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## Freedom In Education

### The Guiding Principles Of Schools

(By DR. M. HAFIZ SYED, M. A., PH. D; D. LITT.)

**F**REEDOM is of the spirit and from the spirit alone comes that life which frees both soul and body. 'Man is born free, i. e. potentially free by reason of his spiritual nature.

In no other sense could a human baby be said to be free; man is by nature a spiritual being and must be left on its own lines. So long as we go in fear of our own nature so long as we dare not even know ourselves, our spiritual self, so long shall we fail to deal rightly with the problem of education. Only in the full light of true spiritual knowledge can we hope for the best results in education and in life. The effort we should welcome every effort at spiritual investigation and be ready to receive light from whatever source it comes.

Let us now consider some of the more practical effects upon education of a faith in spiritual interpretation of life and in freedom as a spiritual value.

We must know that the child is sacred. So he must be studied and helped to develop after his nature, not be crushed out and superseded by some artificial substitute. In each child we recognize a spiritual self—a life force—and we must guard and tend it without any desire to interfere unduly. A child is free and we must set him free from the limitations of natural and human environment. If he is really to become a free self governing individual, he must learn to act on his own initiative and even by his own mistakes.

The school affords a very necessary stage in the path to true freedom inasmuch as it is a half-way house between the home and the wide world.

Where self-government has been introduced into schools, it has been found that the consequent development of a common will for good order reacts most favourably on the individual.

#### Freedom as a Means in Education

Earthly life needs the light of spiritual knowledge. True enlightenment and transmutation from ever less into ever more perfect powers should be the aim we set before the young. They need to learn the many-sided uses of life so that they may attain the full stature of the ideal man. It is our business to give them the right keys to life that they may understand and value it aright.

Freedom as a means in education implies belief in the spiritual basis

of human life and by such faith alone is real education possible.

Man is a complex human being whose members must co-operate if there is to be peace and harmonious working. This very fact necessitates an atmosphere of freedom.

Both body and mind of a child can only develop rightly in an atmosphere of freedom because they are in essence spiritual. Children working freely show the beginnings of moral artistic and intellectual taste and judgement often sounder than those of adults.

The idea of the school as a self-governing community has gained ground rapidly. The internal order and discipline of the school and the class are passing into the hands of the pupils themselves with the most satisfactory results. It is of special interest to note that where boys and girls are fully responsible, rules are often stricter and penalties for infringement far severer than when the teachers are in control, showing that there is no natural revolt against law and order when the necessity is rightly understood.

What the young particularly seem to resent is arbitrary interference with liberty. It is the sense of injustice that rankles.

#### Stages of Development

There is still much that is vague and often erroneous in the popular view of the stages of development through which a human being passes.

From a practical educational point of view when we speak of stages of development, we refer to the gradual unfolding or development of physical or mental powers, and the slow steps by which the ego or self emerges and assumes control.

The stages of intellectual development have been given here more attention than other aspects of the process.

Little children should learn through sense-experience before the age of seven. If the child is to learn to use his senses freely, he must do so just when the sense organs themselves are developing.

Madame Montessori had the right idea of just providing didactic material and leading the children to learn from it directly. Children under seven should have plenty of sense experience and things must be presented to them in a living manner. The little child needs suitable material with which to occupy himself and peaceful surroundings in which to pursue his investigation.

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## Savings In Jaffna

### Rs. 2,000,000 Next Target

Jaffna's Savings District Committee has decided on Rs. 2,000,000 as the target in small savings when the new campaign is launched next month.

Mr. P. J. Hudson, the Government Agent, presided at the committee meeting, held at the Town Hall, at which it was resolved to reorganise the committee so as to include seven school principals, in addition to nine D. R. O's, the the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the Assistant Commissioner of Local Government, the Medical Officer of Health, and the Education Officer.

Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam, M. P. for Jaffna, said the savings movement deserved the fullest public support. He suggested that up to one-sixth of a man's income, invested in insurance or in National Savings should be free of income tax and that there should be a greater difference of taxation between earned and unearned income than at present.

Mr. R. Y. Daniel, the Commissioner of National Savings Movement, explained the lines on which the National Development Savings Campaign for 1947-48 should be run. He thanked Mr. Ponnambalam and Mr. Hudson, and also Muhandiram C. Thiagarajah, the District Organizer for having convened the meeting.

Mr. Hudson said that in the directive issued by the Financial Secretary to the Savings Commissioner it would appear that the Government contemplates taking certain steps which would result in prices rising, thus causing inflation.

Mr. Ponnambalam: Prices tend to rise because of unnecessary expenditure.

## Rice Position

### Ships Have Arrived

The shipping programme arranged by Mr. K. Alvappillai, Food Commissioner, and presented some time back before the Liaison Officers' Conference at Singapore is now working according to schedule.

Already two rice shipments are being unloaded in Colombo harbour while the "Jalaveera" is waiting berthing facilities in the harbour before unloading 7,500 tons of rice from Burma.

Another 3,000 tons of rice has come in on the Herefordshire from Burma, while the Graigwen has brought in 8,000 tons of rice from Egypt. One more food ship is expected from Egypt shortly.

Besides the above consignment, Ceylon will be receiving 60,000 tons of rice from Egypt before the end of the year.

The Egyptian allocation of rice for Ceylon was fixed at 106,000 tons for this year. However Egyptian exports of rice to Ceylon were so delayed that only 40,000 tons of rice have been received so far.

