

VEDANTA — THE LIFE-GIVING GOSPEL

Satisfies The Needs Of
Human Spirit

THE universal and immutable truths of religion are collected together in the Upanishads. They form the immortal Vedanta, the heart or fulfilment of the Vedas, the source of universal religion. Their validity is self-evident and hence supreme. They are unassailable for all time. Therefore everything in religious life must be subordinate to the truths of Vedanta, and must conform to their spirit. For, Vedanta is the universal religion.

Mankind is now passing through a grave crisis which is, at bottom, spiritual. Religion fulfils the deepest needs of the human spirit. Danger to religion therefore must spell danger to human welfare. The onslaughts of reason and materialistic science have pulled down sectarian religions all over the world. Much that passes for religion today, everywhere, is the debris of the old structures that have tumbled down at the touch of the modern spirit.

This is no matter for surprise or regret. For what has fallen is not true religion. It is only the external aids to religious life that have collapsed. By their very nature they have to be periodically pulled down and rebuilt to meet the changing needs of the time. That is the task not of ordinary reformers, but only of God-realised souls.

A hopeful factor for

World Federation of U N Association

The Ceylon branch of the United Nations' Association has nominated Mr. K. C. Nadarajah, Advocate of Colombo to represent the Ceylon Branch at the World Federation of United Nations' Association to be held in Stockholm from August 24 to 30 this year.

humanity today is that the Vedanta stands triumphant amidst the ruins in the religious field. That is because it embodies religious truths of eternal and universal value. It has not only met successfully the challenge of modern science and western materialism, but also begun to turn the tables on the very attackers. Many leading intellectuals of the West have already accepted Vedanta. Many more are sure to follow.

The Ideal

In the words of Swami Vivekananda, Vedanta is the rationale of all religions. Without Vedanta every religion, he warns us, is reduced to mere

[From The Vision]

superstition. About religion itself, he says it is nothing but what is perceived in the soul. "Be pure and unselfish—that is the whole of religion. All of religion is contained in the Vedanta. The ideal of Vedanta is that you are the Divine, 'Thou art That'—*Tat Twam Asi*."

Unity, strength and fearlessness are the watchwords of Vedanta. There is no more life-giving gospel than the one that looks upon man as immortal and potentiality divine. It proclaims that perfection and freedom are already innate in us, and that we have only to realise the same by knowledge of the true nature of our inner Self. The Vedanta knows no sin or evil, but only error and ignorance, which are removable.

It is a misunderstanding of the Vedanta to say that it is pessimism, and that it denounces the world as evil. The Vedanta really does not denounce the world, but deifies it as a manifestation of the Abso-

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Northern Co-operators Fete Mr. & Mrs N. T. Sivagnanam

The Co-operative Agricultural Producers of North Ceylon mustered strong at the Jaffna Town Hall Lawn to felicitate Mr. N. T. Sivagnanam, the Hony. Secretary of their Co-operative Union and his bride, Puvaneswary at a Garden Party.

Mr. W. P. A. Cooke, the President of the Northern Division Agricultural Producers Union, who took the chair welcomed the couple. Songs specially composed for the occasion were sung by two students from the Hindu Ladies' College.

Mr. K. E. Kumarasamy, the President of the Kopay C. A. P. & S. S. read and presented an illuminated address. Mr. S. Natesapillai President of the North-Ceylon Co-operative Printing Society, blessed the couple and wished them good-luck. Mr. K. Sivaguru, one of the oldest Co-operators eulogised on the invaluable services rendered by Mr. Sivagnanam in the cause of Co-operation in the North.

Mr. Sivagnanam, replying to the address thanked his fellow co-operators for the honour done to him. Mr. E. P. Rasiah, thank-all who helped to make the function the success that it was.

Congratulatory messages from Mr. Yatawara, the Acting Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Mr. V. Veerasingham, J. P. President of the Northern Division Co-operative Federation, Mr. A. W. Nadarajah, District Judge, Pt. Pedro and others were read.

Sir Waitalingam Duraiswamy, the father of the bride and Mr. S. S. Jayawickrema the District Judge of Jaffna were among the many guests who attended the Garden Party.

