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Our Faith Failing Us or Are We Failing OUR FAITH

Vagaries of the weather we can understand. Fluctuating physical conditions are common place. But can our faith in our FAITH undergo a change and make us completely unfaithful (to God)?

The whole world now, more than at any other time is counting upon RELIGION to redeem the people from the dangerous plight in which they have placed themselves ignoring spiritual ideas and getting lured into the deceptive glamour of maddening materialism;

Wars that had been waged in the distant past between Nations in the West were slowly spreading to other Continents, And in the present decade a very frightful international situation has arisen where it is not merely a cold war but is also a cold-blooded massacre of humans in the form of undeclared wars and sudden spells of swift attacks with frequent intervals of abortive cease-fires

In the early stages of human history, weapons there were, but for self protection, procurement of food and preparation of, shelters. Ironically enough as the so called civilized life began to take shape, man has thought it fit to arm himself not merely for self preservation but also for expanding his sphere of influence. Thus a never-ending hostile atmosphere has begun to exist between nations or group of nations making it imperative to go in quest of the ultimate in destructive weapons, What was an exclusive possession of the Big Powers is now within the reach of other aggressive nations, small or smaller.

The progress is not towards peace; it is a plunge into dangerous disturbance Religions also exist in these strange circumstances Festivals of the different Faiths continue to be conducted with increased enthusiasm. What then is the meaning of this incongruent and incompatible situation? Has religious practice become a mere traditional exercise without the practitioner

having no spiritual outlook?

Perplexed as we are about this peculiar development, occasional remembrance of Religious Leaders of the distant past and of Social Workers of the calibre of Mahatma Gandhi of recent times makes us see a relieving possibility of regaining ourselves by starting a Navalar-type cleansing campaign that calls for the practise of religion rightly disciplined in the proper perspective

As far as the Saivaites are concerned, they are by implication Vegetarians and therefore non-killers. It would be impossible for any true Saivaites to take up any position that is not non-violent or opposed to Ahimsa

The lives of the great Four Saints always live in our memory; but fresher still are the exemplary ways of living adopted by the Great Navalar

The Tamil Month of Karthigai, significant in several ways enable us reflect on the achievements of two of the greatest Tamils of all time Arumuga Navalar and Sir Ponnampalam Ramanathan. Taking back our minds to the glorious Navalar-Ramanathan era 1852 - 1930, almost seven significant decades in our history, we are able to form a true picture of patriotic purity and cultural dignity based on spiritual awareness. It was the greatest achievement of this country that these two stalwarts were contemporaries for two decades, that extra-ordinarily effulgent period when decisive steps for the development of SENTHAMIL, dedication to SALVANERI and delimitation of SAIVA CULTURE were taken by this distinguished duo. How fortunate we were when the survivor Sir Ramanathan put all his spiritual strength to best use and ushered in the Post-Navalar period embellishing it with his own inestimable contribution in the sphere of culture, education, and civic consciousness in the form of strict practice in SANATHANADHARMA

To those who from house tops make loud, articulate or inarticulate cries or vocal sounds while speaking on such subtle aspects as FREEDOM and topics as DEMOCRACY, we say that the writings and works of the great Navalar and the peerless Ponnampalam

Ramanathan are there for the people to take their lessons. Those lofty ideas, noble thoughts and fruitful pieces of advice are all that have to be learnt to understand what freedom is and where democracy can flourish. Mahatma Gandhi who spiritualized politics and captured the attentive imagination of the entire world by his forthright definition of Satyagraha and Ahimsa has left behind a legacy of lofty thoughts enough for the human race to understand the correct notion of freedom and democracy

These Greats had lived great lives; they strictly upheld the principle of non-killing, and non-violence, spoke nothing but the truth; nay worshipped Truth as God Himself. Their hearts were pure; their strength was Soul Force

If You leaders really wish to serve the people first sit at the feet of these Greats - beneath their ever resplendent portraits - read and re-read their writings and then begin to translate every one of what you have learnt into practice - remember how Mahatma Gandhi was able to spin the fabric of freedom by working at the spinning wheel, for not a symbollic minute but for several hours every day during his entire life time. Reflect within yourselves whether you have ever done anything of this kind

Tell your mind how Navalar Peruman walked up and down the printing press composing his literary works or helping others do so and working day and night to bring out dependably correct versions of Saiva Tamil Literature in the SERVICE OF TAMIL. Have you so devoted yourselves to this aspect of service to our Language - Reflect

Visualize the herculean task of that Veteran Ramanathan in laying the foundation for the future Tamil University in the premises of Paramewara College and establishing the basis for the seat of Fine Arts in that remarkable institution - Ramanathan College for Girls - Have you been able to erect even a cattle shed for adults to have a little taste of education,

The fault is not in our stars - it is in our stators!