There is a possibility of Ceylon receiving 21,000 tons of rice from Brazil. This amount was lost to Ceylon when Brazil decided to leave the International Emergency Food Council. Now, however, efforts are being made to induce her to rejoin the World Food Council and there is a likelihood that Brazil may change her mind.

The flour position continues to be satisfactory, with a shipment of 8,500 tons of flour due from Australia early next week.

But the savings movement is here to check that.

This meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Muhandiram Thiagarajah.

## CRITICISM

(By PAUL EDMUND ANDERSON)

**M**UCH of the travail this world is passing through is due to criticism causing lack of faith in each other and ending in countless recrimination. Criticism will cease when all people become aware of the Law of Reflected Thought.

To criticise another is to criticise one's self, for that which we criticise in another lies within ourselves. It is like looking into a mirror and seeing our own reflection. When we are critical and resent what we see in others we can rest assured the self-same tendency lies within ourselves. If we are right-minded, we will go within ourselves and

overcome it. If we see a fault in another that does not disturb us but rather causes us to have a feeling of love and compassion, we can know we are seeing through the eyes of understanding and no longer possessed of that fault, otherwise we are seeing through the eyes of reflection.

If we would use intelligently the Law of Reflected Thought, it would serve as a barometer to awaken us to the condition of our souls pointing out that which we need to overcome. Any time I find I am resenting anything said or done or

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**THE CABINET TO BE**

MR. SENANAYAKE HAS BEEN called upon by the Governor to name his Cabinet and it is learnt that the new Prime Minister has submitted his list of Ministers to the Governor and that the Tamil Congress has been left in the cold. We, however, have reason to think that the final list of Ministers is still in the making. Although the Soulbury Commission did not want to encourage communal representation yet they expressed the desire that in the delimitation of constituencies care should be taken to see that no interests suffered. In India members were chosen for the Constituent Assembly on a population basis. It will be reasonable to state that members of Parliament should be roughly on a population basis. We do not want to breed communalism in any form, but parties like the Tamil Congress or the Singhaia Maha Sabha have every right to preserve their respective culture and heritage and at the same time to work for the progress of Ceylon as a whole. Mr. Senanayake has called the Tamil Congress a communal body and from what he has spoken it is likely that the Tamil Congress does not find a place in the Cabinet. Though he has stated that his Cabinet will be modelled on Jawaharlal's Cabinet, still the way in which he is proceeding with Cabinet-making appears to be somewhat disappointing. Men who openly and mercilessly criticised the Indian National Congress like Dr. B. R. Ambedkar have found a place in Nehru's Cabinet; whether such a thing could be said of Mr. Senanayake's Cabinet is doubtful. Jus-

**World Food Shortage****Sir John Boyd Orr's Warning**

The world will suffer from grain shortage until after the harvest of 1948, according to a statement by Sir John Boyd Orr, Director-General of the Food and Agricultural Organisation issued by the United Nations Information Centre.

The statement, reporting on the recent meeting of the F. A. O. at Geneva, gave a warning about future food shortage and criticised the legal and financial impotence of the FAO.

"To maintain Europe at the feeble nutritional level of last winter," Sir John Boyd Orr reported, "it would be necessary to import 9,000,000 tons of grain more than the quantity now available in the exporting countries."

Referring to F. A. O. inability to take full action to combat the grain shortage, he said the Organisation had sent telegrams to both the International Bank and the International Monetary Fund, asking them to give financial support to anti-famine programmes in countries asking for such support.

The statement concluded: "A little committee, composed of British, Danish, French and Dutch delegates has been formed to examine administrative and legislative problems underlying the most urgent problems, such as the suppression of cereals in the feeding of livestock", as it had been established that if the total quantity of edible cereals "could be reserved for human beings, the world food situation would be greatly modified."

**Avoid Cow Sacrifice**

Messrs. Samsul Ahsan, Secretary, U. P. Provincial Muslim League, Abdul Hai Abbas, Joint Secretary, Provincial Muslim League and Naism Quaraishi, member, Muslim League Council, have issued a joint statement to the press advising Muslims in the Indian Union to desist from cow sacrificing on the occasion of Iduzzuha which is coming soon.

The statement says: "We with a full sense of responsibility, advise Muslims of Indian Union to avoid cow sacrifice on the sacred occasion of Iduzzuha. We hope Muslims of the province will provide the occasion by this act to create a peaceful atmosphere in the province."

**Britain To Quit Palestine**

Britain made a qualified decision to surrender her Palestine Mandate and withdraw her 100,000 troops unless the United Nations can produce a workable plan soon writes Reuter's Political Correspondent.

A special meeting of the Cabinet in London decided the principle of withdrawal, it is reliably understood. But it left the door open for consideration of any fresh proposals the United Nations may put forward at the General Assembly meeting in New York next week when Palestine is discussed.

The meeting was the first full Cabinet conference on the recommendations of the United Nations' Palestine Commission.

Prime Minister Clement Attlee called it for the dual purpose of obtaining the reactions of his Ministers to the majority and minority reports of the Commission and for briefing the British Delegation to the United Nations next week.

**Another Party**

The Independents in the Parliament have agreed to form themselves into an Opposition Party in the House of Representatives states the Political Reporter of the "Times of Ceylon". The party according to a spokesman will be in the opposition and will not accept office under a U. N. P. Government. If any particular member wishes to accept office he must resign from the party.

**Effect of Gandhiji's Mission**

Gandhiji's stay in Delhi and his daily visits to Muslim refugees' camps have produced good results so far as restoration of confidence among Muslims is concerned.

