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## The Great Path of Fulfilment

Serenity of Spirit and Security of Life

Self Conquest — The Great Need

THE lust for power rampant in the world today was deplored by Babu Rajendra Prasad President of the Indian National Congress, in his convocation address at the Allahabad University last week. Dr. Prasad said: "It is your paramount duty to bring back man from this path of destruction and make him tread the path of fulfilment. This path lies in the revival of the ancient culture of India. It is a path of self-conquest, of service, and renunciation and of cooperation and creation. There is not the least place in it for national, racial and individual jealousies and bitterness."

Describing certain fundamental aspects of the modern world "you are about to enter," Dr. Prasad referred to man's mastery over nature, discoveries of science, annihilation of distance and conquest of time. He said: Another peculiarity of the modern world is the essential unity of all nations. The highest ideal of the ancient sages was that the individual must treat himself as a citizen of the world with as great obligations to all men as he had towards the members of the family. But, in the modern world, the acceptance of this ideal has become the first duty of the civilised man—a duty which he must accept if the modern world is to survive. This has become unavoidable and inevitable on account of the conquest of distance which science has made possible for man. The Chinese wall of distance which divided man from man, country from country and nation from nation exists no more."

Dr. Prasad added: "But what a cruel irony of fate is it that man, with all this power of gods, has neither serenity of spirit nor security of life. It appears as if this very power has become his great enemy and destroyer. Today we find all the symptoms of this destruction—the struggle and strife, scarcity and starvation, homelessness and epidemics. To-day, in Europe and Asia, alike, there are millions upon millions of men and women who do not get a sure meal to satisfy their hunger and not a strip of cloth to cover their nakedness. There are many others who have only the stones for their pillows and streets for their bed."

"Alas, such is also the case with many people in our country as well. It is no doubt that we are free to-day but we have neither prosperity nor security. It is our great misfortune that our country has been

divided, and it has been our sorrow to see the uprooting with cruel and savage hands of millions of human beings from the land of their ancestors. Cruelty and barbarism have had an awful dance in one part of the country and in another; in Kashmir, the Indian paradise even to-day savage events are taking place.

"The query rises in the mind why all this exists: 'what for people take to loot and exploitation when everyone has plenty and more to live in comfort and luxury? Why is there enmity between individuals, nations and States? Is it because man is mad, is it because he lacks like the wild animals of the forest the sense to distinguish between good and bad? But it cannot be so. Man is neither mad nor senseless. The question remains—why, then, all this meaningless struggle and strife?' This is the great question of the modern world—the question which demands a solution from each one of you. I believe that this struggle arises because man forgotten his soul in the struggle to conquer nature, has thrown morality overboard in the striving to amass wealth, and banished love and sympathy in the effort to acquire power.

"Science has divorced itself to-day from morality. The sole occupation of the scientist is the study of the underlying relations of the different objects and aspects of nature. The man of science does not concern himself with the question whether his discoveries are being set to a good or an evil use. The consequence of this view of his mission is that the scientist is ready to sell his talents for a few coins of gold and silver without pausing for a moment to consider the consequences, good or evil, that such a course involves to the spirit of man. The results of this attitude of science are staring you in the face. Today the discoveries of science are being utilised by honest people and criminals alike for the promotion of their interests and the attainment of their ends—and, what is more reprehensible is, that the thugs, the criminals, the unscrupulous are making more gains by the use of science than the others. The greatest triumph of modern science, the atom bomb, will always be associated in the minds of man with the dying wail of the thousands of innocent men and women whose life was suddenly brought to an end."

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DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD

## Nehru to Visit London

In response to the British Prime Minister's invitation Pandit Nehru has decided to go to London preferably during Christmas, failing which, early in the New Year. I understand writes the Special Correspondent of Amrita Bazar Patrika.

It will be recalled that along with other Dominion Premiers Pt. Nehru tentatively accepted invitation to attend Princess Elizabeth's wedding but he was prevented from attending the ceremony at the developments in Kashmir. His acceptance of the invitation, however, still stands as he reiterated later and the visit is going to materialise now that there are no pressing pre-occupations for the Indian Premier here.

## BASE FOR HUMAN UNITY

Universal Love Has To Be Developed

(PRABUDDHA BHARATA)

THE modern world is suffering from too much of intellect and too less of intuition. The discovery of atom bomb has abundantly proved the intellectual penetration whereas the wiping out of two cities, the tragic destruction of about two lakhs of people for mere experiment's sake at the Bikini Atolls show the poverty of feeling, lack of moral scruples, which slowly stultifies the growth of finer feelings. As there is a one-sided growth to the detriment of the heart, man grows greedy and selfish and 'fundamentally insufficient,' and the sense of love which unifies humanity as a whole is being cut off. 'What we suffer from is not intellectual error or moral ignorance, but it is spiritual blindness. No amount of science and art.....can maintain whole an edifice whose foundations are unsound,' says Radhakrishnan in a radio talk from New York city. The professions of scientists were considered to be noble and they were not dragged to the chair of inquisition to demoralise and destroy a certain section of humanity for political rivalry. But the last war has shown that the war-lords no more consider the shrine of science as *sanctum sanctorum* and the immense force realised by it has been degraded by using for diabolical purposes. Continues Radhakrishnan:

"Science has put to our disposal potencies of universal force but human individuals who use them are little communal egos with nothing universal in the light of their knowledge or the life of their affections. The nations of a country are prepared for the immolation of the innocent.....in pursuit of the mind and spirit there

was hitherto an element of international collaboration. But today even the scientific workers are conscripted into the service of the State. Science and scholarship, whose essential purpose is to foster universal values, are being betrayed by their votaries, who are compelled to conform to the policy of the State and give to a group what is meant for mankind. We are bruised and bewildered, our deepest emotions are stirred by the incredible forms of savagery in which even intelligent and sensitive man are required to acquiesce."

