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The East And West WHAT IS TRUE HAPPINESS?

Can They Meet to Advantage

(By DR. RANJEE G. SHAHANI)

rift between the East and the West. (Between corse'ves I was at that time no less a "Blimp" than the "Colonet". I succeeded in my aim better than I had expected, for a number of eminent European artis's and critics took my pronouncement rather solemnly. There was, they agreed, fundamental oppo-Occident.

Soon, bowever, I discovered that I was not so right as I had fondly imagined The first doubt was thrown in my mind by Thomas Whittaker, the well-known nec-Platonist scholar, who roundly declared that he had more in common with me than he had with Bernard Shaw or H G. Wels!

A greater shock was given to me by Romain Rolland He asked me to compare the spir-tual experience of the East and the West.

' You will find", he said, "that we are all members one of another Any differences that are there are merely differences of behaviour and expression."

I investigated the problem of the East and the West with all the thoroughness of which I was capable. The re-ults were startling. Here, in rough outline, is part of what I discovered

The East and the West had been meeting and mingling long before the time of Alexander the Great, From Thales to Plato, from Agnosties to neo-Platonists, from Sonspenhauer to Count Keyserling, from Victor Hugo to Paul Valery, from Blake to A'dous Huxley, the Occident has been deeply influenced by the thought of India. And the opposite is only slightly less true

It was during the Renaissance, and only from that time, that the gulf arose between the East and the West. This was simply due to the birth of an aggressive individualism in Europe No d ubt we owe to it the rise of science and all that it connotes. But the linkage between the East and the West which had withstood the test of many centuries was suddenly destroyed. In modern times the two have drifted apart more and more. And this is to the disadvantage of the West.

Such, anyhow, is the thesis of Rene Guenon, the brilliant French s.holar and thinker We may respest his contention without wholly ing that there is much in common are sufficient to make it a pleasant subscribing to it. He seems to between the Indians and the thing, when they are taken en basthink that westernization of the English-

1938, speaking before the Orient especially of India, is Royal Society of Literature and calamity. I venture to disagree; I the then India Society, I tried to believe that the East had to be prove that there was an abso'ute awakened from its age-long s'esp. Science is nothing if not universal,

Engli h influence on India through Western education and other channels has been tremendous But what is worth noting is that it has created a new type of men-what I have elsewhere called the spiritual Indo-Eng'lshman sition between the Orient and the Examples: Ram Mohan Roy Vivekananda, Tago'e, Iqbal and Pandit Nehru. Even Gandhi, a pukka Hindu though he is, has many English e'ements in his make-up. Autobindo is, of course, a perfect world citizen who combines in his vision gleams of various races. He is a symbol of entents between the East and the West.

and the Indians?

Well, both have the same sense of humour-that is they laugh at the same things. I made this remark during the second World War in some article of mine Edward Thompson at once wrote to me: 'I was much struck by your suggestion that Indians are the only peop'e who understand and appreciate English humour. This is true, but I have never seen this mentioned before. .. I am glad to have made a little discovery,

The English like satire. So do we Indians. But I must say that we Indians have a finer comprehension of irony than the Eng lish. We can when we like it, puncture vanity so effectively that the operation is hard y noticed.

English idealism and Indian pantheism bays much in common Often they speak the same language

But it would need a monograph to do justice to this theme: I merely indicate it.

The Buddhist theory of life is shared by such differently gifted writers as Shakespeare and Bermand siders happiness to be a mental state Russel. This only confirms a private theory of mine—that, any thinker, in so far as he is h nest with himse'f and others, is bound ject other than their own happiness; to be a Buddhist.

Vedanta says that everything is n'timately a form of energy and movement, Modern science affirming the same thing today.

I hope I have succeeded in show-

(PROF. B. S. MATHUR, M. A. in the "Vedanta Kesari")

tion, I refer to a thought-provoking his sutobicgraphy. thing strange, something remark to crawl to the herd of the shadow and the shadow also crawled. The child and the shadow also moved. The child began to cry because he could not esteh the head of the shadow."

And so the child continues crying, and his intellig nce, if any, is not able to teach him what he should But what other points of con- do to eatch the head of the shadow. tact are there between the English Exactly in the same fashion, and with the same result, of crying and gnashing of teeth, we are making advances in the domain of science and are yet far away from our dream of happines: Why so? The sethe point. 'In the meantime the mother taking mercy on the child take us fice to face with happiness. made the chi'd touch his own head, and lo, the head of this shadow was also caught." The idea is that there and health are becessary for happiwas a wrong selection of means to he end. Also there was the case of central path of wisdom.

For mere asking happiness in plenty is and will be with us. We are what we think ourselves to be Happy thoughts will make us happy. All happiness is inside us, and it can come out, it can be enjoyed to the fullest, ushering in a reign of continued comfort, if there is the right means adopted for securing it. The Bible has said that the Kingdom of Heaven is within us. Does it mean that happiness is inside in a concrete sense? A little reflection will dismiss this idea. Happiness is not a concrete thing. There is no positive place for it. I am one with John Stuart Mill when he conor attitude He goes further, and states: "Those only are happy who have their minds fixed on some ob on the happiness of others, on the improvement of mankind even on some art or pursuit, fo'lowed not as means, but as itself an end, Aiming thus at something else, they find h ppines by the way. The enjoyments of life (such was my theory) sant, without being made a princi-