HINDU TEMPORALITIES

A VIEW - POINT

(By S. PATANJALI)

There has been bitter controversy both in the Press and on public platforms over the recommendations of the Committee on Hindu Temporalities. The orthodox section of the Hindu public without realising that the Committee has not recommended any legislation on Temple entry and animal sacrifice is busy burning copies of the Report, probably because the views of the Committee as expressed in the report are in favour of temple entry for 'Harijans' and for abolition of animal sacrifice. Some temple managers are perturbed over proposed legislation on Temporalities. Another section of the Hindu public perhaps thinks that the recommendations of the Committee do not go far enough.

Matter of Conscience

There is however one point which most of us seem to have missed. The law can only compel the external act. It cannot touch the inner consciousness. But religion, and matters pertaining to religion are essentially matters of conscience. The external act, without inward purity would have no significance in religion. It was for this reason that Mahatmaji himself devoted practically a whole life-time to awaken the conscience of caste Hindus to see that justice is done to Harijans. It would have been very easy for the Congress dominated legislatures to pass legislation, if legislation was considered the best method of abolishing untouchability in the field of religion. Eventually when the conscience of the Community was awakened only and the Hindu Community (India) as a whole recognized the right of Harijans to enter temples and worship there along with rest, then legislation gave covering sanction to it.

Legislation

By Non-Hindus

Here in Ceylon, we are in a peculiar position. The strength of the Hindus in the present parliament is about a dozen, in a house of 101 members. It is hardly likely that this strength would ever be exceeded. If at all, the numbers may be even less. Any legislation on any religious matter would therefore necessarily be a legislation by a non-Hindu body. There are

provisions in the Constitution against legislation on religious matters except at the request of the religious body concerned. Whatever the purpose or validity of the safeguard, is it not far better for us to avoid getting legislation through a non-Hindu legislature and achieve, if need be, by peaceful persuasion amidst ourselves what we want the law to compel? Should we allow a precedent to be set up allowing the legislature to legislate in matters pertaining to our religion? Is it too much to expect Hindu leaders and religious bodies to do the duty by our Religion by doing something constructive so that the need for legislation may not arise.

Reject Hindu Temporalities Report

The Saiva residents of Maviddapuram, Tellippalai and other villages adjoining assembled at the Kandaswamy Temple and resolved unanimously to request the Government to reject the Report of the Special Committee on Hindu Temporalities for the following reasons:

(1) That the Report prescribes the 12 and 14 Tamil Books as the chief authorities for the Saivites instead of the authoritative scriptures viz. the Vedas and Agamas which have been accepted as the true authorities from time immemorial.

(2) The taking over of all Hindu temples by Government and managing them by a Commissioner would completely alter the Saiva complexion of the temples and it would tantamount to a commercial undertaking.

Poison in Rice Plate

A plate of rice was produced before Mr. C. B. Walgambaya, Mallakam Magistrate, on Saturday last by Sergeant Sinnathamby of the Kankasanturai Police when he alleged that poison had been introduced into the rice by an attendant of the Kankasanturai Civil Hospital. [The productions were ordered to be sent to the Government Analyst for report.]



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Treasure These Thoughts

More needful than faith in God is faith in love, justice, peace and all the beloved morals embodiment in human relations. Denial of that faith is the only true atheism.

A. E. HAYDON.

HEALTH HABITS

The Health Officers have begun reminding the citizen of the significance of the Health Week, and his duty towards himself and the rest of humanity. They do this in similar reminders into the ears of the house-holder day in and day out and also make a spectacular display of their routine work once every year in order to bring home to the people the need to be accustomed to health habits by the aid of significant slogans of sanitation and propaganda perorations.

The marvels of medical science made possible by the continuous and extensive research work of specialists and scholars cost all countries colossal sums of money. The progress has been so amazingly vast that it looks possible for eminent surgeons and physicians even to hold the deadly hand of the God of Death. This is on the curative side.

But there is, in medical work, the equally important preventive side which, however, does not require research studies so much as the will of the people to listen to the words of wisdom that flow from those who are competent to formulate habits of health to be practised for life to be made more wholesome and immune from the attack of dangerous diseases. Public Health, thus, has become one of the most important administrative functions of all Central and Local Government.

Sri Lanka occupies a high place in the United Nations Health Organisation because of the fact that the Government of this country has been devoting great attention to the problem of improving the health of the average citizen. The net-work of

health propaganda officers operating throughout the Island in conjunction with Health Associations founded by the people themselves has spared no pains to educate the masses hygienic methods of living by actually affording them all practical help and facilities for better and healthier living.

