughter in marriage to him.

the portals of transcendental Silence. In the moments of deep silence, I have seen the Vision beautiful, where there is nothing else to see hear, touch, taste, smell or to talk, or even to think.

The Divine Grace

The soul is Poornam—complete. It cannot move. It has no place even, to go anywhere, for It is Omnipresent, Omniscient. Only the wise seers, knowing that, melt into wise silence. How wonderful, nay incomprehensible too, is the truth to the lay mad, to his finite intellect! In the vision universal, everything is complete, no more battles to fight no more enemies to conquer, no more causes to defend

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THE YEARNING FOR SUPREME GOOD

MAN MUST OUTGROW SENSE-DESIRES

Man is born with a natural tendency for sense-enjoyment.

Until his desires are fulfilled to a certain extent, until he has some experience of sense-pleasures he cannot see through their vanity, their delusiveness, their blinding and binding snare. To turn away from the sense-life to the spiritual, a man has to be disillusioned of its charms by repeated enjoyment and suffering until he develops a longing for the Real, for liberation from all bondages. Spiritual life is not for the multitude. Only certain individuals find real interest in it. It is said in the *Katha Upanishad*. 'The self-existent One injured the senses by making them outward. Hence they perceive the external objects and not the Self within. Rare is the wise person who, desirous of immortality, turns his eyes inward and realizes the innermost Self.' The spirit of point is, to follow the way of renunciation man has to outgrow the sense-desires. The renunciation should develop from within in natural course through a progressive training. It cannot be imposed upon him. This is why the Vedic religion encourages men and women with worldly tendencies to seek material welfare. Yet at the same time it enjoins on them certain moral and religious disciplines, which not only conduce to material well-being but also facilitate the growth of the spiritual sense. For the worldly-minded it has even prescribed prayers and worship for the fulfilment of material desires. Though this is a low form of religion, this gives them a chance to turn their thoughts to God. Without adequate preparation in worldly life a man cannot, as a rule, overcome worldliness, even though he may renounce the world. One of the causes of the decline of Buddhism is considered to be undue emphasis on renunciation, that is, indiscriminate admission of its followers into the monastic life. Neither the laudation of renunciation nor the condemnation of worldly enjoyments is the way to make man spiritual. Denunciation of secular interests without direction to regulate them for spiritual upliftment may be regarded as the chief drawback of medieval Christianity that is accountable considerably for the

revolt against religion in the modern age.

Gradation of Ideals

The highest is not the best for all at the same time. The vast majority of human beings cannot seek Supreme Good directly yet they can proceed towards it indirectly along the line of least resistance. They can climb to the highest step by step through a gradation of ideals. The capacities of men differ. Different ideals suit different persons, according to their levels of development. 'Take man where he stands and from there give him a lift', says Swami Vivekananda. Even in moral life a man has to rise by stages. Gradual growth is the law of life. One distinctive feature of the Vedic religion is that, in prescribing ethical and religious disciplines, it has taken into consideration the difference in the tendencies and the

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Jaffna Sports Association

At the sixth annual general meeting of the Jaffna Sports Association the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year.

Patron: Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam.

Vice - Patrons: The Mayor of Jaffna, Dr. S. Subramaniam, Very Rev. Fr. T. M. F. Long, Mr. T. Muttusamy Pillai.

President: Mr. P. O. Fernando G. A. N. P.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. A. C. Fernando W. G. Spencer, R. O. S. Cooke, S. Thambithurai.

Hony. Gen. Secretary: Mr. P. Selvaratnam.

Hony. Asst. Gen. Secy. Mr. E. Sabalingam.

Hony. Treasurer: Mr. V. Kulasingam.

Committee Members: Messrs. V. Subramaniam, A. R. Motha, K. S. Allagaratnam, T. I. Abraham, J. A. Perera, U. S. Guparatne, and A. W. Henricus.

Hony. Auditor: Mr. P. Singam.



