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SHOULD NAVAGRAHA WORSHIP HAVE A PLACE IN SAIVAISM?

Siddantha Scholar
Sivapadasundaram's Searching
Analysis

TUESDAY last was Shri Sivapadasundarampillai day—the first anniversary of his departure from this world. His invaluable service to the preservation of Saivism was gratefully remembered at many centres in Sri Lanka and Malaya. It is appropriate that a learned treatise on the subject of Navagraha Worship and Astrology written by the departed Saiva Leader in the course of his letters to the Secretary of the Malayan Branch of the Tiruketheeswaram Society should be published on the occasion of the first Shivapadasundaram day.

Navagraha worship cuts at the root of our religion. Sambanda Swamy, referring to them says "அவை அடியா தவர்க்கு யிவ்வே". அவை is an அஃறிணை word and can denote either inanimate objects or the sub-human species. Nannul says, "மக்கள் தேவர் கரை உயர்நீணை, மற்றயி குள்ளவும் இவ்வவும் அஃறிணை". Since the Navagrahams are worshipped, they cannot be inanimate objects. They must therefore, belong to the sub-human species. We, who are worshippers of Shiva-peruman, cannot worship even minor deities. Manickavachakar says "உள்ளேன் பிறதெய்வம் உன்னையல்லா தெய்வம் உத்தமனே, (திருச்சந்தம் 2). Arulnandhisivan says, "since it is Shiva who gives the worshippers of other gods the fruits of the Karma or worship, the best course is to worship Shiva-worship which does not include the thought of Shiva is of little value (சிவஞான சித்தியார் II Sutram 27, ver. 5). We are really insulting Shiva-peruman when we worship inferior beings. A friend of the Government Agent ought not to tip his peon. On the other hand, the peon would ordinarily salute him. These Navagrahams ought to salute us. We must maintain our self-respect. In December last, I led a Deputation to the Hon. the Home Minister to oppose the Hindu Temple Bill as it stood then. All the Saivite members of Parliament supported the Bill and some of them would most naturally have prejudiced him against me. I spoke for half an hour. He was convinced that I was right. In his reply, he promised to give me an opportunity to express

my views before the select Committee of the Senate which would be appointed to consider the Bill. During his speech introducing the Bill in the Senate, he referred to me in the following terms: "I must say, at this stage, that Mr. Shivapadasundaram, the old and dignified leader of deputation put forward his case with such reasonableness and fairness that surprised even me." I am wearying you with this story just to show that I maintained my dignity as a Shaivite before a person who had no sympathy with my views. I did not ask him any favour. As Shaivites we have to maintain a dignity, which would not allow us to go a begging to inferior beings. Appar said "நாம் ஓர்க்கும் குடியாவோம்..... நாமார்கும் குடியாவா சுவரே நம்மை வெண்குழியேர் காதிடோமாந் தே, நாம் என்றும் மீளாதுளாம்..." Sambandhaswamy says that Navagrahams are always very good to Shivabhaktas, just as I would say that the Kachcheri peon would be very courteous to a friend of the Government Agent. There can be no greater sin than to insult Shivaperuman; and seeking the help of Navagrahams in an insult to Shiva-peruman. I was even more concerned with the corruption on which Navagraha worship is founded than on the worship itself. We regard God as a master bribe-taker. This idea must go. Where a man is in difficulties, he offers to God some such bribe as a special pooja an Archana with 1003 names, a Kavadi, some offering in kind as a silver javalin

etc. When I was writing my second book of Shaiva Bodham in 1915, a friend of mine who looked into my chapter on உயர் தெய்வம் told me that if worshippers were forbidden to ask God to give them something, a 100 temples would be closed. But we do worship God on account of our love for Him also. But, nobody would worship Navagrahams with love; they are there only for bribe-taking. Even if people should become wiser and avoid giving bribes to God, they would not avoid bribing Navagrahams. So the installation of Navagraham perpetuates for ever the system of bribing gods.

The worship of Navagrahams is based on Astrology and Astrology is a plague, besides being an altogether false piece of knowledge. Astrology must be wiped out. But it cannot be wiped out, so long as our sacred temples accommodate Navagrahams and our religion thereby vouches the truths of Astrology; but religion should not be required to do the dirty work of proclaiming as truth a down-right falsehood. If Astrology is to go, Navagraha worship must first go. I will first proceed to assess the value of Astrology on the basis that it is a true science.

An Astrological forecast is either favourable to a man or unfavourable to him. If it is favourable, it produces an elation and if unfavourable a depression. The elation is morally short-lived and the man no more thinks of it after a few days. On the other hand, the depression lasts till the date fixed by the Astrologer for the advent of the mishap. Secondly, the depression is quantitatively a hundred times more intense than an elation. Thirdly it increases as time goes on whereas the elation gradually decreases. Fourthly, the elation does not increase health as much as the depression injures health. Some years ago, I noticed that a neighbour of mine was always sad and down cast. One day, I called him and asked him the cause of his sadness. He said that an Astrologer had predicted that his eldest son would die in his 13th year and that the year was approaching. His wife was equally gloomy. In fact the whole family was miserable. I immediately asked the man to bring the young man's horoscope, looked into it and assured him that according



HE LIVED FOR HIS RELIGION

to the horoscope the young man had a long life, and exhorted him to have greater faith in me than in that beggarly fellow He believed me and threw off his sadness. (Of course I merely bluffed) But my bluff has proved true and the young man is still alive being 22 years old; so, if we add the results of a favourable forecast and of an unfavourable forecast we find that a

tremendously long balance is on the side of the latter. We have therefore to conclude that astrology is very very harmful, that it is plaguing the people whether it is true or false.

We shall now consider whether it is true or false. Either it transcends intellect or is in the domain of the intellect. If we are to be, (Continued on page 6)

Good Conduct And Behaviour Go To Make A Cultured Man.

