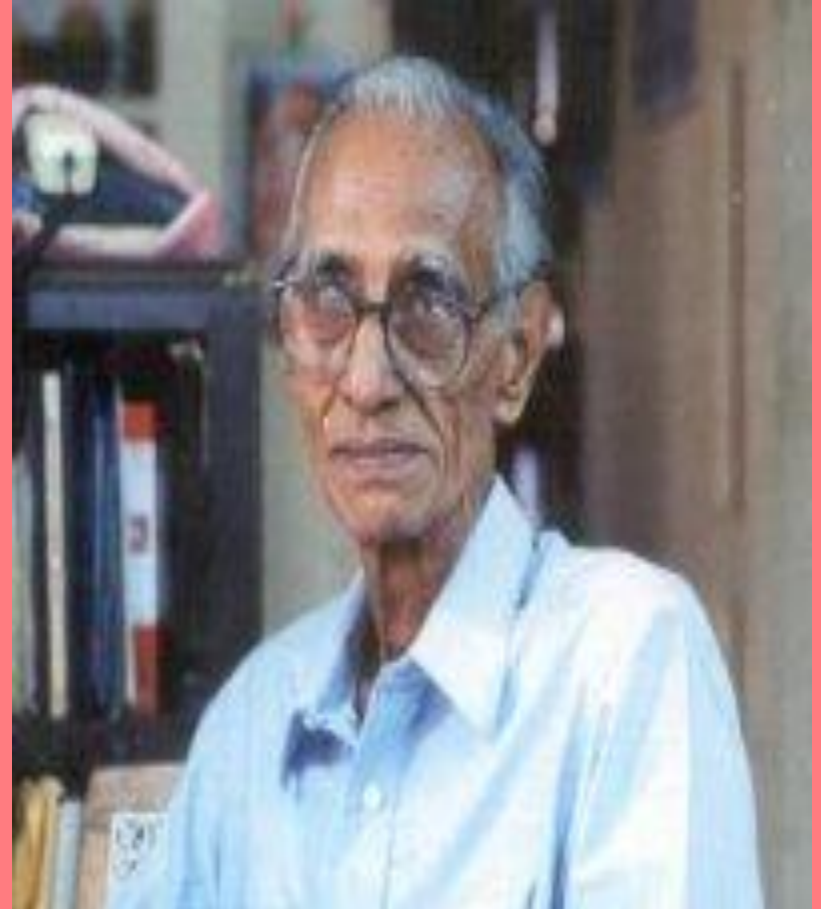


# Poets and Pancakes

By Ashokamitran

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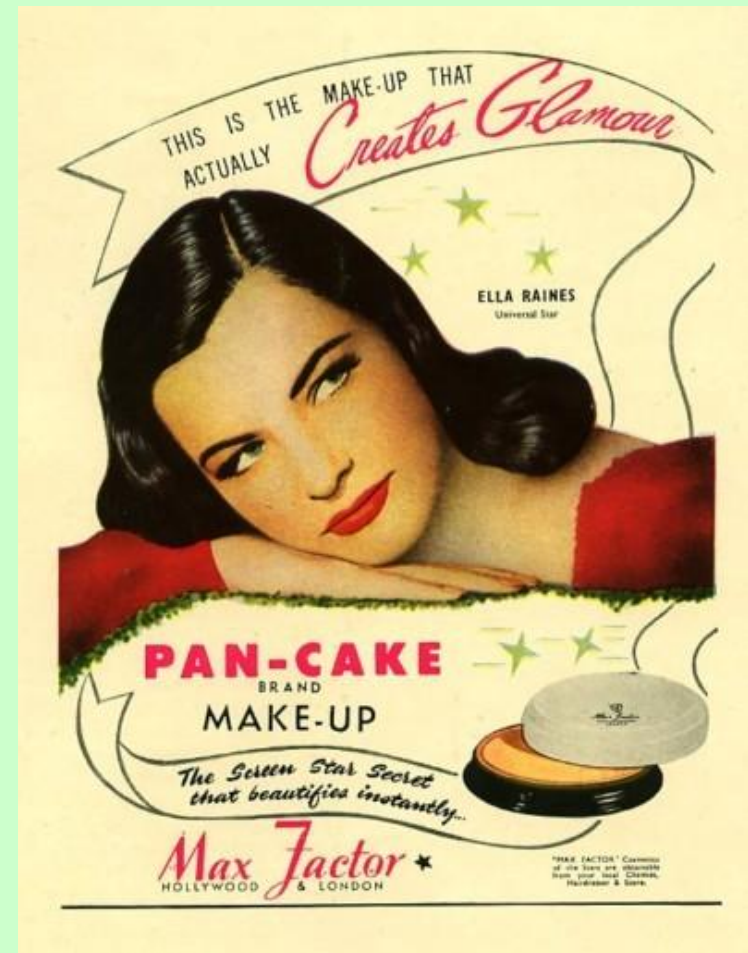
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- He began his literary career with the prize winning play "Anbin Parisu", followed by many short stories, novellas and novels.
- A distinguished essayist and critic, he is the editor of the literary journal "Kanaiyaazhi".
- He has written over 200 short stories, eight novels, some 15 novellas besides other prose writings.
- Most of his works have also been translated into English