The percentage of the Muslim population in Delhi, which was about 40 before the Punjab tragedy, came down to a little over 30 after the Hindu and Sikh refugees entered Delhi. In numbers, the Muslims were about three and a half lakhs out of the present total population of over a million. While the bulk of the Muslims who rushed to the refugee camps are still concentrated in Delhi, very few have left for Pakistan.

The noble mission undertaken by Gandhiji for restoring confidence between the two communities, has been warmly supported by Pakistan's Prime Minister and High Commissioner in India. But the search for arms which is being conducted vigorously in different Muslim localities reveals daily hidden weapons and arms. There have been a few cases of voluntary surrender; the search must be on a much bigger scale if complete peace is to be secured in Delhi.

**PERSONAL**

S. Arumugam, Circle Assistant of Co-operative Dept, has been transferred from Pt. Pedro to Mannar.

**Sri Dilip Kumar Roy Visits Ceylon**

At the invitation of the Ramakrishna Mission (Ceylon Branch), Sri Dilip Kumar Roy, a poet, mystic and musician, is on a visit to Ceylon and he will give a few lectures and music recitals.

He is the son of the famous Bengali author and dramatist D. L. Roy. He is a disciple of Sri Aurobindo and is an author and musician of international fame. His contribution to Indian modern, devotional and classical music is unique.

He arrived at Colombo by plane on Thursday.

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**DEATH**

A telegraphic message states that Mr. S. N. Ponniiah of Saravani retained Head Overseer died on the 23rd instant at Port Swettenham Malaya.

**Notes and Comments****The Police Force**

It is gratifying to note that the Police force has earned the praise of one and all in its conduct at the elections and we congratulate Mr. R. Aluvihare the Police Chief for the efficiency of the force. It is significant that even the Sama Samajists who were the bitter critics of the force sometime ago, have showered encomiums upon it. It is not enough for the force to rest on the laurels earned. As custodians of law and order the Police force has a great responsibility in a Free Lanka, and it

should not only be done but should also appear to be done. That the Tamils of the Island who have been for centuries, in the vanguard of political progress in Ceylon should find a place in the Cabinet cannot be denied. It is not unusual for one party to call another names in an electioneering campaign, but once the elections are over no purpose would be served by fostering animosities. It is the duty of a leader to forget the past. The rarer action is in virtue than in vengeance. The United National Party has been drawn from all ranks. Flexibility perhaps is one of its virtues. It is open to Mr. Senanayake to give no room for others to think that in the choice of his Cabinet he has not been guilty of any spirit of revenge, but has been guided by prudence and wisdom. A leader in his position can be magnanimous.

is up to them to see that the present spirit of service and co-operation which have been regenerated among the members of the force through the initiative of the Police Chief should, with unabated vigour, be harnessed to the well being of the citizens. The *Ralahamy* mentality handed down by the Dowbiggin regime should be given a decent burial in the new scheme of things. We assure Mr. Aluvihare that the Ceylon public will not fail to respond to the new spirit among the Police Force.

**Pakistani Threats**

The leopard cannot change his skin to whatever process it may be subjected and Pakistani stalwarts are out to besmirch the fair name of India. After fading to their bitter cost that Hindus and Sikhs could also retaliate with the same weapon used by Pakistani fanatics, Jinnah and his henchmen are threatening to take the question of "Hindu atrocities" to the U. N. O. We are glad India has accepted the challenge. If the Pakistani fanatics have the courage and hardihood to submit this question to the U. N. O. and to world opinion, they would be doing the greatest service to India itself. Then will the world be in a position to know first hand the actual facts as they prevail in the two dominions. In the meanwhile we wish to utter a note of caution. We cannot afford to dismiss the threats of Pakistanis as mere vapourings. They are more than that. The attitude of the Pakistan Government appears to be unfriendly towards India. Ahimsa and non-violence, the guiding principles of sages and seers of the Hindu fold cannot and would not be understood by a gang of unscrupulous human vultures. India should guard her frontier.

# An Open Letter

To Revd. S. K. Bunker, Vaddukoddai

Sir,  
In response to my request in February 1946 for an interview with the American Board Deputation then visiting Jaffna, you were good enough to arrange it and in doing so wrote to me "after over hundred years' Mission Work in this country it is reasonable to hear the views of Hindus" and requested me to bring a small representative group to allow "for effective discussion".

In the short time at my disposal, I contacted many prominent Hindus in and out of Jaffna. I received many memoranda and offers to join in the deputation; I was also warned by a venerable educationist and Hindu leader to drop the idea as his experiences with the missionaries in the Education Commission and elsewhere were disappointing. The head of the Saiva Paripalana Sabai expressed similar views; The Hindu Board of Education, while sympathising with me, was reluctant to join me for obvious reasons.— However I was an optimist. Six of us appeared before the American Board Deputation at 10 a. m. on 21-2-46, at Uduil Girls School.

This meeting of the Hindu Group with the American Board Deputation on that day had become widely known and there was an air of expectancy in the country. Soon after our arrival, a reporter of the "Hindu Organ" also arrived. We made no arrangement with him.

At the appointed time, members of the Board of Deputation met the Hindu Group. They were Dr. and Mrs. Albert Buckner Coe, Rev Raymond A. Dudley and Patty Lee Cogill. The Hindu Group placed their case very fully before the Deputation orally and in a joint memorandum. The Deputation expressed their pleasure at meeting us and told us that they would report to their Board together with all our memoranda quite half dozen. It was a pity you were not present nor the reporter of the "Morning Star".