We speak enthusiastically about religious leaders, unveiling their

portraits but never for a moment think that we have failed to be faithful to our Faiths - The Saiva Code of conduct commonly accepted with none contradicting, places pointed emphasis on NON-KILLING - கொல்லாமை NON-STEALING - ROBBERY களவு NON-DRINKING (T O T A L ABSTINENCE) கள் NON-SEX (காமம்) NON-FAITH (குருதித்தை) and certainly on NON-TRUTHFULNESS (FALSEHOOD) பொய் a failing that is inherent alongside of each one of the above named lapses

But are we true to our conscience? At least are we free from a few of these faults if not all, particularly the first two?

Tamils have a spiritual tradition, and a lofty culture that cannot be compromised. Neither can there be any adjustment or concession. Tamil culture, founded as it is on the Supreme Truth, cannot yield itself to be periodically distorted or enlarged as in the case of political constitutions. He who has no faith in the cardinal principles of universal Love, Truth Purity of thought, speech, and deed cannot be a Tamil, much less a Saivite.

We seem to have come to the point of Cross Roads; everything around us seems to be gloomy and gruesome, an ill wind of misguided enthusiasm is blowing. The weather is rheumy. The structure of society undertaken by the specialist architects of Tamil talent is in danger of being dashed to pieces. It looks as if an epidemic is round the corner.

Let us invoke Parameswara to bless us with another Navalar Incarnation to save us from the imminent epidemic of violence, just as that Great Soul had served the people with rare courage at a time when a plague (Act of God) was ravaging the Northern Peninsula,

Also shall we not seek the Powers of Parameswara to favour us with another Ramanathan incarnation to salvage us from the quagmire of political confusion just as that patriot had risen to the occasion when there was rioting in the Western District and had displayed the finest spirit of patriotism.

தில்லியில் நல்ல நாவலிகள் கல்கி சென்னை அகிலர் அமைத்த தெய்விகள்

சிவத்தொண்டும் செந்தமிழும் பணியும் செய்வதே நாம் தென்மேற்கு தந்த நோக்கமாகக் கொண்டு செய்வதே ஆகும் பணி புரிந்த நாவலர் பெருந்தலை பரத்தலை நிறுவிய தெய்விகள் யாம் கல்கி யய்யத்தை வளம் பெற வளர்த்துக் கவியறிவுத் தன்னையிழந்துரைத்த திணையம்புகைப் பெருமாத் திருக்கோயில் மென் விழியில் ஒக்கி நிற்பதை உற்று நோக்கும் பொழுது அப்புகழின் சீலின் பரந்த இனையணியின் பயன் தெற்றெனப்புகுவனிறை

நாவலர் சைவப்பிரகாசயித் தியானம் யக எழுந்தருள்க்கலை திணையத்தை அப்பெரி யாதிக்க மாணுக்களுள் ஒருவராகிய மட்டு நகர் உரை யக சி ரியர் உத்தமர் ம. க. வேற்பிள்ளை ஆசிரியராகியிருந்து நிழற்றிய நெறியைப் பின்பெருடர்ந்த ஆசிரியர் பணர். அவர் கவியின் நிறப்புவிசையிலே நிதிநிறைவுப் பல்வாக்குணர் இந்நிறைவுத் திணையின் விதி தகைசால் தலைமை ஆசிரியராகச் சீரிய கல்வித்தொண்டாரந் திணையு பெற்றிருக்கும் திணை வாயி நாத்தர் B. Sc. B. T. ஆவரகை. இவரின் அரிய சேவைகளைப் பாராட்டுவது யிழை சென்ற செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை (7-12-82) திணை பரத்தலை தவத்திரு குன்றக்குடி அடிகளார் பெருந்தலைமைக்கு நன்கு நிசுந்தது

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