Shri C. Rajagopalachariar in the course of a lecture at Bangalore to students appealed to them to promote culture by practising discipline.

"Unless we know how to face difficulties, we will not be able to manage the affairs of our country. To-day all of you, who are studying in the schools and colleges, unconsciously learn some culture also. What is now attempted to be done here by means of this special department is a conscious attempt to have a certain programme of work for the improvement of culture. The word *desachare* or *desacharam* is good enough to represent what is meant by 'culture'. Sada,

ch'ara would be even better. Good conduct and good behaviour is all that makes a cultured man.

"Our forefathers have written a great deal. They have thought a great deal more. They wrote what was valuable—the *Ramayana*, the *Mahabharata*—and these had been left. The ancients wrote because they wanted other people to read them. They wrote the minimum that was necessary. Those books combined the minimum number of words and the maximum amount of thought. If you could read them, understand them and apply all your imagination to see all that they taught, you will (Continued on page 2)



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Treasure These Thoughts

To tune the mind with the Eternal is the secret of true joy and peace God's all-powerful Name is the key that unlocks the supreme mystery.

THE REDS IN THEIR TRUE COLOURS

The intelligent student of political science who has been following the methods and manoeuvres of the Marxists the world over has never been in doubt about the real intentions of the Reds. The ordinary man, however, has been placed in a different situation. On him the provocations made from the Leftist platforms invariably created a faith in the movement that gave the impression that it stood for 'equal justice for all'. This assumption of the existence of an equitable mind in the Left extreme could be sustained only until such time as the Reds remained in the Opposition. But the determined drive for the capture of the local bodies by the Leftists gave them a foothold in certain Urban Councils and with that also the burden of putting their political preachings into practice. And it is at this difficult corner that the Revolutionary parties have been forced into showing their true colours.

The Kalutara Urban Council in that coastal belt that has evinced a steady enthusiasm for Marxist effervescence has betrayed the real intentions of the leftist parties by its very first decision namely to conduct its business in the Sinhalese language in the teeth of the opposition of some members who pleaded for the inclusion of the Tamil language in accordance with the decision of the Government and in conformity with the general practice in the administrative affairs of this country. But the leftist

Chairman and his camp-followers in the council who were waxing eloquent over the remembrance of those law-breakers who had contributed to the black side of the Red-lined hartal would not see reason in the protests of the Tamil speaking members of the council. The 'disruptionist' chairman whose antics in Parliament are well known was so steeped in Stalinist despotism that he was aroused to the point of accusing the Muslim members of obstructionist tendencies.

In our view it is fortunate that the inner mind of the Marxists has been revealed so early in their administration of local bodies. The City Fathers of Colombo who take pride in announcing their non-attachment to any political party will do well to pause for a while and re-examine the credentials of the Communists and other allied associations. Those Tamil speaking M. M. Cs who make no secret of their affinity to the Leftist Group will now know that the disruptionist is a disruptionist for all that and what is worse is a flame-thrower for friend and foe alike.

The leopard cannot certainly change its spot. The United Front professing all the time to fight for the rights of all the rich and the poor, the majority and the minority communities, performed a *ju jitsu* both political and physical with Mr. T. Rudra a busy bee in the Leftist junto and unwittingly or otherwise took off their cloak of 'equality of race and religion' and exhibited their true make. We make bold to arrive at these conclusions only after seeing the confirmation of this 'election excess' by the L. S. S. P. which for its own purpose has trenchantly condemned the Front for this political affront in the *Sama Samajist*.

The Tamil speaking people have been apprehensive of the Government Party because of the un-authorized actions of certain Ministers and the individualistic comments of certain M. P.s on the question of the official languages. But it should be said to the credit of the governing party that it had not gone to the extreme extent of losing its head and getting the Parliament or any local body to resolve that business there should be conducted in Sinhalese. But the leftists who have been only too eager to champion the cause of the minorities, in their first

Report Of Co-operative Work Good Conduct In N. D.

At The Jaffna Conference

Mr R. C. S. Cooke in his report to the Co-operative Conference held in Jaffna last week in which Hon. Mr. J. R. Jayawardene and Sir Kanthiah Vaithianathan participated, said:—

Credit Societies:

Although the attention of the Department was focused on the development of C. A. P. & S. Societies which themselves afford financial assistance to the Agricultural Population, the establishment of credit societies of the Raiffeisen type have also met considerable progress. The total number of Credit Societies on Unlimited Liability has increased from 363 on 31-7-53 to 395 on 30-6-54. Two Credit Societies of limited liability were also registered during the year. These credit societies are continuing to do good work. 24 societies have completed over 25 years. Two societies namely the Myliddy Centre and the Alaveddy South C. C. S. celebrated their Silver Jubilee during the year. Both these Credit Societies are in "A" class.

The stratum of population which is left untouched by the economic uplift through the Co-op. Way, is the middle-class consisting mainly of salary earners like clerks, teachers and Govt. Servants, in the lower Grade. The Family System throws a heavy burden on such people & any sudden demand on their meagre purses, results in indebtedness to Money lenders. The rates of interest charged by these money-lenders are extremely high. Amelioration to this class of people can be extended by the formation of Rural and Urban Co-op. Banks which undertake lending on the security of gold jewellery, mortgages etc at reasonable rates of interest. In the circumstances the Chankanaik Co-op Urban Bank, the Jaffna Town Co-op. Urban Bank and a credit society at Analaivaru are seriously contemplating to launch Co-op. Financial assistance to their members for increased amounts with collateral securities such as gold jewellery and land.

Credit Unions:

The functions of these flush of administrative authority, have shown that their mind is as much communal as it is Communistic—The S.L.F.P. another strange-bed fellow of the minorities has likewise exposed itself in the discussions on the Indian-question. Now the minorities need not be told why the revolutionaries rush to champion the former's cause.