In Jaffna it should be said to the credit of the Municipal Council the various Town Councils and Village Committees that the Health officers and their staff have been paying more than human attention to this question of awakening the average man to a sense of health consciousness and making him realise that what remains to complete the good and noble work of the Government and the Health Department is his willingness to abide by the instructions given to him in the most pleasingly persuasive manner.

The Jaffna Health League the Medical Officer of Health, and his staff, the Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council deserve to be thanked for the keen and abiding interest they show in taking all precautionary measures to maintain a good standard of health in the city. The appeal so very feelingly made by the Mayor of Jaffna while inaugurating the Health Week in Jaffna should have, we hope, spontaneous response from the people. The supply of pure water, the standard of drainage, efficient disposal of refuse and prevention of adulteration of food are some of the more important problems of health that require the co-ordinated attention of all medical officers, the Municipality and the various Health Leagues. We would not wax eloquent to say that the *summum bonum* has been achieved in health activities. We would, while appreciating the good work done already, goad all those concerned in this humanitarian service to endeavour to reach a still more remarkable degree of efficiency and perfection.

Assassins Care Not For God's House

King Abdullah shortly before he was assassinated reproved his bodyguard for too much precaution saying 'This is God's House. Everyone is safe here.' The assassins did not think so.

THE COLOMBO PLAN NOT A SERIES OF STATISTICS CO-OPERATION AT TECHNICAL LEVEL

THE issue which is likely to dominate our lifetime is that of freedom versus serfdom, individualism versus collectivism, true democracy versus Communist 'democracy.'

The Contest

This is going to be a battle for men's minds far more than a battle of tanks, planes and bombs. The side that will win is that which can enlist the support of the masses of mankind.

The biggest floating vote in this contest is that of the teeming millions of Asia. It is a floating vote which, judging by events in China and perhaps in Persia, the forces of freedom may be losing.

If the West loses this battle, it will be because the peoples of Asia will decide that Communism offers them a chance of escape from the hunger and destitution, that have been the lot of all too many of them from time immemorial.

If the West wins, it will not be because United Nations arms have prevailed in Korea or because all the bandits will have been strung up in Malaya or because the Persians will have learned to their cost that they need Western help to run their oil industry.

It will be because the West will have shown the people of Asia that their true interests lie on its side; that their newly awakened nationalism is given the best chance of flowering and prospering in the setting which the West and not Communism can provide.

The Weapon

That is why in this battle the greatest weapon is the scheme which the countries of the Commonwealth have launched for the economic development of such countries as India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Malaya. This is the Colombo Plan, which came officially into operation on July 1.

To those of us who have read about the plan it may all too readily appear as a set of large, meaningless figures—so many millions of pounds to be invested, so many thousands of square miles of swamp to be drained, so many miles

of road and railway to be built.

The Human Factor

The Colombo plan, however, is at heart a matter of personal endeavour and not a series of statistics. The human factor in it will matter much more than the provision of finance. And so let me give three examples of men who are already engaged on this great experiment.

First there is Brigadier H. E. Horsfield, who during the last war, as chief engineer with the 14th Army in Burma, cleared more impenetrable jungle than any other man alive today.

The Indian peasant, with his primitive plough and bullocks, is powerless to deal with this weed, whose roots go down to a great depth. Tractor-driven ploughs are needed for this job. Brigadier Horsfield has over 300 tractors under him; also bull-dozers, deep-furrow ploughs and root-cutting equipment.

Ceylon's Share

Then take Mr. Abeyakoon. He is an inspector of mines in Ceylon. He arrived in Britain recently to take a course at the Camborne School of Mines. His visit, like that of other trainees who come with him, is paid for under the technical co-operation scheme of the Colombo Plan to which Britain has already contributed £2,800,000.

He is to spend two years in Britain and on return will work for his Government on the development of Ceylon's mineral resources.

Here is a good example of helping Asia to help herself, to develop the technical skills and occupy the highest administrative positions.

If Europeans are to play their part in the development of Asia in this second half of the twentieth century, it must be on the basis of equal partnership, of genuine joint enterprise. Mr. Abeyakoon's visit to Britain is a portent of this new spirit of co-operation at the highest technical level.

Thirdly, let us look at Professor J. A. Prescott, director of the Waite

In Parliament

Appointed Member's Tribute To P. M.

