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## GREATNESS OF TRUTH

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Think truly, and thy thoughts  
Shall the world's famine feed  
Speak truly and each word of  
Shall be a fruitful seed [thine  
Live truly and thy life shall be  
A great and noble creed.

—(DR. HORATIUS BONAR.)

The above stanza of Dr Bonar contains a very great and rare thought. It is not easy to measure the depth of its significance. However, it is very necessary for all of us to try and understand its meaning as far as we can.

We all know that all human beings think, speak and act (i. e.) they express their activities in thought, word and deeds. But what do they think, speak, and act? and how? not ten millions but more, thoughts arise in the mind. Many of these thoughts die as soon as they arise in the mind; some stay in the mind for a time, giving joy; some give pain to the man till his death. Why should such thoughts arise and then go away? Most of the thoughts lasting in the mind afflict it: Why? Because all our thoughts do not permanently abide in the true Being. There is a Being which never changes and so always remains the same. Such a being is always a Sat. This being permeates through all living beings, and without which, the latter cannot exist.

We human beings stand joined to this Being only for a short time and for the greater part of our time we are united to the Asat. So we have no independent existence. To whatever thing we are attached we partake of its nature and so, as long as we are attached to Sat, we are Asat so we are Sata-sat. This is what Saiva Siddhanta says.

When we stand united to Asat which is subject to changes we are in pain. But if we are united to Sat all our distress, pain and sufferings leave us. If we can establish or fix

in our mind this Sat, our words also will certainly be related to truth and our act (or conduct) also will be in touch with Truth. But most of us find it very difficult to concentrate or fix our minds even for a moment on Truth.

We generally find that it is very rare for true thoughts to arise in the mind in all their fullness. Most of us do not attempt to realize the truth by our deep contemplation. Even if we try we do not carry it out to the very end. Thereby we get confused and our thoughts are troubled. Therefore, if any of us did attempt and

realise the Truth and announced it clearly to all; people will be eager to know it for the time being at least and will esteem those who found the Truth and they will be so rejoiced as the hungry man when he gets a milk-food. They will also be eager to lead their life holding to the Truth of which they have heard and felt. If some words of Truth that come from the lips of righteous men are fixed in the minds of men that will be a great source of inspiration to them. It is in illustration of this, that the poet has said that each word of thine shall the world's famine feed."

(To be continued)

## RELIGION, VEGETARIANISM

Mrs. Annie Besant, and Mr. Bernard Shaw

One day late in June 1889, Bernard Shaw dropped in at the office of H. W. Massingham, Editor of the Star. Inquisitively glancing at a set of proofs lying scattered about the table, he noticed that one was headed "Sic Itur Ad Astra; or, Why I became a Theosophist." Knowing that everybody who was anybody in London had been talking about Theosophy for the last four or five years, he looked for the signature. It was that of Annie Besant.

"Staggered by this unexpected blow, which meant to me the loss of a powerful colleague and of a friendship which had become part of my daily life, I rushed round to her office in Fleet Street, and there delivered myself of an unbounded denunciation of Theosophy in general, of female inconstancy, and in particular of H. P. Blavatsky, one of whose books I forget whether it was "The Secret Doctrine" or "Isis Unveiled" — had done all the mischief."

(Quotation from Mr. Shaw)

Resorting to all the old tricks by which he had puzzled, teased, or moved her in the past, Shaw found that this time he had met his match. Mrs. Besant listened to him with kindness and amusement and then remarked that since she had become a vegetarian (as he was), perhaps the diet had enfeebled her mind. "In short, she was for the first time able to play with me she was no longer in the grip of her pride, she had after many explorations found her path and come to see the universe and herself in their real perspective." In other words, Shaw went on, introducing one of his own favourite themes, she had "lost her illusions, if she had any, as to the imprudent idolatry of the voter which we call democracy." Consequently, he concluded, after a short time he dropped out of her "saga," though he never forgot his part in it, or his affection for Annie Besant.

## Issue of a Statement by the Council for National Unity at its Last Meeting

By S. SIVASUBRAMANIAM

Honorary Secretary Council for National Unity

The following statement prepared by Rev. Father K. M. J. Fernando, and Messrs. C. J. Orloff and O. L. De Kretzer was read. On the motion of the Chairman, Sir R. S. S. Gunawardene it was resolved to give publicity to it. The statement is as follows:—

"At a time of national crisis, such as the present, it is well to remember the idea that it is through solidarity that free nations survive through storms and stress, that we should not allow differences to divide us and debates to become battles, and that we stick to the common ground where all can live together in the same community; we should also take for our example instances where differing groups closed their ranks to overcome difficulties.

