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Origin and the Development of Family Deity Worship Among Malaysian Tamils

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Abstract

This Paper explores the family deity worship, convention, religious background of Malaysian Tamils, background of family deity worship in Malaysia, reason for the worship, the method of worship, the problems and challenges faced by Malaysian Tamils in relation with worship, which are common in Malaysian Tamil religious worship. The field work for this Paper was based on Malaysia’s Selangor state and Kuala Lumpur Federal Territory. Data for this Paper is also obtained via library research, interview and field research. Qualitative research is used for this article analysis. Based on the above analysis method, this Paper is written in a descriptive mode. Through this article, the study identified some end results. The research identified that the origin of worship of the folk deity of Malaysian Tamil is the convention on the ancient Tamil. Since the day of immigrant Tamils to Malaya, their optimism has associated with their life till date. The underlying cause of the family deity worship is for the search of protection. The worship of family deity has been essentially unchanged from the conventional method. Nevertheless, as the time passes, the