Unions at present are as follows:

- a. Conducting of Training classes for the members.
- b. Electing members to the Directorate of Secondary Institutes like the Provincial Bank and Provincial Unions
- c. Conducting of Publicity meetings and assisting the Primary societies to celebrate the International Co-op. Day.
- d. Assisting the Co-op Training School in the formation and conducting of Study Circles.

I am glad to mention that the original function of these Credit Unions, namely, (1) Rectification of bad societies is now being taken up. Supervisors are appointed in the various Unions' areas to assist these Unions in their supervision work. There are 12 such Unions in the District with 333 members. Societies)

Thrift Societies:

The number of Thrift Societies has increased from 17 last year to 19 this year. The membership in these societies is 2210. The average savings per member has increased from Rs 149.00 to Rs. 229.00. The biggest increase has been among Public Servants in whose societies the average savings per number has increased from Rs 80.00 to Rs. 151.00.

Consumer Societies:

The number of Stores Societies in the district is 341, besides 42 School Co-operatives. The progress of the Consumer Movement was reviewed during the year as a result of a direction from the Ministry to cancel the registration of all societies that do not deserve to be called co-operative. Out of the 341 societies, 160 societies are either mismanaged or are working at a loss. The others have fulfilled the objects for which they were organised and have rendered genuine service to the members and have withstood the keen competition of private dealers. Twenty-seven societies have put up their own building out of their funds and many more have set aside adequate funds out of their profits. Thirty-two societies paid dividends on shares and rebate on purchases to the value of Rs 31,621.00 during the year. Steps are being taken to reorganise the societies and to weed out bad ones. Weak societies are amalgamated with the neighbouring strong ones,

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greatly respect our forefathers. If we realise the full culture of our forefathers, we will feel proud of our land, and then we will feel humble also when we contemplate what we have to do in order to be proud of that culture.

"Truly," we can be happy. Otherwise, your life will be a void. I am telling you a secret I have learnt. If you try to make other people happy, you certainly make yourself happy. That is the great secret of happiness in life. If you cultivate the habit of good behaviour, you become a cultured man, you become a good member of the society and you also know the secret of happiness".

The youth had a great part to play in making the country great and prosperous. You are a great power. If each of you pull in a different way, then there is no power. If all people pull one way, we are a great manpower.

But, what happened at the present day. Government made laws that no liquor should be sold or manufactured. If everybody pulled in the same direction, it would be a great achievement. A few people, who wanted to make money secretly manufactured liquor and sold it. He could give another instance. Government wanted money. Some people wanted to evade the laws and the technical people to make accounts by which they could evade the laws. These were examples of how the population could pull in different directions, producing no results.

The members of societies are now reluctant to close their societies and are striving to put them on sounder footing. These societies have had a turnover of Rs 15,613,783.00

An announcement in the Ikkia Theepam that 160 societies are to be closed has helped to reorganise over 50 societies, so that the total that will be liquidated will be a little above 100.

School Co-operatives:

There are 42 School Co-operatives of which 28 are regd. Most of these societies deal only in books and stationery. A few deal in provisions and textiles as well. Some of these societies have undertaken the task of teaching cottage industries among poor children. In connection with this I wish to make special mention of the Delft School Co-op Society, where the students receive free noon-meals out of the profits realised by the sale of onion kuddos manufactured by them out of palmyrah leaves. This is an admirable illustration of self-help among

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BHAKRA — NANGAL PROJECT IN INDIA

A RARE FEAT WORTHY OF EMULATION

THE successful completion of the Bhakra-Nangal Project details of which are published in the article below reproduced from the *Indian Express* should serve as a sure reminder to the Sri Lanka Government regarding the proposal to divert the rushing waters of the Mahaweli Ganga northwards and harnessing the latent power in the cause of industrial and agricultural regeneration of the arid North.

FED by the inexhaustible snows of the Himalayas and swollen by torrential summer monsoons, India's rivers represent tremendous untapped resources which could bring prosperity and plenty in the country. The bulk of the waters of the rivers goes waste to the sea. For the proper exploitation of land and industrialization of the country, India's rivers must be harnessed to the service of the people.

The Bhakra Nangal Project was undertaken to conserve and utilize the surplus waters of the Sutlej for irrigation and electricity. About 40 miles upstream from Rupar, this massive river is being harnessed by our engineers to serve the teeming millions to give them water for their thirsty lands and electricity for their industries.

Among the schemes of economic development undertaken by the Government of India in recent years, Bhakra Nangal is by far the biggest and most ambitious. In fact, it is the biggest multi-purpose project of its kind being executed anywhere in the world today. The Project which was conceived in 1908 by Sir Louis Dane, then Lieutenant-Governor of Punjab was started only in 1946. But the work commenced in right earnest only in 1948.

The Bhakra Nangal Project envisages the building of Bhakra Dam—a 680-foot-high straight gravity structure of cement and concrete. Its length at the top would be 1,700 feet. At the lowest point, it will have a width of 625 feet excluding the Spill-way Apron. In order to protect the dam and appurtenant works in the event of flood conditions in the river provision has been made for a central spill-way in the Dam. Two tiers of outlets with

10 outlets in each tier will be provided to enable release of supply from the reservoir for irrigation purposes.

About 800,000 tons of cement, 790,000 tons of aggregate and 100,000 tons of steel will be utilized in the construction of the Dam.

It would be possible to instal 10 generating units each with a capacity of 90,000 K.W. at the Bhakra Dam for generating Hydro-electric power. In the initial stages only one such unit may be installed.

The reservoir created by Bhakra Dam will have a total storage capacity of 7.4 million acre foot of water. It will create Gobind Sagar lake which will be about 50 miles long. The width of the lake just upstream of the Dam will be about 3 miles.

