AN INDIAN PROPHET

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VS Azariah was born in Tamil Nadu in 1874. He grew up to be an evangelist with the YMCA in Southern India before being ordained as an Anglican priest and eventually consecrated as a Bishop. in 1910, he was one of the few non-white people to address the Edinburgh Missionary conference. His call for mutual respect and interdependency between Western missionaries and "native" Christians is as important today as it ever was.

> *WhateverÂ othersÂ may think,Â I do not myself look forward to any time in the near future when weÂ inÂ India willÂ notÂ need the western missionary to be ourÂ spiritualÂ guides and helpers. ThroughÂ yourÂ inheritance of centuriesÂ ofÂ ChristianÂ life, youÂ are able to impart to us manyÂ thingsÂ that we lack.Â And in thisÂ sphere, I think the westernerÂ willÂ be, for yearsÂ toÂ come,Â aÂ necessity.Â ItÂ isÂ inÂ this co-operationÂ ofÂ jointÂ study at the feetÂ ofÂ ChristÂ thatÂ weÂ shallÂ realise the oneness of the Body of Christ.Â TheÂ exceedingÂ riches of the gloryÂ ofÂ ChristÂ can beÂ fully realised not by the Englishman, the American, and the Continental alone, nor by the Japanese, the Chinese, and the Indians by themselves-Â but by all working together, worshipping together, and learning together the Perfect Image of our Lord and Christ.Â ItÂ is onlyÂ Â "with all Saints" that we canÂ "comprehend the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that we might be filled with all the fulness of God." This willÂ beÂ possible only fromÂ spiritualÂ friendshipsÂ betweenÂ the two races. We ought to be willing to learn from one another and toÂ help oneÂ another.Â*
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