- He worked for more than a decade at the Gemini Studios.
- His experiences here and his interaction with people from the Tamil film industry later took the form of his book "My Years with Boss".
- It was from 1966 that he became a full-time writer and he took up the pseudonym of "Ashokamitran" .
- In the 1980s most of his works were translated into English and he and his works became well-known all over India.
- Some of his works were translated into other European languages and most Indian languages as well.

# Pancake

- Pancake was the brand name of the make up material that Gemini Studios brought in Truck loads.



# Gemini Studios

- **Gemini Studios** was launched when Thiruthuraipoondi Subramanian Srinivasan (aka. S.S.Vasan) (1903-1969) bought a film distribution concern at an auction and renamed it as Gemini Pictures also known as ***Gemini Studios***.
- Gemini Studios served as a breeding ground for innumerable artists and technicians for the south Indian film Industry.
- The Gemini twins became a household symbol and the Gemini flyover was named after the original studio at that junction.

# *Miss Gohar*

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- ***Date of Death:***
- 28 September28 September 198528 September 1985 more
- ***Alternate Names:***
- Gohar Karnataki

# Greta Garbo

- **Greta Garbo** (18 September 1905 – 15 April 1990) was a Swedish actress during Hollywood's silent film period and part of its Golden Age.
- Regarded as one of the greatest and most inscrutable movie stars ever produced by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and the Hollywood studio system, Garbo received a 1954 Honorary Academy Award Regarded as one of the greatest and most inscrutable movie stars ever produced by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and the Hollywood studio system, Garbo received a 1954 Honorary





# Vyjayanthimala Bali

- **Vyjayanthimala Bali** (born on August 13, 1936, in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India) is an Indian actress of the 1950s and '60s, who won a large number of awards for her acting and classical dancing achievements. Following her cinema career, she entered Indian politics, and became a Member of Parliament.



# Rati Agnihotri

- **Rati Agnihotri** was born on December 10, 1960 to a Punjabi family in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India is a veteran Indian actress. Her portfolio mainly includes films in Hindi-Urdu, Tamil, Telugu, Telugu and Kannada.



# Robert Clive



# Robert Clive

- Robert Clive, one of the Most flamboyant personalities in the history of British India.
- He was only 19 when he began his career as a clerk for the East India Company at Fort St George.
- Soon tiring of Paper Work, he became a soldier and fought many successful battles including the carnatic wars, which established the company's rule in the South India.
- Clive was given the Steward ship of Fort St George and later become Governor of Bengal.
- The wealth he amassed in India led to his trial, in England, on charges of corruption.
- Clive committed suicide in 1774.