To facilitate construction of the Dam, it was necessary that some means of diverting the river from its normal channel at the dam site be found out, so that dry area is available for construction operations. This has been achieved by the construction of two diversion tunnels on both sides of the river. The tunnels are of 50 feet finished diameter and are about half a mile each in length. They are complete in all respects. Their construction involved 5,55,000 cubic yards of excavation and 21,40,000 cubic yards of concreting. Diversion of the river will be accomplished by means of two coffer dams, upstream and downstream of the Dam site.

About 8-1/2 miles below the Bhakra Dam, another Dam called Nangal Dam has been built. The Nangal Dam will head up the river supplies by 53' and will serve as a balancing reservoir for taking up the diurnal fluctuations in the

Nangal Hydel Canal with the change in load at Bhakra Dam. The structure is complete now with all the gates and gearing installed. The supplies above this Dam have been headed up by 36' at present and after the Bhakra Dam has been built, these will be further headed up by another 17'. Thus with the creation of the Nangal lake, a roaring river has been made to flow in a mild way.

The Nangal Hydel Canal offtakes from the upstream of the Nangal Dam.

The Nangal Hydel Canal off about 40 miles in length and has been lined with cement concrete or tiles, and is one of the biggest irrigation canals in the world. The shingle and gravel arriving in the river during the floods will be excluded at the Shingle Excluder upstream of the Nangal Head Regulator in the river. The Silt Ejector at mile 2 of the canal will exclude the coarse silt and will permit relatively clearer water to proceed on to the power houses at mile 12 and 18 of the Canal.

The Nangal Hydel Canal passes through very difficult terrain having fillings going up to 80 and cutting up to 100'. All this difficult work in the hilly portion of the canal was accomplished with the help of earthmoving machinery consisting of 2-1/2 and 3-1/2 Cubic Yard Shovels as also a large number of Bull-dozers and carrier units.

The canal has 58 cross drainage works and 36 bridges. Some of the cross drainage works are as big as canal itself and one of them has a discharge of 1,50,000 cubic feet per second. Here the canal passes over the Sirsa Torrent in an aqueduct with a cross foot bridge in the centre of the work. During the monsoons when the canal and torrents are in flow, the site will be most picturesque.

There are two Power Houses on the Canal—one at mile 14 called Ganguwal Power House and the other at mile 18 called Kotla Power House. Each Power House will create electricity to the tune of 48,000 K. W. as at present two units are being installed. The Ganguwal Power House is nearing completion and is expected to be brought into commission by August, 1954. The Kotla Power House is in fairly advanced stage and is

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expected to be brought in operation next year.

With the untiring efforts of all concerned this herculean task of the construction of such a difficult canal has been accomplished one year ahead of the schedule. The workers have played a major part in this great venture.

When water was first let into the canal for testing purposes, the zamindars in their hundreds moved along with the water during day and night. There were smiles on their faces which showed the great happiness they thought was assured to them with the progress of this waters.

The irrigation system of the Project consists of the Bhakra Main Line and Bist Doab Canal. The total length of the Main canals and branches is 677 miles and that of the distributaries 3,958 miles. The number of cross drainage works in the entire system is 43 and that of the road bridges 250. Seventeen Railway bridges have also been constructed. The total earthwork involved was 239 million cubic yards. The Bhakra Main Line and some of the Branches are lined channels. This stupendous task was scheduled to be finished by 1955. But now this work has been finished one year ahead of the schedule—a rare feat of planning, organisation and speed.

The culmination of the efforts of the engineers could be found in the opening of the Nangal and Bhakra Canals for irrigation purposes by Prime Minister Nehru, on July 8. That was a red-letter day in the history of the Punjab. The life giving water will reach lakhs of acres of parched lands where it goes. The income likely to accrue to the people, even with the non-perennial irrigation will be in crores of rupees which will be further enhanced when perennial irrigation is available

NOTICE

We hereby give notice that we have on the 21st of July 1954 applied to the Government Agent, Northern Province, for the License shown in the schedule hereto annexed, for the licensing period ending 30th September, 1955 in compliance with Excise notification No. 200 of September 18th, 1930.

SCHEDULE:

Name and address of applicant: S. F. X. Annasampillai & Son. Description of License applied for:

Foreign Liquor retail off and state whether application is for renewal of existing license or licenses or for a new license or licenses. Renewal of existing license situation of premises to be licensed.

53, Main Street, Jaffna.

Signature of applicant:

S. F. X. ANNASAMPILLAI & SON.

Sgd S.F X ANNASAMPILLAI

Jaffna,

21st July, 1954.

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"ORDER ABSOLUTE" IN THE FIRST INSTANCE DECLARING LAST WILL PROVED

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
CHAVAKACHCHERI

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 41 T

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Veeragattiar Ramalingam of Chavakachcheri

Deceased

Pooranam widow of Veeragattiar Ramalingam of Chavakachcheri

Petitioner

This matter coming on for final determination before S. Thambydurai Esqr. District Judge, Chavakachcheri on the 13th day of July 1954 in the presence of Mr. S. SivaRajah Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit and petition of the Petitioner and the affidavits of (1) Veerasampillai Balasunderam of Chavakachcheri presently at Badulla dated the 29th day of June 1954 and (2) Ambalam Nagalingam of Chavakachcheri dated the 1st day of July 1954 witnesses to the Last Will and Testament dated the 2nd day of November 1936 and attested by V. Canagaratnam Notary Public having been read:

It is ordered that the Last Will and Testament of the deceased bearing date 2nd November 1936 and attested by V. Canagaratnam Notary Public under No. 7742 the original of which is filed in these testamentary proceedings be and the same is hereby declared proved and that Probate thereof be granted to the Petitioner as the sole heir and Executrix named in the said Last Will and Testament.

The 13th day of July 1954

Sgd. S. Thambydurai

District Judge

Drawn by

Sgd S. SivaRajah
Proctor for Petitioner

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TRAFFIC NOTICE

Nallur Kandaswamy Temple Annual High Festival, 1954.