It is time that scientists should revolt against this sacrilegious act, this encroachment into their sacred domain. It is time they should refuse to co-operate in the misuse of their power and should cast away national and political allegiance to develop a new social order where the dry intellect is equally balanced by the emotions of heart. It is here they should show their scientific mind, and like Socrates or Jesus prefer death to the lowering of the ideals. Or what difference is there between the old witch-doctors and inquisitors, who used their spiritual power for domination and the atom-bomb scientist?

It is one of the evils of Western civilization that intellectual education is more cared for to the utter neglect of the finer emotions of the heart. When the heart leaps up in sympathy and fellow-feeling, the head prevents it from it by bringing selfish motives. Through the intellect is not the way to get out of this misery, this anarchy, fear, and jealousy; it is not going to bring peace either. If half the amount of effort and energy spent

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### THIRUVEMPAVAI

YEAR AFTER YEAR IN THE month of Margali (December—January) during the ten days preceding Ardra day, the *Thiruvempavai* songs are sung in Hindu temples. Worshipers congregate after their bath to listen to the songs often recited in front of the Nadesar Shrine. The songs recall to our minds the Saint and Poet (of Tamil Nad) who immortalised in verse the custom of damsels bathing in the lotus tank before dawn and offering their prayers to Lord Shiva.

There are twenty songs under the heading *Thiruvempavai* in *Thiruvasagam*. Every song generally ends with the words “சேவையாவாய்” which literally mean “consider, O, maid.” The first eight songs represent the call to awake and arise from bed, bathe in the tank and pray to the Almighty; they are supposed to have been addressed by the Nava Saktis, one to another; and all the Nava Saktis join in the ninth song:—

“முன்னைப் பழம்பொருட்டு  
முன்னைப் பழம்பொருளை  
யின்னைப் புதுமைக்கும்”  
பேர் துறும்பு பெற்றியனை  
உன்னைப் பிர னுதல்  
பெற்றவுன் சீரடியோம்  
உன்னையுமர் தன்பணிசெயம்  
ஆக்கவர்க்கே பாக்காவோம்  
அன்னவோ பெருக்கவை  
ராவர் அவருகத்து  
சொன்ன பரிசே  
சொழும்பாய்ம் பண்ணெய்வோம்  
இன்ன வனையே  
யெய்க்கென்கோன் கக்குதியெல்  
என்ன குறையு  
யினோய்வோ பெர்பாவாய்.

The substance of the ninth and nineteenth songs is the same. It does not matter where the sun rises provided one is able to offer one's prayers to God and do service to those who worship Him.

For beauty of language loftiness of thought and excellence in versification, the *Thiruvempavai* songs are unrivalled. The poet has risen to very great heights. Tamil Nad will be ever grateful to Mani Vasaga Peruman, the recital of whose songs is twice blessed—blessing him that recites and him that hears.

## AHIMSA — TOWARDS WHOM? GANDHIJI EXPLAINS

Under the caption “No Limitations” Mahatma Gandhi writes in the *HARIJAN*:

A correspondent says in substance: “Individual Ahimsa I can understand. Corporate Ahimsa between friends is also intelligible. But you talk of Ahimsa towards avowed enemies. This is like a mirage. It will be a mercy if you give up this obstinacy of yours. If you do not, you will forfeit the esteem you enjoy. What is worse, you, being considered a Mahatma, mislead many credulous persons to their own and society's harm.”

That non-violence which only an individual can see is not of much use in terms of society. Man is a social being. His accomplishments to be of use must be such as any person can attain. That which can be exercised only among friends is of value only as a spark of non-violence. It cannot merit the appellation of Ahimsa. That enmity vanishes before Ahimsa is a great aphorism. It means that the greatest enmity requires an equal measure of Ahimsa for its abatement. Cultivation of this virtue may need long practice, even extending to several births. It does not become useless on that account. Travelling along

the route, the pilgrim will meet richer experiences from day to day so that he may have a glimpse of the beauty he is destined to see at the top. This will add to his zest. No one is entitled to infer from this that the path will be a continuous carpet of roses without thorns. A poet has sung that the way to reach God accrues only to the very brave, to the faint-hearted.

The atmosphere, to-day, is so much saturated with poison that one refuses to re-collect the wisdom of the ancients and to perceive the varied little experiences of Ahimsa in action. A bad turn is neutralised by a good, is a wise saying of daily experience in practice. Why can we not see that if the sum total of the world's activities was destructive it would have come to an end long ago? Love, otherwise, Ahimsa, sustains this planet of ours. This much must be admitted. The precious grace of life has to be strenuously cultivated naturally so because it is uplifting. Descent is easy, not so ascent. A large majority of us being undisciplined, our daily experience is that of fighting or swearing at one another on the slightest pretext. Thus the richest grace of Ahimsa will descend easily upon the owner of hard discipline.

## Notes and Comments

### The Saiva Paripalana Sabhai

It is in the fitness of things that the Jaffna Saiva Paripalana Sabhai has decided to run an Ashrama. An Ashrama as contemplated by the Sabhai is a crying need as every Hindu would testify. The Sabhai has appealed to the Hindus to contribute to the Ashrama fund, and already a substantial contribution has been received. The foundation for the Ashrama has been laid and work in connection with the building programme is progressing. The Saiva Paripalana Sabhai is not a private concern: it is the accredited representative body of the Hindus of Ceylon, and as such, its activities should have the whole hearted support of all who call themselves Hindus. The cause for which the Sabhai has now turned its attention is a worthy one and we appeal to every Hindu to contribute his or her mite to have the Ashrama completed as early as possible. As a correspondent suggested in our Naval Memorial number, the memory of Sri-Lanka Sri Arumuga Navalar should be perpetuated in a fitting manner, and we are confident, no better memorial than the ashrama as decided by the Sabhai is appropriate to honour the great Hindu Reformer.

