

## IMPORTANCE OF GURU

### The Function And The Place Of Spiritual Masters

Every spiritual tradition, that is virile has insisted on the necessity of our having a 'Guru'. The Guru is the spiritual Master who initiates us into the truths of the spiritual life. He shows us the way he has tread and steadies our faltering steps. The Sanskrit word Guru means 'the remover of ignorance'. The word Gu means darkness (andhakara), ru means the remover of darkness. The Chandogya declares, 'one who has a teacher alone knows'. The spiritual aspirant who is desirous of religious experience is asked to approach a Guru. 'The Guru is characterised, by the composure of mind and has self-control. He is learned and devoted to Brahman.' We are asked to resort to such a one for instruction. Sankara commenting on the passage, exhorting us to seek a Guru, observes that 'even one, that is well versed in the scriptures should not set about seeking Brahman knowledge by himself'. Resorting to a Guru is no mere convention nor is it a blind formality. It is not the evasion of one's responsibility, nor is it a case of dependence complex. If one merely reads the religious scriptures as he does his novels and short stories, the effect of the scriptures on the reader is not the same as it is when it is taught by an illumined teacher, to the aspiring disciple. The scriptures are mere words, when we read them by ourselves. When they are taught to us, they strike us and remove the scales from our eyes. Aldous Huxley writes, (about hallowed scriptures which we often repeat and read for ourselves) 'the traditionally hallowed writings tend to breed, not indeed contempt, but something which for practical purposes, is almost as bad—namely a kind of reverential insensibility, a stupor of the spirit, and an inward deafness to the meaning of the sacred words'. Sra-

vana is the Guru's teaching of the scriptures to us. William Pen the great author exclaimed, 'There is something nearer to us than the scriptures, to wit, the world in the heart from which all scripture comes'. That is the Guru. The Svetasvatara Upanishad concludes that 'the truths taught (in the scripture) shine forth in the high-souled men, who have an equal degree of devotion to their Guru as to God.'

The nature of spiritual knowledge is such that we cannot know it through the probity of our learning nor the acuteness of our intellect. The Katha declares, 'That it must be imparted to us by someone else.' (I, 2, 9). 'It becomes known only when taught by one who has become identified with the spirit.' (I, 2, 8.)

The Guru does not go out broadcasting the truths to all and sundry. We must seek him in all reverence. The Gita says, 'Seek the Guru, who are men of wisdom, vision and have realised the truth, by humble reverence, by inquiring and service, and they will instruct you.' In the choice of the Guru one must be earnest, sincere and critical. One has to be wary about choosing his Guru. It is the most complex task in our age, which is full of Messiahs and Moseses each promulgating a cult of his own and asking people to surrender to him and be saved.

The Guru represents the living voice. The way or the mode made use of by the Guru in transforming the disciple's state of consciousness and the way he imparts wisdom to him, are not easily explicable in terms of rational and discursive thought. The effect produced by the Guru on the disciple is immediate and sudden. Sri Ramakrishna gave all his spiritual wealth to

Vivekananda in a moment by placing his hands on his head. Christ violently threw down Saul from the horseback, when he was on the road to Damascus. This pulled the scales from his eyes and gave the vision splendid and made him a new man. Arjuna, the close companion of the Lord, the representative man, was endowed by the Lord with divine eyes (divyacakshus) to see the Visvarupa of the Lord. It is the Guru who shows us the path, and dispels the darkness that enshrouds us. It is again the masters, that are the channels through which divine light trickles down into this world of blindness. They are the salt of the earth who keep things disinfected. A world without them will be a world totally blind. It is only a close companionship with such men that can keep us free and untainted from the attritions of our over-organised mechanical age.

The true master instills into us a new vision and a splendid discipline. The discipline is called Vinaya and the Guru is called Vineta. One-third of Lord Buddha's teaching refers to discipline. It is called the Vinayapitaka. Sankara in the first verse of his Sata-sloki describes the Guru as superior to the alchemist for the simple reason that the alchemist can only transmute the base metal into gold, but he cannot impart to it the very transmuting power itself. That the Guru does; in this he surpasses the alchemist. The Guru is indispensable to us, if we mean earnestly to seek truth. When Alexander was asked, why he showed great respect and reverence to his instructor Aristotle, than to his father, he replied, 'From my teacher I obtain eternal life; and from my father a perishable existence. My father brought me down from heaven to earth, but Aristotle has raised me from earth to heaven.' Shri Aurobindo regards that four things are necessary for spiritual realisation and Guru is one of them and the other three being, enthusiasm (Utsaha), Time (Kala) and Scriptures. The Guru is the God on earth

## THE LOVE OF GOD

The only quality of God which we can comprehend is His lovingness \* This is also the only quality the knowledge of which is of real value to us. We have seen how God's Love, has given us this precious body, gives us all the knowledge and energy we require, is ever present in us and guides us in our march towards the goal. It gave the soul the crudest form of body called protoplasm and made it live. This is itself an invaluable gift. Then it gave the soul more and more developed forms of body till the human form was reached. The love that can raise the protoplasm to the human form for the sake of the soul must be unlimited. Since this is the only quality of God that we can comprehend, our conception of God must be in terms of His love. Just as He is infinite, His love is infinite. Occasions may arise when even the mother hates the child. But God hates no one and has the same infinite love even for the most unrighteous as for the righteous, the object of the love being to make all perfect.

