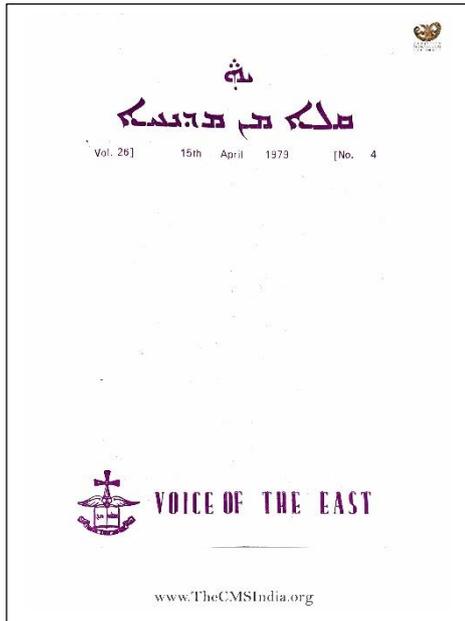


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EDITORIAL

ASSYRIAN JOURNALS

The Assyrians scattered in many countries are trying to preserve their identity, culture, and language. Several organizations are doing their best for the same. Some are interested to get autonomy for the Assyrian nation in the Kurdistan area. Others think that it is a demand that may not bring any desired results under the present circumstances.

Several magazines are being published for the preservation of the Assyrian language and culture. The latest such attempt is *the Assyrian observer* published by Mr. Andreos Mama Jotyar who used to publish *The Assyrian* when he was the secretary of the Assyrian society of Great Britain. The first issue makes it clear that he has no partisan view on politics or Church to propagate. Let us hope that the *Assyrian observer* from England will serve the cause of the impartial, intellectual Assyrian.

Nineveh is a magazine that began publishing from California last year. It also has a good standard. *Beth Nahrain* began about five years ago and *Assyrian Star* which is an older brother among the English Assyrian publications is also serving the Assyrian cause. *The quest* from Chicago, *The unity* published by the Assyrian Iraqi club in Australia since August 1977 are some of the Assyrian publications that help the English speaking readers to be informed of Assyrian culture, history etc. Most of these publications have Assyrian and Arabic sections in addition to the English articles.

Voice of the East which is primarily a religious magazine wishes to restart printing Assyrian (Aramaic) section. We wish to start with a book *Teach Yourself Aramaic* from the next issue.

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EASTER MESSAGE 1979

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To
The clergy and faithful of the Church of the East in India.

Dearly beloved in the Lord

"Do not be amazed: you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you."

(Mark 16:6,7)

These words were spoken by the young man sitting by the right side of the tomb dressed in white robe. It was in response to the search of Mary Magdalene, Mary, mother of James and Salome who went to the tomb on the first Easter morning. It was an unexpected turn of events for the mother of James and her friends. That is the reason why we read in the following verse that "they went out and fled from the tomb: for trembling and astonishment had come upon them and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid."

Jesus rose from the dead on the third day. His body was in the tomb perhaps for one and a half day. He was buried towards the end of Friday. The body was in the tomb for a full day on the Saturday (Sabbath Day). On the early morning of Sunday he was risen. So it was the third day, although he was risen nearly 36 hours after his death. It is the fulfilment of the prophecy for the past several centuries.

This amazing words gave some relief to the followers of Jesus who had witnessed the sad scene of the crucifixion on Friday. When Jesus was risen all the sadness has disappeared. Christ conquered death. He gave his life a ransom for the sins of others, His own life was sinless. Still he died us sinners.

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16 Year Old Litigation Ends

Original suit 1061/62 was filed by O. T. Varied and Kadavi Varied on 6 December 1962 to declare the elections of Trustees and representatives invalid in additional Munsiff Court Trichur. The Court decreed that the injunction sought for cannot be granted as it is hit by section 92 of the C. P. C.

On the injunction application No. 13/1964 the plaintiffs requested for the appointment of Court Receivers. This application filed in 1964 was disposed of on 19 February 1965 by P. Meenakshi Amma, Additional Munsiff. In her lengthy order of 38 typed pages she wrote "considering all those aspects of the matter in detail and in the interests of justice and as a fair and proper measure I feel it just and convenient to place the administration and management of the plant Church in the hands of a receiver of court until the final disposal of the suit."