### The Black Marketeer

Mahatma Gandhi's next move, we are told will be a tour of the Indian Continent to root out black-market and the black-market racketeer. He has realised that mere legislative enactments alone would not help to eradicate this evergrowing evil, unless and until public opinion asserts itself against this social menace. In Ceylon in spite of an army of officials whose duty is supposed to be safeguarding the public against the black-marketeer, the latter is having a heyday, and it is an open secret, with the active connivance of these guardians of socio-economic stability. The black-marketeer of Ceylon has successfully routed government and all the half-hearted measures of the latter to arrest the activities of this latest menace to society have merely aggravated the

situation. It is high time for the government to overhaul its control machinery. The other day we heard that death sentence was imposed on a black-marketeer in Russia; the black-marketeer deserves no better fate; and we are certain that chopping off the heads of a few proved black marketeers will do more good to the society than the enactment of thousand legislations, and bring down the ever-increasing cost of living to a reasonable level.

### Jaffna and Art

Jaffna has not lost its intrinsic merit, and its productivity of art in spite of the political upheavals of the recent past. We are glad that Kumari S. N. Saraswathy the sweet-tongued songster girl from Jaffna took Colombo and South Ceylon by storm by her song recitals during her recent tour in the South. Kumari Saraswathy has been connected with the Indian National Army of Subhas Chandra Bose as the Secretary of its women's section at Malaya and from reports available, we are informed, her part in the activities of that mighty organisation which shook the British Lion from its impregnable fortress of imperialism, has not been inconsiderable; Jaffna is proud of her. Jaffna and Ceylon expects much from this brave girl. What Ceylon requires today is girls of this type whose patriotism transcends all barriers of caste, creed, race and community.

### A Music Academy

Kumari Saraswathy's performance in South Ceylon and the enthusiasm showered on her by the public and the press take us to a problem that is both urgent and important. The need for a music academy in Jaffna is an urgent necessity. Talent, there is in plenty in Jaffna; but the talent is allowed to wither and fade away. The Jaffna Saraswathy Vilasa Sabha the Kala Nilayam and the Sanggeetha Abivivathy Sabha did in their own way make an attempt to infuse the spirit of aesthetic art among the

## Nationalist Tamils to Confer.

### Preliminary Meeting's Decision

A preliminary meeting of some of the leading Tamils of Colombo was held last week-end to inaugurate a permanent Tamil Association to be called “The All-Ceylon National Tamil Conference” with the object of mobilising Tamil opinion in support of the ideals of a United Lanka, Unitary form of Government and inter-communal harmony.

A representative Committee with Mr. S. Somasundaram as Chairman and Messrs. N. Kumarasingham and A. C. Chella Rajah as Joint Honorary Secretaries, and Mr. S. Somasundaram as Treasurer, was appointed to formulate measures to promote the above objects of the organizers. It was proposed to summon a Conference of leading Tamils from all parts of the island by the end of January 1948.—Cor.

people of the peninsula; but they are extinct. This is a sad state of affairs and calls for immediate remedy. It is only through bodies like a music academy, can the talent inherent in the boys and girls of Jaffna, be fully made use of to the public at large. Jaffna is not devoid of enthusiasm, nor organising capacity. The last Parliamentary elections have amply demonstrated it. But what is required is the canalising of that enthusiasm and drive towards constructive programmes. We appeal to all lovers of art to seriously turn their attention to this idea of founding a Music Academy in Jaffna.

### Tao Vociferous

It was the late Sri Subramania Bharathy who lamented the present deplorable state of the Tamils. He said that the Tamils as a race have degenerated to such an extent that they are content to be vociferous and not to be men of action. How true are these words, when one considers the despicable state to which we as community have degenerated at the present moment. We are content to praise the greatness of our past and we gloat over the past heritage, without doing anything to sustain it. Mutual recrimination and bickerings are the order of the day and it has become common that no two Tamils will agree on any issue. It is disgraceful: it is abominable this mutual abuse and vilification borne of utter disregard to the welfare of the community as a whole. Leaders there are in plenty—only to mislead the masses with their vapourings of diametrically opposed political slogans. This state of affairs should stop if the Tamils of Ceylon have to survive as a community; leaders should lead and not mislead, and there should be complete unity and amity amongst them in their aim to serve the people. The Tamils of Ceylon, situated as they are, cannot afford to be divided amongst themselves. A new era is ushering in this island of ours, and the Tamils cannot and should not be merely lookers on. They have to identify themselves with the progressive forces of the country to remodel the future of Lanka. How to identify ourselves is a question on which difference of opinion unfortunately exists. It is for the leaders, irrespective of their party labels, to decide this question by sitting at a Round Table Conference.



# Professor's Sketch

## Of Tamil Congress M. P's.

A PART of Prof. F. H. V. Gulasekharam's presidential address at the Tamils' meeting held to felicitate the Tamil Congress M. P's has already appeared in these columns. In the concluding portion, the professor in his characteristic way gives a sketch of the M. P's. The following is the concluding part of the speech.