\* "They are ignorant who say that Siva and Love are different." — Tirumantiram, 270.

In some philosophies God is called Absolute, and Love of God is called Siva.

## Vivekananda Society New Office Bearers

The following have been elected as the new office bearers etc. of the Vivekananda Society, Colombo, for the year 1960/61 :-

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for men who aspire for the spiritual life. Count Keyserling in his celebrated travelogue observes, (after visiting India). 'If a Guru appeared to me today and said, "Come", I would follow him blindly.'

—Vedanta Kesari

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**Effects Of Noise...**

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saturated cities; or that these outnumber the cases in hospitals, from other causes.

Many years earlier Dr. Walter B. Cannon of Harvard proved that noise may seriously affect the normal digestive functions and cause nervous indigestion, leading eventually to stomach ulcers. Dr. Donald A Laird also discovered that loud noises decreased the flow of saliva in the mouth and the gastric juice in the stomach, thus helping to cause nervous indigestion.

The young rascal who fills a paper bag full of air and then suddenly bursts it behind his grandfather's back, making the old boy leap three feet in the air, may not realise that he is raising the Ancient's blood pressure much higher than it would jump if he were injected with a shot of morphine or nitroglycerine, two of the most powerful drugs for increasing pressure within the brain. All this—and more—were discovered by Dr. Foster Kennedy of Bellevue Hospital.

(Madras Hindu)

**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No 836

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Velupillai Sinnathamby of Chundikkuli, Jaffna

Deceased.  
Ponnammah widow of Velupillai Sinnathamby of Chundikkuly, Jaffna.

Petitioner.

Vs

- 1 Sinnathamby Sivayogy of Vaddukkodai
- 2 Arumugam Sampasivam and wife
- 3 Rajeswary both of Chundikkuly, Jaffna.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before P. Sri Skantha Rajah Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 17th day of June 1960 in the presence of Messrs. C. C. & S. Somasegaram Proctors on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the petitioner as the lawful widow of the abovenamed deceased, unless the abovenamed respondents appear before this court on or before the 29th day of July 1960 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 17th June 1960.  
(Sgd) P. Sri Skantharajah  
District Judge.

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**Astrological**

**WEEKLY FORECASTS**

'SRI PATHY'

FROM 24-7-60 TO 30-7-60

**ARIES** *Aswini, Barani, Kartikai 1st part [Medha Rasi]*

You will be quick to pick up quarrels this week. Eye troubles also likely. Friends will help you out of difficulties. But financial success promised.

**TAURUS** *Kartikai 2, 3, 4, Rohini, Mirugasirisha 1, 2 [Idapa Rasi]*

Younger brothers and sisters will help you out of difficulties this week. Some changes in routine likely. New ventures will be delayed but successful.

**GEMINI** *Mirugasirisha 3, 4, Thiruvathirai, Punarpusam 1, 2, 3 [Mithuna Rasi]*

Financially a good week. Some of your personal problems will be solved. Gains through agricultural pursuits promised. But expenses also will be heavier than usual.

**CANCER** *Punarpoosa 4, Poosa, Ayilya [Kataka Rasi]*

In spite of opposition you will be able to succeed in your ventures. Ruin to enemies shown. Financially a good week.

**LEO** *Maha, Poora, Uttira 1, [Singha Rasi]*

This is not a favourable week as far as your health is concerned. Eye troubles likely. But professionally a good week. Agricultural pursuits will bring good results.

**VIRGO** *Uttira 2, 3, 4, Attachittirai 1, 2 [Kanni Rasi]*

Some of your personal problems will be solved. Friends and relatives will be very helpful. Expenses will soar but you will get enough to meet them.

**LIBRA** *Chittirai 3, 4, Swati, Visaka 1, 2, 3, [Thula Rasi]*

Minor health upsets likely this week. Professionally a good week. You will gain much fame. Friends will go out of the way to help you.

**SCORPION** *Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]*

A good week again. You will be able to steer clear of all opposition. Fathers relatives will be very helpful. But minor domestic troubles likely week-end.

