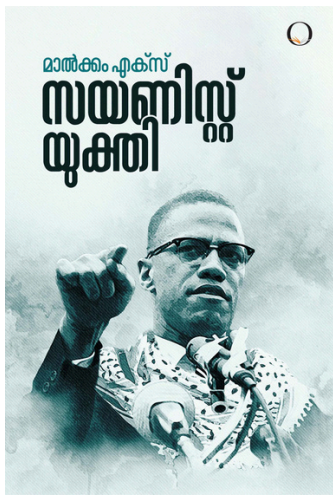


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How was “Zionist Yukthi” born

To write a small book, all you need is one day. This notion once wafted up from the thick espresso I drink on all jobless days—the days on which I purposely protect myself from strenuous editing tasks I perform for a living. By then, I have started to measure my pleasurable activities—writing, reading, sleeping, and hiking—by a timer. My timer-assisted rudimentary math told me that all I needed to write a small book was one day. But what should I write about?



I made a morning constitutional to Muthu’s tea shop, a joint where hot tea is served with oily onion vada and greasy gossips about who is dating who. On jobless days, I read Chandrika newspaper at the shop for a long time—half an hour is a long time for newspapers. I read stories on Israel’s ongoing Gaza genocide. I felt a prick of conscience about not being on Facebook and not saying something to vent my anger. On way back, pictures, though their quality on the paper was ersatz, still lingered in my mind. Yes, this should be the topic for my small book.

I went through some X posts to know international opinions. Then I chanced upon the comments of some individuals, whom I was following because of their sympathy with Afrocentrism. I read that they were supporting Israel and its ongoing genocide. Some of them even supported Netanyahu and IDF. I could equate their reactions with similar observation in India among Dalit Marxists. What prompted them to ally with someone whom anyone with basic knowledge of West Asian politics can identify as a cold-blooded killer? This question took me to Malcolm X and what he had to say about the issue. I was trying to examine whether Malcolm X was appropriated for the cause of Israel as Ambedkar was appropriated in India by Dalit Marxist.

I could not write a small book in one day. My research and writing went for many days and one month. I combined Malcolm X small essay on Zionism and his Oxford-Union speech into a single work of Malayalam translation as a paean of Palestinian’s indomitable spirit of resistance. I combined these works because of thematic resonance and the timeless, universal application of Malcolm’s words.

The book “Zionist Yukthi” was born in the process.



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Remembering March 6



“No Caste, no religion
No god for human;
But Dharma, the ethics
ethics and ethics alone
Accordingly and most appropriately.”

-Dharma, the Ethics (Dharmam)

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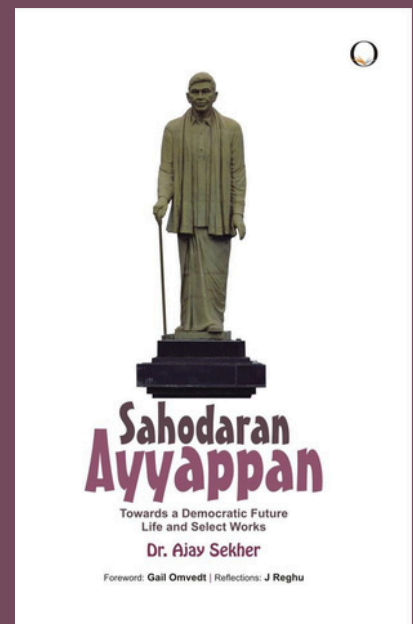
Sahodaran Ayyappan

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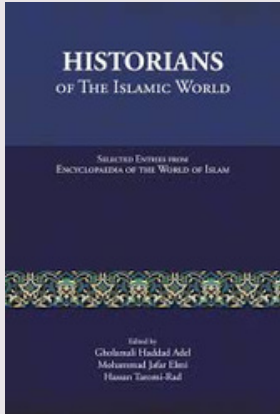
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Talking about social transformation in India without addressing the issue of caste is like trying to offer solutions to the West Asian crisis by overlooking political Zionism. Similarly, one cannot have an honest discussion about civil liberty and civic rights in America without dissecting racism. These three evils form an axis of discriminations and tortures: multi-folded, distressing and inhuman.

For Other Books, problematising caste is an important agenda. And hence this book. Sahodaran Ayyappan was a legendary intellectual and social leader, whose life, works and struggles went conveniently neglected and forgotten by the mainstream historians. This work questions the mainstream Brahmanic hegemony of the prevailing cultural politics in Kerala India.



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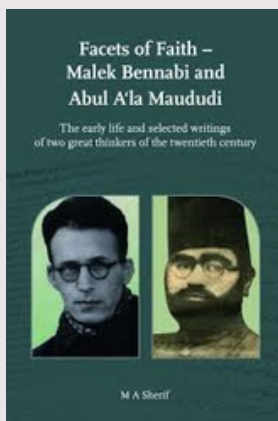
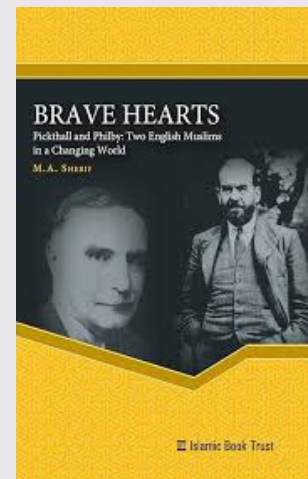
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