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Treasure These Thoughts

'Religion is the manifestation of the Divinity already in Man'

—SWAMY VIVEKANANDA.

DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION?

THE ORDER GIVEN BY the District Judge of Kegalla in the application of Mr. G. S. Kodakan Pillai of Yatiyantota to have his name included in the 1950 electoral register of the Electoral District of Ruanwella holds the Ceylon Citizenship Amendment Act and the Ceylon Parliamentary Elections Amendment Act as being *ultra vires*. This will enable nearly two hundred thousand Indians who had been disfranchised to have their names included in the different electoral registers. But what is more is the interpretation of Section 29 (2) of the Constitution. In his Judgment the District Judge observes that though the Citizenship Act was not directed against any particular community, on examining the operative effect of this piece of legislation, a large number of Indians have been disfranchised because they could not acquire Ceylon Citizenship by reason of the provisions of the Act in question.

When the minorities objected to the Soulbury Constitution it was dinned into their ears that Section 29 (2) afforded them every protection. This assurance was voiced by Mr. D. S. Senanayake in his famous speech in the State Council calling for co-operation of all communities when he stretched his hand of good-will and fellowship. But subsequent events that culminated in the passing of the Citizenship Amendment Act and the Ceylon Parliamentary Elections Amendment Act have not preserved the legal right or privilege of a particular community enjoyed at the time the New Constitution was introduced. The Indian Community who now hold a voting strength in the House of Representatives almost equal to that of the Ceylon Tamils will have to go unrepresented in the next Parliament

CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT ACT ULTRA VIRES

District Court Decision

The application of Mr. Govindan Sellappah Nayar Kodakampillai of Yatiyantota to have his name included in the 1950 electoral register of Electoral District 84 (Ruanwella) was allowed by Mr. N. Sivagoanasundram District Judge, Kegalle when he delivered his order yesterday.

Sir Alan Rose, K. C., (A.G.) with Mr. H. W. Jayawardene appeared for the respondent. Mr. S. Nadesan with Mr. C. Vanniasingam and Mr. S. Kanagarayer instructed by Mr. C. Balasingam appeared for the petitioner.

Reasons

In his order the judge said: "It is important to note that the Citizenship Act is not directed against any particular community and that it contains no express words excluding persons of any community from being entitled to the status of citizenship.

"But considering the history of the Indian community in this island, the fact that they came in at various periods before they became domiciled, it cannot be denied that most of the Indians, if not practically all of them, will not pass the test of the Citizenship Act.

"If the effect of the Act is examined on the footing that it becomes operative, some remarkable facts emerge. A large number of the Indian community would be disfranchised thereby reducing the electoral power of that com-

if the Acts under review are not held to be *ultra vires*.

It cannot be said that the Government ever did intend to enact legislation discriminatory to any particular community. But unfortunately the operation of these Acts have had unexpected effect on the fundamental and legal rights and privileges hitherto enjoyed by the Indian Community. We are confident that Premier Senanayake will be only too willing to review the situation and in wise statesmanship characteristic of him set about to explore the possibilities of enabling disfranchised Indians to have their names rightfully restored in the various electoral registers. This will not certainly mean that the legislature has to be told 'thus far and no further' but that it should be brought to its notice the unwholesome effect certain legislative enactments have produced.

munity to send members of the legislature to voice their interests...

Discrimination!

"In Ceylon... voting has become one of the privileges of citizenship by the effect of Act 48 of 1949 and therefore the Citizenship Act directly and not incidentally affects the persons of the Indian community who are domiciled and had the vote before by putting it beyond their powers to be citizens of Ceylon and thus disfranchising them.

"The legislature cannot have intended to take away those rights and privileges; on the other hand, it must have been the intention of the legislature when it enacted Section 29 (2) of the Constitution, to preserve every legal right or privilege which persons of any community or religion practically enjoyed at the time of the new Constitution and not to take them away by discriminatory legislation.