A S one looks around one notices pal object Ask yourself wheblood and tears. There is ther you are happy, and you cease little joy. And so the question is: to be so." This intelligent analysis Why are we unhappy inspite of our of happiness is extremely helpful as ceaseless progress, made possible by it is the outcome of his personal exscience? As an answer to this ques- perience of sidness, as described in

utterance of Swami Ranthirtha In I am happy that two great thinkthe course of his illuminating and ers, one greatly intellectual and the touching seture at San Francisco, other divinely spiritual are one in in 1902, he said. "Rama knows of their analysis of happiness. Both the case of a little child, a small baby spiritual insight and intellectual that has just 'earnt to craw', to genetration say that happiness is walk on all fours The child saw its ju t a state of mind. And then shadow and thought it to be some- happiness cannot stand any security. This is very significant, Had not able The chi d wanted to catch hold Car'y'e said, of course after his readof the bead of the shadow; it began ing of the Bible, that blessed is he who has found his work. Now amplify this idea of work, may be for the good of the nation or for the good of the entire humanity In other words, as already hinted by Mill, happiness comes as a result of social work, work for the up ift of

Instantly we jump, quite reasonably, to another point; selfishness must be buried deep down, never to come up-to surface, never to be brought into play, in our dealings with reople in society. Here is the secret of happiness. Life, is indeed, beyond reiment or food. Life is, incond part of the story will illustrate deed, for others and in work. Only work is noble. Only work will

Edward Gibbon might say with all em hasis that boks and friends ness. I say these things will be of no value if we have not the necesstraying from the right and the sary and apt attitude to be happy. It was not for nothing that William Shakespeare put these words in the mouth of nonio in The Merch int of Venics:

In sooth I know not why I am sad: It wearies me: you say it wearies you; But how I caught it, found it or came by it What stufftis made of, whereof

This is said with reference to sadness. The same can be said with reference to happines. It can come any moment; and also it can go any moment, without a cause, The cause lies inside, hidden within us. This is the secret Happiness resides inside: there must be some suggestion, some occasion to open an overflowing stream of happiness. Only mental training will provide us with the occasion or the necessary suggestion.

In "Studie. In the Middle Way" by Christmas Humphreys there occurs these beautiful p elic lines;

The falling tide of darkees flows The voice of self is stilled. (Continued on page 5)



Kindu Organ

FRIDAY. MAY 30, 1947.

THE POLICE ORDINANCE

THE STATE COUNCIL HAS passed an Ordinance to amend the Police Ordinance of 1865. Under the old Ordinance the Police had practically no control over processions; they could only regulate and prescribe the routes for processions The sequency of strikes in Ceylon and the manner in which self-interested politicians have taken upon themselves the responsibility of advising strikes and the processions of strikers displaying red-furbans or shirts and shouting slogans have all tended to make the public feel a sense of danger. There is a possibility that the strikes which have been indulged in are only an experiment for carrying out major its subject matter, are not of the plans. The Home Minister is kind suitable for allegory, except the of the view that certain leftists are intent on a revolution before the next elections take place in September. While the place in September. While the ations in the different revisions, the workers have a right to insist Gita is practically identical in all of on a living wage and ask for them, which shows that allegory has better terms regarding leave, provident fund, dearness allow-position. What Gandhiji means, perhaps is that, though purporting ances etc, they ought not to be misguided to think that they battle field, the Gita might be undercould realise their objectives stood by each one of us as addressed only by a revolution. The to him as a masterkey to the fundamental difference between solution of all problems of life. fundamental difference between Gandhiji's teachings and the Leftists lies in the fact that Gandhiji believes that whatever changes are necessary for the common weal can be achieved by non-violent methods while the Leftists think that a revolution is the only panacea for all diseases politi- formed, fills you with the sense of gaged in a just quarrel. cal, social and economic. The Amenling Ordinance is modelled on the Public Order Act promulgated in England in 1936 and the object of the Ordinance is to enable adequate control to be exercised in relation to the holding and conduct of public meetings and processions. Police Officers of the rank of Assistant Superintendent or above will have the right to prohibit or regulate processions in the interests of the preservation of the public peace; possession of dangerous weapons the use of words, or behaviour tending to cause breaches of the peace at public meetings and processions are prohibited; and provision has been made for regulating the operation, in or near public places, of instruments pro- up on the ground that the members ducing, reproducing or amplifying sound. The legislation is timely, but to what excent it can remedy the existing state of ffairs has yet to be seen.

Gita & Non-Violence

(INDIAN SOCIAL REFORMER)

N the April Prahuddha Bharota, fulfilment the only real happiness Telang, in his introduction to his It is never the same for everyone, addressing the Research Association English translation of the Git in For Gendhiji, spinning on the cf the Travancore University. In the Sacred Books of the East series, charkha is the way of fulfilment, the course of two lectures he deliafter a careful examination of liter-ary data, estimated that it must have been composed sometime before 300 it, is against the whole spirit of the B. C. how long before he could not determine. Bal Gangadhar Tilak in Violence. All work is overcoming his Orion, working on the reference of some resistance. Ever in play in the Gita to the month of Marga- you force the ball to go where you sirisha as the season of flowers, calculated that the date of the Gita was to go. Karma, therefore, is inseparabout 3000 B. C. Mr. Athavale on able from violence. And what does toge her under the stress of war, astronomical references in the Mahatha the Gita say of Karma? For the man who is in the stage of enproduction of atomic energy. clusion. Very few people who read deavour and aspiration, Karma, the Gita as scripture or literature, struggle, care to enquire when the book was When he has attained the goal, then composed.