In connection with the above festival, the following roads are CLOSED FOR ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC between 4th. August and 29th. August 1954. 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.

2. Deviation Of Traffic

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

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

(2) When proceeding along Arasady Road towards Kopay (or in the opposite direction), the Wyman Road-Navalar 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 recommended to use them. The Parks are:-

1. At the Awman Temple Grounds for traffic approaching Kandaswamy Temple via Arasady Road.

2. At Kailasa Pillaiar Temple Grounds for traffic approaching from the South.

3. At Muthuraisaadi Market Grounds for traffic approaching Kandaswamy Temple from direction of Kopay.

Sgd. C. P. WAMDEEK
Supdt. of Police, N. P.
Police Office,
Jaffna 17th July, 1954
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
MANNAR

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 15971/321

In the matter of the intestate estate of Thiruvempalam Ramasethu late of Colombo Deceased

Ramasethu Kandiah of Koitkulam in Perunkalippattu,
Petitioner.
Vs.

1. Ramasethu Ponnambalaz and,

2. Ramasethu Markandu both of Koitkulam in Perunkalippattu Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the above-named petitioner praying for Letters of Adm.

Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction
No. 1784

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Kamalampal wife of Sabaratnasinghe Jayaveerasingham of Vaddukodai West Deceased.

Murugesu Sinnathamby Rajaratnam of Vaddukodai West Petitioner.
Vs.

1 Sabaratnasinghe Jayaveerasingham of Vannarponnai
2 Rohini daughter of Jayaveerasingham
3 Theivayanai daughter of Jayaveerasingham
4 Rajaratnam Thiruchendur all of Vaddukodai West Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before A. E. R. Corea Esq., Acting District Judge, Jaffna on the 13th day of July 1954 in the presence of Mr S. Kandasamy Proctor on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated the 7th day of July 1954 having been read:

It is ordered that the 4th Respondent abovenamed be and he is hereby appointed Guardian-ad litem over the minors 2nd and 3rd Respondents for the purpose of these proceedings and that the petitioner as the father of the deceased be and he is hereby declared entitled to have letters of administration to the estate of the said deceased unless the Respondents abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before 16th August 1954 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

It is further ordered that the petitioner do produce the said minors before this court on the said date.

This 13th day of July 1954
Sgd. S. RAJARATNAM,
District Judge,
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Letters of administration to the estate of the above named deceased coming on for disposal before K. Jeyakody Esquire, Additional District Judge, Mannar on the 13th day of July 1954 in the presence of Mr. A. Semampillai Proctor on the part of the petitioner & the affidavit of the petitioner dated the 2nd day of April 1954 having been read, it is declared that the petitioner as son of the said deceased is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the intestate estate of the said deceased is used to him unless the respondents or any other person shall on or before the 12th day of August 1954 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

The 13th. day of July 1954
Sgd K. Jeyakody
Addl. District Judge
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American Journal's Advice To Colonial Powers

The *New York Times* in an editorial on July 29 urged the withdrawal of the French and the Portuguese from their enclaves in India, thus:

"The most regrettable and most easily rectified sore spots are the tiny French and Portuguese enclaves in India. Whatever their historic origins, these alien centres have no place in modern India"

"One factor which be-deviled the Indo-China situation and contributed to what Premier Mendes-France calls the cruel armistice terms was the issue of colonialism. Because of French delay in granting genuine independence to the Indo Chinese States, this issue could be exploited by the Communists to stir up a revolt in the name of nationalism

for the imposition of a Communist colonialism. It also kept at arm's length the United States, and prevented some Asian Nations, still entranced by their struggle against Western colonialism from taking a determined stand against the far worse and far more dangerous colonialism spreading from the east.

"The Indo-China story is a new warning to the West to act in time to eliminate or assuage the sore spots of the remaining colonial system. This does not mean simply throwing off responsibility for dependent peoples who are not yet able to sustain either independence or self-government. Nor can it mean the creation of power vacuums for the profit of the Communists. But it does call for remedial

PERSONAL

Dr. G. A. AmirthaNayagam has retired after serving the Govt. Medical Department for 32 years and has now started private practice at "Amirtha Pathi" 119 Main Street, Jaffna.

measures, wherever and to the extent to which they can be applied.

"This involves both domestic and international action. Domestic action is most urgent in French North Africa and it is gratifying that Premier Mendes France has pledged himself to reforms long overdue. In the field of international action, the most regrettable and most easily rectified sore spots are the tiny French and Portuguese enclaves in India, which make the Indians see red. Whatever their historic origins, these alien centres have no place in modern India."

Astrological

WEEKLY FORECASTS

'SRI PATHY'

FROM 8-8-54 TO 15-8-54

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

The first two days are likely to upset you much. Domestic worries and troubles in the office are likely. Conditions will improve after Wednesday. But there will be no mental peace.

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

The first two days are favourable for new undertakings. Tuesday and Wednesday must be spent with care. Avoid arguments. Rest of the week will turn favourable. But health upsets likely.

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

Friends will be very helpful to you this week. You will get more comforts and happiness. Financial conditions also should improve. Spend Thursday afternoon Friday and Saturday with care.

CANCER Punarpoosa 4, Poosa, Agilya [Kataka Rasi]

Health must be given particular care during this week. Professionally a good time. You will make money. Triumph over competitors also shown.

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

A favourable week for new undertakings. But there will be no mental peace. Work will be heavy and you will have to shoulder new responsibilities. Health upsets also possible.

VIRGO Uttira 2, 3, 4, Atla, Chittirai 1, 2 [Kanni Rasi]

Some improvements in your domestic conditions shown this week. You will be able to triumph over your enemies. Mother's health is likely to be affected. Financial luck promised week end.

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

A good week. Old investments will bring in good results. You will devote much time to social activities. Fame and favour from the friends of the opposite sex also promised.