"It is not competent for Parliament under the guise or the pretence or in the form of an exercise of its own powers to carry out an object which is beyond its powers by trespassing into the forbidden field of Section 29 (2).

Valigamam North Co-op. Agricultural P. & S. Society

At the Annual General Meeting of the Valigamam North Co-operative Production and Sales Society Ltd. held on Sunday last at the Mallakam English School with Mr. R. N. Sivaprakasam in the chair. Mr. P. Elayathamby Proctor proposed that regional societies for the Village Committee areas of Valigamam North should be formed. The resolution was passed unanimously.

A dividend of 6 per cent was declared to be paid to shareholders out of the nett profit available for distribution.

Office-Bearers

The new Executive Committee which met immediately after the general meeting elected the following office bearers.

President: Mr. R. N. Sivaprakasam.

Vice Presidents: Messrs. W. M. Joshua and A. Eliathamby.

Secretary: Mr. G. C. Chellappab;

Treasurer: Mr. S. Kandavanam.

Stride of Science

Shower Bath Method Of Getting Rain

Maurice Goldsmith writing in the UNESCO suggests that scientific research has made scientists believe that the weather could be influenced and cites the experiments of Dr. Irving Langmuir, a Nobel Prize Winner the 'Rain maker' who was able to bring down three hundred and twenty million gallons of rain in U. S. A.

The U. S. Senate Committee has gone to the extent of considering Bills to control the influence on weather.

Incidence of Headache More In Married People

According to the *New York Times* Dr. H. D. Ogden of the Louisiana State University, 80% of the twenty year old have headache more than once in a week while only 28.6% of the over 60 get it during the same period.

60% of the married get headache against 70% of the unmarried.

Medical students, 85; students, 80.2; executives, 77.3; professional workers, 70.8; housewives, 69.8; electrical workers, 68.2; salesmen, 58.8; manual labourers 55.1; farmers, 50. Incomplete figures revealed 66 percent of all lawyers get headaches, against only 45 percent of all physicians.

Manthuvil Murder

Police Dog Traces Clues

A dog trained by the Police Department was employed for the first time in Jaffna when the Police were investigating into the murder of Mr. V. Rasaratnam, Kirama Vidhan of Manthuvil.

A torn bit of cloth found in the place of murder gave the Police dog the 'sense' and the remaining portions of the cloth were traced by the dog at the residence of one Ponniah Sinnathurai one mile away from the scene of murder.

Ponniah Sinnadurai has been taken into police custody. Sinnathamby Murugesu and Velupillai Sithamparapillai also have been arrested in this connection.

Term 'Hindu' Defined

The All India Hindu Mahasabha in its election manifesto has defined Hindus as representing a "very broad based ideological group of various faiths possessing a characteristic outlook of life, a well-defined cultural background, distinct historical traditions and entering world politics as a clear out unit."

It adds: "The Hindu Mahasabha intends to develop the newly-liberated Bharat as the national home for Hindus.

The ideological objective of the Sabha is the establishment of a Hindu State and reunion of India and Pakistan through democratic methods.

The Yearning For Supreme Good

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capacities of the individuals (*atihari bheda*). In the cultivation of moral virtues as well as in spiritual practice, the Vedic seers have recognized the necessity of gradation of ideals. It is better to pursue with fervour an ideal within one's capacity than to be overawed by too high an ideal or to adopt it half-heartedly. Every individual has his own line of development in conformity with his psycho-physical nature. The practice of virtue or the performance of duties should therefore be in accordance with his inborn disposition and aptitude. This is his normal way of growth. It leads to an ordered expression of his potentialities.

The following story in the *Brhadaranyaka Upanishad* demonstrates how different moral disciplines suit different grades of people.

Gods, men, and Asuras (demons)—all three descendants of Prajapati—lived with him for a time as students. Then the gods said, 'Teach us sir.' In reply Prajapati uttered one syllable 'Da'. Then he said, 'Have you understood?' They answered, 'Yes', we have understood. You said to us, 'Damyata—be self-controlled'. 'Yes' agreed Prajapati, 'you have understood'.

