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## RELIGION IN STAMPS

by T. THANGARAJAH

The first stamp with a touch of religion issued in Ceylon may well be the one depicting the Adam's Peak (Sri Pada) of the denomination of 3 cents on 1st October 1936, during the Colonial days. Buddhists and Hindus, Eastern Christians and Muslims alike revere it as a holy place. The oldest Sinhalese literature refers to it as holy. The fact that King Nissanka of ages past, members of the ruling class of our Colonial days and rich men of the present day accustomed to European dresses and footwear and Sedan cars have toiled, still toil and will toil bare-footed up its rough way to worship at the shrine of the foot-print upon the summit over seven thousand feet, is itself proof of its holiness. Its holiness may be summed up better in John Still's words, "A more real holiness is shown by the fact that the girls of those castes whose women have from time immemorial made beauty their profession and its traffic their trade, will yield to no temptation while on pilgrimage to the peak, not even while their feet have still many miles to go before attaining the foot hills of the range from which the holy mountain springs".

Hindus claim that it is the foot print of Lord Siva left by Him when he performed a Cosmic dance. The Buddhists claim it to be Buddha's, left by Him on one of His visits to the Island and the Muslims and Christians claim it to be Adam's. The Eastern Christians also attribute it to St. Thomas. However there had never been a "Battle of the Crusades" and all these religionists and their various sects have continued to worship therein with one accord. Perhaps all religions meet in peace at the summit—the Heaven which is the ultimate goal of all religions.

Coming back to stamps and religion again, we find the issues celebrating the inauguration of the New Constitution touching on religion. This issue was on 25th November 1947. The denomination of 10 cents shows the Sri Pada, that of 15 cents shows the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy and that of the 25 cents shows the

Ruanweli Saya at Anuradhapura. The latter may well be classified to belong more to Archaeology than to religion.

But the first stamps to be issued with any real meaning to the Buddhist religion and its canon were issued to mark the 2500th Buddha Jayanthi in May, 1956. This is really an epoch in the Buddhist era and the stamps—only the denominations of 4 cents, 10 cents and fifteen cents—not only are self-explanatory of the Buddhist doctrine but also are of intrinsic value by way of religious sentiments. It took well over another ten years for the next issue of stamps with a religious theme; and that is the issue commemorating the first anniversary of the granting of Poya day holidays for religious observances instead of the imposed Sunday holiday of the Colonial regime. The stamps need no comment as the theme is quite clear from even a cursory glance at them—the customary worship and observances and places of reverence are depicted therein.

At this juncture a note about the issue of stamps to commemorate at least one notable religious observance of each of the three other religions practised in Ceylon is not out of place. Subject to correction, "Thai Pongal" or "Deepavali" for the Hindus, Prophet's Birthday or another event for the Muslims and may be Christmas for the Christians can well be the themes for issues if they are being contemplated.

This brings one to the number of stamps issued in recent times by various countries on religious themes, chief of which and common to many appears to be the Christmas theme. Though one may say that the first set of Christmas stamps was issued by Canada in December 1898, yet they cannot be classified to belong to that set of stamps showing the Christmas theme. No doubt "X'mas 1898" is printed on them and circumstances have led them to be printed thus, of which it is not proposed to deal in this article.

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**RELIGION**

Many Christian countries have issued and continue to issue annually a stamp or a set of stamps with a special Christmas theme. Austria, Australia, Canada, Malawi (Nyasaland), Malta, New Zealand, Norfolk Islands, United States have all issued Christmas stamps. Great Britain too has joined this group last year. Australia may well be called the chief country that began to issue Christmas stamps in recent times. Perhaps the most beautiful Christmas stamp brought out by Australia was in 1959 with "The Approach of the Magi" as the theme. To hazard a predication the much sought after Christmas stamps should be the set of four stamps issued by Malawi for the Christmas of 1966—lovely ones with the town of Bethlehem and the Star of Bethlehem over the town.

