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HOMAGE TO THE SPIRITUAL TUTOR Devi Niveyiditha - Important event from Mahakavi Bharathiyar's life.

We are very proud to write this article about 2 great divine characters that has set the mission for Indians especially for our women. We all are clear that Bharathiyar was the very first Tamil personality who spoke about women awareness. His poems, talks, writings are well known in this country. Today our women are living a comfortable materialistic life through education. We can also see our women being recognized all across the globe for their knowledge. Very often my professor Dr.Palanivel in PSG College says,

"All these girls must respect Bharathiyar than their fathers"

But we can also come across several incidents in the poet's family life which reflects his conflicting nature with his wife and society. He was also like a normal emotional husband in many situations. But his inner truth has given him the chance to become aware about the "truth of women" and he has totally transformed his attitude. There may be many situations in his life which looks harsh. They can be considered as the lessons given to his wife for her transformation. He has practically implemented all his sayings and thoughts in his family life with his wife and 2 daughters.

1. He was against the child marriage. His daughters got married only after their puberty.
2. They were given the freedom of choice, action, expression and thoughts. [He has made his daughters to give talks in stages especially about women liberation]
3. He has tried his best to take care of them even by giving up his SAL ENERGY.
4. He was constantly insisting his wife to follow his principles for her own transformation.
5. He was unconditional in his love, affection, way of living and relation.
6. He was a good husband who stood against free love, free sex and polygamy.
7. He accepted his wife as she was.

8. He respected women as Goddess Sakthi and appreciated women's pride.

9. He considered his women associates and India as the same.

10. He stood first to talk about women liberation in all 5 [BMIAC] levels. Without him I can say our women could not even dream even to go for school finals and being free like today.

But something must have happened to this man which has transformed his attitude with women. What it is? His life has hidden with many mysteries. There are many events which cannot be explained and decoded. But we are blessed to know certain screened events in his life which has brought out several truths about his life. Let us go to Kolkatha....

Sacred banyan tree

1905, Congress meeting has been arranged in Kasi By Sri **Gopala Krishna Gokhale**. Our poet has been invited with many other freedom lovers. They attended the congress meeting and left to Kolkatha for few days. They had a warm welcoming in Anandha Mohan Das's huge house. There was a very big garden with an old banyan tree. When Bharathiyar saw that tree he got the vision of Geetha upadesam given by SriKrishna to Arjuna under a banyan tree in Gurushetram. For a long time he was staring at that tree. As he follows and practice advaitham - one ness in all, he connected himself with tree's soul-atman.

Bharathiyar says,

"I am filled with the spirit of national freedom after this congress. My mind is full of new freshness. I also composed few poems under this banyan tree. I thank God for making my trip to Kolkatha after Kasi meeting where I got my very first spiritual initiation through a Guru [tutor]. But you will laugh at me when I talk about my Guru. My Guru is a western lady. Even I could not believe how I can accept a western woman as my Guru. But that is the truth. In Kasi I met her but spoke only about politics and did not give much importance to her presence. Even I had the ego about a woman's political responsibility. But when I came to know about her through her writings, her service to India especially for women through her school I have created a special regards for her.

She is **Matha Niveyditha**. She has been blessed by **Swamy Vivekanandha** as his spiritual daughter to convey his mission all across the west. Today she has settled in India and supporting our freedom movement. Her initiation made me to focus much in freedom movement and spirituality. She made me to become more aware about women's liberation. I have lost my mother at very small age and I think my mother has come as Mathaji to give me the wisdom of truth!



Before we left back to Madras we had an addressing by Mohanji in his house. Mathaji from Shambajar - Kolkatha came and joined with us. She appreciated our movement and asked us to be more aware. After the meeting I was pushed by my previous birth's sangalpa towards her. I introduced myself to her and sang "vangamay vaazhiya" song. This is about Bengal written by me. She appreciated me and I wish to record that conversation here.

Mathaji, "Like Tagore you are also a poet. So your responsibility is very much required for this freedom. Please continue singing patriotic songs to awake these Indians!"

Poet, "Mother! I went and observed your school for girls. I am also publishing a women magazine called Chakravardhine in Tamil."

Mathaji, "Good! Vibin Chandra Paul spoke about this. Where is your wife?"

Poet," How can I bring her to this place?"

Mathaaji, "Dear son! You are wrong! You are making the same mistake like others. India's 50 percent of population is women. How can we think to get freedom without their support and involvement in freedom struggle? By forgetting them what can be your service to this nation?" - These words have given the real awareness about women liberation.

She continued, "I am also a woman. Men and women must equally participate in a nation's development. You must respect women. Trust their power! Whatever may be the greatest task we plan it has to be supported and accepted by women. Do not throw them into the darkness of ignorance and try to enlighten yourself."

Then she held my hand and took me to the banyan tree. She asked me to see a direction and said, "son! Please see Bharatha Devi Matha!"

I saw our Bharatha Matha in gigantic form across the whole universe with these eyes and internal vision. She gave me the real spirit and spiritual initiation to commit myself for this nation. I had the darshan of Bharatha matha for few minutes. I stood like a stone pillar. Slowly Mathaji brought back me to the reality and offered me a banyan leaf as her prasadam - token of awareness.

"Dear son! Can you feel the vibrations of your poems? They have made the consciousness to stand as Bharatha matha before you!" - Mathaji.

From that moment patriotic poems are raising within my mind and I was able to compile them as "Swedesiya Geethangal". I have offered those poems as Guru dakshinai to Mathaji's sacred feet.

In the preface for that edition Bharathiyar writes as,

"I have been spiritually initiated by Matha Niveyditha. She gave me the inner darshan of Bharatha Matha. This is like Krishna's viswaroopa darshana to Arjuna. Matha has taught me about the real serice and sacrifice. I am adorning her feet with this book as my dakshina! [1909] I am honoring the lotus feet of Matha Niveyditha with the songs of freedom."

Bharathiyar must have attained the inner freedom through her initiation.

Poet's moaning

Pondichey, 1919, October 14th. Bharathiyar did not eat anything. He did not even take bath. His friends were enquiring about him It was late evening. He got into Sri Swamynatha Deekshidar's house. Deekshidar's son Mr.Kunchithapadham enquired about his delay in coming home. He was restless and tired.

"Do you know my Guru has shed her body today?"

Bharathiyar took the news letter from his coat pocket and gave to read. He then read the news and cried. He called her as "**mother! Mother!**" and shed tears. He also sang few poems in praise of her.

"Mother! You followed what Lord Buddha said. You loved every one."

Today we thank Mathaji for making the poet a Mahakavi and great siddar.

OM SAKTHI!

Madras, September 21, 2012 [Photo - Niveyditha with Matha Sharadha Devi]