Then the men said, 'Teach us, sir.' Prajapati uttered the same syllable 'Da'. Then he said, 'Have you understood. You said to us, 'Datta—be charitable'. 'Yes', agreed Prajapati, 'You have understood'.

Then the Asuras said, 'Teach us, sir.' Prajapati uttered the same syllable 'Da'. Then he said, 'Have you understood?' They said, 'Yes' we have understood. You told us, 'Dayadhvam—be compassionate'. 'Yes', agreed Prajapati, 'you have understood'.

The storm cloud thunders: Da! Da! Da!—Be self-controlled; Be charitable; Be compassionate.

(Prabuddha Bharata.)

Manipay Health League

At a meeting of the residents of Manipay Town, held at the Town Council premises, on a motion of Dr. K. Subramaniam seconded by Mr. S. H. Perinbanayagam, it was resolved to form an association called the Manipay Health League.

The following were elected office-bearers:-

President: Mr. S. Rajendran, Proctor S. C.

Vice - Presidents: Dr. K. Subramaniam and Mr. S. V. Alagaratnam, Principal Memorial School

Secretary: Mr. C. Jebaratnam.

Asst. Secretary: Mr. K. C. Chelliah.

Treasurer: Mr. T. Sanmugathasan.

Asst. Treasurer: Mr. C. Arumugam.

Auditors: Messrs. G. Anappah and S. Nagalingam.

It was decided that the Health League should actively participate in the celebrations of the Health Week and that a concert should be organised to collect funds for the League.

Tiruketheeshvaram Temple Restoration Society

A special meeting of the Working Committee of the Thiruketheeshvaram Temple Restoration Society was held recently at the Old Kathiresan Temple Galle Road, Bambalapitiya with Sir K. Vaithianathan, one of the Vice Presidents of the Society, in the chair.

The Temple construction plans were submitted. The meeting approved the plans and made certain recommendations.

A special meeting of the General Committee of the Society will be held on Thursday the 5th July 1951 at 5.15 p.m. at the Old Kathiresan Temple, Galle Road, Bambalapitiya to consider the recommendations of the working Committee in this matter.

WANTED

Wanted for Co-operative Hospital, Moolai, Chulipuram an Overseer-Clerk with experience in supervision of labour, building knowledge and working knowledge of English not below the I. S. C. standard. Appointment will be on six months' probation. Salary Rs. 80 - 60 1440 with appropriate D. A. Applications should reach Secretary, Co-operative Hospital Society Ltd., Moolai Chulipuram on or before 18-7-51. M. 44, 3.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1310

In the matter of the intestate Estate of the late Yakkoppillai Saverimuttu of Karampan, Kayts.

Deceased Saverimuttu Anthony Pillai of Karampan, Kayts

Petitioner

Vs

1. Christinapillai widow of Saverimuttu of Karampan. Kayts and
2. Saverimuttu Jacob Rajadurai of 4th Cross Street, Jaffna, Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before W. G. Spencer, Esquire Additional District Judge of Jaffna on the 10th day of May 1951 in the presence of Mr. V. K. Subramaniam, Proctor for Petitioner and the affidavit and Petition of the Petitioner having been read,

It is ordered that the Petitioner as a son of the said intestate is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him, unless the Respondents or any other person or persons shall on or before the 12th day of July 1951 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 10th day of May 1951
Sgd. V. S. Jayawickrama,
District Judge,
(O. 49, 29 & 3.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF POINT PEDRO

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 451

In the Last Will and Testament of Nagamma wife of Maniccam of Puloly West

Deceased

Subramaniam Maniccam of Puloly West

Pettitioner

- Minors
1. Maniccam Ratnasabapathy
 2. Saraswathy daughter of Maniccam
 3. Kanagamma daughter of Maniccam
 4. Murugapper Kiddinapillai all of Puloly West Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before A. W. Nadarajah Esq. District Judge Point Pedro on the 19th day of June 1951 in the presence of Messrs Kandaiya and Mailvaganam Proctors on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 4th June 1951 having been read.