One of Mr. Athavale's objects in establishing the date is to disprove Gandhiji's opinion that the Gita is an allegory. Even an allegory must have been composed at some time. 'Pilgrim's Progress' is the typical allegory but we know who its author was and when it was composed, The fixing of a date, therefore does not necessarily prove that the Gita large and small, serious and trivial which beset him. command in every case is, do your work unconcerned, without consechences, failure or success, gain or loss. But what is your "work"? That each one must judge for him-

Mr. V. B Athavale writes an in life- Such work is Worship, article on the date of the composi- the highest and truest worship But tion of the Cita Kashinath Trimbak it may not be the same for everyone. expressed by Sir K S. Krishnan want it to go and not where it wants violence, is the way. non-violence, serenity, peace, is his portion. The great majority of men are in the stage of aspiration, Work therefore they must. The very effort to pack a thought into an act, is force. It is not non-violence, The Gita, therefore, makes the mowords, in the spirit of altruism, is in the sunformed from a sellish motive, one of greed or estenation or love of public applause, is unacceptable even though incidentally it may benefit others besides the doors, To tell the Noakhali victims to harbour no thought of punishment towards the wrong-doers, is plainly contrary to the precepts of the Gita. The di-vine descends to the earth to desworks its will, A man who passively suffers wrong, is as much a danger to society as the man who inflicts wrong. The weak are a greater danger to society than the wicked But for them there will be no wickedness on earth. Non violence as Gandhiji preaches it. is unmoral. Never hit a fellow-man so long as he does not hit you. When he hi's you, hit him back not in anger but calmly as a matter of duty to society. Even if he is stronger than you, do not he sitate. The bully is a self, obviously not the work for the you, do not hesitate. The bully is a employer who pays you. Your coward, Further, there is universal work is the work which well per- justice lighting behind the man en-

Atomic Energy

ITS FUTURE

Atomic energy will sooner or later control the destinies of the human race. This is the view impressions of the work catried on n Enrope and America during and for the war. H referred in partientar to intimate anecdoles connected with the tonn of research workers of ill nationalities who working developed processes leading to the production of atomic energy.

After making a general survey of the sources of energy, he indicated that the sources of all terrestrial energy is the sun. The lecturer showed how matter is converted into energy both in formation of heavier atoms from lighter atoms and in the course of disint gration tive not the act, the criterion of of the heavy atons. The source of moral worth. Whatever you do solar energy released in the course solar energy released in the course with an unselfish purpose, in other of the formation of heavy atoms

The lecturer drew attention to the fact that the available energy in the earth in the form of wood, eral, petrol, etc. will suffice only for on years or so and, if mankind has to survive, a new source of energy is imperative. He next detailed the process developed for the release of atomic energy and pointed out that troy wrong-doers. It is through atomic energy had come to stay human instruments that the divine and sooner or later it was going to and sooner or later it was going to contro! the destinies of the human

Lakshimi Sisters' Radio Music Recital

The twin daughters, aged 10 of Mr. Rajendram, Proprietor of Ster-lings, laffna and Colombo will give a Music Recital on the Radio on Sunday 1st June 1947 between 6-30 p. m. and 7 p. m.

Those interested in music should not miss this opportunity of hearing the young Lakshimi sisters who have won appreciations from musi-cians like Srimathi K. B. Sundarambal of all India fame-

PERSONAL

Mudaliyar C Venasitamby, Chief Tamil Interpreter, Supreme Court has been transfered as Chief Mudaliyar Jaffna Kachcheri, and Maniagar Jaffna Division with effect from June 16.

It is understood that polling in the 89 constituencies in the forthcoming Parliamentary elections would be completed in 20 days.

Dr. P.P. Pillai of the International cently it was entirely due to the Labour Office is being appointed tolerance shown by the police. Labour Office is being appointed head of India's permanent delegation to the United Nations and will workers now involved 8 000, and shortly take charge of the New York disturbed the peaceful conduct of Liaison office with the rank of Minis-

13 members of the Agricultural Corps, Wirawilla in the Southern rigorous imprisonment each by the Tangalla District Judge for being members of an unlawful assembly The third reading of the bill was and committed riot arson mischief country. He moved that it be tak- passed 34 voting for and 4 against. etc. at a village near their camp,

LEFTISTS

HOME MINISTER'S ALLEGATIONS

FEARS that Leftists were planning en up under Section 38 of the Standing Orders.

General Election and that the spate of strikes was in the nature of a pre-Tuesday last.

Ordinance as to widen Police ference powers over the control of public If the meetings and processions.

When Mr. A. Mahadeva, Minister of Heme Affairs, moved the first reading. Mr. B. H. Aluwihare (Matale) objected to it being taken had not sufficient time to study the that the Amending Bill was a per-

Mr. D. S. Senanayake (Leader of the House) said that it was a very urgent matter and concerned the question of law and order in the

iminary move, were expressed by to his information certain Leftist Mr. A. Mahadeva, the Home Minis- elements were planning a revolution ter, when he rushed through all before the General Election. The three readings of the Public Meet-ings Bill in the State Council on taken complete central of the roads and it was their duty to see that other sections of the public were The Bill so amends the Police able to use the roads without inter-

If there had been no incidents re

The strikes that began with 500 business in the city.
Mr. W. Dahanayake (Bibile) said

fect piece of repressive legislation. the like of which had never been Province were sentenced to 4 years seen in Ceylon.

The Board of Ministers had become panicky.