Mr. K. V. Nadarajah Supports Budget

The debate on the Budget has assumed the form of a no-confidence motion on the Premier and his followers with the proviso that the 'dissidents did right'. Major J. W. Oldfield claiming the late Sir D. B. Jayatilaka as his 'guru' in politics said that he had yet to see a greater statesman than the Premier.

Mr. George R. de Silva of the dissident group described the budget as a typical Ceylonese budget providing for what was just sufficient for the present.

The L. S. S. P. Member for Avisavella uttered a typical Leftist warning to the Government Party saying that the 'movement (crossing-over) outside was gaining momentum'.

When Mr. D. Ramanujam intimated his intention to speak in Tamil, the speaker vacating his chair called upon Mr. T. Ramalingam, Deputy Chairman of Committees to preside in the absence of the Deputy Speaker.

'Nothing Wrong With The Budget'

Mr. K. V. Nadarajah (Bandaravella) said that he had consulted a cross section of his electorate and got a mandate to support the Budget which according to his own opinion was a perfect one and had nothing intrinsically wrong with it.

During the debate last week Mr. C. Vanniasingam (Kopay) speaking in Tamil (the second such occasion, the first being by the T. C. Leader last year) linked the Government to a tree that was fast rotting and that stood in danger of collapsing immediately.

Agricultural Research Institute of Adelaide.

Bond of Friendship

With irrigation and the building of roads, living space will be found here for a million new settlers; 800 new villages will be built, the desert will flower with wheat, cotton, oil seeds and sugar cane.

Here, then, are three examples of the human and real side of the Colombo plan. Without it the plan will wither away. With it we shall create new bonds of friendship between the peoples of the Commonwealth.

Jaffna Mayor's Appeal For Health Education

Need For Joint Planning

IN the past I have been confining my appeal to the residents of Jaffna Town. During this year's Health Week I am appealing for better Health Education which should be the concern of all true citizens of Lanka. Throughout Lanka, Health Week will be celebrated for one week. On each day of the week I shall briefly touch on some aspect of Health Education.

22-7-51 Sunday

Let us examine Health Education in a general way. I have been intimately associated with Local Government Administration for more than fifteen years and am convinced that any health activity without health education as the foundation is like a house built on sand. Health Education has been rightly defined as that which "represents the sum of all experiences in School and elsewhere that favourably influence habits, attitudes, and knowledge, related to individual, racial and community health". In the present stage of the public Health Work in this country very little thought is given to Health Education as a speciality. It is usually a by-product of the services of the Health Department. We are in an age of doing things for and to people rather than instructing them in how to solve their own problems. Doing things for people is often easy but it is often expensive and of temporary benefit. Every Health activity should therefore have as its content HEALTH EDUCATION.

23-7-51 Monday

Today let us discuss the responsibility of parents in this field of education. Health should not be thought of as a subject in the academic sense of the word. Optimal health is achieved as a result of desirable living experience, never through the mere acquisition of factual materials pertaining to health. It is therefore the clear duty of parents to strive hard to provide the environment and the facilities for this desirable living experience. As Parent Teacher Associations are helpful allies of public health officers, parents should be active members of such associations. The protection and improvement of the children involve mainly the co-operative efforts of parents, Health Department personnel, Education Department personnel and social service organizations interested in health. Parents are an essential in any health education programme. The Adult education classes should place emphasis on Health Education.

24-7-51 Tuesday

Let us ponder today on the

strategic position occupied by Schools in this field. The School rightfully contributes to the development of healthy, happy and successful men and women. The schools have an excellent opportunity to engender rules of healthful living among students from early childhood through adolescence, as they spend several hours of the day for more than half the year under the supervision of school authorities. Thanks to free education, practically every child now attends school. Health Education should pervade all activities of the School health programme. Schools should also impart safety education as we are no longer in the peaceful ballock card y. Sex education is another subject that should receive the attention of schools. Health should be considered one of the first objectives of education and the time allotted to health instruction should be at least equal to that devoted to any other major subject of the school curriculum. Planning health education programmes in schools to suit the different age groups is very essential. It is a desirable procedure to have a health education programme committee in each school. It will be well for the schools to remember that we do not want a society of feeble children, each carried through life in the arms of a staff of specialists, expert in the care of all conceivable defects of mind and body. In our democracy, the chief function of the schools is preparation for life.