Stamps with religion as a theme make a wide and varied appeal to collectors. The Swiss stamps with the four Primary Evangelists continue to be a collector's treasure. Besides the Vatican that issues almost all religious stamps, countries as Cyprus, Malta and Ireland—to mention some—have brought out some fine issues with religious themes. The set of six stamps issued by Malta to commemorate the 19th Century of the ship-wreck of St. Paul is quite picturesque. St. Patrick is the patron saint of the Irish and a set of three stamps to commemorate the 15th death centenary of this saint was issued in September 1961. St. Barnabas is linked with Cyprus. Off and on, one or the other aspect of the saint forms the theme for a Cyprian stamp. April 1966 saw three lovely stamps issued in Cyprus to Commemorate the 19th Century of the death Anniversary of St. Barnabas.

Volumes may be written on this theme and it is besides the aim of this article in this journal which is only to stimulate interest in the thematic collection of religious stamps.

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1954 Q. E. Royal Visit	1 ..	.25	.10	1966 Rice Year	2 ..		
1956 Royal Agriculture Exhi.	1 ..	.25	.10	1967 1st Anniversary			
1956 National Service	1 ..	.25	.10	Poya Holidays	4 ..		
- do - with white				1967 Centy. of Galle			
stroke	1 ..	2.00	.50	Municipal Council	1 ..		
1956 Buddha Jayanthi	4 ..	1.00	1.00	<b>FOREIGN SETS</b>			
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10.	1957 Buddha Jayanthi	4 ..	—
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# CEYLON DEFINITIVES NEED A CHANGE

by K. PATHMANATHAN

The desire for a change is inborn in man. Philately is no exception to this rule.

Most countries replace their definitives once in every period of five years and it is surprising to see that, even after a lapse of over a decade, the Ceylon definitives have not been replaced except for a minor alteration in the size of the lettering of the languages. As a result of using the same stamps over and over again, collectors are getting fed up with the existing definitives. Hence the Government should take necessary steps to bring out a new set of definitives with the least possible delay.

United States had commenced issuing a set of definitives in 1966 portraying "PROMINENT AMERICANS" which it hopes to complete before 1967 is out and India is already issuing definitives replacing the "MAP SERIES". Hence, if Ceylon is to progress in the field of philately, it should replace the definitives once in every period of five years.

Consequent to the increase of the number of letters transmitted by air, it has become necessary and appropriate for Ceylon to issue stamps exclusively for air mail. These stamps could bear the words "AIR MAIL" in bold letters on the top of the object depicted in the stamp or the entire stamp could portray a modern "JET". This would suffice to show that the particular stamp is solely for AIR MAIL. The denominations solely meant for air mail could be 25 cents for local air mail and Re. 1/- for overseas air mail. Besides these two definitives, the other denominations of the new definitives could be 5 cents, 10 cents, 15 cents, 20 cents, 30 cents, 50 cents, 60 cents, 75 cents, Rs. 2/-, Rs. 5/- and Rs. 10/- to make up a total of 14 definitives. These definitives could portray places of historical and tourist interest, flora, fauna, industry and agriculture so that the stamps taken as a whole could advertise

Ceylon abroad. The two highest denominations could depict the National Flag and the national emblem respectively so as to give the rightful place and the highest honour in the proposed definitives. Two of the definitives should be reserved for depicting the temple of tooth and the Ceylon elephant for which Ceylon is famous and which are unfortunately missing in the current definitives.

The size of the new definitives from 5 cents to 75 cents could be of the same size as the existing definitive stamp of the Two Rupee denomination otherwise the design will be cramped in a comparatively smaller stamp. The higher denominations viz. Re. 1/-, Rs. 2/-, Rs. 5/- and Rs. 10/- could be of the same size of the current Ten rupees definitive. There should be minimum of lettering and the stamps should be devoid of any artistic frame so that the object portrayed stands out clearly from the rest.

The Government should lodge the printing of the stamps with the printers who should use a superior quality of paper so that the definitives will be durable and will not get damaged during the passage of time. Experience had shown that the finished product of recess printing presents a pleasant appearance than stamps printed by the photogravure process and the Government should endeavour to have the stamps printed by recess printing.

The issue of a set of definitives once in every period of five years offers an opportunity to convey the progress a country had made during this period. Most countries are availing themselves of this opportunity and if Ceylon is to progress in philately it should replace the definitives once in every period of five years.