At the conclusion of the meeting, Dr. Coe was curious to know who the seventh man was, pointing to the reporter of the "Hindu Organ". Then he said "why publish this. Let this be a private meeting."

We could not agree to this as the public were interested to learn of what took place at the meeting, but supplied to Dr. Coe a copy of the report for his comments if any prior to publication. No comments forthcoming, the report appeared in the Hindu Organ of 26-2-46.

Why did Dr. A. B. Coe pleadingly ask us not to publish the proceedings of the meeting?

They solemnly told us that they would report to the Headquarters of the Mission and communicate to us the decisions of the Board.

I repeat it was a frank but friendly meeting. By way of comment Rev Dr. Coe said "that he being an American admired the frank and outspoken manner in which Dr. Chelliah had expressed his views. In freedom-loving America frankness was one of the most important characteristics".

We have not heard in reply. The American Mission Deputation was a responsible group of men and

women. They took careful notes all the while the interview lasted I plead with you Rev. S. K. Bunker to publish in the Hindu Organ of what is happening to our representation to the American Board through the Board's accredited representatives.

Asia is awakening from its long slumber. Asia, once the cradle of culture and spirituality, which had given birth to Buddha, Krishna, to Mohamed and Christ, to Confucius, Ramana and Gandhi and others, is throbbing with new life. I have no delusions. The East has to save the West from annihilation. Ahimsa, Nonviolence. What magic words these.

Yours etc.,  
C. Chelliah.

## Tenders for the Supply of Broken Metal

Sealed tenders will be received by me up to 12 noon on Tuesday the 30th instant for the supply of broken metal of the undermentioned sizes to the Manager, New State Farm, Kilinochchi.

- 8 (Eight) cubes broken metal  $\frac{1}{2}$  "
- 7 (Seven) cubes broken metal  $1\frac{1}{2}$  "
2. Quotations should include cost of loading into wagons at Railway closest to the source of supply.
3. Tenders should be made on forms obtainable on application from the undersigned. A deposit of Rs. 25/- should be made at the Jaffna Kachecheri and receipt produced before any form can be issued.
4. The successful candidate will be required to furnish a security deposit of Rs. 100/ before signing the agreement

M. SRIKHANTA,  
Assistant Government Agent (E)  
The Kachecheri,  
Jaffna, September 15, 1947.  
(G. 101. 26-9-47).

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 745.

In the matter of the estate of the late Chellamuttu widow of Kanthar Murugesu of Changanai Jaffna. Deceased.

Thaiyalnayagippillai widow of Kathirgamar Veluppillai of Changanai West. Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Thamotheampillai Ganesiah Nadarajah of Manipay presently of Bantong Malaya
2. S. Rajalingam and wife
3. Vadivambikai both of Manipay Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esqr. District Judge, Jaffna on the 21st day of July 1947 in the presence of Mr. A. Cumaraswamy Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the abovenamed Petitioner dated 8th June 1947 having been read.

It is ordered that the Petitioner be declared entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the said intestate as one of the heirs and that letters be issued to her accordingly unless the Respondents or others interested shall on or before the 21st day of August 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 21st day of July 1947.  
Order Nisi Extended to 2nd October 1947.

R. R. SELVADURAI,  
District Judge.  
(O. 66. 26 & 30-9-47).

## The Opposition Leader

Tussle Between Leftists

THE Political Correspondent of the "Ceylon Daily News" writes:

The acknowledgment of the "Leader of the Opposition" could also lead to much heart-burning, for unlike in the two State Councils where more than one back-bencher had delusions of being the Leader of the Opposition, in our new Parliament this Office would be a generally recognised one. On this subject too Dr. Jennings has written in his "Cabinet Government":

"There may be two or more parties in Opposition. But the practice of the present century has created an 'official' opposition whose leader is 'the Leader of Opposition'. That leader is associated with the Prime Minister in non-political matters, such as those connected with the Crown. It is he who asks questions on Parliamentary business, though the conversations 'behind the Speaker's Chair' which enable business to be conducted expeditiously are conducted between the Government and the leaders and Whips of all Opposition parties. The largest party in Opposition is the 'official' Opposition."

On that interpretation it will be interesting to see how the L.S.S.F.

## Governor's Action Denounced

Dr. Colvin R. de Silva Calls for Conference

Dr. Colvin R. de Silva, who was appointed Leader of the Parliamentary Fraction of the Ceylon Unit of the B. L. P. issued a statement to the effect that his Party denounces the action of the Governor "in hastily summoning Mr. D. S. Senanayake to form an administration before the anti-U. N. P. majority which the electorate has returned to Parliament has had an opportunity of consultation together."

Despite this, it is the opinion of the B. L. P. that a conference of all non-U. N. P. members of Parliament should be held with the least delay and it hopes that all groups will take the necessary action.

and the B.L.P. parties in Parliament will react when it comes to the choice of a Leader of the Opposition. If the Independents are left out owing to their very label, the largest party in opposition would be the L. S. S. P. Will the L. S. S. P. fill this Office of Leader of the Opposition or will the B. L. P. claim once again that they are the true red-bloods and are also Sama Samajists? That is where some might back Stalin and others Trotsky!