It will greatly embarrass Mr. Ponnambalam if I refer to his remarkable ability and his unrivalled oratorical powers or recount his many doughty deeds for the Tamil cause. Ramanathan, Arunachalam, Kanagasabai, Sibapathi—yes, these were great giants who had raised the political status of the Tamils in Ceylon. But it is not an exaggeration if I assert that within our living memory no Tamil politician has made the sacrifices Mr. G. G. Ponnambalam has made for the Tamil cause. No man has been misrepresented and vilified to the extent he has been. Had he cared to feather his own nest at the expense of his community, he would today be near the top of the legal or political ladder. But he has steadfastly stood by the Tamil people. It is true that he has at times taken false steps and failed to achieve his object. Even the best of chess players make false moves and get checkmated. Yet he appears to me to be the one man who is in every respect competent to lead us. Our confidence in him has not been shaken. A wise leader adapts his tactics to suit changing conditions. I have not the slightest doubt that Mr. Ponnambalam will review the present position from all angles and make the best use of his own talents and those of his team-mates.

In Mr. Chelvanayagam, Mr. Ponnambalam has a loyal and faithful lieutenant. If I were to take an examination paper on General Knowledge and had to answer the question "who is the greatest Tamil gentleman in Ceylon today", I would close my eyes and write down "S. J. V. Chelvanayagam". I am yet to meet a man in Ceylon of any community who doubts Mr. Chelvanayagam's honesty, integrity and sincerity.

My only adverse criticism of him is that he is too frank to be a successful politician.

In Mr. K. Kanagaratnam we have a peace-loving gentleman of moderate views whose only fault is his anxiety not to displease anybody. While Mr. Chelvanayagam is a good Christian soul, Mr. Kanagaratnam is a Hindu Sunyasi who would, if he could, emulate even Mahatma Gandhi. His wide knowledge and experience of Governmental affairs make him an asset to Parliament.

Mr. Sivapalan and I are children of the same mother—Jaffna Central College—He has had the same early training as I have had. Is it then any wonder, that Mr. Sivapalan has leapt into fame? He and the other cots of Mr. Ponnambalam's team—I refer to Messrs. Vanniasingam, Ramalingam and Kumaraswamy—as judged by their performances at net practices, are full of promise. They should do well in future test matches.

The baby of the team is the member for my own native

constituency—Chavakachcheri. If he will learn to curb his youthful exuberance and not indulge in long spells of body-line attack, he should one day be one of the best debaters in Parliament.

I extend to these gentlemen a hearty welcome on behalf of all present tonight.

## Ceylon Independence

### Duke of Gloucester to Participate

It is understood that Independence day will be celebrated in Ceylon in February next. The Duke of Gloucester will attend the celebrations.

Nearly 10,000 invitations have been issued in this connection.

### ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 777.  
In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Alagar Saravanamuttu of Veemankamam.  
Annappooranam widow of Alagar Saravanamuttu of Veemankamam.  
Vs. Petitioner.

1. Saravanamuttu Kathirkamathan.
2. Sivamanonmany daughter of Saravanamuttu.
- Minor. 3. Saravanamuttu Kane-sathan.
4. Saravanamuttu Palanithasan.
5. Saravanamuttu Thiruchentilthasan.
6. Saravanamuttu Yogathan.
7. Saravanamuttu Easwarathan.
8. Alagar Pasupathy all of Veemankamam.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esqr, District Judge, Jaffna on the 1st day of October 1947 in the presence of Mr. M. Sithambaranathan Proctor for Petitioner, and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 8th day of July 1947 and of the attesting Notary and witnesses dated 9th day of July 1947 having been read:

It is ordered that the abovenamed 8th respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors the abovenamed 3 to 7 respondents for the purpose of protecting their interest in these Testamentary Proceedings and that Petitioner be declared entitled to Probate of the Last Will dated 11th day of June 1947 and attested by Mr. M. Sithambaranathan Notary Public under No. 1505 and that Probate be issued to the Petitioner as Executrix named in the said will unless the abovenamed respondents shall appear before this Court on the 27th day of October 1947 and show cause to the contrary.

This 1st day of October 1947.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.

Time to show cause extended to 22nd December 1947.

R. R. S. (intd).

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## A Memorable Conference

### Ceylon at Havana

DR. B. B. Das Gupta, Professor of Economics at the Ceylon University, who was Economic Advisor to the Ceylon delegate to the Economic Commission of the Far East at Manila, has returned to Ceylon. Mr. H. W. Amarasuriya, the Ceylon delegate is expected back this week.

Speaking to a Press representative Dr. Das Gupta said that the meeting was memorable for Ceylon owing to the fact that she was admitted as an associate member on the second day of the conference which began on November 24 and ended on December 6. Associate members enjoyed all the privileges of full members, except the right to vote in the plenary sessions, he explained. In committees, however, through which the main work of the Commission was carried out they had the right to vote.

Dr. Das Gupta thought that this was the first regular international body of which Ceylon had been elected a member. The only full members were countries that belonged to the United Nations Organisation. After becoming a Dominion Ceylon would be automatically eligible for full membership. The ECFA was like the ECE (Economic Commission for Europe) a regional daughter of the ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council) which itself was a grand-daughter of the UN. It was constituted last year with three main functions which were the collection and dissemination of available information, the conducting of special investigations, and the initiation and participation in action for the restoration of war damages, in addition to raising the level of economic activity in the member countries.

Its task thus was not reconstruction in the narrow sense of war damage but reconstruction in the broad sense of economic

## Navalar Day

### Celebrations Tomorrow

Navalar day will be celebrated tomorrow (20-12-47) at the Navalar School, Vannarponnai. The programme commences at 4 p.m. Mr. S. Natesan, B. A., B. L., F. R. E. S., will preside.

Musical entertainment in which the leading artistes of Jaffna will take part will precede the lectures on Navalar and his greatness.