Tuberculosis

Some Precautions

(From the issue of 27-5-47)

The test is quite harmless, and consists of the injection of a minute quantity of a substance called tuberculin into the skin of the forearm. A positive reaction to the test is shown by slight swelling and redness at the place of injection, and all that this means is that the per son concerned has had an infection with the tubercle bacillus at sometime or other. Except in the case of infants, it does not necessarily mean that the person concerned has tuberculous disease. It is, however, an important examination in the case of most contacts, who should not refuse it if it is advised.

One further point with regard to contact examination. The examining doctor may advise one or more re examinations at stated intervals. Such advise should not be neglected, as the disease, if it is to develop after contact, may take some months to do so, and re examination, and r medical advice, is a practical form of free life insurance.

and young children, contact should Six-A-Side Volley Eall Tournament be broken as early as possible after a case of tuberculosis has been dis covered in the home. If the patient has been hospitalized, well and good. If not, any infants and young children in the home should be removed to another house; if this is not possible, they should be rigorously prevented from any contact with the patient, and forbidden to enter the patient's room. Infants and young children are particularly susceptible to infection.

Care and After-Care

Even though isolation and treatment of the patient, and the examination of his contacts are of major importance, they form only two legs of the tripod of prevention which is stabilised and completed by Care and After-care measures. It is not sufficient to isolate and treat the patient; it is necessary to follow him up after his discharge from hospital, to see to it that he is equipped to re join the battle of life without injury to his health, and to provide sheltered employment where necessary. It is necessary to ensure for him freedom from care while in hospital by guaranteeing the economic stability of his dependants at home.

These are the main principles under-lying the functions of Care and After-Care, and they can only be put into practice by organized social service associated with medical rier-Jones, the apostle of this aspect of prevention, gave this ideal a concrete form; and Papworth, his rehabilitation village, is a model on which other schemes have been based both in England and in other parts of the w ric.

Care and After Care, on a small scare, has recently been started near Colombo, but an island-wide scheme is at present under consideration by the Central authorities.

Before concluding, it should be mentioned that there are several tion between the public and the predisposing causes of tuberculosis; that is to say, conditions which do not actually cause the disease, but which render people more susceptible to it. Chief among these are of the infectious case, contact exabad housing conditions and over- mination, and Care and After-Care crowding, malnutrition, and debilita- work. This co-operation is one ting diseases such as malaria and of the most encouraging aspects

Strike Fever in Colombo

Ministers and Governor Discuss

The strike situation in Colombo has not changed and it is feared that it may spread. The Board of deteriorating further.

It was felt at the meeting that the ensuing year. firm action was called for not only to prevent the situation worsening but also to protect the lives and properties of law-abiding citizens. It has been decided, it is learned, to take every precaution to maintain the essential services.

Shou d the strike position deteriorate, it is likely that as in October last, the military may be called out to protect vital Government Institutions.

North Ceylon Six-A- ide Volley Ball Tournament

Twelve teams from the North Particularly in the case of infants have entered for the North Ceylon nadurai -Viz. Dynamos A, Dynamos B, Kerudavil Volley Ball Club, Kankeyar Volley Ball Club, Urumpirai Hindus, Irupalai Sports Club, Vali-West Co-operative Sports Club, Orients, Kekuvil Sports Club, Police, Anaipanthy, and Chavakachcheri Volley Ball Club. The tour-nament is organised by the Jaffna Sports Association. The Champion Team will meet the Provincial Champions for the All Ceylon Six-A-Side Volley Ball Championship. mittee 'A' of the State Council was passed in the State Council on Tuesday last without a division.

The Colombo Tamil Sangam

The 5th annual general meeting Ministers discussed the strike situa- of the Colombo Tamil Sangam was ti n with the Governor on Tuesday held on the 25th Instant at 9-30 last on the steps that should be a. m. in the Sangum Hall with Dr. taken to maintain law and order T. Nallainathan one of the Vice in the event of the strike situation Presidents in the Chair. The following office bearers were elected for

Patron: Mr. A. Gardiner.

Vice Patrons: Messrs. F. Konagaretnam, A. Sabaretnam and S. Ratnanathar.

President: Mr. K.S. Arulnandy. Re-elected)

Vice President: Dr. T. Nallainathan, Messis. K. Mathiabaranam, M. S. Thirnvilangum, M. Viravapillai and K. P. Haron

General Secretary: Vidwan.V.M. Kanagasundaram (Re-elected)

Assistant Secretary: Mr. K. Krish-

Treasurer: Mr. R. Pulendram Asst: Treasurer: T. K. Sivarajah Membership Secretary: Mr. Sin-

Librarian: Mr. K. Nadarajah Committee Members: Messrs. K. Sabanathan, S. Ponnambalam S. Nadarajan, V. Ponniah, K. Vairamuttu, S. Candasamy, A. Wignarajah, S. Saravana Bawan, V. Pasupathy, K. Kumaraswamy, Mrs. Karthegesu, and Mr. S. Sockanathan.

The third reading of the Education Bill as amended by Standing Com-

THE HON'BLE MR. GEORGE EDMUND DE SILVA Minister of Health

will lay

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these conditions are of definite value in the fight against tuberculosis.

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To sum up, therefore, tuberculosis control can only be achieved by team work and by close co operamedical profession. And public cooperation is of particular value in the three-pronged attack on tuberculosis-the isolation and treatment hookworm. Measures to relieve of tuberculosis work in the Island. (O. 20. 27 & 30-5-47).