25-7-51 Wednesday

Let us today think of the community responsibility in Health Education. One of the great needs for the advancement of national health is increased public awareness of personal and community health problems. It has been rightly stated that the society in which public Health Services function determines their scope and content. Public understanding normally lags far behind scientific knowledge and practice. To bridge this gap and to promote sound health practice, community organizations should be formed so that they could assist the health authorities in their aims of public health education. The Community Centres of this island are ideal organizations for promoting health education. An informed and receptive community is an essential if the health of the community is to be ensured.

26-7-51 Thursday

I am devoting this day to the part that medical and other institutions can play in this scheme of Health Education. Medical institutions of the preventive section of the Medical Department are

engaged in health education. They could improve on what is being done with better facilities and better planning. I am happy to find that the Medical Officers of Health have asked for the creation of a separate division of Health education in their administrative set up. Health Education in our hospitals is almost absent. This is a grave defect and should be remedied. The hours spent by patients at an O. P. D. waiting for their turn to be seen by the Doctor could be profitably made use of for health education. Doctors could talk to patients individually and collectively while on their ward rounds on the preventive aspect of the disease or diseases they are suffering from. It should not be forgotten that a sick person is more receptive than a healthy person. It would also be very useful if a printed pamphlet on the nature of the disease, its preventive aspect and instructions for the convalescent period are handed over to a patient when he is discharged from hospital. These observations apply equally to the private hospitals and nursing homes in this country. The importance of periodic health examinations should be emphasized. Health and safety education should be imparted in all our industrial institutions.

27-7-51 Friday

Let us today talk about our Sanitary Inspectors. They are the backbone of the missionaries striving to preach the gospel of Health. They are no longer the sanitary policemen of the earlier generation and if they are to fulfil this obligation they should be a guide to the people they serve, in matters of health. Let me emphasize here that to accomplish the desired result it is absolutely necessary to have personnel who are well trained and otherwise qualified in health education. Health Departments in U.S.A. have trained health educators on their staff to plan Health Education programmes. There should be more emphasis on Health education in the training programmes of all Health personnel, as in the absence of health educators, the community has to look to them for guidance and leadership in all health matters. If the total health building process is to be given direction, wise and scientific leadership on the part of Health personnel is essential.

28-7-51 Saturday

Today is the last day of the Health Week and it is therefore appropriate to consider the responsibilities of the State in Health Education. Even though Health education is everybody's business the two Ministries of State directly concerned in this are the Ministries of Health and Education. There should be joint planning by both these Ministries if the desired ends are to be achieved. To enable joint action, a separate division of Health Education should be created by the Health Ministry and the post

REGARD YOUR WORK AS YOUR INSPIRATION

LET IT NOT BE MERE MEANS OF LIVING

Your attitude toward your job is based on your attitude toward life. Into which category do you fall, the turnip, the aggressive self-seeker, or the creative artist?

Like his vegetarian brother, the human turnip's existence consists in being born, maturing and dying. They come and they go, leaving the world not one whit the better for their existence. For these people do not live; they vegetate. Passivity is the characteristic of this type, whose horizons stretch no further than their immediate requirements.

The Go Getter

Our next category is the aggressive go-getter; the man who regards life as a business. "And remember", says he, "there is no sentiment in business." Success at all costs is the slogan of this type. Might is right and the devil take the hindmost. High-pressure salesmanship, cut-throat competition, ruthless exploitation, these are the marks of this "How much can I get out of it?" attitude. Such a disposition might lead to the amassment of wealth but

it can never lead to true happiness.

Creative Artist

Finally we come to that approach to living which we have referred to as that of the creative artist. Here the evaluation of life is not: "How much can I get out of it?" but "What can I put into it?" Furthermore we find that those who possess this philosophy seek to co-operate with their fellow-men. Co-operation and not competition is the key note of this attitude. Look back at history and you will find that all the greatest benefactors of the human race had this attribute of creative artistry toward life.

If then you approach your job from the artistic standpoint, it at once assumes possibilities which you never suspected. Whatever your work may be, you should be happy when doing it, and you can only be happy if you regard it from the point of view of the artist. Let's suppose you're a salesman. The moment you change from the "What can I get out of it?" to the "What can I put into it?" attitude, your job of selling becomes an adventure. It's fun meeting folks and studying them, trying to find out what makes them tick. Have you ever as a salesman, regarded your job as a challenge to do your best, to excel?

