Foreword for For ever budia

In his new book on India the distinguished author and Art critic G.Venkatachalam takes us across the vast sub-contine in a series of fascinating essays written with all the charm of his own personal approach full of valuable facts and yet with \(\frac{1}{2} \) great poetic beauty.

His style has the directness and freshness of a simple narrative and never fails to hold the attention of the reader even while dealing with detailed facts. The subject is so well assimilated that one feels a continuity of purpose throughout this lucid account of his own travels, researches and musings. The author's never waning enthusiasm, eridition and boundless energy and above all a great understanding and sympathetic approach reflects from the pages of this book and renders the book especially precious to all lovers of India, to all the lovers of the Beautiful.

Like a true guide, philosopher and friend he unfolds befor us a glorious India from the Himalayas to Kanya Kumari, from th ancient civilization down to the great Historic periods.

He very appropriately chooses the Himalayas as the opening chapter. Himalayas-Himavat-The Great Crown of India., the birthplace of her Great Thought, the source of her lifegiving rivers, the Origin and inspiration of so many Arts & Traditions

What other country can provide such a kaledoscopic richnes of accumulations with such infinite variety of Natural Beauty, almost endless pagent of races and cultures?

As our knowledge of India progresses many of our presentda; theories on Art Migration and Influences will have to be undoubtedly revised and we shall be able to trace with greater accurathe various origins and factors that were at work. Successive waves of artistic and cultural influences will reveal to us a great many of these at present missing links.

With greater certainity and accuracy we shall be able to follow the intricate furrows that carried the seeds sown in the distant past and we shall behold an even richer aspect of that wonderful storehouse of every type of accumulations which this subcontinent is.

Yet, however much our knowledge may progress, however

our researches on origins or details may become above all details, above everything, there will always stand that magnificient Great cumulative concept of "Bharata" with all her kaledoscopi pagentry of endless variety and beauty.

How truly beautiful is this concept of India in all its infinite manifestations and offerings:

The land where the Great Rishis formulated their lofty philosophies, the land where Lord Budha preached and loved, the land of great Kings, great Poets, Artists and Heroes....

These treasures of India past are enshrined in a glorious g frame of India's Natural Beauty...Like an Infinite Mosaic of precious stones in their most intricate patterns unfolds India before the gaze of a true student and seeker of Beauty.

From the mighty glaciers of the Himavat, from the towering summits of the world's highest peaks to the sacred delicate lace of the foaming waves of Canya Kumari---through India's verdent plains to the solemn Cirinar, with the hot scorching sun on barren rocks and the multihued earths of India and the flowering trees of the tangled jungles filling the stilled sultry nights with their wonderous perfumes., the thundering cascades of waterfalls breaking into miriads of rainbows that seem imprisoned in the flashing colours of butterfly wings.

Every facet of natural Beauty can be found in and contributed to India's culture and nurtured her Arts & her thought.

Where else can we find such an infinite variety of every conceivable colour, form or concept.:

To travel in and to know India is to enrich seesakk one's life and fill it with a new meaning. To everyone who really knew India, India always held a special significance———the significance of an inexaustible reposity of every type of beauty and transcendental thought.

In these words my father thought of India when on one of his many travels in Central Asia:-

" whether we think of those sublime temples of Southern India, of the grandeur of Chittoor and Gwalior and the Great strongholds of Rajputana or of the solemn spirit of the Himalayas, everywhere we shall find the joy of Great Thought. On the moonlit Canges, in the marky Benares scene at night and in the great cadenses of the Himalayan waterfalls, we find the same lofty sense of joy.

In the repetition of such ancient names as Manu, Rama, Vyasa, Arjuma, Krishna, of Pandavas, Rishis, Heroes, Crestors and Great Constructors, we recognise a loveng respect for the past.

From the Mother of the World, from the Queen of Peace, we receive this delicate flower-like joy of the heart.

Marvelous India, resplendent in outer Beauty, Most Beautiful in her secret Inner Life,...Beautiful beloved India...."

I know we shall all feel grateful to Mr. G. Venkatachalam for these fascinating chapters and I hope they will awaken in the readers a desire to know more about India, to see more of her natural Beauty and to learn more of her cultural heritage.

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