"We in Sri Lanka would do well to realize that even though we belong to different groups, communities and political parties, we depend on one another because we belong to one nation, and to one country. National Unity in

the face of danger, tribulation and adversity is much to be desired.

"There will often be differences of opinion in political matters. However, let us avoid the danger of allowing disagreement on these matters to make us forget that there are important and pressing problems before the nation which cry for solution.

"We appeal to Government and Opposition groups, to national and religious leaders, to the Press, and to the public to try to work together as far as possible and to exercise forbearance towards one another. What is needed is constructive criticism and co-operation based on a policy of tolerance and whole hearted commitment to the call of the nation. We are of opinion that a moratorium in respect of at least some of our differences would prove beneficial in the long run to the entire country, and even to the harmonious and permanent resolution of such differences."

## Dr. A. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar

### AN APPRECIATION

(By S. Kumarasamy M. A.)

The demise of Dr. A. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar at the ripe old age of 86, has left a void that cannot easily be filled. As the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras for ever quarter of a century, as an educationist of international repute, as a prominent and active member of the W. H. O. and the U. N. E. S. C. O., he has served humanity to the last breath of his life. Rightly may it be said of him, "Nullum tettiquire quod non ornavit"—he touched nothing which he did not adorn!

Born as one of the distinguished twins in Arcot, a district of South India, Lakshmanaswamy shone brilliantly as a student of Madras Christian College and won many University prizes along with his brother, Ramaswamy. The twins proved alike both in physical and mental calibre, so much so, that their lecturers often mistook the one for the other! Interesting and picturesque anecdotes could still be heard, of the talented twins of Arcot,

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THOUGHTS TO BE TREASURED

ஒருங்கிய பூவுமேர் எட்டிதழ் ஆகும்  
மருங்கிய மாயா புரிததன் உள்ளே  
சுருங்கிய தண்டின் சுழலையின் ஊடே  
ஒருங்கிய சேரதியை ஓர்ந்ததும் உய்ந்தே.

Inside this small city of Maya (the human body) adhering to it is an eight-petaled flower (the lotus-like heart) adjoining the slender spinal cord. The luminous Lord seated therein should you contemplate and attain redemption (from bondage).



திருச்சிற்றம்பலம்

நமச்சிவாயவே ஞானமும் கலியுகம்  
நமச்சிவாயவே நானறி விச்சையும்  
நமச்சிவாயவே நானறிந் தேத்தும்  
நமச்சிவாயவே நன்னெறி காட்டுமே.

திருச்சிற்றம்பலம்

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THAT NAINATIVU SEA TRAGEDY

Since that heart-rending calamity which happened near Kaohchaitivu a few years ago as a result of the gross negligence and criminal indifference of the boatmen of the vessels which were involved in the tragic happening, it was generally assumed that no person who plies boats in the seas around the Northern Peninsula would any more behave irresponsibly in transporting passengers across the waters. But recent happenings and particularly the pathetic death of four pilgrims who were returning from Nainativu after worship at the shrine in the historical islet would indicate that no one had learnt any lesson.

That a boatman was transporting passengers in a boat for which licence for the current year had not been obtained for five months makes us infer that the administrative efficiency of those officials who are in charge of this aspect is far from satisfactory. If the tragedy had not occurred, perhaps the particular boat would still be in use with danger lurking at every moment to cast innocent passengers to the mercy of the waves.

Seaworthiness of every boat must be checked not only for the issue of licence but also as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of traffic across the waters. Checking overloading only would not suffice. The condition of the boat should be examined every time it takes to sea.

The miraculous escape of two infants gave a sigh of relief to the grief-stricken spectators of the tragedy and the relations and friends of those who were the victims on that occasion. Administrative regulations must be tightened and the observance of the rules of sea traffic must be strictly enforced. Passengers themselves who owe a duty to themselves and their dependants should make sure of the conditions of vessels in which they travel.

There is information to the effect that another vessel bound for Batt was overtaken by sudden engine trouble and that several passengers were in distressful panic. This adds to the need for more administrative attention being given to sea traffic.

Dr. A. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar

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at Madras - Christian College!

Ramaswamy specialised in law, constitutional law and international law and served as the Dewan of Kashmir during the British regime. Later he was the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kerala in independent India. Contemporarily when his twin brother was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras - rare achievement indeed!

Lakshmanaswamy specialised in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and became an expert surgeon before he became the first Indian Principal of the Madras Medical College. In the 1940's he became the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras and served that renowned institution for more than quarter of a century. He has often represented his University at the World Inter-University Conferences at European capitals, so much so, that European savants identified the Madras University with Dr. A. L. Mudaliar and referred to it popularly as "Mudaliar's" University.