SCORPION Visaka 4, Anusha, Kettai [Vrischika Rasi]

Domestic conditions should improve this week. Friends will be very helpful. Financial gains and fame also promised. But there will be no mental peace.

SAGITTARIUS Moolam, Pooradam, Uttiradam 1. [Thanu Rasi]

Domestic conditions will not be very satisfactory this week. You will be giving room for misunderstanding. Financial gains shown. But expenditure too will be on the rise.

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

You will have to work hard if you want to succeed in your undertakings. Troubles in office likely. If you are not careful you may be made a scapegoat. Eye trouble likely.

AQUARIUS Avittam 3, 4, Sathayam, Pooradatti 1, 2, 3 [Kumbha Rasi]

Domestic conditions will improve much. Financial gains and fame promised. New ventures will bring in good results. Ruin to enemies also shown.

PISCES Pooradatti 4, Uttiradatti, Revathi. [Meena Rasi]

Domestic conditions will remain unsatisfactory. Health upsets also shown. Do not begin anything new. Avoid arguments.

Report Of Co-Op. Work In N. D.

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students worthy of emulation by other school Co-ops.

Stores Unions:

There are eight Stores Unions in this District and all continue to do satisfactory work. All the Stores Unions own lorries and four of the them have their own buildings. The turnover in these Unions amounted to a sum of Rs. 19,598,162.00 during last year. It is very unfortunate that there were defalcations in four out of the eight Unions. All the employees who were responsible for these frauds have been employees of these unions from the very inception, and they have been betraying the trust placed on them by honorary unofficial co operators. Steps are being taken to prevent such occurrences in the future.

It is a pity that the Co op. Ordinance has not provided for prompt disciplinary action to be taken against such crooks. Normally when a person misappropriates cash, it is easy to hand over the matter to the Police, but whenever misappropriations take place in the co-op. socy., the Police demand that they should be inspected under Section 35 (1) and a demand be made under Section 50 (b), and after this the Police start investigations once again, and a trial is fixed by the Court to go through the case. Law's delay is not the word that can give vent to the agony undergone by co-ops and their honest unofficial co operators. There are cases of misappropriation which are still hanging fire for over two years and the four defalcations in these Unions are also still under investigation. In one case action has just been filed. In view of this the relevant sections of the Ordinance require early amendment so that prompt action may be taken against such recalcitrants.

The Jaffna Co-operative

Provincial Bank Ltd.

The Bank has just completed twenty five years of useful work. As one who has been closely associated with its working since the day it was registered, I can today speak with great satisfaction that this is one of the best of its type in the Island. Its owned Capital is Rs. 449,003.59 consisting of:-

Shares	Rs. 127,200.00
Statutory Reserve	116,808.59
Other Reserves	205,000.00
	449,008.59

During its early years it had considerable difficulty in creating confidence in the investing public specially individual non-members.

Reviewed News

Seato Reaction

How much Pakistan is anxious to encourage a SEATO so much India is opposed to it. But Sri Lanka wants to go *hem in hem in*.

High Commissioner Threatened

The Communists in Malaya have now extended their terrorist activities to non-Britishers also. Mr. M. Saravanamuttu Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to Malaya has welcomed the death threat with great warmth!

Sir John on 'All Out' Effort

Replying to the Communist Leader's question in the House of Representatives, Sir John Kotlawala declared that Communism must be fought even with the assistance of 'the Devil'.

France is Willing

Though late in the day the French statesmen have come to realise that their Colonial Empire should go. August 14th has been significantly scheduled for the French exit from Karaikal and Pondichery.

Today it has succeeded in attracting 2½ million rupees as deposits from individuals and institutions. This speaks well of its financial stability.

This year there has been a slight increase in the percentage of overdue and therefore the co operation of all member societies is solicited in reducing this, and attention has to be paid towards its consolidation of weak societies. The success of any Bank will depend on its ability to recover all loans and therefore all member societies which are in arrears to this Bank should make it a point to settle all dues this year and obtain fresh loans. I am forced to make this appeal to you on behalf of the Bank so as to reduce the percentage of Bad and Doubtful Debts to the lowest level.

The Bank purchased a land and building for Rs. 75,000 and is spending an equal amount on its additions and repairs. This building will be ready for occupation in another ten or fifteen days. This year there is a departure from the normal practice of holding the Annual General Meeting of the Bank along with this Conference. The Bank proposes to hold its Annual General Meeting in August along with the opening ceremony of its building which is a living monument of the success of the Co-operative movement in Jaffna.

Fruitless Labour In The University?

The university professors and lecturers never gear their curricula of studies to the existing standard of the colleges that produce the students. Their place is in the clouds while the poor student is on the solid, cold earth, benumbed and aidless said Mr. K V Mailvaganam in his presidential address at the 39th annual meeting of the Northern Province Teachers' Association.

Continuing Mr. Mailvaganam said, "The A. C. U. T. has often requested this august body to adjust themselves to the curricula of the schools but these fall on deaf ears. The number of students in 1953 was 2,386 and 312 obtained degrees.

"The parent who is the only one who bears all these burdens willingly has no voice. If he makes any effort to rectify any flaw, his child is ruthlessly victimized by both school and university. This injustice goes on in the good name of education for life....."

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1783

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Sithamparanachchy widow of Ponnampalam Karuvattamby of Pannakam Changanai West.

Deceased Karuvattamby Ponnampalam of Pannakam Changanai Petitioner Vs. Karuvattamby Subramiam of Pannakam Changanai Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before A. E. R. Corea Esquire acting District Judge of Jaffna on the 5th day of July 1954 in the presence of Messrs Subramiam and Somasundram Proctors on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 21st day of June 1954 having been read.

It is ordered that the petitioner abovenamed be and she is hereby declared entitled as son of the deceased abovenamed to have letters of administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased issued to him accordingly unless the respondent abovenamed or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 16th day of August 1954 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 5th day of July 1954.