It is ordered that the 4th respondent be and he is hereby appointed guardian-ad litem over the 1st, 2nd and 3rd minor respondents.

It is further ordered that the said Last Will be and the same is hereby declared proved and the petitioner is the Executor of the said Last Will and that he is entitled to have Probate thereof issued to him accordingly unless the respondents abovenamed or any other person shall on or before the 19th day of July 1951 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 19th day of June 1951
(Sgd) A. W. Nadarajah
District Judge
(O. 50, 29 & 3)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1316

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Annaccody Crishikovalar Senathirajah of Tellippalai East

Deceased

Rasapoopathy widow of A. C. Senathirajah of Tellippalai East

Petitioner

Vs.

- Minor
- 1 Chandra Leela daughter of A. C. Senathirajah
 - 2 Vimalavathy daughter of A. C. Senathirajah
 - 3 Andrew Gunaratnam Saththiyendran Senathirajah of Tellippalai East
 - 4 E. S. Pararajasingam of Alaveddy

Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before V. S. Jayawickrama Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 18th day of May 1951 in the presence of Mr. S. Ilayatambi Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner dated 17th and 18th May 1951 respectively and the affidavit of the notary and witnesses dated 13th March 1946 and the Last Will dated 17th March 1945 attested by S. Ilayatambi Notary Public under No. 2191 and now deposited in this Court having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 4th Respondent be appointed guardian ad litem over the abovenamed 1st, 2nd and 3rd respondents minors and the said Last Will be declared proved and it is further declared that the said petitioner is the executor named in the said Will and that she is entitled to have probate of the same issued to her accordingly unless the abovenamed Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 10th day of July 1951 appear before this Court and show sufficient

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MANNAR

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 808

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Aliyar Mohamado Asanamarikar Late of Periakadai, Mannar.

Deceased.

Mohamado Assanamarikar Mohamado Gowth of Periakadai Mannar. Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Assanamarikar Abdul Azeez
2. Sobara Umma widow of Pichaithamby
3. Ummu Salma wife of Abdulrahuman all of Periakadai Mannar.

Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before Felix S Paul Esquire Additional District Judge Mannar, on the 30th day of April 1951, in the presence of Mr. M. M. Aboothahir Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the petition and affidavit of the said petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the Will of the said Aliyar Mohamado Asanamarikar dated 14th May 1948 be and the same is hereby declared proved and that the said petitioner is the Executor named in the said Will and that he is entitled to have Probate thereof unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 12th day of June 1951 shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

The 30th day of April 1951.
FELIX S. PAUL Sgd.
Additional District Judge.
12-6-51. Late extended to 17-7-51.

Felix S. Paul,
Additional District Judge
(O. 47, 29 & 3).

cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary,

The minors should be produced in Court on the same date.

This 18th day of May 1951
Sgd V S Jayawickrama
District Judge.
(O 52 3 & 6)

Sublime Silence Gives Strength

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no more deeds to perform, no more sermons to be delivered with the spoken word, nay, no more thoughts to think of, for it is all one stupendous and Self-effulgent Light of lights, the One without a second the *adgiteeyam*.

Welcome welcome ye inheritors of Immortality, to taste the Nectar of Mounnam, the Wise Silence the Soul of your human birth in the blessed solitudes of Mount Kailas. When everything fails, it is the Wise Silence that succeeds. Even if one man alone lives in Silence, the whole nation, nay, the whole world, would be united through his transcendental Silence of the Soul, the *Paramatman*. Let us offer our homage now unto such, by becoming silent within and without. May Peace be unto all!

PERSONAL

Mr. S. Ponnappah of the Labour Department, Colombo, has been transferred as the Additional Deputy Fiscal, Chilaw, with effect from 15-6-51.