Notice of Application

Notice is hereby given that after the expiry of fifteen days from the to him on 24-4-47 but without the date hereof, application will be knowledge of any one of the ratemade to the District Court of Jaffna payers living within the Town under the British Courts Probates Council limits. At any rate it (Re-sealing) Ordinance for the sealing of Probate of the Last Will and by circulation done by the Chair-Testament in respect of the estate man and his kinsman member by of Elaiyathamby Verupillai late of Teluk Anson in the Malayan to affix their signatures to it the Union, deceased, granted by the Supreme Court at Ipoh in the State of Perak on the 25th day of Septem-

Jaffna, 20th day of May 1947.

Sgd. W. Muttukumaraswamy Proctor for

Ratnam widow of Elaiyathamby Velupillai (Applicant).

Letter to the Editor

M'tivu Town Council

Sir,

It would have been quite fair for the "ratepayer" to have come out with the truth in his letter dated 24.4-47 appearing in your issue of 2-5-47 under the heading "Mullaittive Town Council" instead of trying to hoodwink the rest of the population of Ceylon, the Ministry of Local Administration and its Department by conveying through the medium of the press an untruth. This is certainly a gesture by which this ratepayer is repaying a debt of gratitude for the kind services rendered to him by the Chairman the so called benevolent gentleman during the time of desperation.

The Mullaittivu Town Council is represented by a Retired Government Official, a business man and two other net owners for the four wards namely The Temple Ward, The Bazzar Ward, The Customs Ward, and The Church Ward respectively. The last named Ward is represented by the Chairman and one but the last by his kinsman (the two net owners) both of whose knowledge of even the Vernacular is questionable. Consequently they have become tools in the hands of three glory-hunting and self-seeking Public Servants who have been together stationed. elsewhere, sometime back.

After a short interval of their reunion in this little town they seemed to have developed an artificial affection towards it and its rate payers. Two of the Public Servants employ each of their subordinates while the third is benefited to have two of his subordinates to contact the particular and the two illiterate Members of the Town Council to display their tactics and thereby create enmity and dissension, among the rest of the inhabitants of this town.

The two Members representing the first two Wards having been fully convinced that the other two members have falles into the clutches of these Public Servants by their unwarranted interference during and af er the elections of the Town Council and have failed to attend its meetings on four successive occasions and thereby a deadlock has arisen. The "ratepayer" in his letter should have desired for the resignations of these two illiterate members to make room for two enlightened men of their community for the smooth working of the Town Council.

It has been also stated in the ratepayer's letter that a public meeting was held at Muliaittivu and three resolutions passed. This Meeting seems to have been held according seems to have been held on paper requesting the illiterate ratepayers contents of which appears to have been in English.

It would have been wiser for Public servants stationed in little towns to keep aloof from all parties and cliques and to stick to their official duties if they desire the smooth working of local bodies.

Yours etc., Mullaittivu, A Ratepayer. 5.5.47.

MOOLA VEDANTA SARAM OR

THE ESSENCE UPANISHADS OF TME

(By A Science Graduate)

(Continued from our issue of 23-5-47)

LIX

XV. THE AITAREYA UPANISHAD (Concluded)

The third chapter is a short discourse on God and what is not God: Who is He whom we meditate on as the Atma (Paramatma)? Which is the Atma? That by which one sees, That by which one industries etc and that Government hears, That by which one smells,...(sruti 1).- The reference of course is to the Motive Power behind all our actions, the Antaratma or Inner Soul, the Puller within of the Brihad Aranyaka Upunishad (III, 7, 3-23 the எல்லாம் அட்டுவிக்கும் கட்டுவன் (the Dancing Master that guides all of Tiru Vathavurar Puranam, the real Winner of the Devas' victory of the Kena Upanishad.-Various names of Gnanam or That which underlies the Chit or knowledge principle follow: And what comes of the Hridayam (இருக்கம், usually translated as the heart) and Manas (மன#, the mind), Samjnanam (சம்ஞானம், consciousness), Ajnjnanam (ஆஞ்ஞானம், power-consciousness), Vijnanam (லிஞ்ஞானம், scientific knowledge),...Mati (மதி, Buddhi or intelligence),...Sankalpam (சங்கற்பம், formative thought),... Vasu, (as, love), all these are various names ernment, who is acting for Mr. C. only of Prajnan (sruti 2). That entity, of the nature of knowledge, is Brahman (God). This Indran, this Prajapati, all these Devas, the five great elements, seeds of this and that kind, born from eggs, from Mr. V. C. Chanmugam, Village wombs, from heat (or perspiration) and from sprouting, houses, cows Committee, Investigating Officer, men, elephants, whatsoever has life, walking or flying or immoveable, all this is brought into existence by Prajnan. It rests on Prajnan. The world is produced by Prajnan. Prajnan is its cause, Prajnan is Brahman (sruti 3).- In other words, everything emanates from the sulted as follows:-All-Knower, the Omniscient God (the Odunki or Place of Involution of the Siva Gnana Bodham). Here the reader will note that the term Prainan or Prajnanam (Sacramio) is taken as synonymous with God, ted. though there is a small distinction to be observed, a distinction without a difference perhaps, 'Prajnan' literally means 'great intelligence or (Chairman V. C. Myliddy) re-elecknowledge' and refers to the Chit Sakti (Piers, Intelligence-Power) ted. of the Lord, the Devatma Sakti (switchmes) of the Svetasvatara Upanishad, the Atthan Thal (Assirtain' God's Feet) of the Siva Gnana Bodham. சத்திதன்மடிய எதென்னில், தடை இலா ஞானம் ஆகும், thus we read in Sidd iyar, the form of Sakti is unveiled (or pure) Gnanam (or Intelligence).

