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**Topic: GREATNESS OF ISLAM - Mahakavi Subramanya
Barathiyar's talk in Pondichery in 1920 in a Muslim seminar**

We feel very glad to translate the talk of our great poet who has understood the oneness of all. In 1920 he was invited to address about Islam religion in a seminar arranged by Muslim people of Pondichery in South Pudhumanai Street in Pottal Pudhur. The following article is very clear about the truth which is only one. It is also making us to clarify many doubts about Islam and spirituality. We feel happy to publish this article for the Ramzan festival [August 20th, 2012]. This article makes us to understand more about Vedic

concepts in Advaitam level.

Mahakavi Barathiyar talks as follows:

" Dear friends!

I need your permission to sing the following Tamil song which I have written upon Islam. I have listened keenly to the "Paathiha" in Arabic language.

"Allah! Allah! Allah!

You are the light for the entire universe.

You have made all the celestial bodies to spread and function in this space!

You are the leader of the universe who cannot be measured with my mind and words!

You are unconditional in your blessings!

You will accept all of us!

Illiterates, cowards, cunning minds, penance less, good souls all are equal to you!"

First I wish to tell why I got involved in Islam. Once I got the chance to read about Mohamad Nabi's life in English. I was much impressed about him.

Mecca city.

Priests who believe in idol worship have gathered.

It is the annual gathering for all the priests across the country.

It is also festival time.

Nabi also belongs to such priest community.



Arabians were worshipping several idols like the present fanatic Hindus blindly!

Mohamad Nabi stood and started addressing as follows, "I have seen Allah [truth] obviously. I am his messenger and devotee who have accepted him. Please understand there is only one truth which is called God. There cannot be several Gods.

La e la ha ill Allah - There is no other Allah than this Allah.

He does not have a granite body. He is not made of flesh and blood like man. But he is omnipresent and being the truth hidden in all. He has the form of all physical body of all beings. He is in the form of wisdom

and truth. So install him in your mind and offer your prayers instead of performing rituals without any understanding! Continuously pray him inside you! This is called Islam! Those who follow this Islam will sure realize that truth and attain salvation! It is time for us to go beyond the idols and rituals. We must attain wisdom about this truth which is called Allah!

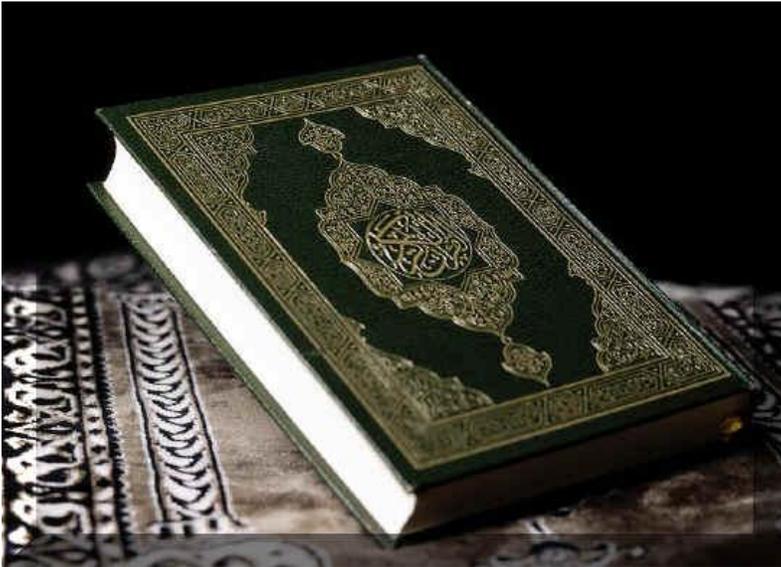
By listening to this priests made fun of him. But his son-in-law Ali stood and said that he will trust his words and follow that for his own transformation. Later his wife Kadheja Beve accepted Nabi's concepts and followed him.

It is very easy to make others to accept your ideas but not your own people. Nabi faced the same though time in making his men to accept his concepts about spirituality.

All these happened in 622 A.D. Slowly Islam got recognized all across Arabia. In this context he has been saved by his truth - Allah from enemies. When we think about this we feel surprised how it is difficult for human mind to be fearless through real surrender to God at tough times.

"My God will care me, I am feared less" says a true devotee. Man is like the bomb which cannot be suppressed by any negativity if he has true devotion which is called surrender to God! Nabi's Islam conveys this message to whole mankind.

God's realization within us makes us to stand boldly before the snakes. Nabi has faced many such



tough times. But he was saved by his truth - Allah. Once he stood alone upon a sand dune in the desert observing and witnessing the truth. He saw that truth as Allah.

Nabi was able to attain the wisdom of the truth and saw the rays of lights of truth. I wish to compare and inter connect the

same pattern within Nabi with the great Indian spiritual tutor Sukar. For him every being appeared to be his tutor conveying the truth.

Nabi is a great wise man. He is a good merchant. He is a great devotee. He is great scholar. He knew how to balance the reality with the truth and to live a happy life on Earth.

He did not worry about what others said and commented about his concepts. Because he was very clear about his concepts about truth. So he has sacrificed his wealth, procession, luxury and rewards. Even he was least worried about his safety of life. All these were because of his realization of the truth called Allah!

He was born to Abdullah and Aameena in 570 A.D. Though he was an illiterate he has understood the universal pattern and attained the wisdom of truth soon. His 8 weddings with various women reflect his acceptance of situation to balance certain realities of life.

He traveled across many nations for trade and understood the concepts of Jews and Christians and also recognized the Old Testament. He started thinking depth about the universal truth and idol form of worship with blind rituals.

What is God?

In this context I wish to convey few concepts about truth of this universe in connection with spirituality. This universe is for being ever. This is functioning forever. There is wind blowing across the land. Like that our mind is wandering and observing. Sthula and sukshma particles [final particle of the atom which cannot be further divided] are functioning with the speed which cannot be defined and measured. The force which is making all these actions is define as "energy". I call this as "sakthy"

