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## HAWAII HOME FOR HINDUS

Hawaii Islands in the Mid-Pacific Ocean hold pride of place in housing the first World Hindu Institution, thanks to the thoughtful and inspired spiritual leadership of Swami Subramuniya, a disciple of the Great Yoga Swamigal of Colombo-turai. That this Hindu Institution is all-world in scope and as such the first of its kind will be seen from the description of the activities published elsewhere in this issue of the Hindu Organ.

World Hindu Conferences, no doubt, have a universal touch; but the assemblies are ad hoc arrangements, there being no central home for practical purposes.

The most remarkable feature of this Hindu Institution is the establishment of a Saiva Nataraj Temple-Kadavul Hindu Temple on the benign banks of the Sacred Wailua River at the base of Kauai's extinct volcano.

The Saiva Siddhanta Church was founded as far back as a quarter of a century ago by Master Subramuniya, as the Swami was affectionately called then, claiming spiritual heritage of Saiva Yoga Swami Guru.

The world character of this Religious Institution has been acquired by the diverse activities, educational, cultural and spiritual with connecting links in the different continents. The Himalayan Academy in San Francisco is in charge of the educational functions of this world organisation. The missionary responsibility is entrusted to two Ashrams, one in Sri Lanka Alaveddy and the other in New York

His Holiness Swami Subramuniya goes on pilgrimage annually with a selected group of pilgrims to countries far and wide preaching the Gospel of the Saiva Siddhanta Church, distributing religious publications, holding yoga

## THE SAIVA Siddhanta Society WITH HEAD QUARTERS IN HAWAII ISLANDS

His Holiness Swami Subramuniya has established the 'Saiva Siddhanta Church' in Hawaii and has made this religious undertaking take a global scope. Here are published extracts from the publications of this Society wherein the scheme and scope of this organization are well defined.

The Saiva Siddhanta Church was founded in 1957 by Master Subramuniya to bring Saivite Hinduism to the West.

The Church follows the traditions of South India as expressed in the Scriptures and by the Saints of Saivism, most specially Saint Tirumular. Its spiritual heritage is that of the Saiva Yogeswami Guru Paramparai of Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

The Church's main facility is located on 45 acres of secluded land on one of Hawaii's outer islands, Kauai, 102 miles from Honolulu. There on the banks of the sacred Wailua River at the foot of Kauai's extinct central volcano, the Church has established Kadavul Hindu Temple, a Siva Nataraja

classes and giving discourses

The pilgrimage is in effect an invitation to Hindus by birth to participate in the activities of the Saiva Siddhanta Church, which stands dedicated to the perpetuation of the traditional forms of the Sanatana Dharma including temple worship, yoga practice, spiritual study and the spiritual objectives of Realization and Liberation.

The periodical organ of this Institution is the "Saivite World", a very useful religious Journal.

This world organization is certainly wonderful; it has formulated a creed for Saivite Hindus, many of whom are Westerners. It boldly affirms that Hinduism is the greatest religion in the world. It preaches and practises what is preached, adhering to the mystical and ethical teachings of the saints and sages of Hinduism, the great exemplars of Bhakti and Jnana.

Here is a Holy undertaking in all humility and deep devotion to the Truth that is Saiva Siddhanta. And really laudable this noble mission is.

Temple for members. One of the Church's educational institutions, Himalayan Academy, is in San Francisco, California. There are two Church Missions, one in Flushing New York, and another at Alaveddy in Sri Lanka.

Members of the Saiva Siddhanta Church share a common doctrine of purpose and belief based in South Indian Saivism as summarized in the twelve beliefs of "A Creed for Saivite Hindus." They adhere as a single body to the mystical and ethical teachings of the Saints and sages of Hinduism, the great exemplars of bhakti and jnana, and most especially the principles expounded in Saint Tirumular's Tirumantiram and Saint Tiruvalluvar's Tirukural. They accept the Vedas and the Agamas and uphold other holy Saiva texts including Tirumurais or "Devaram Hymns", the Puranas and the Shastras. All God realized men are revered in this tradition most especially the Samaaya Achariyas; Saints Appar, Sundarar, Sambaranar and Manikkavasagar.

There is a timeless quality about Saivism—which preceded Hinduism as we know it today—that sets it apart from the modern faiths on the planet such as Christianity and Islam. Of course, we know that the founders of Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism were all good Hindus. Saivism is so very ancient that it appears among the first civilizations unearthed by archaeologists. It is our belief that Saivism is as old as man himself, the original or seed religion from which all others have sprung forth; and since they are the offspring of Saivism we look upon them as parents look upon their children, with a deep love and a hope that they will do well and look askance when they don't. There never was a time when

Saivism, the Sanatana Dharma, did not exist on the planet. Other Religions trace their lineage to a man, to a founder, to a messiah or a theologian. Saivism does not have a founder because

## Nandi Sculpture Reaches Hawaii

(Extract from the weekly "India - West" of August 8, 1981)

A seemingly minor event of rather major proportions has just unfolded at dockside in the San Francisco area, in a brief historic call at the port of Oakland, a massive 16-ton Nandi sculpture has recently touched base there bound in-transit from

it was not founded by man. It is co-existent with man. That makes Saivism unique, different from all the religions and sects that followed it. Look into history and you will see it is the only religion without a beginning, without a founder and a date it was founded. Now one of the oldest of the preserved theologies of Saivism available to us today is that of Saint Tirumular. Of course, his was not the first theology, just one of the oldest to be preserved. He did not start anything new. His work is only a few hundred years older than the new Testament. He codified Saivism as he knew it. He recorded its tenets in concise and precise verse form, drawing upon his own realizations of the truths it contained. His work is not an intellectual construction, and it is not strictly a devotional canon either. It is based on yoga. It exalts and explains yoga as the kingly science leading man to knowledge of himself. Yet it contains theological doctrines and devotional hymns. It is the full expression of man's search, encompassing the soul, the intellect and the emotions.

## THE DEDICATION

Saiva Siddhanta Church is dedicated to the perpetuation of the traditional forms of the Sanatana Dharma, including temple worship, yoga, sadhana scriptural study and the spiritual objectives of Realization and Liberation. We believe that Hinduism, the world's most ancient religion, is also the world's most profound and viable faith. Its customs and insights are applicable in both agrarian and industrial communities, in the modern world as throughout history. After all, Hinduism is the Sanatana Dharma—the eternal Path. We boldly affirm that Hinduism is the greatest religion in the world.

India to a little known site in the U.S.

Departing Oakland the majestic black granite traveller—the last of its kind produced in this country—is now continuing enroute from Mahabalipuram, near Madras, in India's southernmost state of Tamil Nadu, to the Pacific isle setting of Kauai, northern-most in the Hawaii chain of islands.

Culminating the combined work of skilled Indian artisans over a year-long period, the enormous sculpture is the issue of Master Sthapathee (sculptor) Neelamegam of Poompuhar. The 33,000 pound one piece monolith measures 6 feet high, five feet wide and 9 feet in length. It is accompanied by a separate, equally-massive pedestal (base pedestal) weighing another 10 tons. Mounted together, the entire work comprises some 26 odd tons of solid Indian granite. Much of its importance revolves around not only the religious, artistic, the architectural significance, but from a cultural standpoint this indigenous Indian artifact will probably become the largest known Nandi of its kind in the Western Hemisphere.

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