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JAFFNA COLLEGE

Degree Classes preparing for London B. A. and B. Sc. Degree examinations of June 1953 in
English Ethics
History Pure Maths.
Economics Applied Maths.
Sanskrit Physics
Tamil Chemistry
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JAFFNA COLLEGE

WANTED—An Honours graduate (preferably of Ceylon or London University) to teach Pure and Applied Mathematics classes at Jaffna College preparing for the London Degree Examinations. Apply to the Deputy President, Jaffna College, Vaddukottai. (M. 58, 24).

Resignations from Indian Cabinet Withdrawn

It is understood that Messrs Rafi Ahmed Kidwai and Agit Prasad Jain who tendered their resignations from the Indian Cabinet to Premier Nehru have since withdrawn their resignations at the request of the Indian Prime Minister.

Premier Nehru in the course of a statement issued on July 20 appealed to his Congress Colleagues for a united front. Said he, It seems to me peculiarly unfortunate that some friends should take hasty action and not help in producing the very results that they aim at.

"I have no objection at all to persons of different views forming their own groups and parties. Democracy progresses in this way. But there are two factors to be considered. One is that those differences must be real and not personal. Secondly, that the situation to-day demands the greatest unity of effort and everything that weakens that unity of effort is to be deprecated."

"To innumerable comrades of mine with whom I have shared good fortune and ill fortune alike in the past," Mr. Nehru said, "I make this appeal. It is an appeal and it is something more than an appeal, for I should like to put behind that appeal such authority as I have, not as Prime Minister, but as a Congressman of thirty-eight years standing. We cannot permit ourselves at this juncture to be swayed by personal feelings or likes or dislikes. The cause is greater than us."

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(Continued from page 1) late, a sport of the Divine, which reveals Its majesty. The Vedanta does not ask us to abandon joy, but only to choose it correctly and find it within ourselves, instead of in the world of senses. It says that for one who has tasted the Bliss of Brahman, earthly or even heavenly pleasures, have no charm whatsoever. The Atman is the fountain of Infinite Joy.

The realisation of the divinity within, the Vedanta declares, is followed by the realisation of the divinity without, everywhere. That is the fulfilment of religion. The individual then becomes one with the universal. He is immersed in the Bliss of Brahman. As the Upanishad declares, such a one has no more cause for fear.—Anandam brahmano vidwan nabibheti kutaschana.

THE GENESIS OF THE SIVA GNANA BODHAM

A CRITICISM

(BY V. VISWALINGAM)

(Continued from the issue of June 29, 1951)

In continuation of my article published in the "Hindu Organ" of June 29, 1951 I wish to make the following observations on the statement by the Science Graduate that the Sanskrit Agamas were divinely revealed. My comments on the "Divinely revealed Vedas" will follow:

Of the 28 Saiva Agamas, the most famous is *சாமிசூகம்*. In its fourth padalam stanzas 437, 438-439 it is stated that in offering worship to Sivaperuman தமிழ் வேதம் உத் ததல் வேண்டும். From this it will be clear that this Agama was woven into Sanskrit even after தேவாரம் and திருவாசகம் (தமிழ் வேதம்) were sung by Gnanasambandar, Appar, Sundarar, and Manickavasagar. M Gopinath Rao in his publication called Hindu Iconography Vol. I, Part 1 page 55 states உத்தரகாண்டம் enjoins சிவபெருமானுக்குத் திருவிழாச் செய்யப்படும்கால் ஏழாம் ஊரிலே, திருஞானசம்பந்தர்குத் தோற்றுச் சமணர்கள் கருவில் ஏறின செய்தி கொண்டாடப்படுதல் வேண்டும். Does this not show that சாண சூகம் was composed long after திருஞானசம்பந்தர். Besides, these Agamas mention the names of தமிழ் இனம் in which Thevara hymns are sung. So that there can be little doubt that சாமிசூகம் and சாணம் were composed after the 9th century A. D. Tirumular lived during the VIth century A. D. When he refers to Agamas in his திருமுத்திரம், the reference is indisputably to Agamas that existed before VI Century A. D. As shown above, the Sanskrit Agamas சாமிசூகம் and சாணம் saw the light of day after the period of our சமஸ்கிருதர். Therefore the Agamas referred to by Tirumular in திருமுத்திரம் were different from the Sanskrit Agamas which the protagonists of "revelations" without any support for their pre conceived notions want the readers to believe as existed from time immemorial. These pious souls quote தேவாரம் as their authority. But they are probably unaware that Sanskrit Agamas were of a later date than தேவாரம். Any reference to Agamas in தேவாரம் can only be to Tamil Agamas. Tirumular states that the Agamas treat purely of TatwaGnanam as expounded by Vedanta and Siddhanta. Vide his stanza 1429.