## Banged, Bolted and Barred

Reactions to Mr. Senanayake's Speech

(By Our Political Reporter)

COMPLETE dissatisfaction, disappointment and indignation are felt in Tamil Congress circles at the tone of Mr. Senanayake's speech delivered over the radio on Wednesday night last. Now that the Jaffna electorates have unequivocally demonstrated their firm adherence to the Tamil Congress and to all that the Congress stood for, it was hoped by some Congressmen that Mr. Senanayake would climb down to secure the co-operation of the Tamil Congress as the accredited representative of the Tamils in the formation of his Cabinet. Mr. Senanayake's speech, in which he dubbed the Tamil Congress as a Communal organisation and indirectly belittled its activities, has not only banged the door of co-operation but also bolted and barred it, so a prominent Congressman told me. Mr. Senanayake's unequivocal declaration that he would form the cabinet with men of his choice who would co-operate with him without imposing before hand conditions, has provoked bitter condemnation from local Congress men and they aver that Mr. Senanayake is once more bent on creating a Government with himself as dictator as was his wont during the past sixteen years. However the Congressites are not without hope. They see in what they call the manoeuvring of Mr. Senanayake the seeds of discord which sooner than expected will alienate the sympathy of a large number of independents who will soon join the formidable opposition that is brewing

now, and they are confident that Mr. Senanayake's cabinet will founder on the rock of anti imperialists who will predominate in the new Parliament when the crucial stage of signing the treaty with Britain approaches on the eve of Ceylon's Dominionhood.

On the other hand U. N. P. adherents in Jaffna are jubilant over what they call Mr. Senanayake's blunt speech. "It serves them right" said a prominent U. N. P. member to me. If Jaffna, and for that matter the Tamil Community of the Peninsula, is not represented in the Cabinet the responsibility for it should be laid at the door of the Tamil Congress and of those who supported its "communal cry." The same U. N. P. member told me that the fate which overtook Jaffna in 1931 during the unfortunate boycott days has once more enveloped the peninsula and the Tamil Congress should thank itself for this sorry state of affairs. The same source said that the Tamil Congress has let down the Jaffna man and led him into political wilderness.

According to U. N. P. enthusiasts the talk of an early dissolution of the Parliament is only wishful thinking on the part of disgruntled politicians. The Tamil Congressites and the Sama Samajists (including the B. L. P.) with a handful of independents may, according to these sources, unite for the dissolution, and their number will never exceed at the most 30. The attitude of the Indian Congress will be of co-operation with Mr. Senanayake, (Continued on page 7)

Letters to the Editor

## FRANCHISE AND AGE LIMIT

Sir,

Apropos the General Election that has just been completed all over the Island, may I put forward a suggestion for the consideration of the public. The present age limit for voters under the prevailing system of universal franchise is identical with the limit fixed for legal majority. I would submit that the *age qualification for voters at future elections* might with advantage be fixed at 18 or 19 years instead of the present requirement of 21 years.

With the advent of Independence for Ceylon and the development of the general standard of education and political consciousness in the country, the Ceylonese youths of to-day can be reasonably expected to take an intelligent interest in questions of public importance and in the welfare of their motherland. Moreover a fair section of the population consists of *breadwinners between the ages of 18 and 21 years with a stake in the vital interests of the country*. They would also have attained by the age of 18 or 19 years a certain degree of responsibility and would be *actively contributing their share towards the corporate life and economy of the State*. The difference in age between the present limit and the suggested limit of 18 or 19 years is not such as to render the proposed limit unreasonable. In fact the difference in respect of political maturity between the two limits is negligibly small. I would, therefore, commend this suggestion for the consideration of the members of the new Parliament and of all organizations and parties and of the general public.

Yours etc.,

S. Sivasubramaniam.

156, Hantsdorf,  
20th September, 1947.

## Catholic Solidarity

Sir,

Time is not inopportune to say a word about the sad plight of the Catholic Solidarity from the reversals it has had to suffer in the recent elections.

The second time within a space of 10 days, Catholic Solidarity, has proved a thorough failure, as was evident at the Mannar Parliamentary Election, held on the 13th instant. Regrettably indeed, despite what a late priest said "Catholic block vote is one that is feared by contesting candidates."

There were days, as it is to my personal knowledge, when candidates who came forward to contest State Council Seats, in the Northern Province particularly the Jaffna Constituency, first paid their homage to His Lordship the Bishop of Jaffna and then started election campaigns, with His Lordship's approval and pleasure.

But alas today, the position is entirely different in the political activities displayed by Rev. Emiliano, who should, at least, now realise his folly. The recent Parliamentary Elections at Jaffna and Mannar, have torn to pieces Catholic Solidarity, similar to what happened to yet another priest's indiscreet observations "Victory in sight. Enemy routed" uttered in connection with the Education Bill,

resulting in public meetings held throughout the Island and the wishful thinking of the priest blown off. I say, egoism is bad enough.

Had the clergy, the foresight to look into the future, they should have, instead of sitting on the fence till the eleventh hour, announced their intention, at the very early stage, as they invariably did, even from pulpits on previous elections, to support the candidature of Mr. Mahadeva. By this discreet act, they would have achieved, unlike what it is now

Istly, the Catholic Solidarity which gave the catholic body a power which they cannot give,

2ndly, they would have succeeded in sending Mr. Mahadeva to the Parliament and

3rdly, last not the least, they would have, to the satisfaction of one and all, who have the interests of the Community and the Country, seen both Mr. Mahadeva and Mr. Ponnambalam got into the Parliament, which would have been a great asset to the Tamils.