We should not omit to mention here that the concluding sentence of this Sruti (Prajnan is Brahman) is said to constitute the Maha Vakyam of the Rig-Vedam, the first of the four great teachings of the four Vedas, the other three being Aham Brahm Asmi (Yayur-Vedam, Brihad Aranyaka Upanishad), Tat Twam Asi (Sama-Vedam, Chandogya Upanishad) and Ayam Atma Brahman (Atharva-Vedam, Mandukya Upanishad), as stated in a previous article. It (the Maha Vakyam of the Rig-Vedam that we are dealing with) means "(That which is of the form of) Great Intelligence is the Highest". The attribute 'Prag' or great is predicated of the Omniscient Chit Principle to distinguish It from the little-knowing chit or soul (Jivatma). And God is called "Brahman", the Growing or Highest, to distinguish Him from the souls which are not Brahman, not the Highest, or other than the Highest.

Prajnar is Brahman Practically synonymous with these are the words Sivan Arul Chil (And Arul Knowing Entity) found in the following Siddhiyar lines. The word Brah nan of the Upanishad is synonymous with the word Sivan of the Siddhi. So are the words Gnan or Gnanan and Chit, while the (Chairman V. C. Mallakam and V. attributes Prag and Arul indicate that the Knowledge or Intelligence Kanapathipillai (V. C. Manipay). Principle is great (or all-embracing) and all-Gracious, respectively. The lines referred to, which we have already had occasion to quote both in this and other series of articles, are as follows:

சிவின் செவன் என்ற இயண்டும் சித்து; ஒன்றும் என்னில், சியன் அருட்டித்து, இயன் அருளேச் சேரும் டித்து; அவன்தான் பவம் கேடு புத்தி முத்தி பண்ணும் சித்து, அவற்றில் படியும் சிதது; அறிவிக்கப்படும் சித்தம் இவன்தான்,

Sivan (God) and Jivan (soul) are both of the nature of Chit (intelligence). If it is asserted that both are (therefore) identical, (we say) Sivan is the Gracious Chit, while this (the soul) is the chit that receives the Grace; He is the Chit that brings about creation, dissolution, enjoyment and liberation while this one is the chit that is subject to all these vicissitudes; He is the Selfknowing Chit, while this is the chit that knows when taught ...

Another note-worthy feature to which we should draw attention in this sruti (sruti 3) is that the four kinds of birth, Andajam (am - si) born from eggs), Svedajam (#2π εεώ, born from heat or perspiration) Utrijim (உற்கீசம், spreuting from roots seeds, &c) and Sarayujam (#1140), born from wombs), referred to in the following Siddhiyar verse are for the first time expressly mentioned in this Upanishad, while the Chandogya Upanishad makes mention of three groups only and omits Svedajam (born of heat or perspiration);

அன்டசம் சவேதசங்கள் உற்பிச்சம் சராபசத்தோடு வண்கரு கால் எண்பத்து கான்கு நூருயிரத்தாய் உண்டுபல் போனி, எல்லாம் ஒழித்து மா நடத்து உதித்தல் கண்டிழல், கடலேச் கையால் சீச்தினன் சாரியம் சாண்.

groups Andajam, Svedajam, Utbijam and Sarayujam. If one can '(Sivam). Thus it is, Om ((Sruti 4.)

The Jaffna District Village Committees Association

The Annual General Meeting of this Association was held on the 25th instant at the Hindu Board Office, Jaffna, with Mr. C. Thiagarajah President, in the chair.

In the course of his opening remarks, the chairman said that proper rural reconstruction can only be effectively planned by educating the villagers on sanitation, agriculture, should provide with Linema Vans for this propagand. The Secretary, Mr. A. T. Vethaparanam read a resume of the Association's activities from its ince tion for the information of members. Mr. V. Dharmalingam, the Treasurer, submitted his statement of accounts rubble to be delivered. made up to 30th April, 1947 which was adopted. Mr. H. Ismail, Assistant Commissioner of L cal Gov-Suriyakumaran in Jaffna, addressed on Local Government problems. N. D. read a paper on Finance of Village Committees.

The election of Office Burrers re

President: Mr. C. Thiagarajah, (Chairman V. C. Manipay) re-elec-

Vice-President: Mr. N. Ponniah,

Secretary: Mr. C. Subramaniam, Proctor S. C. & Chairman V. C. Kopay.

Asst: Secretary: Mr. S. Kanapathipillai (Chairman V. C. Chavakachcheri) re-elected

Treasurer: Mr. N. Arulampalam, V. C. Kopay.

rai, V. C. Neerveli.

Executive Committee: In addition to office bearers, the following Minor I. Thambiayah Sahadevan of were elected members of the Executive Committee,

Messrs. N. Kandiah (Chairman V. C. Uduvil) R. Maruthayanar (Chairman V. C. Velanai) K. Kailasapillai Chairman V. C. Allapiddy A. T. Vethaparanam (Chairman V. C. Vadukoddan K. Mylv ganam V. C. Atchuveli) R. Vaitilingam

Kataragama for Buddhagaya

Navaratna Smriti Sangha, New Delhi, has addressed a to Pandit Jawaharlal Sard r Patel and requested them that until and unless the Ceylon Government and Ceylon Buddhists returned Kataragama Temple to the Hingus of Ceylon, the Sanyasins of India, would not allow the Indian Government to return Buddha Gaya Temple to Buddhists. Further he appeals to the Hindus of India to form a Committee to take steps to have the Kataragama temple returned to the Hindus.