Order Absolute in the First Instance

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1319

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Meenadchiamma wife of Mailvaganam Nadarajah of Valvettiturai

Deceased,

Mailvaganam Nadarajah of Valvettiturai

Petitioner,

This matter coming on for disposal before V. S. Jayawickrama Esquire, District Judge on the 24th day of May 1951 in the presence of Mr. A. N. Velayutham Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the Petition of the Petitioner and affidavit of the petitioner dated 23rd day of July 1949 and affidavit of the Notary and of the witnesses also dated 23rd day of July 1949, having been read.

It is ordered that the Last Will of the deceased Meenadchiamma wife of Mailvaganam Nadarajah dated 14th day of April 1948 and now deposited in this Court be and the same is hereby declared proved.

It is further declared that the said Petitioner be and is hereby declared the executrix of the said Last Will and that as such she is entitled to obtain probate thereof and that probate of the same be issued to him accordingly.

This 24th day of May 1951
Sgd V. S. Jayawickrama
District Judge

Drawn by
Sgd. A. N. Velayutham
Proctor for Petitioner.
(O. 48, 29 & 3).

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THE GENESIS OF THE SIYA GNANA BODHAM

(By A SCIENCE GRADUATE)

(Continued from our issue of 22-6-51)

S.—But is it not a fact that Badarayana Viyasar himself is claimed as a Tamil ascetic by writers of the Thani-Thamil persuasion? பழத்தமிழர் குடிசனாகிய பாதர் வகுப் பிற்றேற்றிய வியாசர் என்னும் தமிழ் முனிவர், these are the actual words used by a prominent writer of the school (the Thamil Munivar called Vyasara born in one of the old Tamil clans known as Bharatar).

T. T. V.—May be, but it matters little to us whether he was a Tamil or an Aryan.

S.—The point is this. If Vyasara was really a Tamil Munivar as claimed, the probabilities are that he would write his Sutras in Tamil, and the existing Tamil translation can be palmed off into his hands as constituting the original Sutras (despite the fact that it teems with Sanscrit terms, &c) and the Sutras commented on by Sri Kantar and others put down as translations made by the commentators themselves or by some other wily brahmins. Without adopting the dubious device of frightening unsuspecting readers into acceptance of our point of view by splitting up our paragraphs into innumerable fragments bearing separate numbers and shewing them as separate arguments, we may add straight away that a theory such as the above would add greatly to the self-esteem of "self-respective" Tamils.

T. T. V.—There is no doubt that Vyasara was a Tamil Munivar. But it does not necessarily follow therefrom that he would write his Sutras in Tamil.

S.—Exactly. We said probably, not "necessarily". It will now be clear that the verdicts brought against such high-souled literary stalwarts as Sivagra Munivar and Siva Gnana Munivar based on probabilities and conjectures resulting from wishful thinking are most unjustifiable.

T. T. V.—M...M...Mum.

S.—There is yet another fact to be noted in this connection. It cannot be that Sivagra Munivar made the translation of the Bodham into Sanskrit as Umapathiyar who lived more than 200 years before him has made quotations from the Sanscrit Bodham in his great commentary on Poushkara Agamam.

T. T. V.—Oh! That is easily explained. Umapathiyar made his own stray translations from the Tamil Bodham and Sivagarar, who wrote the complete Sanscrit translation of the Tamil Bodham later on bodily incorporated Umapathiyar's stray translations into his complete translation. An alternative explanation is that the quotations from the Bodham found in Umapathiyar's commentary are interpolations made by interested persons in later times.

S.—Manickavachakar lived long before Meykanda Devar. We read in the Tiruvathavur Adigal Puranam that the Bodham was the book which was in the hands of the Great Teacher who appeared with his retinue under the Korunda tree at Tiruperunturai and enlightened Manickavachagar. செங்கை மீது பொருத்தம் உறும் புத்தகம் எது ஐயா என்ப பொய்மை இலாச் சிவஞானபோதம் என்றார்.