The order of this court was reversed in C. M. P. 8/65 of the additional District Court of Trichur by its judgment dated 4-2-1966. Plaintiffs preferred a revision of C. R.P. 1967 of 1966 before the Hon'ble High Court and by the

On the day of Easter we should be reminded of the fact that Jesus Christ paid a price for us. We should be grateful to Him for purchasing us with precious blood on the cross of Calvary. But are we aware of the fact that we are bought with a price? If so, we should be doing the will of our Lord in all our doings. On this Easter day let us rededicate ourselves to our Saviour Jesus Christ who saved us from our sins and reconciled us with our Creator God.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all for ever. Amen

Trichur
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Nestorian Theology

NEW ADAM

St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive".¹ This important verse which speaks of the relation of Adam, and Christ is not quoted by Nestorius. However, Nestorius deals with this topic when his imaginary questioner, Sophronius, draws his attention to the later verses of the same chapter. Paul writes:

Court judge gave some more days. Finally the Trustees approached the High Court on 3rd April, requesting for a direction to the Dist. Court in Trichur to dispose of the CMA before 7th April, the date the court was to begin its summer vacation. Justice George Vadakel issued such a direction. On 4th April the District Judge heard the arguments of both sides and gave order on 7th April dismissing the appeal of the patriarchal party on the execution application.

At 1:30 p. m. on the same day the Court Receiver Mr. A. Venugopalan returned the charge to Mr. P. V. Paul, one of the Trustees from whom he took charge some twelve years ago.

At about 2:45 the patriarchal party obtained a two week stay from the District Judge himself to appeal against his own decision in the High Court. But since the Receiver had already handed over charge, this stay was of no value. They also filed a CMA appeal on the decision of the interim Application (I. A. 2613/77) they had filed in the Munsiff Court which had delivered its common order on 21 March 79. But since CMA appeal on the EA 94/78 has been disposed off, its doubtful whether another CMA on another part of the common order can be disposed off differently.

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Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam because a living being, the last Adam became a life giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual which is first but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven.' Just as we have borne the image of the man of heaven.

According to Loots, *Bazaar of Heracleides* clearly shows "a new line of thought":³ when Nestorius speaks of Adam and Logos. As Adam lost the image of Logos which he received at the time of creation, the Logos Himself came down to efface the fault of the first man. Thus the purpose of the Incarnation was to give back the original image to man. Loots remarks in this connection:

Only he (Logos) could do it; *apart from him there was nothing divine or honourable*, and only in the manhood could this renovation take place. Nestorius gives in this connection a complete answer to the question: *Cur deus homo?* and it is not only by physical categories as in Athanasius '*de incarnatione*' that Nestorius argues.⁴

Attention should be drawn to the fact that Nestorius in his biblical exegesis followed the literalistic, anti-allegorical method employed by Theodore of Mopsuestia and favoured in Antichene circles. Richard Norris states that it was "Theodore who propounded the undoubted original of the Nestorian Christology

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In one of the most recent works on this subject Robin Scroggs has something to say about the significance of Philippians 2: 5-11. He writes:

While the subtlety of the allusions in this passage defies positive identification, many scholars have argued that behind the obedient services of Christ lies a contrast with the disobedient self-assertion of Adam.²

After making mention of the arguments of some scholars, he concludes:

The difficulty is, of course, that these verses are likely a pre-Pauline hymn; thus reasoning from what Paul says elsewhere to this passage is not without its difficulties. Furthermore Paul nowhere else suggests that man covets divinity. To say more than that an Adamic allusion possibly may be found in Philippians 2 is unwarranted.³

Karl Barth concludes his excellent essay entitled *Christ and Adam, Man and Humanity in Romans 5*, stating:

Christ is not only God's Son; He is also a man who is not a sinner like Adam and all of us. He is a true man and in an absolute sense, and it is in His humanity that we have to recognize true human nature in the condition and character in which it was willed and created by God. To it there certainly belongs this unity of men and humanity.⁴

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NEWS

At a grand uncle's tomb

Mrs Odette Heinreich visited the tomb of late Mar Thimotheus Metropolitan in Trichur in March 1979. Her father Mr Yuav Jacob of Daly City, California had told her of his Mother's uncle Mar Abimalek Thimotheus who had left their forefather's village of Mar Bishu near Urmiah. It was a pleasant surprise for her to see the tomb of her great granduncle as well as his diaries, letters and some personal articles. She and her husband and their son Sargon were happy to see some Assyrians books copied in 14 and 16th century.

34th Death Anniversary

It was decided to observe the 34th death anniversary of the late Mar Thimotheus Metropolitan on May 1 at Marth Mariyam Church with requiem services in his tomb.

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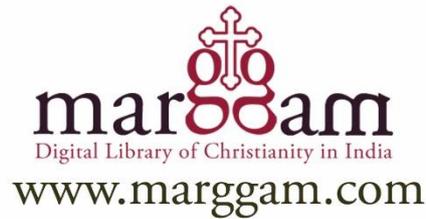
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