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A POET'S LEGEND - 3. Kasi - Land of death
[Mahakavi Subramanya Bharathiyar's life]

Before start reading and relishing the articles in this topic, we request you to read and have an idea about SAL ENERGY, Uni5 system, BMIAC concept. After reading the article you can analyze and link the poet or the incident to the concepts which you have

understood for more depth learning. Then you also try to link yourself with the poet's life and situations and think about your actions. This will help you to evolve more. **These articles can be acted as simple skits to introduce the poet to children and public.**

Kasi - Benaras - Varanasi is the spiritual nerve for Hindus. This city is known as "land of death". This city teaches us about the death to body and moksham. Bharathiyar was blessed to live for some time in his uncle's home in Kasi after his father's death. He has been sent there to get educated. He has been believed to take good safe job to lead a safety materialistic life. But the poet has utilized his Kasi life to transform his external and internal characters. Kasi made him to realize the real need for freedom for the nation and self to see the universal truth. He has learned many spiritual lessons through various gurus, leaders, avadhoothies and saudus. But he has to face tough time in his own family which stood against his transformations. But he sees them as his own ego's reflection. This article will help us to understand the poet more.

He was able to differentiate the acceptable and unacceptable traditions, customs and rituals.

He strongly believed that external change is a must to initiate internal transformation.

He did not worry about the tough times which his family gave to him.

He was least interested in English system of education.

He was craving for the real learning which can convey the truth in most creative manner.

He learned Hindhi, Sanskrith and English.

He understood the language patterns and learned to talk easily.

He was also thorough with the concepts of his subjects by which he could avoid blind memorization.

He visited many shrines, meetings, spiritual gatherings, political gatherings and also understood the need for nation's freedom.

He could see how England has suppressed us with tough laws.

He changed his physical appearance and faced very tough time in family.

He has been complained to his wife about his changes.

His family members worried whether he will become a freedom fighter and atheist.

But his family people cared him and showed their responsibility in bringing up after his father's death.

We thank Mr.Krishna Shivan and his wife Kuppammal [poet's father's younger sister and her husband] for their various help. He studied in Jay Narayan Intermediate School affiliated to Central Hindu College. He got through in entrance examination for Allahabad University but did not joined for higher studies.

Interesting things about Kasi life:

Bharathiyar used to walk for a very long time in the evening across the Ghats of Ganga. This gave him the chance to meet many people.

He used to have funs with his friends in school. He took many leaves. He was least interested in classes which could not make him to understand the concepts.

He has never studied for long hours. But he understood the patterns and passed in first class.

He started growing mustache. He started growing hairs and wear turban. But he has accepted these physical changes not for fun with great inner meaning.

A joke at school:

One of his friends asked, "Is there any funeral in family every week?"

Bharathiyar, "what do you mean?"

Friend," Yes! Why you always shave your face every week. In north India we shave and remove our mustache only for funerals!"

He learned to draw cartoons and write jokes in his class rooms.

Kasi life transformed the poet to seek external and internal freedom and made him to live a fearless life forever till his last breath on September 11th, 1921, midnight 1.30 A.M.

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