Messrs A. V. Mailvaganam B. A., B. Sc., C. Muthuthamby, C. Nagah B. A. and S. Kannan Adigal are expected to address the public meeting.

The celebrations, it is understood, are under the auspices of the Youth League of the Navalar School.

## Ramanathan College, Chunnakam

### London B. A. Honours Class

A class will be formed on 21-1-48 for preparing students for the B. A. Honours Examination in Tamil and Sanskrit.

LADY RAMANATHAN,  
President.

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development generally, "This is where we in Ceylon are particularly interested" declared Dr. Gupta, and added: "There has been little, if any war devastation in Ceylon but Ceylon has suffered much indirectly. In any case the standard of living in the country is very low and it is vitally necessary for us to 'pull together' with other nations for economic development."

The Secretariat of the Commission was in the charge of a distinguished Indian economist, Dr. P. S. Lokanathan, who is to visit Ceylon early next month for informal discussions with the Ceylon Government regarding the work of the commission.

## Evil of Communalism

### U. C. Chairman Deprecates Present Position

THE last Parliamentary elections have demonstrated that Jaffna has lost its statesmanship said Mr. C. Ponnampalam, Chairman Jaffna Urban Council when he opened a library and reading room at Nallure last week. Mr. Ponnampalam recalled the services done to Ceylon and to Jaffna particularly by the sons of Jaffna who lived twenty or thirty years ago. The educated youth of those times were in the forefront of all progressive movements. Bribery and corruption have become the order of the day, and Mr. Ponnampalam hoped that reading rooms would facilitate the healthy growth of a spirit of patriotism and service among his countrymen. Mr. Ponnampalam continued:

"There was a time when the Jaffna man was given due regard for his all-comprehensive aims and for his political acumen. Alas, these days are past—perhaps never to return. The last Parliamentary elections have demonstrated that Jaffna has succumbed to the antics of those self-styled leaders, who to grasp

power and leadership, emitted the venom of communalism and deceived the masses. Communalism leads us no where. In fact it is the bane on the public life of any country. India is suffering today because of the communalism of the Muslim League, in spite of the fact that Gandhi, Nehru and Patel are trying their best to alleviate the sufferings of the masses."

Mr. Ponnampalam advised the audience to read more Indian papers and to know what havoc communalism has done in India, and appealed to them not to be deceived by the vapourings of Communalists. He then dwelt on the present set up of the cabinet and asked whether it was a crime for two Tamil members to be in the seat of power and responsibility. "The Tamil Congress" said Mr. Ponnampalam "frets and fumes over the appointment of two Tamil gentlemen as Ministers. The Congress says that they are not Tamils because they refuse to dance to the tune of the Fuehrer."



# VEDANTA MOOLA SARAM OR THE ESSENCE OF THE UPANISHADS

(By A Science Graduate)

(Continued from our issue of 12-12-47)

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## XVIII. THE MUNDAKA UPANISHAD (Continued)

Here follows another highly important verse which is also found repeated verbatim in the Katha Upanishad (II, 23: God cannot be attained by recital (of the Vedas), nor by intellectualism, nor by much learning. He can be attained (only) by the man whom He (God) chooses. God reveals His own Truth (verse 3).—This, the reader will note, is what we call Anugraham (அருக்கிரகம்) or Divine Grace, the last of the five fold functions of the Lord (பஞ்ச சிருத்தியம், Panchakrityam)—The following are some parallel passages, among others from the Tamil:

தம் முகல் தருவாமுத் தவத்தினில் உணர்ந்த...

...அன் கழல் செலுமே, (Siva Gnana Bodham).

It (the soul) attains the fact of God when, as a Feet of its Tapas, its Lord appears as Guru also and instructs it.

அறிவிக்க அன்றி அறியா உளங்கன் (Ibid.)

The souls cannot realize (God) unless instructed (by Him).

...அவனருளே கண்ணுக் காணில் அல்லால்,

இப்படியான் இவ்வுருவன் இவ்வண்ணத்தர் இவன் இறைவன்

என்று எழிக்காட்டி ஒதுதே. (Devaram)

Unless we realize with His Grace, we cannot describe His Nature

or His Form or His Characteristics or His Lordship.

அவனருளாலே அவன்தான் வணங்கி (Tiruvachakam)

Worshipping at His Feet with (the aid of) His Grace,

மனவாசகம் கடந்தான் என மத்தோன் மத்தன் ஆக்கி (Ibid)

He (God) who is beyond the reach of thought and word,—

He made me an ecstatic reveller.

வேதக் கர்த்துக்கும் உபநிதத்து உச்சியில் விரிந்த

போதக் காட்சிக்கும் ஊணான், புதியறி புதியன்,

முதக்கார்க்கு முதக்கவன், முடிவுக்கு முடிவாய்,

ஆதிக்கு ஆதிபாய், உயிர்க்கு உயிராகிய அமலன். (Kanda Puranam.)

Beyond the ken of the Vedas and of the wisdom expounded in

the heights of the Vedantas, Newest of the new, Oldest of the old,

the End of the end, the Beginning of the beginning, the Soul of

souls, such is the Immaculate One.

மறைகளின் முடிவால் வாக்கால் மனத்தினால் அனக்கோணமல்,

நிறைவுடன் யாண்டுமாகி நின்றும் நிமல முத்தி (Ibid)

The Omnipresent Immaculate Lord unfathomed by the Vedantas,

by word and by thought.

மறையினால், அயனால், மலால், மனத்தினால், வாக்கால், மற்றும்

திறைவிலா அளவினாலும், கூற ஒதுது ஆகி நின்ற

இறைவரை கமல பாதம்... (Siddhiyar).