**SAGITTARIUS** *Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1. [Thannu Rasi]*

The first two days will be unsettled. Minor health upsets and domestic troubles likely. You will have no peace of mind. Second half of the week will be comparatively favourable.

**CAPRICORNUS** *Uttiradam 2, 3, 4, Thiruvonam, Avittam 1, 2. [Makara Rasi]*

Misunderstandings with friends and relatives likely this week. Domestic upsets also shown. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning the worst out of the lot.

**AQUARIUS** *Avittam 3, 4, Satayam, Pooraddati 1, 2, 3. [Kumbha Rasi]*

Health a problem. Domestic upsets also shown. But professionally a good week. Friends will be very helpful. Spend Thursday Friday and Saturday morning with care.

**PISCES** *Pooraddati 4, Utroddati, Revati [Meena Rasi]*

Except for the last day this promises to be a fairly favourable week. New ventures will be successful. Ruin to enemies and social success also promised. Spend the last day of the week with care.

**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 833

In the matter of the Intestate estate of the late Sinnathamby Thambiah of Kankesanturai

Deceased.

Thambiah Ponnusamy of Kankesanturai

Petitioner

Vs

Thambiah Mahalingam of Kankesanturai

Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before P. Sri Skanda Rajah Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 10th day of June 1960 in the presence of Messrs Rajah and Nathans, Proctors on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the Petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the abovenamed Petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased as one of the heirs of the said deceased unless the Respondent or any other person shall on or before the 25th day of July 1960 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 10th day of June 1960

Sgd: P. Sri Skanda Rajah  
District Judge.

Drawn by,  
Sgd: Rajah & Nathans  
Proctors for Petitioner.  
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**Vivekananda Society.....**

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**TRAFFIC NOTICE**

*Nallur Kandasamy Temple Annual High Festival-1960*

In connection with the above festival, the following Roads are closed for all vehicular traffic between 29th July and 23rd August 1960 inclusive.

1. That section of Point-Pedro Road between Arasady Junction and the 2nd Mile Post.

2. That section of Temple Road between Pandarakulam Lane and Somasundaram Lane.

**Deviation of Traffic**

Drivers of vehicular traffic are advised to use the following deviations:-

1. When proceeding from the direction of Jaffna towards Kopay (or in the opposite direction), the Navalur Road Nallur Cross Road deviation.

2. When proceeding along Arasady Road towards Kopay (or in the opposite direction) the Wyman Road - Navalur Road-Nallur Cross Road deviation

**Parking of Vehicles**

For the convenience of the worshippers three vehicle parks will be established and all drivers of vehicles are requested to use them. The Parks are:

1. At the Amman Temple grounds for traffic approaching

Kandasamy Temple via Arasady Road.

2. At Kailasapillaiyar Temple grounds for traffic approaching from the South.

3. At Muthuraisanthai Market grounds for the traffic approaching Kandasamy Temple from the direction of Kopay.

Sgd A. Mahendran  
Asst. Suptd. of Police,  
Jaffna.

Police Office,  
Jaffna, 6-7-60.  
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**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 814

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Agnes Thangacutty wife of Rasiyah Rajaratnam of 10, Temple Road, Jaffna.

Deceased.

Anthonyuttu Vethanayagam of 36, Beach Road, Jaffna.

Petitioner.

Vs.

- 1 Marie Stella wife of A Gnanapragasam
- 2 A. Gnanapragasam both of 10 Temple Road, Jaffna.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before P. Sri Skanda Rajah Esquire, District Judge of Jaffna on the 16th May 1960 in the presence of Mr. T. Ariyanayagam Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 13th May 1960 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 her son and one of the heirs, and directing that such letters of administration be issued to him accordingly unless the Respondents or any other person or persons interested shall appear before this Court on 4th July 1960 and state objections or show cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 16th day of May 1960  
Sgd. C. Thanabalasingam  
District Judge.

Jaffna

4th July 1960

Time to show cause extended to 5th August 1960  
Sgd. P. Sri Skanda Rajah  
District Judge.  
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**Order Nisi**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MANNAR

Testy. Jdn. No 853.

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Sudalaimuttu Isakku Ponniah late of Thayilankudyiruppu in Mannar West Deceased  
 Santhan Savirimuttu alias Ponniah Savirimuttu of Thayilankudyiruppu in Mannar West  
 Vs. Petitioner  
 Thayaperumal Narayanan of Achankulam in Nannadnan West  
 Respondent

This matter coming on for disposal before R. Paramakuru Esquire, Addl. District Judge, Mannar on the 4th day of July 1960 in the presence of Mr. Anantham Seemampillai, Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavits of the petitioner, the attesting notary and the two attesting witnesses having been read:

It is ordered that the Last Will and Testament dated 9th May 1960 and attested by A. Seemampillai, Notary Public and bearing No. 986 be declared proved and that the petitioner be appointed Executor of the said Last Will and Testament and that Probate thereof be issued to him unless the respondent abovenamed or any other person or persons shall on or before the 23rd. day of August 1960 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary. The 4th. day of July 1960.