As one of the chief consultants of W. H. O., he did significant service to humanity at large. The U. N. E. S. C. O. has lost an expert educationist and significant scientific advisor in the death of Dr. Mudaliar. The distinguished twins were knighted by the British Government, but they were among the first to renounce their titles during the Independence struggle of India.

Dr. A. L. Mudaliar had played an important role during the establishment of the Annamalai University at Chidambaram by the Prince of Chettinad. As a token of the gratefulness of the Annamalai University, the latter presented to the University of Madras a large full size colour portrait of Dr. Mudaliar, on the occasion of the centenary of the Madras University. The centenary celebrations took place in a specially

erected 'pandal' in the University Campus in 1957, when great personalities like Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan and Dr. Logan of the University of London delivered special speeches. Dr. Madaliar's administrative ability shone in radiant lustre during the centenary celebrations!

The leading Universities of the world had showered him with several Doctorates - both earned and also "Honoris Causa", in recognition of his multi-sided activities and achievements of remarkable dimensions. We learn that a University is to be founded in his honour at Trichy. May we, Ceylon students rise to the occasion and raise a fitting memorial to perpetuate the memory of Dr. A. L. Mudaliar!

He was a deeply religious person and observed the tenets of his religion, inspite of his multifarious duties both at home and abroad. As a pious Vaishnavite, never did we see him either in office or on public platforms without the symbol of Vishnu on his forehead. He had lived a full life winning laurels in every sphere of life. May his soul rest in Peace!!

Reviewed News

Brandt - Rate Brand of Statesman

While the whole world regrets that West Germany has been denied the privilege to continue to have Willy Brandt as its capable Chancellor, a striking feature of statesmanship has been surprisingly created by the magnanimous Chancellor in his immediate reaction to the unfortunate 'spy scandal'. His resignation of office and acceptance of responsibility must stir the entire world to correct conceptions of statesmanship. If this would be an eye opener to others there would be less tension in Governments.

சான்றிதழ் வழங்குவதில் தாமதம் செய்யக்கூடாது என்று கருதுகிறோம். இது குறித்து உடனடியாக நடவடிக்கை மேற்கொள்ளப்படுமா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறோம்.

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PARTITION NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

No. P. 1567

- 1 Subramaniam Palanippillai and wife
- 2 Sarojinthevy both of Chikkaddiyan, Tellippalai West, Kankesanthurai

Vs. Plaintiff

- 1 Muttupillai widow of Muttukumar Suppramaniam of Chikkaddiyan, Tellippalai West? Kankesanthurai
- 2 Suppiramaniam Thirunavukarasu of do
- 3 Suppiramaniam Thirugnansambanthar of do
- 4 Suppiramaniam Saravanasavan of do

Defendants

It is hereby notified that Action No. P. 1567 has been instituted in the District Court of Jaffna under the Partition Act No. 16 of 1951 for the Partition of the land called Chikkaddiyan in extent 18 Lms. v. c., 24 Lms. v. c., 16 1/2 Lms. v. c. and 9 1/2 Lms. v. c. aggregating to an extent of 68 Lms. v. c. and situated at Tellippalai South West, in Tellippalai Parish, Valikamem North Jaffna District, Northern Province.

The defendants in the aforesaid action are summoned to appear in Court on the 6th day of June 1974 at 10 O'clock of the forenoon.

By order of Court  
T. Kulaveerasingh  
Registrar C. O.

This 8th day of May 1974

Drawn by  
S. Hayatambi  
Attorney-at-Law  
for Plaintiffs.  
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PARTITION NOTICE

In the District Court of Jaffna

No. P/ 1483

- 1 Arany Sinniah and wife
- 2 Sellarama both of Palaly

Vs. Plaintiffs

- 1 Thurasamy Krishnappillai and wife
- 2 Thangamma both of Palaly Coast, Palaly

Defendants

It is hereby notified that Action No. P/ 1483 has been instituted in the District Court of Jaffna under the partition act No. 16 of 1951 for the partition of the land called "Madathitpalam" and "Thenkodakatula" in extent 26 1/2 Lms. V. C. and situated at Palaly, in Myliddy Parish, Valikamem North, Jaffna District Northern Province.

The defendants in the aforesaid action are summoned to appear in Court on the 16th day of May 1974 at 10 O'clock of the forenoon.

This 8th day of May 1974  
By order of Court  
T. Kulaveerasingam  
Registrar.

Drawn by  
S. Hayatambi  
Attorney-at-Law  
for plaintiff  
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