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PERFECT WOMAN - 3, Mahakavi Subramanya Bharathiyar's article

Through various articles our Mahakavi has introduced many real characters. Through them he has spoken. In this article he is making us to meet Mrs.Vedhavalli of Pondichery. Through her the poet is making the women to become aware about life and feminism. Let us listen to Bhathiyar.

This article will clearly talk about the Vedhantham - analyzing a concept always with intellect. But we need to get into the **vivegam – practical awareness** which is so called the practical awareness which alone will help us to evolve. Most of us are only in intellect level we must get into the real awareness. Mrs.Vedhavalli is the symbol of vivegam.

Mahakavi talks as follows,

"Vedhapuram Vedhavalli

Mrs.Vedhavalli is a well-known feminist who has been given full freedom by her husband Mr.Gopal Iyer. He is a rich man who got voluntary retirement from French government. He is a self-boasting personality by nature. She can go anywhere on her own in Pondichery and take part in all gatherings. She has 4 children. She is one among the few who knew both English and Tamil. She is also learning Sanskrith. She has a cook to care the home. We also thank women like her for initiating women liberation in Tamil Nadu.

I was talking with Mr.Rama rayar about Adhi Shankarar's commentary for Bhrama Suthram. There came Mrs.Vedha valli with the article "women's' success""ஸ்த்ரீகளின் ஜெயம்" which got published in Swedesamithran regarding voting rights of UK women.

"It looks very funny to see people like you talking about Bhrama sutra when you are also talking about freedom" laughed and said Mrs.Vedhavalli. We kept quiet.

"Anne Besant came to India and she has started supporting us. Now she is in trouble. Why cannot you all fight against for her? It looks odd to see you all with ancient concepts"

Ramarayar became angry and he started walking out. I made him to calm down and we both asked Mrs.Vedhavalli to continue her argument.

"Mr.Rayar sees this news. English women have been permitted to vote for elections. But you always say that this universe is true and all other things are maya - illusion. How long you all can talk like this in India?" - Vedhvalli was very angry with us.

She got some water from my daughter and quenched to put off her anger. Then she continued her talk. Ramarayar does not believe in freedom, national movement and other political issues. He said that Vedantists must talk and research only about truth called Bhramam through scriptures. So he was not appreciating her comments.

"It is very bad to see men like you. Once you all were behind Besant. Today when she talks about freedom and swedesh movement you could not accept her. Men do not have even 1\4 courage what

women have. In all nations we have more life span than you. We are very strong mentally than men.

"If you all say Seetha Devi is a fool, why then her husband went behind the deer. This shows that men are double time foolish than us."

"Women are good only to gossip" says Ramarayar.

"There is no men equal to Besant in this nation. did you read her talk with the Governor?" - Vedhavalli.

"I am going home" said Rayar. I made him to sit and listen to Vedhavalli.

"Our Indian women must participate in social events and they must also join with social activists for freedom. Till that happens there cannot be real freedom even in families. We can know much about men who lived in past. But today our men are weak. It is very bad to see their behavior. Like Besant our women can also govern and rule this nation. Men can talk Vedantham and work as clerks under English officials. Have you listened to Miss.Sarojine Naidu's talks? She is a very bold woman who talks truth. Men have to be like her. We also appreciate English women for their rights.

So it is very clear that Indian congress men must also talk with English women for freedom. So congress must allow Indian women to address in London. I am good in English. I can also represent this nation. This is the courage I have cultivated within me. I thank my husband for making me like this. I can get voting right for Indian women. I do not trust men like you!"

Ramarayar also accepted her concept and said that he is now only interested in Bhrama suthram. Vedhavalli became very angry and left the place."

[I pray to Lord Ganesha that modern Indian women must have vivegam in much thinking about her physical personality, free love, blind belief in following western culture, disrespecting our traditions and culture, irresponsibility in child care and giving much importance only to materialistic pleasures through her earnings. The so called vivegam must be implemented by her for the betterment of her family and society. But we also see several Indian women being aware about their social responsibility.]

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