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TAMIL SOCIETY

ORIGIN AND EXPANSION

INTRODUCTION

1. Prof.T.P.M. says, “Culture is the basic one of the excellent life styles, exposers of the internal and external conducts and behaviours of human”.
2. Mathew Arnold says, “Characters of an individual to build a society is benefitted by the cultured people”.
3. In short, culture is micro level of civilisation. It is an internal part of human’s life.

Civilization:

1. Civitas > City > Civics > Citizen, this is a form of Latin. Nagar > Nagaram > Nagariam > Nagarigam city is the source of civilisation. Deltas of Rivers make men into cultivators. Yupratis, Digrees, Sindhu Valley, Cauvery, Vaigai, Porunai rivers made the civilisation on the banks of them. Agriculture is the factor of making cities and Nations. Prof. Dhakshinamurthy says that civilisation is the external part of human life style.
2. Culture and civilisation are not different; they are two sides of the same coin. These are interrelated in their aspects.

Culture and civilization

These two words show the development of thousands of years. They are divided into internal and external development. Man is the crown of all creatures. He is different from the other creations with his special characters. Mind is the cause for this difference. As a social animal while having the merger of customs and habits, he is needed to keep general welfare avoiding selfish. Love, mercy, shy, Truth, reciprocity are the qualities which guide him. These qualities are not belonging only to a particular race. They are general to mankind. Collection of these is called ‘Humane’. This one is fundamental of culture and civilization

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Knowledge and experience are expressed through man's characters. The development of human is exposed by his food, dress, shelter, music, sculpture, architecture and paintings. These are called external. They make man as happy. Countries like U.S. and European are the nations of external expansion; but India in the best in its internal culture. Swami Vivekanandar says, "Wealth of U.S. to India; Divinity of India to U.S. has to good".

Thiruvalluvar gives much importance to the characters, not to knowledge and education. He calls the men of good conducts and behaviours as "Sanror" (சான்றோர்). Their life is for others; not to themselves. They give up their life for the sack of others.

Familal life, Hospitality, Moral Warstyle, ethical ways of Love and affection, Goodness even in poverty, integrity are dominated in Tamils' life since the origination of the race.

ORIGIN AND EXPANSION OF THE TAMIL RACE

1. It is very hard to identify the origin of the race. Finding the origin of Tamil race is equal to explore the origin of the Tamil Language. Yet we come to an end to find out the period of this race with the help of Geologists, Anthropologists and Archeologists.
2. Geologists say that there was a huge and large landscape located in Indian Ocean near Southern Kumari point with a river and mountains.
3. German Scholar says that this landscape was suitable to the life of human. He came to an end that area was the origin of the man.
4. Scsott Eliot writes in his "The Lost Lemoria", the rocks of the south India and Sri Lanka are very old. From the western side of India, there was a large and lengthy mountain. The continuation of this mountain is Himalaya, Alps, Rocky and Andes of South America.

“Elangovadigal says in his Epic ‘Silapathikaram’, as

பஹுளி ஆற்றுடன் பன்மலை அடுக்கத்துக் குமரிக் கோடுங் கொடுங்கடல் கொள்ள்”

This means that a violent Tsunami attacked these river and mountains. They had drowned into the sea.

Lemurian Theory

1. The birthplace of man is still under research. One among the school of theories is very popular. That is Lemurian concept.
2. Sir Walter Rale, Hegal, John Evans, Scott Eliot and Holderness are the scholars who favour Lemuria are the cradle of Man's birth.
3. Etymologist Pavanar, Fr. Heras, Thani Nayaga Adigal, K.A. Neelakanda Sastri are the authors of this school of thought.
4. Alex Colier of U.S. says that Tamil is the first language in the world which was spell out by the first man.

Sources

1. Caldwell, Prof. Burrow, scholars from Russia and Finland also favoured that people of Sindhu Valley were Dravidians, whose language also Dravidian. Ramayana, Mahabharata, Mahavamsa of Sri Lanka cited Tamils and Tamil Nadu.
2. Resemblances among the words of Greek and Tamil.

ஆன்மா	-	Anima	நோய்	-	Nose
இஞ்சி	-	Senjim	புலி	-	Pelis
3. Sunith Kumar Chatterji says that civilisation was first born in India; from the oldest race of Dravidian people. Then only It had gone to Mesopotamia and Babylonian.

Tamil Race – Origin and Expansion

The Literatures originated before 2000 years at Sangam period were lying in natural style. They are proving with the excavations recently held in Tamil Nadu. Visitors from China, Greek and Rome give much informations about the ancient landscape and our culture.

V.A. Smith says, "Ancient Literatures of Tamil are very old and belonged to first three centuries of B.C."

K.A. Neelakanta Sasthriyar says, "Clarity of ancient Tamils history lies in the texts of very old period of Tamils".

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Hints delivered by Ptolomy, Pliny, Straubo, Periplus of the Erithriyan sea are similar in their reality

N. Subramaniam, the research scholar says, “The origination and development of culture in our race from the period of Maurya, 4 B.C. to the period of Pallavas 6 A.D”.

