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## LEADERSHIP THAT WAS A LOFTY LESSON

### Mahatmaji's Life of Full Martyrdom

#### Contrast with Current Situation

JANUARY 30 — a day that has a definite significance for the whole world — nay Humanity — stands aside in the calendar of events of import for the entire Universe as signifying the end of the story of that patriot of patriots, that moralist of moralists, that devotee of devotees.

We bring back to our memory the events that formed part of the patriotic services of Mahatmaji particularly those relating to the fasts undertaken by him to cleanse his campaign of impurities for the struggle for Freedom.

#### Gandhiji in Jails in S. Africa

January 10, 1908 Johannesburg Two months' simple imprisonment. Released on January 30, 1908.

October 15, 1908 Volksrust and Pretoria. About two months in different jails

November 6, 1913 Palmford. Arrested and released on bail.

November 9, 1913 Teakworth. Arrested and taken to Dundee for trial.

November 11, 1913 Dundee. Nine months' rigorous imprisonment

November 17, 1913 Volksrust. Three months' rigorous imprisonment; kept in jail for a few days.

November 1913 Bloemfontein. Transferred from Volksrust. Released on December 18, 1913.

First imprisonment in Johannesburg on January 18, 1908. Sentenced to two months' simple imprisonment for disobeying an order to leave the Transvaal. Taken to the fort of Johannesburg in prison garb and thrown into a cell with negroes and Common Law criminals. Released on January 30, 1908, as a result



of a settlement arrived at between him and General Smuts.

Struggle resumed on August 6, 1908, on account of breach of promise by General Smuts. But for two months in October-December, 1908, Gandhiji not put in prison till November 6, 1913.

While leading march of 2,047 men, 127 women and 57 children from Newcastle in Natal across Transvaal border, he was arrested at Palmford. Released immediately on bail.

Arrested again on November 8, 1913 at Standerton and released on bail. Arrested on November 9 at Teakworth again, he was taken to Dundee on November 11 to stand trial. Sentenced to nine months' rigorous imprisonment for inducing indentured labourers to

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Letter to the Editor

### Maha Shivarathri Holiday

Sir,  
Maha Shivarathri, the night dedicated to Lord Shiva the Supreme Lord of the Saivites (Hindus) falls this year on March 11, 1975. Devotees who follow the Saiva Siddhanta school of Hinduism and Vedanta School of Hinduism observe this sacred day with due solemnity, piety, reverence and religious fervour. our Government has declared this very holiday as a public and Bank holiday but not as a mercantile holiday.

The Week which is very sacred to the Buddhists, the Christmas which is equally sacred to the Christians (of both Protestant and Catholic denomination) and Prophet Mohamed's Birth Day, that is very sacred to the Muslims have been declared as Public, Bank and Mercantile Holiday

It is very important that our Hindu brothers and sisters, who work in the mercantile establishments and state corporations, should also be given the same opportunity as those working in the public service and banks to celebrate and observe this very sacred day, without let or hindrance, by getting this day declared as a mercantile holiday as well.

The Vivekananda Society, Colombo, and the All Ceylon Hindu Congress, have passed resolutions, requesting the authorities to declare the Maha Shivarathri as Public, Bank and Mercantile Holiday. This has not been implemented up to this date.

I therefore appeal through your columns to the Hindu Religious Affairs Committee which comprises of persons who know the importance and sacredness of Maha Shivarathri—to take up this matter with the appropriate authorities and see that at least the Maha Shivarathri Day is declared a mercantile holiday this year.

Yours etc  
Arul Tyagarajah  
Vice-President  
Vivekananda Society

28-1-75

### Let Us Repeat the Name of Siva

Refrain:

Let our minds be cleared through repeating the name of Siva.  
Let us attain bliss from the sight of His holy feet.

Bliss beyond compare already lies within us.  
O wonder! Realize that and practise Sivathondu.  
Let our minds be cleared.....

We will know the tattvas as nothing else but matter.  
The Atma is reality—we will live for ever!  
Let our minds be cleared.....

"Thou in truth, art neither ignorance nor knowledge."  
This is the rare philosophy, difficult to master.  
Let our minds be cleared.....

We will slay the mind that it follows not the senses.  
We will go our way in full and perfect nishkai.  
Let our minds be cleared.....

We will see the vanity of liking and disliking.  
Siddanta and Vedanta we'll proclaim as equal.  
Let our minds be cleared.....

We will not be forgetful of benefits and kindness.  
To all parts of the globe we'll spread, doing Sivathondu.  
Let our minds be cleared.....