Six-A-Side Volley Ball Tournament in Jaffna

Three matches of the North Cey-Ion Six-A-Side Volley Ball tournament were played last week-end. The results are as follows:-

Anaipanthy V. B. C. beat Police S. C. by 2 to 1 games

Kankeyar Sports Club beat Kerudavil V. B. C. by 2 to 1 games

Chayakachcheri Sports Club beat Kokuvil E. C. by 3 to 0 games.

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Divisional Agricultural Officer, N. D.

Kilinochehi, 7th: May 1947. (G. 39, 27 & 30-5-47).

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 643

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Paruvathipillai wife of Thambiayah of Vannarponnai West, Jaffna. Deceased. Asst: Treasurer: Mr. P. Sinnathu- Murugapper Thambiayah of Vannarponnai West Petitioner.

> Vannarponnai Westminor, appearing by his Guardianad-litem.

2. Karthigesu Sabaratnam of Mankumpan, presently of Madavachehy.

Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner comimg on (Chairman V. C. Kachchai) A. K. for disposal before R. B., Selvadurai Navaratnam (Chairman V. C. Chan- Esquire District Judge, Jaffna on the kanai) T. Thamb muttu (Chairman 19th day of May 1947 in the presence of Mr. M. R. Karalasingham, Proctor on the part of the l'etitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 30th day of November 1946 having been read. It is ordered that the 2nd Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the 1st Respondent who is a minor for all purposes of this Testamentary action and that the Last Will and Testament of Swami Sarbananda Puri Maharaj, the abovenamed deceased dated 18-2-1945 and attested by Mr. M. R. Karalasingham Notary Public under letter No. 657 declared proved and that and Probate be issued to the Petitioner as the executor named therein unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 27th day of June 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

Jaffna, this 19th day of May 1947. R. R. Selvadurai, District Judge.

Drawn by M. R. Karalasingham, Proctor for Petitioner. (0. 22. 30 & 3-6-47).

but attain human birth escaping all (the rest), it is as (difficult as) the feat of one crossing the (vast) ocean swimming with his hands. The Upanishad concludes: He (Vamadevan), having by that Prajnan (God or His Chit Sakti) stepped forth from this world and Innumerable are the varieties of living creatures born of eighty- having had all his desires fulfilled in that world of Svargam (heaven), four hundred thousand kinds of embryos classed into the four attained the Deathless (Sivam), Yea, He attained the Deathless

INDIAN NEWS FRONT

10 CARDINAL FACTORS

Monday's Momentous Conference

the Viceroy and Indian leaders, from Britain's hands, which opens at New Delhi on June 2 must succeed otherwise the effets upon the transfer of power processes will be unpredictable. This is the belief in British political quarters which consider that the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, after his talks with the British Government will carry to the Indian leaders the seas of the Cabinet's portound concern that with the 'Quit India' date only twelve months distant, fundamental political issues are still not settled, says Fraser Wighton, Reuter's Poli, tical Correspondent, With the sandof time running out, people think the situation demands final decisions in weeks and not months. Ten cardinal factors emerge from the final summing-up of the London consul-tation between the British Cabinet India group and the Viceroy, politi-cal quarters think. They are: - 1. June 1948 remains the unalterable deadline for Britain's depature. 2 Every week passing without a poli-tical settlement will worsen India's internal conditions and an agreement between the two main parties if only upon the details involved in going their separate way - is the only thing likely to arrest this deterioration. 3. Pending a political settle-ment—which practically everyone assumes will involve Hindustan and Pakistan-progress cannot be made with the vital tasks of deciding the future of the Indian armed forces. public services and other vital matters involved in the continuity of civil administration and order.

4. Political delay, before very long, may also be holding up constitutional processes of transfer at the British end, including the drafting of Parliamentary legislation that will carry not only Britain's but the whole of the British Commonwealth's en-dorsement to the transfer of power. The King's Speech reopening Parliament is only five months distant and the necessary bill or bills on ladia which the speech will mention have to be introduced in well under a year. 5. There will be no panic withdrawal by Britain from India-The British people have no illusions about the communal situation. It is believed as I suggested when Lord Wavell retired that the former Viceroy was already so impressed by its potential dangers that he counselled an earlier withdrawal, at any rate from certain parts of India. That view the British Government is believed to have considered pessimistic and the Cabinet went steadily forward with its efforts to achieve the schedule for transfer. It will gratify many people here if arrangements can be speeded so as to enable 25.5.47 an improvement on the present time (M. 45, 30 schedule but the anxiety, in the meantime, is concerned with the lack of any arrangements.

6 Obviously, the British must transfer power to some responsible authority or authorities. At the same time, it is clearly recognised that the time for political philosophising has gone and the period remaining is insufficient and conditions in India inappropriate-for an examination of any fresh schemes that Britain might propose. 7. India herself must take all forthcoming constitutional decisions the Indian people are the arbiters of their own destiny, It is the aim of the conference, by swift and simple means, to help the leaders, in conjunction with the country's elected representatives, to decide for unity or division so that one or more administrations speak. G 41. 30.

The procedure conference between ing for India may accept final power

8. Ready-made machinery is available in the existent Constituent Assembly for quick reference by the leaders of the Congress, Sikh and other elected representatives. The gap caused by the Muslim League representatives boycott of the Assembly will doubtless be filled by the geographical boundaries of independent India will, many think, have a steadying influence upon the deteriorating civil situation. It will tend to create conditions in which the Indian leaders and British reprefer to go smoothly ahead would also strengthen the hands of the British Labour Government. The Cabinet took its "Quit India" decision in the face of strong criticism from its opponents, many of whom continue to The future lies unmoulded in my insist that the plan is impractical.

