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Biography

Journey For Justice: The Life and Work of Rev. Fr. Michael Rodrigo, OMI : Inter-Faith Dialogue in Action for Empowering the Rural Poor in Sri Lanka / Nandini Gunewardena (Foreword) Rev. Fr. Aloysius Pieris, SJ Colombo: CSR-Society for Society & Religion, 2018
xxii, 132p.
Includes Bibliography
9789551161088
\$ 15.00 / PB
224gm.

This biography of the late Rev. Fr. Michael Rodrigo, OMI (1930-1987) of Sri Lanka, chronicles a life fearlessly devoted to the service of the poor, efforts to witness Christ to the poor through an innovative interfaith dialogue, and a collaboration for their social and economic empowerment. As a Catholic priest whose life parallels that of the recently martyred Oscar Romero of El Salvador, also assassinated for exposing the exploitation and marginalization of the poor, Fr. Michael was engaged in a selfless journey for justice. The volume analyzes the driving force of his quest to forge a healing bridge between the Christian and Buddhist populations of Sri Lanka through his spiritual grounding in Catholic social teaching and his unique formulation of an interreligious dialogue. It documents the indelible imprint of interfaith understanding he forged up to his untimely death. Interwoven with ethnographic methodology, the book offers a window for understanding the class and religious ruptures stemming from Sri Lanka's colonial history, contextualized in the social realities of poverty in rural Sri Lanka, the political and economic forces implicated in deepening poverty, the resistance struggle by oppressed youth, and Fr. Mike's legacy of justice through peace.

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Dr. Mary Rutnam : A Canadian Pioneer for Women's Rights in Sri Lanka /
Kumari Jayawardena

Colombo: Social Scientist Association, 2009

42p. ; 21cm.

9789551772376

1. Women.

2. Women rights.

\$ 10.00 / PB

96gm.

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Ecology/Environment Studies

Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity in the Islands and
Lagoons of Northern Sri Lanka / Devaka Weerakoon (et al.)

Colombo: IUCN-International Union for Conservation of Nature, Sri Lanka
and Mangroves for the Future, 2018

xviii, 298p.

9789550205509

\$ 90.00 / PB

1240gm.

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Proceedings of the workshop on Ecological Considerations in Coastal
Development/ (Organized) Mangroves for the Future, Sri Lanka

Colombo: IUCN-International Union for Conservation of Nature, 2013

xii, 66p.

9789550205233

\$ 30.00 / PB

334gm.

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Wilpattu - Villus and Beyond / (Compiled by) Vimukthi Weeratunga

Colombo: IUCN-International Union for Conservation of Nature, 2009

viii, 80p.

Includes Index

9789558177976

\$ 50.00 / HB

482gm.

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An Appraisal of Challenges in the Sustainable Management of the Micro-tidal Barrier-built Estuaries and Lagoons in Sri Lanka / (Compiled) Dr. Jayampathy Samarakoon & Prof. Saman Samarawickrama
Colombo: IUCN-International Union for Conservation of Nature, 2012
xxii, 172p.

Includes Reference & Selected Bibliography ;

9789550205110

\$ 35.00 / PB

490gm.

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General Books

The Buddhist Robe : The path pointing to natural dyes and possible establishment of a natural dyeing industry in the apparel sector of Sri Lanka with special reference on the Buddhist robe / Professor U.G. Samudrika Wijayapala, Dr. Gayathri Madubhani Ranathunga & Dr. Priyanka Virajini Medagedara Karunaratne
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt.) Ltd., 2019
125p. ; 25.5X18X0.5cm.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789553098467

\$ 20.00 / HB

420gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=627433>

History

The Odyssey and Living Legacy of sieur de La Nerolle : The French Lieutenant of the Expedition Escadre de Perse to Ceylon in 1672 / Yasmin Rajapakse

Battaramulla: Neptune Publications (Pvt) Ltd., 2018

xliv, 100p. ; 18x25x1.1cm.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789557496788

\$ 50.00 / HB

418gm.

Scholarly works of mainstream history have little space for the many colourful sideshows that crowd and illuminate the historical narrative. They are referred to in footnotes or ignored altogether. This volume deals with one of those footnotes in history. In 1672, the French sent an expedition to Ceylon under Admiral de Lahaye and it reached Trincomalee. From there, they sent emissaries to the Kandyan King, and one of those emissaries was the French lieutenant De La Nerolle. K.M. de Silva has one paragraph on this expedition in his History of Ceylon. Lorna Devarajah in her volume on the Kandyan Kingdom, has a few references and none of them mention De La Nerolle. He is not even a footnote in the history of Sri Lanka, according to these standard works. Yasmin Rajapakse has brought to life this relatively unknown figure in history, with a fascinating story of his origins and his life and career. This volume is more social, than political history.

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Law

TerrorList Formula: Law of Retaliation turned into Law of Reciprocity:

EYE FOR EYE-PEACE BY PEACE / Nisansala R. Aryachandra

Arizona, USA: Wilshire Press, 2018

122p.

Includes Selected Bibliography

9789554458925

\$ 40.00 / PB

204gm.

Terrorism has evolved over the years and we are at a crucial juncture where violence has reached a peak. The many 'motivators' of conflicts around the world cannot be ignored or shrugged off. Throughout history, religion has played a pivotal role in negatively contributing to world conflicts. The very fundamentals of love, peace and non-violence are meticulously reversed into negative elements by those in power and authority to stir up racial disharmony and mistrust within a single society.

What is this "power-hustling"? Who are those 'puppets of God' wearing a 'cloak of illusion' that blind us into believing that one faith is superior than the other? Intentional or unintentional distortion of sacred texts has caused people to be misled into believing that those of other faiths are our enemies...

It is only inner transformation that can uphold the values spoken in the Word of God. For that, we have to take that walk down the 'aisle of divinity' and realize for ourselves that religion and faith can never be the cause for hatred, violence and terrorism. It is time to open the doors into the "Isle of Divinity" where the Law of Retaliation is replaced by Law of Reciprocity and reflected not by EYE FOR EYE but PEACE BY PEACE.

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Travel Guidebooks

Motorcycling Adventures in Sri Lanka: Exploring the Isle of Serendib (Sri Lanka) On a Royal Enfield Motorcycle / Michael Rohan Sourjah

Colombo: Bay Owl Press (Perera-Hussein Publishing House), 2019

328p.

9789551723453

\$ 28.00 / PB

496gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=627436>
