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PERFECT WOMAN - 5. Mahakavi Subramanya Bharathiyar's article. [Translated Uni5 version]

* This article has been read out before many women in Pondichery by his first daughter **Srimathy Thangammal**.

We are very happy to translate and release this long article which reflects Mahakavi's mission about modern women. This will make us to rethink about some of the mistakes we are doing in bringing up of our girls in modern society under modern education system. This article is also reflecting many ideas of Dr.Maria Montessori about freedom and life.

Mahakavi writes,

"There is no doubt we will die at the age of 6 or 100. Death is a must for all of us. But the aim of human birth is to live happily till that death. That is the right of our birth. That can be the only great duty to perform on this Earth.

Indians in South Africa

To enjoy the real bliss of life we all need freedom. Freedom will make us to draw our own limits with which everyone can enjoy the life with happiness. In this context I wish to convey what **Mr. Parameshwaran Pillai** spoke in **Kolkatha Congress** meeting in 1896. He talked about the slavery in South Africa.

" Our Hindhusthan people are treated as slaves in South Africa. This is happening for many generations. We cannot travel anywhere in Africa without permission card. We cannot spend our nights outside. We cannot reside in cities. We must live in areas which are real slums at the out skirts of their towns.

We can travel in trains only in third class coach. If the police wish we will be pulled down and thrown out. We cannot even step into first 2 classes. We cannot cross single path in villages. [We must connect the same situation in India. We are ill-treating our own friends based on casts.] Same is happening to us in abroad. We cannot walk across public places as we wish. Sometimes they spit and abuse us saying "Hoose" in their local language. We all are doing the same to our own people. Better we all die because of poverty and famine. We must not go to South Africa. Our freedom has

been stamped by the foreigners. Government cannot save us."

Society reflects us

But all the above horrible problems are also happening in our own nation where the great poetess **Owaiyaar** lived. She was born and brought up in Tamil country where **Devi Meenakshi, Alli Arasaani and Rani Mangamma Devi** ruled the country in the past. In this sacred brave land all the above said ill-treatment are happening to our own people by us.

Have we changed - Question to modern women from us?

Women in India cannot walk freely anywhere. We are living in separate parts inside our own homes. We are given special coaches in trains. Many men even talk ill about us and think we are the most weaker sexes on this Earth. Men abuse us in many ways. Even we are not allowed to talk with all. They also write wrong about us. So we need to change the situation as soon as possible.

Let us follow **Mohan Das Karamchand Gandhiji's** advice which he is implementing in South Africa. We are fighting against the British through non-violence. Same way let us handle our home situations. **"Let us fight against injustice through justice"** says Gandhiji. This has to be accepted by us for our freedom.

Mahabaratha Gurushetram war

Our enemies are in form of our own fathers, brothers, in-laws, lovers and husbands. How to make them aware about our needs? We have to face a Gurushetram war once again within our families. I am also visualizing our self as Arjuna. But we cannot hold weapons against our families. **[In this context we have to think about modern women killing husbands, parents for love and illegal affairs]** We must be always calm - sadhwik in nature.

If a man torture us what can we do?

"I will like to live a free life. I am not a slave. Treat me as equal as you to you!" This can be the slogan we have to convey to our family men. Beyond that if they ill-treat you accept that and surrender to the truth called God. By this sadhwik behavior we can change them slowly. Today is the time to start that calm revolution! Today is the good day with good time to do it! Be aware about our needs!

Like Hiranyakasipu, Zaar has been a worst dictator who is in jail now. British are welcoming us to save our own land. It is a fun. We can feel the storms of freedom blowing all across the nation.

What should I convey to my husband about freedom?

"Treat me with love and respect. I am equal to you in all levels. If you ill-treat me I will cook and eat only for me. I will never do any work for this house. This is my home. If you throw me out I will die in the roadside."

To convey these women must be first free from luxurious life, materials, sensual pleasures and comforts of life. These will make us slaves again to men. [This point has to be analyzed by modern women in India]

Mother Sakthi - truth will be our real support for this dharma yutham. Vedhae Mathram!"

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