From true and noble friendship we will ne'er be parted.  
We will be ever saying - "Om Sivayanama".  
Let our minds be cleared.....

We will keep in mind that all is Siva's action.  
Towards all other souls our love will be extended.  
Let our minds be cleared.....

The guru's holy feet we'll ne'er forget to worship.  
Nor will be seen to move with the unworthy.  
Let our minds be cleared.....

No sorrow do we know, but bliss alone experience.  
Yet, if God is not remembered, then troubles will arise.  
Let our minds be cleared.....

—Natchintansi

### WEDDING

The marriage of Mr. Padmanathan, B. Sc. (G. O. B. A.) son of Mr. & Mrs. S. Shivanbramaniam of Oddumadam Road, Jaffna to Miss Pathmawathi B. A. daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. S. Sinnathamby of Arasadi Road, Jaffna, will be solemnised at the bride's residence at Kasturiam Road, Jaffna on the 5th of February 1975 between 8 & 9 A. M.

Friends and relations are cordially invited.



என்பே விநாயகம் இறைச்சி அறத்திட்டுப்  
பொன்போற் கனலிற் பொரிய வறுப்பினும்  
அன்போ டுருதி அகம் குறை வாரக்கன்றி  
என்பொன் மணியினை எய்த ஒண்ணுதே.

Even if people practise religious austerities to the extent of offering slices of their own flesh as oblation and roast and fry the same in fire with their bones as fuel, it is impossible to reach our precious Gem (Siva Peruman) except to those whose hearts are mellowed and melt with Love.



திருச்சிற்றம்பலம்

நமச்சிவாயவே ஞானமும் கவிவியும்  
நமச்சிவாயவே நானறி விக்கையும்  
நமச்சிவாயவே நானறி நேத்துமே  
நமச்சிவாயவே நானறி காட்டுமே.

திருச்சிற்றம்பலம்

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1975

**Thiruketheeswaram Temple Restoration**

Time and oft, we have, in these columns and elsewhere in the Hindu Organ, published reports of the progress of Thiruppani work in the time-hallowed historical shrine at Thiruketheeswaram and had appealed to the Saiva Public for generous gifts to enable the restoration activities reach the aspired goal. Several Saiva scholars and devotees have also called for unstinted support for this important and urgent cause. We need not repeat the historical fact of the spiritual background of the establishment of this Ancient shrine at a place reputed for Saiva Civilisation and renowned for its location in close proximity to a natural harbour lashed by the lively waves of the Indian ocean rising between the Island and the southern Peninsula of the Indian sub continent. The epic spiritual hymns reverentially known as Thevarams contain two inspiring chapters on the glory and greatness of the Sacred Shrine, the urban surroundings of magnificent Mathottam, and the whitish waters of placid Paalaavi. Thus the great heritage of Thiruketheeswaram appropriately acclaimed as "தேன்பொந்து" the bee hive of spiritual Bliss is there in letters of gold reminding Saiva devotees of the rich treasure to which they are entitled and drawing their attention to the need for discharging the national duty of restoring the historic Temple to its pristine Glory.

The Temple Restoration Society constituted as it is with deeply religious and extremely conscious devotees has a brilliant record of sustained service first under the leadership of Saiva Siddantha scholar Sivapadasundarampillai. later that dynamic personality — Sri Kanthiah Vaithianathan and now the sincere devotee S. Somasundaram. The Working Committee, the Board of Control and the General Council represent a great cause.

Now that the program for the final stage of Restoration has been set out, it remains the duty of the congregation, which by inference means the entire Saiva Public, to contribute in free and full measure to the coffers of the Restoration Fund.

**Bangladesh-New Constitution with a Bang ! Baffling !!**

One Party Government in a country that only recently came into existence as a separate nation is something spectacular and strange.

Shmkh einjib'r Rahman the Father of the Bangladesh Nation has appropriately become its President; yet the process of this overnight constitutional change looks rather controversial if not contradictory in the context of the democratic declarations of the Bangladesh Patriot.

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One Party and the only party to rule a new nation — this aspect of the new constitution clearly takes away the 'democratic' part of the declarations that led to the severance of East Pakistan from Pakistan Proper and to the later romantic developments under the indefatigable leadership of Rahman; Pakistan Premier has been quick enough to look at this change with cynical criticism branding Bangladesh in its new garb as anti democratic. What the Western powers and Soviet Russia have to say on this subject would lend colour to this complex situation. However the world is waiting for India's comment.