Sd/- S. Rajaratnam, District Judge.

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THE PROBLEM OF THE 'LANGUAGE OF THE AREA'

By T. MUTTUCUMARU B. A. (Hons.)

May I please convey to you my views on the question of 'the language of the area' collected from various papers written by me on the use of the national languages both as media of instruction and official languages. By way of introduction, let me first assert emphatically that in this bilingual country, language instead of being a barrier serves as a great help to 'bring up Tamils and Sinhalese in school together so that they will fuse into Ceylonese'. Sinhalese, Tamils and Muslims including the Indian Tamils and Muslims forming the bulk of the population speak one or other or both the two closely allied languages viz: the Sinhalese and Tamil languages. If sane and patriotic educationists make the proper approach, Education in Ceylon would become such a force as to make the people 'seek new knowledge and new methods in the service of a new aim, the building of her nation.' The Sinhalese and Tamils have common cultural religious traditions. Society in Ceylon is a happy blend of North and South Indian elements grafted on Ceylon's soil. And that this feature and trend in social life has continued from the dim past throughout the ages down to the present time, the distribution of population today, given in the Table below shows clearly.

	Sinhalese speaking.	Tamil speaking
N. P.		
Jaffna Dist.	6372	484,983
Vavuniya ..	5892	20,073
Mannar ..	2080	41,509
N. C. P.		
A'Pura ..	135,187	36,481
E. P.		
Trinco ..	15,156	67,897
B'caloa ..	31041	227,687
N. W. P.		
Puttalam ..	31,475	27,093
Kuru-uagala ..	576,309	45,748
Chitaw ..	14,857	33,160
C. P.		
Matale ..	139,125	61,216
Kandy ..	485,480	347,554
N. Eliya ..	116,771	206,224
U. P.		
Badulla ..	269,675	192,567
Sab. P.		
Kegala ..	317,971	78,472
Ratna-pura ..	387,315	100,103
W. P.		
Colombo ..	1,377,055	268,437
Kalutara ..	452,658	69,918
S. P.		
Galle ..	493,817	29,766
Matara ..	388,961	24,404
H'pta ..	185,435	6,128

Dividing the country in a linguistic basis and compelling the so-called minorities to learn the 'language of the area' is nothing short of an political outrage on the social life of a people who

History and Culture has joined together. The incoming committee of Education for the revision of the Syllabuses of Work for the Primary and Secondary Schools of the Island can in defining the Content of Education pave the way for Ceylonese national solidarity through Sinhalese-Tamil Linguistic Unity. Practical statesmanship demands that the Sinhalese and Tamil speaking peoples live together and that educationists be commissioned to draw such a Syllabus and Scheme of Education as to enable the people to see education 'not as a search for individual status, but as a search for national unity.'

Madras Premier Defeats Marxist

Shri Kamaraj Nadar Elected

Shri Kamaraj Nadar, Madras Premier, who contested the Gudiyattam seat in the Madras Legislative Assembly at the recently held by-election defeated his Communist rival by 34,500 to 16,400 votes.

Propaganda For Palmyrah Products

Mr. S. H. Perinpanayagam, President of the Gandhi Seva Sangam, said that the palmyrah palm was a gift from the Gods and therefore its products should be popularised by any Government.

Sir Kanthiah Vaithianathan who participated in the Palmyrah Day held on the Hindu Ladies College campus exhorted the people to preserve the palmyrah and thus improve their economic condition.

Malrajana College

H. S. C. Results

PASS.
R. Baskaralingam
P. Murugiah
S. Sivabaskaran
A. Vairavamurthy

REFERRED

N. Jeeveshwar (European History)
M. Sinnabangam (Physics)

Should Navagraha Worship

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lieve anything which transcends our intellect, it must have the sanction of our religious works. There is no reference at all to astrology either in the Vedas or in the Agamas. It is therefore a subject for intellectual scrutiny and must come under the category of Science. A scientific truth is established either by showing or by reasoning or by both. The chemist shows that water decomposes with hydrogen and oxygen. Algebra proves that the sum to infinity of the series $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots = 2$. Similarly, Astrology must establish its theories either by showing or by reasoning. A theory of astrology is that if at the birth of a child, Jupiter is in the 8th place, its life will be miserable so far as the influence of Jupiter is concerned, and if it is in the 9th place, its life would be very successful. The Astrologer is not able to show that it will be so, neither is he able to prove it. This is the case with all its theories. It cannot therefore find a place in the scientific world. It can have a place only in the realm of superstition. Some say that though the planets have no influence, their positions are only an index of the future of the child. This is a hopeless defence. That it is an index must be proved. Intermittent fever is an index of the evidence of malarial organisms in the body, says medical science and shows it. Holding a red flag in the railway line is an index of danger. The proof to this is accorded by the railway regulations. The regulations relating to planetary movement, which can be found only in Astronomy, do not say that when Jupiter is in the 8th place, it is an index of the child having an unhappy future. If the signals supposed to be indicated by the planets had been designed by God, He would have made us know them through his revelations. The revelations do not refer to them at all. The red flag signal would be of no value, if the railway regulations had not revealed to the engine driver what it indicated. Astrology thus finds no support either in religion or in science, and must therefore fall. To say that science has not made sufficient advance to deal with astrological theories is suicidal. If science has not advanced astrology cannot come. It must follow Science; it cannot precede it.

It may be said that the Great Rishis discovered the theories of Astrology. What is your proof that the mantras of astrology were given by the Great Rishis? What is the proof that Varaha Mikirā was a seer?

Our religion is groaning under the weight of superstitions and as true sons of our religion, we must endeavour

to pull them down and give relief to our sacred Mother.

