THE LIFE-SKETCH OF NATARAJA GURU

(Landmarks in the Life of Nataraja Guru)

Father - Dr. Palpu (3.11.1863 to 20-01-1950)

Mother - Bhagavati Amma

Brothers - Gamgadharan, Anandavalli, Hariharan (Natarajan), Dakshayani.

1895 Feb. 11 - Birth - Bangalore (Kumbham 28, Star - Uthram)

1899 - First Meeting with Sree Narayana Guru
(At Aruvippuram)

1901 - 1914 - School Education and London Matriculation - At Bangalore, Trivandrum and Ceylon Trinity College.

1915 - Joined at Madras Presidency College

1919 - Completed Graduation

1920 - Joint for Honours Degree Course

1922 - Acquired M.A., L.T. Degrees

- Joint at Aluva Advaita Ashrama as a Brahmacari with the blessings of Sree Narayana Guru

1923 - Starting of Narayana Gurukula at Ooty

1924-9-13 - Undertook the Work Relating to the Narayana Guru
(1100-1.28 ME) Sivagiri English Middle School, Varkala.

1926 June 13 - Undertook the work of Fern-Hill Gurukula, Ooty.

1926 - Sree Narayana Guru called to Ceylon
- Appointed as the Headmaster of Sivagiri English Middle School.

1926-28
- Staying with Sree Narayana Guru at Sivagiri under his guidance

1928 (May)
- Resigned the post of Headmaster of Sivagiri English Middle School
- Last meeting with Sree Narayana Guru
- To Europe for Higher Education

1928 (Oct.)
- First Celebration of Sree Narayana Guru's Birthday at Geneva

1929-33
- Higher Education at Geneva Sorbonne University and Teaching at Side Fellowship School Swiss.

1932
- Obtained First class, First rank Doctorate from Sorbonne University on the thesis "The Personal Factors in Educative Process".

1933
- Returned to India from Europe after 5 years higher education and academic work.

1942-44
- Joined as a Head Master at S.N.V.E.H., Nedunganda

1948
- John Spires becomes the disciple of Nataraja Guru.
- Invited as the delegate from India at World Religious Conference conducted by Church Peace Union - New York
- In the conference met Harry S. Jakobsen

1949
- Established abroad the first Gurukula, at the New Jersey School's Mount of USA with the Co-operation of Harry S. Jakobsen.
- Second visit to Geneva
Meeting with Garry Davis, the first world citizen, at the middle of Atlantic ocean on a voyage from Geneva to USA

1951 (Jan.) - Attended in the Constituent Assembly of Geneva as a Special Invitee

1951 (April 15) - Returned Varkala from Europe

1951 (April 16) - He was declared as the successor of Sree Narayana Guru and as a Guru by the followers of Sree Narayana Guru in a convention

1951 (Dec.) - Started Gurukula convention

1952 (Jan.) - Started Gurukula Monthly under the Editorship of Swami Mangalananda

1955 - 60th Birthday Celebration

1956 (Jan.) - Accepted Sanyasa

- World Citizen Garry Davis came to India to visit Nataraja Guru.

(Aug.) - First Singapore visit by Nataraja Guru, John Spiers and Mangalananda

1959 (Feb. 24) - Registration of Will and Testaments related to Gurukula

1962 - Second Singapore visit by Nataraja Guru

1963 (Jan. 1) - Establishment of Brahma Vidya Mandir At Guru Narayana Giri (Hari Krishnadas Agarwal, Bombay)

1967 - Admitted at Calicut Govt. Hospital for Eye operation - from Jan. 16th to 31st.

1968 - Re. Publication of Gurukula Monthly
Third Singapore visit by Nataraja Guru

1969
(March 2) - From Bombay to Moscow
(March 7) - Brazil
(May 1) - England
(May 11) - Belgium
(May 26) - New York
(June 16) - California
(July 15-23) - Visited Honolulu, Hawai & Nandi
(July 23) - Again at Singapore
(Sept. 6) - Returned India after the visit at Singapore and Malaysia

- At 9.15 PM reached Madras from Singapore and thereby completed world tour.

1969 Nov. 11 - World peace through Unitive understanding - First Ten days meeting at Island Home of Ezhimala in Kannur district

1971 March - Presided over the convention of Sarvamatha Sammelanam at Sansthankotta conducted by Ayyapa Seva Sangh

April - John Spier's Departure from Gurukula

June 7 - Appeared symptoms of physical stroke

Nov. 11 - Convened third and last World Religious Conference at Island Home, Ezhimala

1972 June 24 - Admitted of severe stroke at Martha Hospital, Bangalore
1972 July 20  -  Removed to the Naturopathi Centre, Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore
1972 Aug. 20  -  Admitted to treatment at Trivandrum Medical College on consequent severe illness and physical disability.
1972 Nov. 24  -  Discharged from hospital and returned to Varkala Gurukulam
1973 March 19 -  The final departure
Richard King, *Indian Philosophy: An Introduction to Hindu and Buddhist Thought*, Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgn, 1999, p. 175