T. T. V.—No. It was a pure invention of Kadavul Mamunivar the author of the Puranam who lived after Meykanda Devar and studied the latter's book and slowly palmed it off into the hands of the earlier Teacher.

S.—Meykanda Devar himself gives a hint as to the origin of his work at the very beginning of it in his invocatory verse saying that the Lord sat under the stone fig tree and drove away the bewilderment (of his disciples by this work), and some of the other saints expressly state the same thing, to wit: that the Bodham was the book that was in the hands of the First Teacher Thadchanamoorthy when he enlightened his disciple seated under the fig tree.

T. T. V.—Nonsense. It is an unthinkable fable to suggest that the First Teacher found it necessary to carry a book under His armpit.

S.—Our sacred books abound with references to the Lord's appearance in various forms for various purposes on various occasions and they cannot all be brushed aside as fables. At least no person who has any faith in the Saiva religion will do so. In the life-history of Umapathiyar, for instance, we are told that the Great God Sittampalavan wrote him an epistle instructing him to bestow Grace on a Pariyah man (as if He could not do it Himself direct).

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T. T. V.—That was in connection with a miracle performed by the Saint. It cannot be treated as being on all fours with the alleged handling of a book by the South-eastern Deity.

S.—In the Periya Puranam, one of the Twelve Tirumurai (திருமுறைகள்) or Sacred Books accepted as authoritative without protest even by the protesting "researchmen" and their camp-followers, we read that the Great God appeared disguised as an old brahman to redeem a runaway servant with a bond of servitude (அடிமை ஒலை) hidden under His cloak, and that too in duplicate, an original deed (மூல ஒலை) and a certified copy thereof (படி ஒலை). Later on we find that He redeemed another runaway servant by subjecting him to a dire disease. Proceeding further we note that He enslaved a small child by giving him sweets (mother's milk surcharged with ambrosial wisdom). Surely these cannot all be discarded as unthinkable fables. Can they?

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF JAFFNA
Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 1322

In the matter of the last Will and Testament of the late Mudaliyar Joseph Nagansather Culanthavelu of Vannarponnai West. Deceased
Nagansather Culanthavelu Rajansathan of Vannarponnai West
Petitioner
Vs.

1. Sugirthamalar widow of Nallathamby Sabapathipillai, 2. Thirumalar widow of Balasubramaniam, 3. Nallamamah daughter of Mudaliyar Culanthavelu, 4. Somasunderam son of Mudaliyar Culanthavelu, 5. Chitra daughter of Mudaliyar Culanthavelu of Vannarponnai West, 6. Rajeswari daughter of Mudaliyar Culanthavelu presently of Mental Hospital, Angoda, 7. Sarogini Daughter of Sanmugasasingam, 8. Balachandran son of Vannarponnai presently of Batticaloa 3-8 respondents by their Guardian ad litem, 9. Nagapillai widow of Mudaliyar Culanthavelu all of Vannarponnai West.

Respondents.
This matter coming on for disposal before V. S. Jayawickrema Esqr District Judge, Jaffna, on the 1st day of June 1951 in the presence of Mr. S. Kanagasabai proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the petition affidavit of the petitioner, affidavit of the attesting notary and the two attesting witnesses having been read, it is ordered that the last will and testament No. 1932 dated 27th Sept 1944, and attested by J. F. Bartlett Notary Public, Colombo of the abovenamed deceased be declared proved and the petitioner as the surviving executor be declared entitled to have Probate issued to him and the ninth named respondent be appointed Guardian Ad litem over the 3-8th Respondents unless the respondents or any other person interested in the estate shall on or before the 16th day of July 1951 appear before this court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 1st day of June 1951.
Sgd. V. S. Jayawickrema
District Judge.

Drawn by:
Sgd. S. Kanagasabai
Proctor for petitioner.
(O. 51, 3 & 6).