Secretary of State for Colonies, the Ceylon Government has decided to continue the Petrol rationing system indefinitely.

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(M. 46. 30)

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

No. 22 Guardianship

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Director of Agriculture

Peradeniya, 20th May, 1947.

WHAT IS TRUE HAPPINESS?

(Continued from page I)

I am a child with opened eyes have happiness. of day,

A vessel yet filled.

These lines have a delicate imagery and behind this they contain a world of wildom, taled on experi ence and desire to shape a happy future for mankind. The first thing that has to be observed is that dark uess and its companions-sorrow, gue working closely with the Pro-vincial Legislatures. 9. A rapid settlement by Indians themselves of our personality. Here s if standour personality. Here s if stands for selfishness. Then our eyes unst op n. Efforts to cradicate ignorance must immediately be made and thus the vestel will be fi'led. Filled with what? Joy and sentatives can concentrate upon confort! The present is full of many major aspects of the actual minery but it will go in the com-transfer, 10. General understanding pany of efforts. Efforts will re-between leaders enabling the trans-between leaders enabling the transmain to shape our achievements and these achievements will indicate the extent of our bappiness. And so Christmas Humphreys con-

A path winds out before, On instructions received from the There is no backward way. Behind

A closed door.

Here the idea is reinforced A winding path is before us to travel. Travel we must. Else our future will be like our past a collection of misery and vice, Indeed, man must be a futurist, If one befriends the past to the extent of one stood entrenched in grief and vice. That is bad and dismal. That is looking back. Such an attitude must go

Remember the two lines of and realisation. Coleridge:

Work without hope draws nector in a sieve,

and this happiness will live with us for considerable time. We will be living in an atmosphere of constant work and devotion. It will be our own and as such it will not leave us. Let us imagine a poo' of water. There are no ripples in it-The moment a pebble is thrown into it there will appear numberless misery, illness and vice, all will de-part. They cannot be a permanent come from the pebbles. They have possession for us. But they will not been in the prol and they can come go by themse ves. There is the any moment the pebble is thrown the creation of a separate Constituent Assembly for the Muslim Lear must be made to banish them for happiness is within us and it will be our possession the moment we want it. Little wonder, great sages have said: Happiness is within us". Let us tep our own mind, heart and head for its complete emergence as a thing of cons. tant mesning.

> And then the Negro Poet, Paul Lawrence Dunbar will not lament

A crust of bread and a corner to sleep in. A minute to laugh and an hour to weep in,

A pint of joy and a pack of troub'e

And never a smile but the tears come double And this is life.

The poet has realistically described life as it is today encompassed by sorrow and affliction. But this is not to be the picture of future if right royal attempts are made to reveal the treasure of happiness that is within us In that killing all incentive for action, time state of mind, inclined to be happy will pass but one will remain where in work, a crust of bread and a corner to sleep in will give us constant joy and comfort The poet will soon realise that joy does not The only conclusion is work with a bope for the future. With-ont hope there is no work, and There is need for this revelation. live in external articles of comfort, without work there is no progress. Let us try to achieve this revelation

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ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA ... restamentary luris liction No. 703. In the matter of the intertake estate of the late Rasanayagam Nadarajah of Sarasalai, Chavakachcheri. Deceased Saravaoamuttu Eliathamby of Urum-Petibio ier. pirai, Chanpak m

1. Thangammah widow of Nada- Kaliammai widow rajah of Sarasalai 2. Perembalam of Kalkavalam Kand samy of Chavak choke i 3 P. Kanapathinillai and wife 4. Theyaratham both of Chayakachcher 5. S. Namasivayam and wife 6. Thaiyalnayagi both of Sarasalai Chav. before M. M. J. Karianour Esquire kachcheri Minot 7. Mangayatkarasi Additional District Judge, Jaffna on daughter of . This grajah of hopay South. Kapay 8. Sives thambaram pressure of Mr. M. E. uranatham B. spondenta Thiogarajah of de-

sal before R R. Se'valurai Esquire, pehitioner having been re d; District Judge Jaffna on the 14th It is ordered that the P day of May 1947 in the presence of be declared entited to have Latters Mr A. Arulambalam Proctor for of Ad inistration to the estate of the petitioner and the affidant of the andvenamed deceased and that Letters pe itiquer having been read;

abovenamed 8th respondent b: appointed guardian-ud-litem over the minor the abovecamed 7th respondent for the gu pose of represent no her in the e proceedings and that · Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed declass be granted to the pet tioner as one of the heirs of the deceased, unless the resi ondents or others appear b fore this court on or before the 18 h day Pr cter for Petitioner. o lune 1947 and show sufficient cause T me to show cause exter d d to the contrary.

This 14th day of May 1947. Sgd R. R. Selv durai (O. 21, 30 & 3.) District Judge, (O. 22 30 & 3)

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA Testamentary Jurisdiction No 330PT (held at Point Pedra)

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Murugappar Kan ish of Kalk valam

Kaliamosi widow of Chioniah of Petition en.

China tamby Subramania n of Kalko valum

This matter coming on for disposa Prechar on the part of the netitioner This m the coming on for dispo- and the petition and affidavit of the

It: is ordered that the Petitioner of Administration be issued to her It is orde ed and decreed that the occurringly un'e's the Respo dents shall on or before the 23rd day of I mary 1947 appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the con-

This 13th day of December 1946. Sg L M. M. I. Kariappar Add District Judge

Drawn by Sgd. M. Esumpadham. to th 'une 1947. Int'd. G O 1. A. de S. A. D. I.

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