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ASSOCIATES OF BHARATHIYAR - 8. PILLARS OF LOVE AND
COURAGE

High court judge Mr.V.Krishnasamy Iyer and Police deputy commissioner Mr.A.Krishnamurthy Iyer were 2 great personalities elder than Bharathiyar who have admired his talents. They have rendered various help to this poet till his death without making others to know about them. We salute both atmans in this context! These 2 great men were the real cause for making the poet to shift to French Pondichery!

We also remember Sr.V. Sarkarai Chittiyar. He was a well-known Christian merchant. He was very rich. He was mesmerized by Bharathiyar's poems. He understood national movement thoroughly through the poet and supported many freedom fighters. He lived in Chennai. But he was little fearsome. He became the Mayor of Madras later.

We also say "namasthe!" to Mandayam Sreenivasacharya who supported the poet in Pondichery. Later he also accompanied the poet to Thiruvallikeni and lived very near with him. His daughter Yadhugiri was another great devotee of the poet who has recorded many unique incidents and published a book "Bharathi ninaivugal" later. Bharathiyar cared her as her 3rd daughter.

We also thank Mr.Duraisamy Iyer who will melt out of emotion when he listens to the poet's songs. He has helped him by giving so much of money. He was one among Bharathiyar's dear most friends. He has never exposed his service to others. He was so humble and polite. After the poet's death he was the one who cried for a long time with his separation!

Thirunelveli Neelakanda Bhramachari was another close associate of Mahakavi. He was an accused from Thirunelveli in a case against British. He was a member in Sathya Alasana Saba. He was very dark in complexion and started "Suryodhyam" magazine in which Mahakavi wrote few articles and poems.

Kodiyalam V.Rangasamy Iyengar

He was a rich personality in Trichy district. He was well known for his greatness in encouraging freedom fighters. He was also a land lord. British Governors had close and healthy friendship with him. He was a disciple of Arabindo. He has published Lord Byron's poems about slavery and distributed

among the public to become aware about freedom. But he was not much aware about Bharathiyar's talents. He could not understand him.

Iyengar was staying in his guest house in Nagai [a village near Tanjavur]. Suddenly there came a horse cart around 11 A.M when he has finished his morning meals. He saw a balled headed man getting down from the cart. His face was clear. His eyes were red and powerful. He was wearing a shirt and coat. He came inside the guest house. No one can identify him. But Iyengar identified him as Bharathiyar. They were shocked to see him in that form. He was taken to the upstairs. He was searched by the police at that time.

He stayed there for a week. He was introduced as "Sundaram Iyer" to Iyengar's associates. That time was very nice. The poet sang many of his poems and spoke with fun and comedy. Later I announced he was Bharathiyar and every one was surprised.

Surendernath Arya [Andra Pradesh]

"Dear Indian men! Do not be proud about your mustache. Even fish has that. But it is getting cooked by us. Do you want to get cooked by slavery for the English?" spoke Arya in Marina Beach once. He was a very close friend of our Mahakavi. He was short, smart and fair in complexion. He resembled Japanese men. He was imprisoned for 6 solid years. He was ill-treated by the police. He was spiritually directed by Danish Christian priests and converted into a Christian. Later he got married to a western woman. He came to see Bharathiyar in Pondichery from jail. Let us go back to the time line and see that incident.

It was around 7 A.M in the morning. Bharathiyar just had his coffee. Suddenly there came a man loudly shouting "Bharathy..." and hugged the poet and cried. Friends were immersed in the joy and sea of happiness. He was Arya who came out of jail after 6 years.

" Bharathy! I am worried. I believe that I am seeing you now! I got released just 2 months back. I was wandering and now at your home. I am very strong in my prayer that I must see you atleast once!"

"Arya! Jail has changed your body. Please eat first."

Arya took food and again they started sharing their mind.

"Bhrathi! I have been converted as a Christian. I cannot forget the help given by Dansih fathers."

"Arya! I expected this. This is not your mistake. It is the mistake with Hinduism! It is becoming a lifeless religion."

"When I came out of the jail no Hindus accepted me! They are scared of me!"

"If a Hindu who wants to fight for the truth goes like this what will happen to this nation? Can a wife commit suicide for her husband's sins? Can a husband take sanyasam for his wife's sins? I cannot advise you. I hope your priests may involve you in spreading the religion. So now it is your duty to listen to them."

Both of them spilled tears. Later Arya said, "Bharathi! I am leaving to USA. My priests are making arrangements. I am coming back later and meet you. So I wish to say good bye to you. I cannot take any other decision because I am not a Mahakavi with awareness like you!"

"I hope young men who has gone to western countries will marry those women and come back which is harm for this nation at least for 50 years. But do not mistake me for telling this truth. Please do what you wish to do and never forget this nation!"

Arya left that place and Mahakavi started talking to his self,

"Mother! if every son of your nation like Arya takes a decision what will happen? He is great man! He is Veera! Only you must save us!"

There was no money with Arya. Chellama asked her maid Amma Kannu to sell her ear studs and gave money to Arya. Later Arya send Rs.500 to Chellama and asked her to get a stud.

"Respected sister! You have helped me at the perfect context. I knew that you have sold your ear studs for me. Please accept this money and buy what you need. It is this brother's humble gift."

When Bharathi came back to Madras, Arya was back from USA with his USA wife who was very supportive to Arya in his mission. She accepted Bharathi's family and made arrangements in her big grand looking home in Madras - Veperi Arya respected Chellama as his sister and served her. Sagunthala [second daughter] was very much loved by Arya's wife. Arya's wife has accepted Chella cooking separately. Arya was one among the very few followers who took our poets body to the crematory ground. He gave his last speech about the Kavi and concluded the cremation ritual.

All these incidents show how people were aware about SAL ENERGY and consciousness. They have rendered their responsibilities in one way or other. Bharathiyar's wife also clearly understood her SAL

ENERGY and served her family associates.

Few gave money, some gave free medication, some gave places to stay, some gave food to eat, cloth to wear, some accepted his mission and started following in their life which has changed them and their family. So let us also think about SAL ENERGY and do what we can do for the nation.

OM SAKTHI!

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