Sgd/T. J. Rajaratnam  
 Addl. District Judge.  
 (O 82 15 & 22)

**Order Nisi**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF Point Pedro

No. 573T

In the matter of the Estate of the late Thivanaipillai widow of Kanapathipillai of Udupiddy Deceased

Kanapathipillai Kandasamy alias Sinnathamby of Udupiddy  
 Petitioner  
 Vs

Sineadurai Mailvaganam of Do  
 Respondent

This matter coming on for disposal before N. Sivagnanasundaram Esquire District Judge on the 24th day of June 1960 in the presence of Mr S Appadurai Proctor on the part of the peti-

tioner. and the petition and affidavit of the said petitioner having been read.

It is ordered that the petitioner be and he is hereby declared entitled to take out Letters of Administration to the Estate of his late mother, the Deceased abovenamed, and letters be issued to him accordingly unless the respondents or any other person shall on or before the 2nd day of September 1960 shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

(Sgd) N. Sivagnanasundaram  
 District Judge

This 24th day of June 1960

Drawn by  
 (Sgd.) S. Appadurai  
 Proctor  
 (O.80 15 & 22)

**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 837

In the matter of the Intestate estate of the late Nagammah wife of Chellappah Muttuthamby of Anaipanthy, Vannarponai east, Jaffna.

Deceased.  
 Chellappah Muttuthamby of Anaipanthy Vannarponai East.  
 Petitioner.

Vs.

- 1 Rajaledchumy daughter of Muttuthamby of do.
  - 2 Nagalingam Balasingham and wife.
  - 3 Annaledchumy both of do.
  - 4 Muttuthamby Shanmuganathan now of England.
  - 5 Muttuthamby Ganesasundaram of Vannarponnai east.
  - Minor 6 Seethaledchumy daughter of Muttuthamby.
  - 7 Muttuthamby Vama-devan.
  - 8 Muttuthamby Gnana-sambandan and.
  - 9 Sarsanalechumy daughter of Muttuthamby all of do.
- The 6th 7th 8th and 9th respondents are minors appearing by their guardian ad litem the 5th Respondent

This matter coming on for disposal before P. Sri Skanda Rajah Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 17th day of June 1960 in the presence of Mr. Kanapathipillai Nadarajah proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner having been read; it is ordered that the abovenamed 5th Respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the minors the 6th to 9th Respondents for the purpose of protecting their interest and of representing

**ORDER NISI**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

No. 829/ Testy.

In the matter of the intestate estate of Sinnathamby Kanagratnam of Saraswathy Lodge Sangarapillai Road, Manipay.

Deceased.  
 Selvaratnam widow of Sinnathamby Kanagaratnam of Sraswathy Lodge Sangarapillai Road, Manipay.

Petitioner.  
 Vs.

1. Thangaratnam wife of Navaratnam and her husband
2. S N. Navaratnam both of 361 Dam Street, Colombo.
3. Jeyaranjini wife of Sivagnanam (nee Ratnarajah) and her husband
4. Kanapathipillai Sivagnanam of P. W. D. Overseer, Wemnappuwa
5. Ratnarajah Jegathesan
6. Pathmajothy daughter of Ratnarajah
7. Basamany widow of Ratnarajah all of Hindu College Lane Manipay, the 5th and 6th Respondents being Minors appearing by their Guardian-ad-litem the 7th Respondent:

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before P. Sri Skanda Rajah Esquire District Judge, Jaffna on the 9th day of June 1960, in the presence of Mr. S. Thirunavukarasu Proctor for Petitioner and the affidavit and Petition of the petitioner having been read:

It is ordered that the abovenamed 7th Respondent be appointed Guardian-ad-litem over the minors of 5th and 6th Respondents and that the Letters of Administration over the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the petitioner as widow and an heir of the deceased unless the said Respondents or any other person or persons interested shall appear before this Court on or before the 25th day of July 1960, and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the 7th Respondent do produce the minors in Court on the said date.

Jaffna, this 9th day of June 1960  
 Sgd P. SriSkandaRajah  
 District Judge.

Drawn by,  
 Sgd S. Thirunavukarasu  
 Proctor for Petitioner.  
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them in this case and that the petitioner be declared entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate as her lawful husband and directing that such letters of administration be issued to him - unless the Respondents or any other person or persons interested shall appear before this court on the 29th July 1960 and state objection or shew sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

(Sgd) P Sri Skanda Rajah  
 District Judge, Jaffna

This 17th day of June 1960  
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