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Sree Narayana Guru - A Superhuman

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Apart from renowned philosopher and spiritual leader, Narayana Guru was a social reformer. Narayana Guru, as a social reformer, unique in nature stands aloof from the so-called social leaders who always have an eye on monetary benefit and position. Narayana Guru came to the scene as a savior of downtrodden innocent people lost in dejection and despair. Bhagavat Geetha says whenever there is decay of righteousness, and rise of adharma, God incarnates for the establishment of dharma and for the destruction of the wicked. Ever since the namoothiris from the north migrated to Kerala, clouds of adharma spread in the horizon of Kerala where caste system or religious bias was unknown. The ruthless and selfish namoothiris applied malicious stratagems to expunge the then existing gorgeous casteless society to create a set up to amass wealth, exploit the society and enjoy their life. They started to create different caste like kshathriya, Sudra collectively called savarnas and another group called avarnas to protect their stake. They yoked them and kept the bridle-reins secured in their hands. Thus, the society was broadly divided into savarnas and avarnas, the avarnas with several divisions and sub-divisions, and the society was bleak except for the privileged savarnas. Due to the aryanization of Kerala the previous generations of particular groups were placed in hardship and suffering. When the one time land lords shining at the apex of the society with limitless amenities and respect are found driven down to the level of nothingness, the center of hatred and humiliation reminds us of the saying, "What goes around will come around".

In order to put an end to the wretched conditions of

the oppressed mass, the principles used by Narayana Guru were unity and strength thru organization, freedom thru education and financial stability thru industry. Before he applied these techniques, Guru wanted the people aware of the importance of necessity of cleanliness and hygiene and creates self-respect and confidence in them. Several were the temples in Kerala where the devotees gather for worship with bodily cleanliness and purity of mind. However, the people stamped as avarnas were not permitted to enter those temple due to the prestigious approach of the upper class. Narayana Guru started from their and he provided them with what was forbidden to them by establishing temples for them all over Kerala, the first being the aruvippuram temple. This was psychological approach of Narayana Guru to create positive thinking in those who were denied the primary needs and social justice. The very inscription on the walls of the aruvippuram temple that it is the model center for all human beings indicates that the temples established by Narayana Guru were different in concept from traditional temples. When the oppressed started worshipping the same deities as the so-called upper class (savarnas), a positive thinking that they were not less than anybody else was developed in them and a new vigor was ushered in the bleak community of the oppressed. Narayana Guru, by establishing temples was in fact laying the foundation for their advancement. The question arose that being an advaitin, how could Narayana Guru install idols in temples and encourage the people to worship stones. Narayana Guru had given a legitimate answer to these questions as, "When a man goes to the temple

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he is only thinking of God and not stone images. They were confused only when people ask them to look for stone images as nobody worship stones". What implies from this is that do not confuse the innocent people by tricky questions and do not try to fish out of troubled water as the religious converters generally do. When the essence of all religions is properly, grasped people will not go astray like the blind man about the elephant mistaking parts as the whole.

Guru could convince the people the meaninglessness and the absurdity of conversion by the logic approach that all religions carry same essence and aim at making perfect human, and same divine light is illuminating in them. There is a propaganda going on that St. Thomas came to Kerala and converted a number of upper class namboothiris to Christianity and that the Kerala Christians belong to namboothiri heritage. The ezhava children being brought up in this country should know this fact when they are humiliated by the Christian children on the false belief that they belong to a generation converted from namboothis. The fact is that there were no namboothiris in Kerala at the time of St. Thomas and that Kerala Christians are consisted of different castes. Since the awareness of parity of divinity resolves the problems of discrimination, Guru very well puts in athmopadesasathakam that what we separate as you, me, he, she etc is the being of the Supreme Power. Everything converges to one point, the Absolute Truth - Omkaram. The ultimate aim of Guru is the spiritual uplift of the entire humankind which he proved by installing a mirror in the place of deity with inscription, "OM".

Realizing the fact that human beings have natural proclivity for revenge, Narayana Guru advised the oppressed mass not to develop any feeling of hatred and thirst for revenge even though they had become the victims of brutality of the savarnas. Instead, he taught them the lessons of love and kindness and he wrote in athmopadesasathakam, that what a person performs for his happiness should be aimed to bring happiness to others also.

It is a matter of honor that great men like Romain Rolland, Rabindranath Tagore and Mahatma Gandhi have paid tribute to Narayana Guru. Gandhiji was so much inspired and impressed by Naryanana Guru's activities and ideas to uplift the oppressed mass that he change the name of his periodicals from Navajeevan to Harijan. Gandhiji was applauded and praised by doing so, but Narayana Guru got no credit.

In a short period, due to superhuman qualities, Guru completely changed the community and guided other communities also to achieve progress. The teachings of Narayana Guru breeze through the whole world and comfort every one regardless of caste, creed and nationality at this time when the whole world is burning in the inferno of religious hatred and turmoil. It is the responsibility of the followers of Narayana Guru to learn more and more about Guru and spread his gospel around the world.

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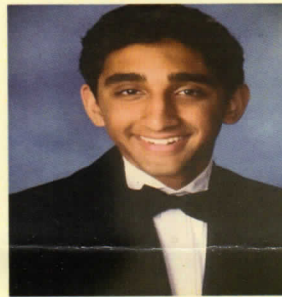
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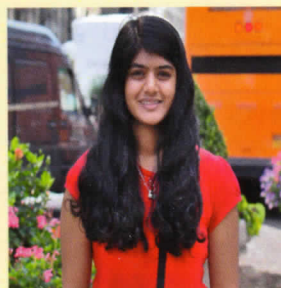
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There are some Universal Beings who remain beacon lights for human life and dignity. It is left to us to re-interpret them in the light of changing challenges. Sree Narayana Guru was one such a holy saint, a noble teacher, a great philosopher, a bold reformer, and above all a greater nation builder, who used those "most valuable and the most instructive materials in the history of man treasured up in India" to make elaborate and positive changes in the lives of millions of people. Narayana Guru used that Indian Spiritual knowledge to educate the people at a "supremely dangerous moment in human history," and He used that "ancient Indian way" for rescuing millions and showing the way to our ancestry. He made "it possible for the human race to grow together into a single family" by the use of those ancient teachings. He changed the thinking process of many of the leaders and common people of India including that of Mahatma Gandhi.

Shree Narayana Guru immensely radiated Spiritual knowledge of Bharath (India) throughout his life. His every action, every word He said and wrote and even his silence contained an enormous amount of influencing radiant Spiritual knowledge, which drove in a message or another of our ancient scriptures of India.

Narayana Guru was a gentle voice with the power of a storm behind that voice, who educated humankind that the pilgrimage to God is only through service to human. Narayana Guru said: "Let be the religion what it may be, human must be good".

The followers of Narayana Guru should sense the great creative responsibility lies ahead of them in making Narayana Guru's philosophy the living force of unitive understanding with a social dimension and thus find a resolution for all the issues facing the world today.

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