A 79  
Roumania  
3 values  
-/40



A 107  
Hungary  
5 values  
-/75



B 120  
China  
5 values  
-/50



B 119  
Poland  
3 values  
-/40



C 30  
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Giant Size  
3 values  
Re. 1.00



C 28  
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C 25	Hungary	3 values	...	-/40
C 26	"	4 "	...	-/50
C 27	"	3 "	...	-/40

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B 117	" Birds	" 3 "	.40
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A 104 Hungary  
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Races 3 values -/40



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The National Federation of Hungarian Philatelists ('MABEOSZ') will arrange—under the auspices of the 'Federation Internationale des Societes Aerophilateliqnes' ('FISA')—an 'AEROFILA 67' International Airmail Stamp Exhibition in Budapest, September, 3—10, 1967. On this occasion the Hungarian Post Office will issue a set of four stamps and a souvenir sheet in April, 1967, as part of the 'AEROFILA 67' stamp issue.

Face value: 2 Ft + 1 Ft, 2 Ft + 1 Ft, 2 Ft + 1 Ft, 2 Ft + 1 Ft, both of the set and sheet. The surtax is to the advantage of the National Federation of Hungarian Philatelists, to cover the costs of the Exhibition. Sizes: *Stamps of the set*: 35,5 x 30 mm, lying oblongs; *sheet*: 116 x 91 mm, the stamps in it; 35,5 x 30 mm. *Impression*: engraving and offset printing. The designs are by Jozsef Vertel, graphic artist.

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ලංකාවේ තැපැල් මුද්දර ආරම්භය හා පළමු නිකුත්කළ මුද්දරය සම්බන්ධ විස්තරයක් පසුගිය ලිපියෙන් පෙන්වා දෙන ලදී.

තෙවෙනි කොටසින් අලුත්වැදීමට නිබන්දන වුවත් මුද්දර දෙවර්ගයක් විස්තරයි. එකම වටිනාකම ඇති මුද්දර දෙවර්ගයක් වන 1857 ඔක්තෝබර් මාසයෙහි භාවිතාකර තිබේ. ඒවා පැන්ස බාගයේ (පැ.‡) මුද්දරය මෙයින් පළමු වර්ගය ලානිල් පැහැති ඔප කඩදාසියේ මුද්දරය කර නිබන්දන අතර දෙවැනි වර්ගය සුදු ඔප කඩදාසියේ මුද්දරයයි. මුද්දරය පිණිස යොදා ඇති නිත්ත මද කිල් පාට හා දන් පාට මිශ්‍රණයක් මෙන් යුක්තයි. මෙහි දිය සලකුණු නොමැතියි. දැන රහිතයි. හතර පැති කපා වෙන් කර තිබේ. මිලිමීටර් 26 ක් උසින් හා පලලින් 20 කි. කාසියක භාවිතයේ ඇතුළු රුමුවේ මධ්‍යයේ කවයක් තුළ වික්ටෝරියා මහ රැජිණගේ රූප පිළිබිඹු කෙරේ. එම කවයට පිටින් ඉහළින් හා පහළින් කවයට සම්බන්ධකර රවේ තම හා තැපැල් ගාස්තුව ඉංග්‍රීසියෙන් පමණක් සටහන් වී තිබේ. පහල තීරුවේ වටිනාකම අකුරෙන් පමණක් දක්වා තිබේ. රුමුව ඇතුළේ හිස් තැන් ලබාකමුවලින් හොබවයි. එංගලන්තයේ ඩී ලා රෝ මුද්දර ශිල්පීන්ගේ මුද්දරයකි.

මුද්දර වාටි ඇද නැතුව තිබීම. (3) මුද්දරයේ දෙපැත්තම එක සමානව පිරිසිදුවට හා තීන්ත, සායම්, මල බැඳීම ආදියෙන් තොරවීම, (4) කුඩා හෝ සිදුරු ඇති නොවීම, (5) අමුතුවෙන් කුඩා කඩදාසි කැබලි අලවා නොතිබීම, (6) අත්සන් නොකිරීම, මේ සඳහන් කරුණුවලින් තොර නම් එවැනි මුද්දර පළමුවෙනි පන්තියට ගැනෙනු ලැබේ.