And who is responsible for the present sorry state of affairs is a matter, I would rather leave to the public to judge.

The Soul of modern man is sunk deep in Jealousy and Shrewdness. Let us get rid of them. The lower overshadows the higher in him, so that he knows it not.

As worthy of our responsibilities and as our life is destined, let us face great moral issues, the chief among them the right of all peoples to health and education.

I should not also fail to say that let us be spared from the dangers which the Stalinist bureaucracy holds in store for the world revolution by its reactionary policy.

We are on the threshold of a new age and let us make an unequivocal declaration to co-operate and pull together with our Sinhalese brethren, (as I said some 15 years ago, in my Presidential address of the North Ceylon National League,) without suspicion and hatred, which to my great regret, appear to have captured the nerves of some of our people, to work for the betterment of our country, as Ceylonese, in the fine thought that the Individual is for the family, the family is for the Community, the Community is for the State and the State is for the World.

Yours etc.

(Dr.) N. M. VANNIASINGHE,  
President Sinhala-Tamil  
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OR  
THE ESSENCE OF THE UPANISHADS

(By A Science Graduate)

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## XVIII. THE MUNDAKA UPANISHAD (Continued)

வேத சாத்திரம் மீது புராண கலை குரளம்

விருப்பு அசைப வைகரி ஆதித் திறங்கள் மேலாம்

நாதம் முடி வான எல்லாம் பாச குரளம்,...

Pasa Gnanam consists of the Vedas, Shastras, Smrities, Puranas, Arts and the much liked Asabhai (Mantram), all of which are the product of Vaikari (Vach, வாக்கு, word) ending with Natham (literally, sound).

சிவனை அவன் திருவடி குலத்தாய் சேசி

சேப்புவது, சேயல் வாக்குச் சித்தை எல்லாம்

அவனை அணுகா என்றும் ஆதலானும்,...

We say God can only be reached by His Divine Grace Gnanam (or Para Gnanam), as He can never be reached by our thoughts, speech or action....

For a fuller idea of Para and Aparā Gnanam, the reader is referred to the 9th Sūtram of Siddhiyar and to our "Elements of Saiva Siddhantam" pages 122 to 124.

He who is unseeable and unseizable, who has no ancestry (Gotram காத்திரம்) and no marks, no eyes nor ears, no hands nor feet, the eternal, all-pervading, omnipresent, subtle, imperishable, He it is whom the wise regard as the source of all beings. (verse 6).—This verse gives expression to a few of the negative and positive attributes that we ascribe to the nameless and formless God. ஒரு நாமம் ஓர் உருவம் ஒன்றும் இல்லாதிக்க ஆயிரம் திரு நாமம் பாடி, singing a thousand names of praise to the One who has no name or form.

As the spider casts out and draws in (its web), as on the earth the annual herbs are produced, as from living man the hairs of the head and body spring forth, so is produced the universe from the Indestructible (God). (verse 7).—God is indestructible or not subject to change, while the world is subject to the changes of origin, existence and decay, it is produced at one time and then dissolved into its cause after existing for a time. This is practically the same idea as that conveyed by the first and second propositions of the first Sūtram of Siva Gnanā Bodham. All production and dissolution are centred round God, the One Immutable Being. ஒருங்கி (யினின்றும்) உளதாம், (evolution or creation) proceeds from the Dissolver (God). There are three analogies in this verse that we are dealing with and every one of them either expressly or by implication contains three factors. The third analogy expressly mentions all the three, to wit: the living man i. e., the living principle or soul in the being that we call man, his body and the hairs. The hairs grow not out of the living principle or soul neither can they grow from the body when it is not associated with the soul,—no man in his senses will say that hairs can grow from a corpse,—but they grow out of the body or head when the same is energised by the soul. Similarly it has to be understood that the world is produced from (its original seed when energised by) God. The original seed of the world is what may be termed primordial matter,—the unmanifested (seed) of a later verse of this Upanishad,—the Maya of the Svetasvatara Upanishad, of the Bhagavat Gita, of the Siva Gnanā Siddhi and other works. The first analogy has to be co-ordinated with the third, the word 'spider' being taken as including both the living principle in the spider and its body and the missing word 'web' being introduced to correspond with the 'hairs'. The analogy would then be that the world is like the web, the spider's body corresponds to the unmanifested material cause 'Maya', while the living principle in the spider corresponds to God. The casting out is creation or evolution and the drawing in is dissolution or involution. In the second analogy too, one of the three factors is not expressly mentioned but has to be supplied as well done by our Lord Meikandan மன குளிர்ந்து வித்துண்டை நலம் குறைத்தவாறு, as when the earth is moistened the seed present therein sprouts out as the plant. Here the earth corresponds to God, the seed to the unmanifested Maya and the herbs or plants sprouting out to the world that is created. The moistening of the earth is cited as corresponding to what in Siddhantic parlance we call Isvara Sankatpan, God's thought, wishful thinking, will, direction, ordination or decree, the 'Ishimam' of the Kama Upanishad. There is no actual manipulation or laborious work involved in the creation. God merely thinks or wills that such and such a process should take place and it takes place without any effort on the part of God, in the same way that the seed sprouts out almost spontaneously when the earth is moist.

