

Pantikyan

The story of how Pattikyan got its name, Pantikyan.

Now there was in the beginning a huge tree that grew in the area of Pattikyan. That tree... had many branches and in the afternoon plenty of birds took shelter in it. That is why in the morning, various sounds of birds [could be heard] like they were singing. It was a large tree for the base of its trunk, at summertime, was set alight because they warmed themselves there in the morning. But the people did not know that the fire was destructive of the tree. They just kept on building fire. Oftentimes, the fire was big for there were many of them who warmed themselves.

So then, after some long years, for that may have been the blessing [the tree] had offered Pattikyan, for all birds, types of birds, they would seek refuge in that tree. Especially during a storm, it is that tree where [the animals] would gather. According to the story of the people of old, it was where the birds would take shelter.

And that is what they say from then on that when there were people who came here in Vyanaw, who passed by Vyanaw, they assuredly lived or Vyanaw is where they took refuge for the iVyanaw forbade [them to be harmed] even if they had enemies, when they arrived in Vyanaw, they were not touched for the iVyanaw did not like them to be touched. That is why it came to pass that it is where various kinds of people sought refuge here and they wanted to live here in Vyanaw. For even though they had enemies, the elders did not allow them to be touched.

And that is like the symbolism of that great tree. And, for different birds took shelter there every night. And in the morning, they seemed to sing in a chorus. The birds kept on singing and it is said the sound was pleasant to the ear. It was enchanting, at times. Especially when they were seen during summertime for when it rained, they could not sing. When it was summertime, that was the time for singing of the birds. And that tree which grew here in Pantikyan, died for they kept on setting fire to its base.

And there was no other tree that was named Pattikyan at this time. For when we asked, "Is there, isn't there any other tree like that?" we would say to our parents, "None, that

tree was the only one. That was what was called Pattikyan from which they got the name Pantikyan for it is in Pattikyan where that tree called Pattikyan grew.” That is the why Pattikyan is named Pantikyan for that large tree which grew there, its name is Pattikyan, Pattikyan is its name. That is how Pantikyan got its name Pantikyan.

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