

From the Editor's Table

In the fiftieth year of our country's independence Vaiharai carries two articles which are related to our Motherland. The first one by Dr. A. Pushparajan (H. O. D. of Inter religious Relations; Kamaraj University; Madurai) explores the image of a liberated person according to Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation and arrives at the conclusion that a person is liberated only when he engages himself to bring about structural changes in the Society through voluntary suffering of oneself. In the process the oppressed is liberated and the oppressor is converted!

The article by Dr. Paul Leon (St. Paul's Seminary, PB 36; Trichy 620 001) studies the influence of the West on the writings of Aurobindo, a modern Indian philosopher. Not only Greek philosophy, developments in psychology, theory of evolution, and modern western philosophy, but also the lived christianity of our times have had their deep impact on his writings. At the same time his rootedness in Indian thought makes him bring about a happy marriage between East and West.

The last article "Spirituality of Physics" by Dr. Francis Xavier, S.J.; Loyola College, Chennai-600 034) seeks to reconcile Science and Spirituality as a fusion of the 'how' and the 'why' of the universe. He demonstrates that the science of physics has a spirituality and it consists in recognizing the ascending order of consciousness of God's presence which is at work in the created beings in the universe. It paves the way to grow from a knowledge of the universe into the wisdom of how the universe functions and to find God's presence even in an atom!

The editorial team wishes all the readers of Vaiharai a happy Diwali, liberation from darkness to Light.

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