சூகம் ஒன்பது அநிலாநகரேழு
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வேகியில் வேதாந்த சித்தாந்த மெய்ம்மைமொன்று
சூகமுடிந்த அருஞ்சத்தசைவமே.

Saint Manickavasagar too has sung that by the study of the Agamas alone one can realise the true nature of சிவபெருமான் in சிவபுராணம் 4. ஆகமமாயி கின்றனவியிப் பான் தாழ்வாய்த். Whereas சாமிசூகம் and சாணம் are சிவபுராணத்திரம் laying down rules relating to the building of temples, the manner pujas and worship are to be performed, how festivals should be celebrated etc. They do not answer to the definition given above by Tirumular. It is preposterous to imagine that சிவபெருமான் was particular to reveal the dimensions of temples to be built for Him so that He may dwell therein in ease and comfort as to bestow grace on his devotees, as if built otherwise He will refuse to dwell therein or to dispense divine grace. Besides architecture is a science which changes from time to time in accordance with progress of scientific knowledge. Even the purblind can see the difference between the two sets of Agamas. The Tamil Agamas expound true Tatwagnana, whereas the Sanskrit counterpart deals with rules of architecture &c.

திவாகாழ்வானியர் was a saivite and composed the திவாகாசிரிசு about the 10th century A. D. He mentions therein the 4 Sanskrit Vedas, the 18 Puranas and the several Dharma Shastras. Were Sanskrit Agamas extant during his time he would certainly have mentioned them in his work, but he did not. The fact that works known as Agamas were extant during his time can be gleaned from his statement. ஆகமப் பதவல் ஆரிடம் சமயம் குத்திரம் ஐந்தும் தூவினாத் தலக்கும். Therefore it is evident that the Agamas extant in his day were தமிழ் ஆகமம்.

In the now published திருமுத்திரம் editions we find விசுவநாதன் and 47 stanzas more than the attotted 1000 referred to by Saint Sekkilar.

Stanza 68 reads:

பெற்றால் லாகமம் சாணம் சாமிசூகம்
உற்றால் வீரம் உயர்சித்தம் வாதுளம்
மற்றால் வியாபகமொ திவாகாசிரிசு
அற்றாந் சப்பிராரு சொல்லு மலிடமே.

The above stanza gives the names of 9 Agamas which include யாமனம் and சாலோத்திரம். The 28 Agamas now in vogue do not include the above two. This Stanza is clearly

one of the interpolations by later writers who desired to invest the Sanskrit Agamas with some antiquity, at least to show that Tirumular had known their existence.

I have endeavoured to state the facts as they are. It is not my purpose to disturb the belief or faith or equanimity of mind of those orthodox ardent Saivites who wish to believe the divine origin of the Sanskrit Agamas and Vedas. Some shudder to think that our religion will go to dogs if not based on the divinely revealed Vedas and Agamas. They little realise that the Mohenjodaro excavations have proved that Linga or Siva worship existed in India long before the advent of the Aryans and centuries before the Sanskrit Vedas and Agamas were thought of.

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Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1333

In the matter of the intestate Estate of the late Ponniah Raviiah of 3rd Cross Street, Jaffna. Deceased.

Jane Seeveratnam widow of P. Raviiah of 3rd Cross Street, Jaffna. Petitioner.

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Minor 1. Raviiah Jeyarajah of 3rd Cross Street, Jaffna.

2 C. R. Wardsworth of Kopay.

Respondents.

This matter coming for disposal before J. H. V. S. Jayawickrama Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 2nd day of July 1951 in the presence of Mr. V. Navaratnarajah Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 29th day of March 1951 having been read

It is ordered that the above-named 2nd respondent be appointed guardian ad-litem over the minor the 1st respondent abovenamed and that the petitioner as the widow of the deceased is entitled to have letters of administration over the estate of the said deceased

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and the same issued to her accordingly unless the respondents or others shall on or before the 30th day of July 1951 appear before this court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the minor be produced in Court on the said date.

This 2nd day of July 1951, Sgd J. H. V. S. Jayawickrama, District Judge.

Sgd V. Navaratnarajah, Proctor for petitioner. (O. 56. 24 & 27.)

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