The next two verses with which the first section of the first Mundakam concludes may be translated as follows: By Tāpas (contemplation) is Brahma concentrated (or conceived, formed or created), then Annam (food) is produced, from Annam Prānam (life), Manas (mind), Satyam (the elements), Lokas (worlds), Karmas (ceremonial works) and Amritam (their results). (Verse 8.) From Him (God) who is all-wise and omniscient whose breeding consists of knowledge (i. e., by thoughtful contemplation), are produced this Brahma, names, forms and food (verse 9).—How the universe comes into being was briefly mentioned and illustrated by three examples in the preceding verse, and these two verses go into some detail as to what is created. Tāpas (or contemplation) in verse 8 and Gnanāyaya tāpas (or thoughtful contemplation) in verse 9 represent Isvara Sankatpan or God's effortless wish, and the first being that comes into existence as a result of God's thought is Brahma the first of the Devas, creator of the universe, &c. (vide opening verse of this Upanishad). (To be continued).

## Banged, Bolted And Barred

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The hand that will guide the Indian Congress M. P's will be Giri's and not G. G's, these U. N. P. adherents most emphatically assert. Seasoned politician and statesman that he is, Mr. Giri will advise his countrymen here to lend their co-operation to the party in power so as to make his task of bringing the Indo-Ceylon talks to be initiated soon, to a successful conclusion. It is understood that Mr. Giri has cautioned his countrymen against taking any precipitate action against the U.N.P.

### Possible Ministers

It is now certain that Messrs. Bandaranaike, Kotelawala, George E. de Silva and T. B. Jayah will find places in the Cabinet. Mr. A. E. Goonesinghe is no more the Labour leader though he labels himself so. He is busy cajoling Messrs. Senanayake and Bandaranaike to give him a place in the Cabinet and in all probability will succeed fulfilling the prophecy said of him some time ago that the pioneer of the labour movement in Ceylon will end his days as a capitalist. Mr. Suntheralingam who is tipped by the Colombo newspapers as the Finance Minister is not a hot favourite with Mr. Senanayake as he was some years ago. Yet the would-be premier cannot, in the circumstances created by the Tamil Congress, dispense with the co-operation and services of this educationist-politician and master of Finance-craft. But it is problematical whether the all-important finance portfolio would be entrusted to him as forecast by certain Colombo Dailies. In fact Sir Oliver will be of more assistance to the party in power than Mr. Suntheralingam, and it is freely talked about that Sir Oliver may find a place in the Lower House (The Finance Minister should invariably be chosen from the Lower House and then selected to be the next Finance Minister. That takes us to the filling up of the six nominated seat in the Lower House; three would have to be given to Europeans and two to the Burghers if and when the latter fail to get representation by election to Parliament. Now that Mr. Pieter Keuneman has found a place by election in the Lower House, it is talked about that there is no need to nominate two more Burghers and it is stated that only one member of the Burgher Community will be nominated, thus leaving two more seats to be filled up. It is suggested that Sir Oliver may be nominated to one of the seats thus enabling him to be selected as the Finance Minister; in that case Mr. Suntheralingam may conveniently be shifted on to some other ministerial responsibility. Regarding the other six ministries, it is learned that two of them will go to the Senate. Dr. L. A. Rajapakse K.C. it is expected, will be nominated to the Senate and will be assigned the portfolio of Justice, and the other portfolio may go either to Mr. C. Coomaraswamy or Mr. A. Mahadeva. There is a strong possibility of the latter finding a place in the Senate either through nomination by the Governor or election by the elected U. N. P. representatives of the Parliament.

Messrs. A. Ratnaike, E. A. Nugawella, J. R. Jayawardane, and R. A. de Mel are likely to be the other four ministers.

Regarding Deputy Ministers there is much speculation and some of the lesser lights of the U. N. P. and among the independents are assured of their junior posts. Messrs. Dudley Senanayake, C. Sittampalam, R. S. S. Gunawardane and V. Nalliah are likely to be deputy ministers.

### Nominations to Senate

Besides Messrs. A. Mahadeva and C. Coomaraswamy, it is now certain

## Freedom in Education

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tions. Small children are rarely troublesome or naughty if they have plenty with which to occupy themselves. A good deal of individual freedom should be given.

Parents ask when should a child be taught to read and are disappointed when told that there is no fixed age. It is better to wait until the child feels the necessity of learning. There is always danger in learning to read too early, because the first years should be devoted to a first-hand study of environment. The moment must be chosen. The same may be applied to writing, which should be preceded in time by drawing and probably both should come before reading.

While early memorizing should be discouraged, there comes a time from about seven to twelve when learning by heart is not only easy but suitable. It is not however natural for children to learn by heart when sitting at a desk. Room to move about, best of all in a garden, facilitates memorizing which reacts favourably also on bodily development. They should be allowed to ripen at their own rate, and should not be deprived of the rights of childhood.

It is obvious that the task of the teacher who seeks to open up the path of freedom to the children is not a light one. It calls for knowledge, sympathy, understanding, and a kind of creative artistic activity so that no phase of the individual child's development shall be unrecognized or misunderstood.

From about the ninth year to the age of puberty, there comes a sense of separate personality, a certain fear of life, and a feeling of being alone and needing guidance, and a demand for some one to serve as leader. With the approach of puberty a more sentimental devotion is often observable, a growing shyness, sometimes marked by unnatural boisterousness. Now more than ever youth requires some trusted friend to whom to turn for counsel.

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that Mr. R. Sivagurunathar will also find a place in the Senate. As the backbone of the Tamil Congress movement in Jaffna, it is felt by the Congress members that Mr. Sivagurunathar's ripe experience and pleasing manners would be of inestimable help in the House of Elders and I learn that they have decided to pool all their votes to have Mr. Sivagurunathar elected to the Senate.