අද වෙළඳ පොළේ පවතින කන්වය අනුව මේ වර්ගයේ පළමු කොටසින් සඳහන් කළ අළුත් මුද්දරයක් රන් පටුම් 150 ක් පමණ වටිනා අතර එම පැටිවී කළ එකක් පටුම් 45 ක් පමණ අතී. දෙවෙනි වර්ගයේ අළුත් මුද්දරයක් පටුම් 18 ක් හා පැටිවී කළ එකක් පටුම් 12 කි.

ලංකාවේ භාවිතාකර ඇති පැන්ස බාගයේ (පැ.‡) මුද්දර තවත් ගණනාවකි. ඒවාද මේ ආකාරම විත්‍රයන් අඩංගු බැවින් වගිවලට වෙන්කර ගැනීම තරමක් අසීරුයි. එහෙත් මිලක ලිපිවලින් ඒවා අලුතාගත හැකි විස්තර පල කිරීමට බලාපොරොත්තු වෙමු.

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(උපුටාගැනීම කහනම්)

දුර්භීණ පැටින් ඔප කඩදාසියේ මුද්දරය කර නිබන්දන මේ දෙවර්ගයේම මුද්දර වතුරේ සේදීම හෝ තෙතමන ඇති කඩදාසිවලින් තැන්පත්කළ නොහැකියි.



මේ වර්ගයේ මුද්දර අදත් හොඳ තත්වයකින් ලබාගත හැකියි. හොඳ තත්වයට ගිණිය හැක්කේ මේ කරුණු සම්පූර්ණ වුවොත් පමණකි. (1) හතර කෝණයන් තියුණුවට තිබීම, (2) රුමුවට අයත්

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 \* ලංකාවේ වන 1857 සිට 1966 දක්වා නිකුත් \*  
 \* කර ඇති හැම මුද්දරම අඩංගුකර විශේෂ ඇල් \*  
 \* බම් දැනට අප වෙළෙඳ ආයතනයේ විකිණීමට \*  
 \* තිබේ. ලංකා මුද්දර පිළිවෙලින් එකතු කරන් \*  
 \* නන්ට මෙය අවශ්‍යම පොතකි. මුද්දරවල රූප \*  
 \* සටහන් ඇතිව පිටු 136 කින් යුත් සහ කඩ \*  
 \* දාසි බැමිමකින් සමන්විත මේ පොතේ මිල \*  
 \* රු. 22 50 යි. තැපැල් ගාස්තු ගත 95 යි. \*  
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## இலங்கை தபாற் தலைகள்

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இலங்கையில் தபாற் தலைகளின் தோற்றம், முதன் முதலாக வெளியான முத்திரை பற்றிய விவரங்கள் யாவும் சென்ற இதழில் விவரிக்கப் பட்டுள்ளன.

இப்பகுதியில் மேலும் இருவகையான முத்திரைகளைப்பற்றி விளக்கம் கூற வேண்டியுள்ளது. 1857-ம் ஆண்டு அக்டோபர் மாதம் ஒரே அளவு பெறுமதியுடைய இருவகையான முத்திரைகள் பாவிக்கப்பட்டன. அவை அரை பென்ஸ் (½ பென்ஸ்) முத்திரைகளாகும். இவற்றுள், முதலாமவை இளம் நீல நிறமான கிளேஸ் காகிதத்திலும், இரண்டாமவை வெள்ளை கிளேஸ் காகிதத்திலும் இளம் நீளமும், ஊதா நிறமும் கலந்த மையால் அச்சிடப்பட்டுள்ளன. இவை நீரெழுத்து அற்றும், துளையற்றுமிருக்கின்றன. நாற்பக்கமும் வெட்டப்பட்டு வேரூக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. உயரத்தால் 26 மிமீ மீட்டரும் அகலத்தால் 20 மிமீ மீட்டருமாகும். உட்பரப்பின் மத்தியில், நாணயத்தின் அமைப்பைப் போன்ற வொரு வட்டத்தினுள்ளே விக்டோரியா மகாராணியின் உருவப்படம் தோற்றமளிக்கின்றது. அவ்வட்டத்தின் மேலும் கீழுமாக வட்டத்தை யொட்டி ஒற்றேபோல் நாட்டின் பெயர், தபாற் கட்டணம் ஆகியவை ஆங்கிலத்தில் மாத்திரம் காட்டப்படும். கீழ் பகுதியில் அதன் பெறுமதி எழுத்தில் குறிக்கப்படும் இருக்கின்றது. வட்டத்தின் மையத்தில் வெற்றிடங்கள் பூவேலைப் பாடுகளால் அலங்கரிக்கப்பட்டுள்ள இம்முத்திரைகள் இங்கிலாந்தில் டீலா ரோ அச்சகத்தாரால் அச்சிடப்பட்டவை.