**Strike - Satisfactory Settlement**

The Token Strike scheduled to take place today has been called off Thanks to the J. C T U. O leaders who took in good spirit the talks they had with the Premier and her Cabinet colleagues.

Salary increase of Rs.25/- per mensem for workers in the Public Service, Corporations, Local Government Service and for Pensioners drawing at present not more than Rs. 800/- per mensem The relief is particularly to the Public who even as a token are loth to be inconvenienced by cessation of work in offices.

Discussion has proved to be the better way to solve problems.

**LEADERSHIP....**

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leave Natal. Taken to Volkarust to stand second trial for aiding and abetting in prohibited persons entering Transvaal. Sentenced on November 17, 1913, to three months' rigorous imprisonment on second charge Taken to Volkarust jail for a few days, then transferred to Bloemfontein, the capital of Orange Free State, to isolate him from Indian prisoners.

Released on December 18, 1913 for carrying on negotiations for a settlement.

**In India**

April 17, 1917 Motihari. Served with a notice to quit but not arrested.

April 10, 1919 Kosi. Arrested and escorted back to Bombay.

March 10, 1922 Sabarmati. Arrested for sedition.

March 18, 1922 Yeravda. Sentenced to six years and taken to Yeravda. Released on February 7, 1924

May 5, 1930 Yeravda. Arrested at Karadi, taken to Yeravda. Released on February 26, 1931.

January 4, 1932 Yeravda. Arrested in Bombay and taken to Yeravda. Released on May 8, 1933.

July 31, 1933 Yeravda. Arrested and detained. Released but put under restraint order on August 4, 1933

August 4, 1933 Poonr. Sentenced to one year. Released on August 23, 1933

August 9, 1942 Aga Khan Palace. Arrested in Bombay and detained. Released on May 6, 1944 on account of illness.

First clash with authorities in India on April 17, 1917. He had gone to Motihari to inquire into the grievances of Champaran peasants. Served with notice to quit district. Refused. Tried but not sentenced. Case withdrawn.

In 1909 while proceeding to Punjab on urgent call during Satyagraha Week — April 6 to 13 — arrested on April 10 at Kosi near Delhi and escorted back to Bombay. No case launched.

Arrested on March 10, 1922, at Sabarmati for sedition for three articles in Young India. Sentenced to six years simple imprisonment and sent to Yeravda. Attack of appendicitis. Released on

**Velanai Sri Kanthappillai Remembered**

Kanthappillai Upathiyayar ay was celebrated at Velanai on Thursday the 23rd inst. at the Saivaprakasa Vidyasalai under the auspices of the Velanai Thirugnanasampanthar Madalaya Sabbai. Sivapoojah was performed as usual at the Madalayam. Then the teachers and pupils of the Velanai Saivaprakasa Vidyasalai assembled in the school hall. Tributes were paid to the reputed Saiva leader by Messrs M. Mylvaganam and Pundit K. Sivakadacham.

At the close of the meeting Prasatham was distributed to all who were present.

February 7, 1924.

Dandi march on March 12, 1930. He encamped at Karadi and broke the salt law. Not arrested. On night of May 3, arrested under Regulation XXV of 1827 and lodged in Yeravda without trial on May 5. Released on January 26, 1931 for negotiations with Lord Irwin. Gandhi-Irwin Pact.

Civil disobedience resumed on December 31, 1931. Gandhiji arrested in the early morning of January 4, 1932. along with Sardar Patel. Detained without trial under Regulation III of 1818.

Gandhiji released on May 8, 1933, when he started purificatory fast for 21 days. Decided upon offering individual civil disobedience on July 31. Arrested and detained in Yeravda for a few days. Released and restraint order served on August 4. He broke it the very day. Sentenced to one year's simple imprisonment. Confined in Yeravda.

As protest against Communal Award, began fast which resulted in release. Decided to restrict himself to anti untouchability work during unexpected period of sentence up to August 4, 1934.

Arrest in Bombay on August 9, 1942. Detained under section 26 of Defence of India Rules and confined in Aga Khan Palace. Released at 8 a. m. on May 6, 1944. on account of anaemia and other complaints which threatened to endanger his life.

வாழ்வுகிடைக்க வழி காட்டும் பெரிய மனோன்  
கோகிலுறை அரசு செய்க குறைவிடா துயிரிகள் வாழ  
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மேல்மையெனச் சைவநீதி விளங்குக உலக பெருமையம்

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