Sir Mohamed Macan Marikar, it is confidently expected will be nominated to the Senate to the presidency of which House he may aspire and succeed. That Mr. A. F. Molamure will adorn the Speaker's chair in the Lower House goes without saying.

## The Jaffna Urban Council NOTICE

Tenders are hereby invited for the lease of the undermentioned Markets, Gala and Bus-stand for one year beginning from 1st January 1948. Tenders for the first and sixth leases are to be made upon forms which will be supplied upon a deposit of Rs. 500/- for each form at this Office. In the case of the 2nd, 3rd and the 4th, a deposit of Rs. 250/- will be required; in the case of the other five a deposit of Rs. 50/- will be required. In the case of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th leases a further sum of Rs. 150/- should be deposited as cost of Stamps and Notarial Fees for the purpose of entering into a Notarial Bond in order that Tender Forms may be issued.

Tenders must be in sealed envelopes marked "Tender for lease of markets, etc." on the left hand top corner of the envelope and addressed to the Chairman, Urban Council, Jaffna, and should reach this Office not later than 12 noon Friday 24th October, 1947.

### Separate Offers must be made for the different leases

The tenderer selected by the Council will be required to deposit within three days of such selection 1/3 of the tendered amount. The balance amount to cover up the full tendered amount in respect of the 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th leases, should be paid on or before 1st December 1947. The tenderer selected in respect of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th leases should enter into a Notarial Bond paying stamps and Notarial Fees in addition to Rs. 150/- already deposited on or before 1-12-47.

The balance amount to be paid in eight equal instalments on or before the 15th of each month, the first of such payment to be made on or before the 15th January 1948 subject to the conditions of lease, copies of which are posted at this Office.

Should he fail to make the deposits and enter into the Notarial Bond as stated above his deposit will be forfeited and the rent will be resold.

The Council reserves to itself the right to reject any or all the tenders without any question.

Any further information can be obtained from the Secretary.

There will be no reduction in the rate of rents obtaining at present in the markets. The Chairman has power to allocate specified places inside the Market premises for different kinds of trades and the Renter and sub-lessees are bound by the decision of the Chairman.

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4. The Sengunthar market inclusive of the two rooms)
5. The Chiviataru Market including Passayoor Beach where Fish is sold (excluding the room)
6. Grand Bazaar Gala including the Bus Stand at Grand Bazaar.
7. The Thaddatheru Santhai (excluding the Junction of Sivapragasam Road with Carpenters Lane where Vegetables and Fish are sold) and the Western portion of Thaddatheru Market in extent 21ms. leased out to Mr. K. Thillaiampalam is excluded.
8. The Muthirai Santhai.
9. The Colombutturai Market.
10. Navanturai Market.

C. Ponnambalam

Chairman, U. C.

Office of the Urban Council, Jaffna, 20-9-47. (G. 99, 26)

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA (held at Point Pedro)

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 349PT

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Sivakkolunthu wife of Mootatamby Sivasubramaniam of Valveddy.

S. Rajaratnam Kathiresu of Nallore Vs. Petitioner.

1. Sothiratham daughter of Sivasubramaniam 2. Sivasubramaniam Mootatamby 3. Sivasubramaniam Nadarajah 4. Ponnammah daughter of Sivasubramaniam 5. Sivamalar daughter of Sivasubramaniam 6. Rajeswary daughter of Sivasubramaniam 7. Sivasubramaniam Sivanathan 8. Mootatamby Sivasubramaniam all of Valveddy.

(The 1st to 7th Respondents are minors appearing by their Guardian-ad-litem the 8th Respondent)

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before G. C. T. A. de Silva Esquire Additional District Judge, Jaffna on the 6th day of September 1947 in the presence of Mr. S. Appadurai Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the petition and affidavit of the said petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the abovesaid petitioner, as attorney of Karthigesar Kanapathipillai of Valveddy and presently of Malaya, a Creditor of the above Estate, is entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the abovesaid intestate unless the respondents or any other person shall on or before the 3rd day of October 1947 shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 6th day of September 1947.

(Sgd) G. C. T. A. de Silva

Addl. District Judge.

Drawn by (Sgd) S. Appadurai Proctor for Petitioner.

(O. 64, 26 & 30)

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA (Held at Point Pedro)

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 342PT

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Moothathamby Kartigesu of Puloiy East

Deceased.

Nagammah widow of Kartigesu of Puloiy East Vs. Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Thilagavathy daughter of Kartigesu of Do
2. Kartigesu Panchalingam of Do
3. Puvaneswary daughter of Kartigesu of do
4. Pathmavathy daughter of Kartigesu of Do
5. Moothathamby Ramasamy of Puloiy West Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before G. C. T. A. de Silva, Esquire, Additional District Judge Jaffna on the 13th day of May 1947 in the presence of Mr. K. Vallipuram, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the petition and affidavit of the Petitioner having been read.

It is ordered on the 8th day of August 1947 that the Last Will marked "A" and filed of record be declared proved and admitted to Probate and the petitioner be declared Executor of the said Last Will and Probate thereof be issued to her unless the respondents or any other person shall on or before the 5th day of September 1947 shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 8th day of August 1947.

Sgd. G. C. T. A. de Silva Addl. District Judge.

5-9-47. Time to shew cause extended till 3-10-1947

Intld: G. C. T. A. de S. A. D. J.

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## CRITICISM

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