பழுப்பு நிறத்தில் கிளேஸ் காகிதத்தில் அமைந்த இவ்விருவகை முத்திரைகளை நீரில் கழுவவோ அன்றி ஈரப்பசையுள்ள தாளில் சேமித்து வைக்கவோ முடியாது.

இவ்வின முத்திரைகளை இன்றும் நல்ல சீரான நிலையில் பெற்றுக் கொள்ளலாம். இவற்றை நல்ல வையெனக் கணிக்க பின்வரும் அம்சங்கள் கவ

னிக்கப் படுகின்றன:—(அ) நாலு மூலைகளும் சம கூராக விருத்தல் வேண்டும்; (ஆ) முத்திரையின் மேற்பரப்பிலுள்ள கோடுகள் வளைவாக இருக்கப் படாது; (இ) முத்திரையின் இரு பக்கங்களும் ஒரே மாதிரி, சுத்தமாக, மசி கரை படியாம விருத்தல் வேண்டும்; (ஈ) அவை கசங்காமலும் உருக்குலையாமலும் இருக்கவேண்டும்; (உ) புதிதாக சிறு கடுதாசி துண்டுகளால் ஒட்டப்படா திருக்க வேண்டும்; (ஊ) கையொப்பமிடாதிருக்க வேண்டும். இம்மாதிரி தகைமைகள் கொண்ட முத்திரைகள் முதற்றரமானவைகளாகக் கணிக்கப்படும்.

இன்று சந்தையில் நிலவும் நிலைமையின்படி இவ்வகை முத்திரைகளில் முதல் பிரிவைச் சார்ந்த புதிய முத்திரை ஒன்று 150 தங்கப்பவுன்சுகளும், பாவிக்கப்பட்டது 45 பவுன்சுகளுமாகும். இரண்டாம் பிரிவைச் சார்ந்த புதிய முத்திரை ஒன்று 18 பவுன்சுகளும் பாவிக்கப்பட்டது 12 பவுன்சுகளுமாகும்.

இலங்கையில் பாவிக்கப்பட்ட ½ பென்ஸ் முத்திரைகள் இன்னும் அநேகமுண்டு. அவைகளும் இவைபோன்ற படங்கள் கொண்டவையானதால், அவற்றைத் தரம் பிரிப்பது கலபமன்று. ஆயினும் அடுத்த இதழ்களில் அவைகளைப்பற்றி தெளிவாகக் கூற எத்தனித்துள்ளோம்.

— அமரரத்ன.  
உரிமை ஆசிரியருக்கே.

இலங்கையில் 1857 முதல் 1966-ம் ஆண்டு வரை வெளியான சகல முத்திரைகளும் அச்சிடப்பட்ட விசேட அல்பம் இப்போது எமது வர்த்தக நிலையத்தில் விற்பனைக்குண்டு. இலங்கை தபாற் தலைகளை முறையே சேகரிப்பவர்களுக்கு இது ஒரு முக்கியமான புத்தகமாகும். முத்திரைகளின் படங்கள் கொண்ட 136 பக்கங்களாலான தடித்த கடுதாசியினால் அமைக்கப்பெற்றுள்ள இதன் விலை ரூ 22/50 சதம் மட்டுமே! தபாற் செவவு -/95 சதம்.



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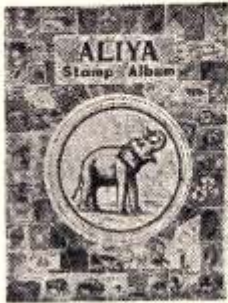
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