I may add that Astronomy is a Science accepted by our religion. It is called Jyotisham and is one of the 6 Angams of the Vedas. It is the prince of sciences. Three great sciences, mathematics, physics and chemistry serve as its hand maids. The *முனிதீர்* spoken in our religious works are astronomical phenomena. Astrology is not Jyotisham; it is Jatakam. Jatakam means that which relates to birth. It is a bastard child of Astronomy, superstition being its mother, and claims our belief through the father. But there is nothing of this father in it, but everything of the mother.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1774

In the matter of the intestate estate of the late Murugesu Sinnadurai of Araly South Deceased

Thangam widow of Murugesu Sinnadurai of Araly South

Vs. Petitioner.

Sinnadurai Subramaniam of Araly South Respondent.

This matter coming on for disposal before Spencer Rajaretnam Esqr. District Judge of Jaffna on the 14th day of June 1954 in the presence of Messrs Subramaniam and Somesundram Proctors on the part of the petitioner and the affidavit of the petitioner dated 13th day of June 1954 having been read:

It is ordered that the petitioner abovesaid be and she is hereby declared entitled as lawful widow of the deceased abovesaid to have letters of administration to the estate of the deceased abovesaid issued to her accordingly unless the respondent abovesaid or any other person or persons interested shall on or before the 19th day of July 1954 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

This 14th day of June 1954

Sgd. A. E. R. COREA, District Judge.

The date of showing cause is extended to 27.8.54.

Sgd. A. E. R. COREA, District Judge.

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Health Week Celebrations

Manipay Village Committee celebrated all the seven days of the Health Week in a grand scale with the co-operation of Manipay Town Council and Social Service League by conducting public meetings in every village in Manipay Parish and the final day celebration in Manipay Hindu College with Mr. Sri Kantha G A in the chair. 10 Schools in the Manipay Parish participated in health song, health dance, health speech, health koladdam and health play competitions. Cups, prizes and certificates were distributed to winners.

Muhandiram V. Mahesan, Chairman of the Health Week Committee welcomed the G. A. and the speakers and requested the audience to act according to the suggestions given by the speakers. He also thanked all for having co-operated with him to make the celebration a success.

ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1778 T

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Visuvanathar Kandiah of Manipay

Pavalammah widow of V. Kandiah of Manipay

Vs. Petitioner

- 1 Kandiah Ramanathan
- 2 Parameswary daughter of Kandiah
- 3 Pathmavathy daughter of Kandiah
- 4 Kandiah Sivapuratharasan of Manipay and
- 5 Sinnappu Muttuthamby of Sandilippay

Respondents

This matter coming on for disposal before A. E. R. Corea Esquire District Judge, Jaffna on the 25th day of June 1954 in the presence of Mr. F. M. Mathiapparanam Proctor for the Petitioner and the affidavit of the Petitioner and of the witnesses having been read:

It is ordered that the 5th Respondent be appointed Guardian ad-litem of the minors 1st to 4th Respondents for the purpose of protecting their interests and of representing them in these Testamentary Proceedings, that the Last Will and Testament of the said deceased be declared proved and that the petitioner be declared entitled to Probate thereof and the same issued to the petitioner as his lawful widow and as Executrix named therein unless the Respondents or any other persons appear before this Court on

Refusal To Open Visa Office In Jaffna

In Calcutta newspapers the news that the Ceylon Govt. has turned down the request of the Indian Govt. to open a Visa Office in Jaffna which was published in bold letters in the front pages of most of the newspapers, has shocked many Ceylon Students

"The Statesman" in its issue of 21st July 1954 under the heading "Ceylon Turns down India's request for opening Visa Office in Jaffna" states as follows:—"It was also represented to the Indian High Commissioner here that a larger number of students from Jaffna than any other area in Ceylon went to India for higher studies and it would benefit them if a Visa Office was opened there"

Representations to the Indian High Commissioner

the 30th day of July 1954 and show sufficient cause to the contrary.

This 25th day of June 1954

Sgd. A. E. R. Corea District Judge

Time to shew cause extended to 16.8.1954

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were made by the Union of Ceylon Students in India following the meeting of the Union held in Jaffna in June. The students were glad to know that the Indian Government was prepared to open a branch office in Jaffna.

But now all the students are very much depressed. They wonder as to why the Ceylon Government should refuse India's request to open an office in Jaffna. The students expected the Ceylon Govt. to urge the Indian Govt. to open a Visa Office in Jaffna. But now the action of the Ceylon Govt. against their anticipation has shocked them.

About 65% of the Ceylon students in India are from Jaffna and they expect that the Ceylon Government will again consider this matter to open a Visa office in Jaffna. Two Ministers of the Ceylon Cabinet told a representative of the Union of Ceylon students in India, in June that a Visa office would be opened in Jaffna. This has been the topic for discussion in the circles of Ceylon students here and they expect the Union of Ceylon students in India to move in the matter further.

THE JAFFNA MUTUAL BENEFIT FUND Ltd.

(Established 1918) BANKERS.

Authorised Capital Rs. 800,000.00
Amount of Calls made Rs. 134,367.00

SHARES: 8000 shares of Rs. 100/- each. 75 monthly instalments of Re. 1/- per share will earn Rs. 100/- for each at the end of the period. Shares issued all times.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and interest allowed at 1% per annum on the average monthly balance when it does not fall below Rs. 500/-.

FIXED DEPOSITS received for periods of 3, 6, 9 and 12 months and interest allowed at 1, 2, 4 and 6 % respectively.

DRAFTS issued on the National and Imperial Banks to Colombo and the Principal cities of India. Remittances to and from F. M. S. by special arrangements.

INDIAN MONEY bought and sold
LOANS on the security of Jewels a speciality. Part payments accepted.

FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS APPLY TO:

S. KANAGASABAI, Shroff.

வாங்குகில் வழாது பெய்க மலிவாக்கு சரக்க மன்னன்
கோஸ்முறை யாச செய்க குறைவினா தயர்க்க வாழ்க
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