The mystic nature of the Lord beyond the comprehension of the

Vedas, of Brahma and Vishnu of the mind and of speech, and of

faultless argumentation.

அருளினால் ஆகமத்தே அறியலாம், சிவனே (Ibid)

God can be realized through (His) Grace by 'conforming to the

teachings of) the Agamas.

God indeed reveals His own Truth, and man cannot realize God

without the aid of His Grace. But to whom does God reveal His own

Truth? The answer follows: God cannot be attained by a man

without strength (spiritual strength) or without earnestness or by

knowledge unattended by devotion. If the wise (man) strives with

these supports (spirituality, earnestness and devotion), then he enters

the house of God. When seers who are content with knowledge, have

reached God and have, free from passion and with mind unruffled,

obtained Him, then wise and with concentrated thought and com-

prehending the All-pervading (God) everywhere they enter (it the house

of God) wholly. Having well ascertained the object of the knowledge

of the Vedantam and having purified their nature by the practice

(Yogam) of renunciation, all (Sannyasies) attain the highest deathless

state (Sivahood) and become free at the time of the great end

(final dissolution) in the worlds of God (verses 4 to 6).—It is these and

other preparatory Sadanas, that fit man to the attainment of the high-

est Gnanam conferred by Divine Grace, which are epitomized in the

one word தவத்தினில் (owing to Tapas) in the first quotation above from

the Siva Gnana Bodham and detailed in the following and other

verses of Siddhiyar:

புறச்சமய நெறி நின்றும், அகச்சமயம் புக்கு,

புலம் மீறுதி வழி உழன்றும், புறலும் ஆச்சிரம

அறத்துறைகள் அவை அடைந்தும், அருத் தவங்கள் புரிந்தும்,

அருத் கலைகள் பல தெரிந்தும், ஆணைகள் படித்தும்,

சிவப்பு உடைய புராணங்கள் உணர்ந்தும், வேத

சிவப் பொருளை மிகத் தெளிந்தும் சென்றும், கைவத்

திறத்து அடைவார், இதில் சரியாய் கோயக்

செலுத்திய பின் ஞானத்தால் சிவன் அடியைச் சேர்வார்.

By complying with the teachings of alien (heterodox) religions,

by entering acting according to the orthodox faiths, by practicing

the 'dharma' laid down in the Smritis, by conforming to the

tenets prescribed for the different Asramas (Brahmachariyam, &c),

by performing religious austerities, by the learning of the rare

manifold sciences, the excellent Puranas and the Vedas and by

understanding well the essence of the Vedantas, if one passes

through (and completes all these stages successfully in his

innumerable births), he will reach the heights of the Saiva Religion

and, after practising the paths of Sanyasa, Kriya and Yogam, he

will (get to Gnanam Margam and) through Gnanam attain the Feet

of the Blessed Lord.

(To be Continued.)

## Students Form Organisation "To Fight for Students' Rights"

Just as teachers, clerks, workers and peasants had organised themselves into unions and associations to fight for their interests, students too should form and strengthen their own organisation was the main point stressed by speakers at a meeting of the newly formed North Lanka Students' Organisation held recently at the S. K. V. Tutory, Nallore, Jaffna.

Mas. S. Kanagasabai, a student of the University, said that the students of North Ceylon were setting a fine example which the students of Colombo would do well to follow. The students of Kandy and Matara had their own organisations. He regretted the fact that students of Ceylon had hitherto been unable to send delegates to student conferences in other parts of the world and referred to the good work done by the World Federation of Democratic Youth. He added that a student newspaper would be very valuable to the student movement.

The main aims of the North Lanka Students' Organisation are, it is stated:— To make Free Education really free so that it can cover all persons of school-going age; to campaign for more jobs; to fight for student rights; to establish greater co-operation between students, teachers and parents; and to end illiteracy.

The following were elected office-bearers of the Pro-Tem Organising Committee: Secretary, Mas. S. K. Mahalingam; Asst. Secretary, Mas. R. Mahadeva; Treasurer, Mas. S. K. Velauthapillay.

### ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 70.  
In the matter of the estate of the late Sivakamippillai widow of Ponnampalam of Tellippalai West.

Deceased.  
Ponnampalam Sivapathasundaram of Tellippalai West. Petitioner.

Vs.  
Minor. 1. Savundaranayagam daughter of Ponnampalam.  
" 2. Sowpakkiagowry ammal daughter of Ponnampalam.  
" 3. Sivayoganayagy daughter of Ponnampalam all of Tellippalai West.  
" 4. Visuvanathar Subramaniam of Tellippalai East. Respondents.

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

It is ordered that the abovenamed 4th respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors the abovenamed 1st, 2nd and 3rd respondents for the purpose of watching their interest in these Testamentary Proceedings and that Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the Petitioner as son of the said deceased unless the respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested in these Testamentary Proceedings shall appear before this Court on or before the 27th day of October 1947 and show cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 6th day of October 1947.

(Sgd) R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.

Time to show cause extended to 22nd December 1947.

R. R. S. (Intd).

### ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 774.  
In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Kamadehimmah widow of Sivagurunathan of Chunnakam.

Deceased.  
Sithamparapillai Sivasambo of Chunnakam. Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Sivagurunathan Kanagasabai of Uduvil, Lunatic appearing by his managers & g. a. l.  
2. Sinnatamby Ponnambalam and wife.  
3. Sinnapillai of do.

Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the petitioner praying that the 2nd and 3rd respondents be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 1st respondent and that the petitioner as sister of the deceased declared entitled to administer the estate of the deceased abovenamed and that letters of administration issued to him accordingly, coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge Jaffna on the 29th day of September 1947 in the presence of Mr. V. Navaratnarajah Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read:—

It is ordered that the 2nd and 3rd respondents be and they are hereby appointed guardian-ad-litem over the 1st respondent, that the petitioner as sister of the deceased declared entitled to administer the estate of the said deceased and letters of administration issued to him accordingly, unless the respondents abovenamed or any others shall show sufficient cause to the contrary on or before the 25th day of November 1947 at 10 a. m.

This 28th day of October, 1947.

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

Extended to 23-12-47

Intd. R R S

D J

(O. 124. 16 & 19.)

### ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 773.  
In the matter of the estate of the late Nagammah wife of Velupillai Nadarajah of Araly West late of Kedah in Malaya. Deceased.

Murugar Kathiravelu of Araly West. Petitioner.

Vs.  
Minor. 1. Thavamany daughter of Nadarajah.  
" 2. Parameswary daughter of Nadarajah  
" 3. Nadarajah Sanmuganathan.  
" 4. Nadarajah Sabapathipillai.  
" 5. Nadarajah Sivanathan all of Araly West.

G. A. C. Velupillai Nadarajah of do presently of Kedah in Malaya.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq., District Judge, Jaffna on the 26th day of September 1947 in the presence of Mr. S. Kanagasabapathy Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 31st day of August 1947 having been read:

It is ordered that the abovenamed 1st Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors 1-5 Respondents and that the said Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate as her father and as such Letters of Administration be issued to him accordingly unless the Respondents or any others shall on or before the 27th day of October 1947 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 26th day of September 1947.

Sgd. R. R. Selvadurai,  
District Judge.

Extended for 22-12-47.

Intd. R. R. S.

D. J.

(G. 125. 16 & 19.)



## The Resurgence Of Asia

### Conference in 1949.

It is due to Dr. Horace Alexander and the other Quaker Friends that a Conference of Pacifists for the whole of Asia is to be held in 1949. It has got the blessings of Mahatmaji also. It will be a great and outstanding event of that year as it will show resurgence of Asia and put it on the map again as the home of religion and philosophy. For hundreds of years mankind is having blood bath and is partially in a state of barbarism, not at all far away from the times when men and women roamed about in the jungles with their bodies painted. Only Asia has produced saints and prophets and men who initiated and organised new systems of religion. There is a long line of them—Buddha, Shri Krishna, Rama Sankaracharya, Prophet Muhamad, Christ and so many others who have turned the face of the earth by their burning and fiery messages of hope and cheer. The Conference of Pacifists will bring back all these glories of Asia.....

A great lesson is conveyed to us by the life and teachings of Thomas Hondjkin the historian. He was definitely opposed to militarism, to compulsory military service and "to that spirit which instead of accepting the use of the sword as a possible sad necessity, glories in it, magnifies the soldier's office and seems likely to crush all the nation of Europe under the weight of their armour." He writes in a letter: "My tendency is to believe that Tolstoy is right, and that if you are prepared to advocate absolute non-resistance to armed force you must also abolish all right of private property and be willing, like St. Francis, to take Holy Poverty for your bride. No friend that I have is willing to go thus far; and it seems to me that there will always be want of logic and consistency and a certain unconscious paltering with their consciences in a wealthy body and a comfortable body which accepts all the benefits and protection for their property that a state ultimately resting on force so freely extends to them, and yet professes to condemn all resort to force in even the most righteous of causes as unchristian." And yet once more "It seems to some of us, musing upon those things and pondering on the future of the world, that Christianity must destroy war; if not, war will destroy Christianity." In view of all these circumstances and factors we greatly appreciate the efforts of our Quaker Friends to hold a Conference of Pacifists. Human life is a precious possession and we cannot allow this great sacred and spiritual force to be dissipated with that recklessness with which it has been dissipated and wasted upto now. Rather may we join in the words of *Paras Regained*.

"He who receives.  
Light from above, the fountain of  
all right,  
No other Doctrine needs."

### PERSONAL

Mr. S. U. Somasegaram M. A. Dip Ed., Education Officer, Eastern Province is in Jaffna at his residence at Vannarponnai East. He will assume duties as Education Officer Northern Division with the end of this month, releasing Mr. V. K. Nathan.

## Princess Thanks Nehru

### For His Presents

Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh and His Royal Highness Prince Philip of Edinburgh have sent the following replies in acknowledgement of the presents and in response to the message sent by the Indian Prime Minister on behalf of the Government and the people of India on the occasion of their wedding.

Letter from Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh to Pandit Nehru dated November 16, 1947.

Dear Pandit Nehru:

It is very kind of you to send me your book, "The Discovery of India" and a length of such beautiful gold and coloured brocade. This is, indeed, an acceptable wedding present and I want to thank you most warmly for the good wishes which, I know, you feel towards us both at this time of great personal happiness.

You have in addition sent me on behalf of the Government of India, an unusually charming necklace and a silver figure of God Shiva with both of which I am delighted. Would you please tell all concerned what great pleasure they have given me, and how genuinely grateful I am for this most welcome present.

Yours sincerely  
Sgd Elizabeth

### Duke of Edinburgh's Letter

Letter from His Royal Highness Prince Philip of Edinburgh to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister, dated November 24, 1947.

Dear Pandit Nehru:

Thank you and the Government of India for the delightful present which my uncle brought to me on your behalf and also for your most interesting book, which you so kindly sent me.

Would you kindly convey to the Government and the people of India the deep gratitude of Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth and myself for their kind message of good wishes for our future happiness?

I trust that when you come to England we may have the pleasure of seeing you.

Yours sincerely  
Sgd Philip

## Jaffna Town Teachers' Association

A resolution calling upon the people's government to introduce the long delayed Pension Scheme for the widows and orphans of teachers, was unanimously adopted at the annual general meeting of the Jaffna Town Teachers' Association.

