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Topic: Who is a perfect woman? - Part 1 [Mahakavi Subramanya Bharathiyar's article's translation]

We are happy to translate and release this article for Navarathry festival. This festival reflects the eternal power of all women. But today there is a need to redefine feminism. There are many issues in describing the rights of women. There are also many deviations in this society after independence. Indian women have changed a lot in physical-mental-intellectual and awareness levels. But still there are lot of family issues, raise in divorces, murder cases, illegal affairs which all were highlighted with "freedom". Even though women have studied and earning much we have not stopped expecting gold and gems from them for wedding. It is a double stress for parents who have girls. 10 years before all women did not wished to go to job. I have my own class mates who are not working. But today's financial

backup of the country, limitless desires of adults for luxury all have made women to go for a job. So there is a stress in pregnancy, child care and even marriage is getting delayed. Still we can see girl babies are aborted and still there is a false belief that boys are the real care taker of the family.

Today Indian women are in need to rethink about their awareness in physical personality and emotions. Again we need to seed the vivegam - awareness in being aware about the values of Indian life. So we felt Mahakavi's words will assist our families to reconstruct the freedom.

We also thank of Bharathiyar for making this Tamil society to become aware about women liberation. Once he said that at least women must get married only after attaining puberty. But it is stressful to see many Indian women living unmarried behalf of age, work stress, self-ego in earning, only thinking about materialistic status, poverty and sickness.

Women are the real transforming element in this world. When they get transformed everyone gets a change. The transformation is a must for their own evolution and for the betterment of the future generations.

** This article is full of fun and satire.*

OM SAKTHI!

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Mahakavi Subramanya Bharathiyar talks about freedom of women:

" Bhramarayar of Vedapuram town

Vedapuram is a residential part of Pondichery where I live. I have a friend called Bhramarayar who worships Goddess Sakthi. He follows all ritual perfectly and he never use liquor and meat in his ritual like other Sakthas. Even we can make a lamb to eat a mutton piece but we cannot make this man to eat non vegetarian food.

A noisy school

He is teacher in our local school. After school he used to talk very loudly about various issues of the society. It is a miracle how his friends are not becoming deaf after listening to his noisy talk. *Even I*

used it visit his house daily and chat with him. I never oppose this thoughts but I cannot completely accept that all Hindus are fools. He has many friends like me. Even after night food he used to sit and chat with his friends for a long time. So people used to call his house as "**Edi pallikootam - noisy school**".

He is very good in English and French languages. He also knew little Sanskrit. He has studied Ramayanam, Kumarasambhavam and Bahavath Geethai. He has translated few Europe articles in Tamil. Even he used to write poems. He has good music knowledge but he cannot sing. He is also good in rhythmic beats of Carnatic music. Mirudhangam instrumentalists used to take tips from him. He often goes for spiritual discourses but he is not happy with the concepts they talk in the speeches. He used to argue for a long time about them.

He says,

"Hindhus were so genius in all field before. I wish they will become more aware about everything soon to develop this nation. But I am not happy with the spiritual leaders who give talks. They are fit to cook in marriages. Hindus are becoming very superstitious. Termites have entered inside their brains. I feel very bad to even think about us. I hope people of Padagonia are better than us!"

A drizzling evening in Vedapuram

It is drizzling. I cannot go for a long walk in beach. So I went to the noisy school where I wish to introduce my beloved friends.

Mr.Veerasamy Naiker.

He is a French government clerk. He is 35 years old. But his head is totally blurred. He is very stout like an elephant. He is versatile in nature and never opens his mouth. If he is angry he use mookupodi - an intoxicating powder which can be inhaled.

Mr. Kongana Bhattar.

He is the priest in local Vishnu temple. He is 7 feet tall. Special dothi has to be made for him. Veerasamy used to hit friendly in his skull. He is a very polite person. He never gets angry. I hope the star to become angry is being lost in his jathakam [astrology].

Mr.Narayana Chettiyar.

He is short, very rich and never work. He will visit Manakula Vinayagar temple on all Fridays. He never comes out of his home. I call him as "andhapuram Chettiyar - one who never leaves the palace.

Mr.Gurusamy Bahavathar.

He is a good music teacher in our town who teaches many children.

We all have gathered in our noisy school to Bhramaraayar's talks.

"Welcome Kalidasa! [Bharathiyar is being addressed as Kalaidasa in Pondichery even today], I am happy with your presence. We are having an interesting topic to discuss."

"What is about it?"

"It is about women"

"I am very fond about this title. Please talk, I can listen to you."

Bhramaraayar,

"Even men in India does not have voting right. It shows that Hindu are fools. But we can see many women in western nations are voting in elections. So even women can think about formation of government.

Australia, New Zealand, Denmark, part of USA and Canada has given rights to their women to vote. English women are also asking for this right. Minister Asquith is supporting in England.

Let us talk about Turkey where women are screened with pardha. Like a scent bottle women are being caged inside their homes. This is also happening in India. Our Hindu women are also being treated as slaves. Only thing we do not cage her in bed rooms. But our women are also slaves in our families.

In this context I wish to define the term called liberation and freedom.

"I can think and do every action as I wish and I am totally responsible for the cause and effect of my actions"

But do we accept this?

Miss.Ellison in Europe has published a book and it has been reviewed by **Mr.Jinaraajadaasa** from Srilanka. He is Buddhist. He got married to an English lady. He has written articles about Turkish women and liberation.

But we are still saying, "**Hay! Rama! Krishna! I forgot to perform sandhyavandhanam** [evening prayers]"

We all laughed!

Bhramaraayar continues, [**We want our modern women to thank the poet for raising the voice for women liberation after reading this**]

Our girls must get married only after puberty.

They must be given chance to choose their partners.

If a man is torturing a wife, if she wish she can apply for divorce. She must be set free to live as she wishes. Laws have to be framed for such women and society must support them.

Women cannot go for job. This will spoil her children's brought up. So she has to be financially supported by her parents. Father's property has to be shared among the sons and daughters.

Women must be free in all five BMIAC [**body-mind-intellect-awareness and consciousness**] levels. Men must respect them. Men must treat them with love and courtesy.

If a man treats his wife, his friends and neighbors must desert him.

Whether it is railway station, market and Varanasi city we must respect women. But it is very difficult for us! Why?

Like the snail and shell brothers and sisters of a family has to be treated. Girls in Hindu families are known as slaves. But irresponsible boys are respected as heads of the home. I cannot accept this foolish belief.

First our educated Indians must bring this change in their families which will be immediately followed by uneducated people of the nation.

There came my daughter and called me for dinner. Bharamaraayar asked about my opinion in this concept. I said, ***"If I say Om Sakthi! And pray to the truth, all great concepts required for our development can be fulfilled!"***

I left for dinner with my prayers for our women."