Hints on the inscriptions of Ashoka told about Chera, Chola and Pandia; Kjabagu of Srilanka and Cheran Chenguttuvan were the contemporarians

Also hints by Ramayana, Mahabaratha, Arthasasthra and Ashoka are the evidences of Tamils’ race. It is very hard to identify the accuracy of our Tamils’ race. One lettered word “கோ” denotes cow. “கோள்” is a word denoting cow in plural form. A person who raring cattles, has a stick in his hand to regulate the cows. He is called “Shepherd”. So we have to come to an end, in the pastoral land, the monarchial king system had to develop. Just like a shepherd regulating his cattle, the king also had to start regulating people with the sculpture.

Tamil race – Expansion

Man is a social animal. This one is very depth in its meaning. No one can’t live alone in the world. Evolution Theory of Darwin expresses this fact through its struggle for existence and the survival of the fittest, Tamils originated before Christ also are connected with others. Tamils had a good connection with the ancient civilized countries. They were at best in commerce with Greece, Rome, Egypt and Palestine. This one reveals the expansion of our Tamils.

Pepper, Ginger and cardamom cultivated by Tamils exported to the west Asian countries. Moses, the Jewish leader used our cardamom in his prayer.

Expansion of our trade and commerce with Sumeria had a long period which was before 4000 B.C. connection with Madagascar was started by our trade. Soboklees and Aristo Banes, the scholars had to use Tamil words in their writings.

Excavation of Arikamedu expressed the news on trade with Rome. People of Rome and Tamils had to merge with each other. The harbour of the river Nile, Alexandriya had a hundred of colonies in those days.

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Powerful ships were made with teak wood which was exported from Tamilagam in the Persian gulf.

Tamils had the richest connection with China, Malaysia, Thailand and North Boronia in those days. Goods from Tamil Nadu were sold in China even in 7 B.C.

Pattinappalai, Madurai Kanchi and Perumpanatruppadai talked about the horse business which were imported from Arabia; Trade and commerce were the keys to the expansion of Tamil race.

TAMILS WORLDWIDE

U.N.O. consists of 235 countries. Tamils are living in 154 nations out of those countries. Their life is comfortable, ten to 7 ½ Lakhs Tamils are there. More or less one lakh of Tamils is living in 20 Nations of those. They had gone to the Nations for their business and employment.

Language:

Most of the Tamils are having better life in Singapore, Malaysia, Penong and Re union, Mauritius, Fiji Islands also. South America, Canada, London also the countries are witnessing the existence of Tamils. Tamil students take their first language as Tamil in those countries.

Professors:

1. V.S.Rajan, George, L. Heart, Kowsalya Heart, SimLind Home, Indhira Narmon, A.K.Ramanujam are Tamil Professors in America.
2. Tamil researches are going on in the Universities of China, Japan and Poland.
3. Jaffna University is one of the popular institutions of Tamils.
4. Thamizh Sangam in New Delhi and New York, Tokyo, Minnesota are conducting cultural events often.
5. Tamil leaders Nathan, Aniruth Jayannath of Singapore and Mauritius were the Presidents of those Nations respectively.
6. Toronto of Canada, London, Peking of China, Tokyo, New York are the famous cities which gives luxurious life to millions of Tamil.
7. Varsa Universities of Poland appointed Indhira Parthasarathy and T.S.Sivasankaran as the Prof. of Tamil.

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8. Tamils make an another Tamilnadu in the gulf countries by their immense immigration.

Famous Tamil Personalities

1. Non-Resident Indians in U.S. European countries are having higher positions in the beurocracy and parliament in those Nations with their influence of the people. Some are industrialists in Tanzania, Uganda, Nigeria and east African nations. Abroad Tamils are celebrating their festivals also there. Tamil Associations of such nations are conducting cultural programmes. Minnesota of America has a festival of Tamil New year every year. At that time they are conducting “Vazhai Ilai Virundhu” which contains the tasty variety of veppampoo Rasam is very famous.
2. Indian youths from gulf countries and other foreign Nations, helped the victims of Gaja Storm in the Delta Region. They send money to the affected areas. And also, they had a fantastic service in the last summer in Tamil Nadu. They had done good public works like “Kudi Maramathu” for getting enough water.
3. Youngsters from foreign Nations sought immediate financial help the children and elders who are in very bad health conditions through the social media.
4. Sundar Pitchai from Madurai, Chandrasekar of Tata group of companies, Smt. Indira Nooyi from Chennai, pepci-co CEO, Mayilsamy Annadurai, Smt. Valarmathi of ISRO, Arunan Subbaiah of ISRO are very popular for their tireless service in their fields.
5. Dr. Kalam, Dr. K. Sivan from Kumari of ISRO head, Shiv Nadar of HCL are the personalities from Tamil Nadu.
6. The endless travel of Tamils from B.C centuries continues towards the direction of progress and fertility of our state and India.

Questions :

1. Write about the origin and expansion of Tamil Race.
2. Write in detail about Worldwide Tamils.