The meeting was held at the Hindu Ladies' College, Jaffna, with the President, Mr. K. V. Mailaganam, in the chair.

Resolutions were passed requesting the Northern Province Teachers' Association Executive to expedite the registration of the N. P. T. A. as a Trade Union and calling upon the N. P. T. A. representatives in the A. C. U. T. Executive to take steps to see that teachers with a minimum of five years' service were permitted to sit for the examinations of the Ceylon University as non-collegiate students.

Mrs. C. L. Motwan, Principal, Hindu Ladies College, delivered an address on "The Problem Child and the Backward Child."

## Base for Human Unity

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in cultivating the intellect is used for developing the natural flow of heart, in making men purer and gentler, this world would have been a thousandfold happier and safer than today, says Swami Vivekananda:

"When there is conflict between the heart and the brain let the heart be followed, because intellect has only one state, reason, and within that intellect works and cannot get beyond. It is the heart which takes one to the highest plane which intellect can never reach; it goes beyond intellect and reaches what is called inspiration. Intellect can never become inspired. Only the heart when it is enlightened becomes inspired. An intellectual, heartless, man never becomes an inspired man. It is always the heart that speaks in the man of love."

It is only when this universal love, this oneness with our fellow-men becomes the leading star of our life, not as political diplomacy or economic policy, but as a spontaneous inner realization, that real relations with others are possible. A feeling that in the life of our fellow-men is our own life complete is the only secure base for human unity.

## What It Costs India

Mr. V. B. Kulkarni, the Special Correspondent of the Times of Ceylon in his weekly news letter from Bombay gives up a statement of the expenditure which the Government of India incurs on foreign embassies. According to Mr. Kulkarni, The Two principal ambassadors at Moscow and Washington are each paid Rs. 3,500 a month in addition to the monthly representation allowance of Rs. 4,500. The embassy in Washington maintains its information service at a cost of Rs. 337,500, while other expenditure incurred by this embassy for the financial year 1946-47 totalled Rs. 776,500. It is estimated that the Indian Government will have to spend Rs. 750,500 on the Moscow embassy during the period from August 15, 1947 to March 31, 1948.

The Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Anipanthi Co-operative Stores Society was held on 6-12-47. Office bearers and a Working Committee of fifteen were elected.

## CONVICTION OF M. P.

### Will Not Affect His Seat

The right of Mr. H. D. Abeyagunawardene, M. P. for Matara, to his seat in the House of Representatives will not, it is understood, be affected by his recent conviction and sentence.

He was one of the 32 whose convictions in a case arising out of the strike of harbour workers in April, 1946, were affirmed in appeal by Sir Francis Soeretz and Mr. Justice Nagalingham. Mr. Abeyagunawardene was sentenced to three months rigorous imprisonment for an offence under section 140 of the Penal Code, and to two months imprisonment for an offence under section 142.

For a person to be disqualified from being a Member of Parliament under section 13 (F) of the Ceylon Constitution Order-in-Council of 1946, he must have served or be serving a term of three months or more for an offence punishable with imprisonment for 12 months or more.

As the maximum sentence for an offence under section 140 is less than 12 months, Mr. Abeyagunawardene's conviction under this section will not disqualify him. As his sentence under section 142 is for a period less than three months, this will not disqualify him either. He is thus exempt from the operation of the provisions in the Order-in-Council.

## Ramanathan College Chunnakam

Entrance Test for new admissions from Standard 4 to Prep. S. S. C. will be held at 11 a.m. on 21-1-1948.

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Students over 19 years of age will not be admitted to any of the classes below H. S. C.

No Student who has passed the Tamil 5th Standard without a minimum knowledge of English will be admitted.

Principal

(Mis. 206. 19 & 26.)

## PANDIT V. T. SAMBANDHAN DIAMOND JUBILEE

It has been decided to celebrate the above Jubilee on 27-12-47. It is earnestly hoped by the organisers, that old students and well-wishers of the Pandit will contribute towards the fund before the date of the celebrations. All moneys should be forwarded to:

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K. S. Sukramaniam,  
Secretary,

Jubilee Fund Committee.

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## The Great Path of Fulfilment

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by its first effective use in the world. To-day there is not a single spot in the world which has not witnessed the cruel destruction of human life and the degradation of the human spirit by the arms and the instruments given to man by modern science. Has not the pride of scientific achievements blinded men and nations? Could it have been possible that every nation, knowing full well the destructive potentialities of the atom bomb, would still have continued to spend billions on the manufacture of these bombs—and this when millions are facing the slow agony of starvation?

'The sages of our land had, for this very reason, emphatically declared that self-conquest is to be the supreme triumph of man. More than two thousand years ago it was again in our country that the great Emperor Asoka, renounced all conquest except the Dharma Vijaya

Mahatma Gandhi has been again giving this ancient message to the people of India and the world. It may have been that we, whose eyes have been dazzled by the glitter of modern civilisation, have failed to perceive the glory of Dharma Vijaya (the triumph of the moral law). Again it may well have been that our ears, deafened as they probably are by the maddening noise of the modern machines, may have not responded to the music of the moral law.

"But the truth remains that the peoples of the world, as our own people, have to dedicate themselves to the achievement of the total victory of Moral Law in human life. Man must do this and that also very soon, for if he does not wake up in time disaster and death will overtake him. But I have faith in the human spirit, and I believe that he will yet realise the tragic potentialities of the moral civilisation of modern time.

"The world stands in need of the re-adoption of this faith in the supremacy of the Moral Law above all the rules of commerce and State. It must take to the path of self-conquest."

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