# Kothamangalam Subbu



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- **Kothamangalam Subbu** (November 10, 1910 - February 15, 1974), a noted Padmashri-award winning poet, lyricist, writer, actor and director from Tamil Nadu who authored the cult classic of Tamil novel *Thillana Mohanambal*, later made into an enchanted movie.
- According to novelist Ashokamitran's memoirs, Subbu functioned as the No.2 of the giant Gemini Studios of Chennai (formerly Madras), South India for over three decades and was a close associate of movie mogul SS Vasan, who also published the popular Tamil weekly *Ananda Vikatan* and established the Gemini Studios in Chennai.

# ***Thillana mohanam***

- ***Director:***
- A.P. Nagarajan
- ***Writer:***
- Kothamangalam Subbu (novel)
- A classical bharathanatyam dancer and a nathaswaram player fall in love against the wishes of her family. This movie is about how they try to work things out and the hardships that they have to endure. Dance and music are used as an integral part of the story rather than a pastime.

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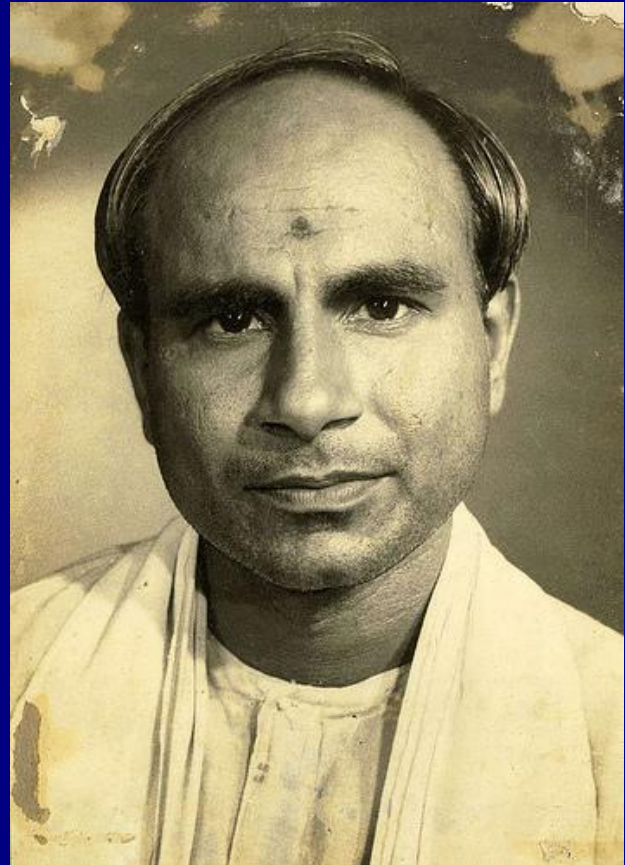
- **S.D.S.Yogiar**, a freedom fighter and a National Poet. His patriotic songs won Gold Medals and the Government has nationalized his writings.

# Krishnasastri

- Devulapalli Krishnasastri is a Telugu poet and was born in East Godavari district. He was brought up in family of court-poets and he started writing poetry from a very young age.
- Krishnasastri's works changed significantly after he met **Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore** at Santiniketan in 1929.
- Krishnasastri joined All India Radio in 1945 and has written number of plays for it. Andhra University has conferred the title **Kalaprapoorna** (The complete artist) on him in 1975.
- He was awarded the **Sahitya Akademi** Award too. He was given the **Padma Bhushan** in 1976.

# Sangu Subramanian

- He was a tamil poet.



# Haridranath Chatopadhyaya

- **Harindranath Chattopadhyay** (April 2, 1898 - June 23, 1990, Mumbai (April 2, 1898 - June 23, 1990, Mumbai) was a Bengali (April 2, 1898 - June 23, 1990, Mumbai) was a Bengali Indian English poet (April



# Frank Buchman



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# William Wordsworth

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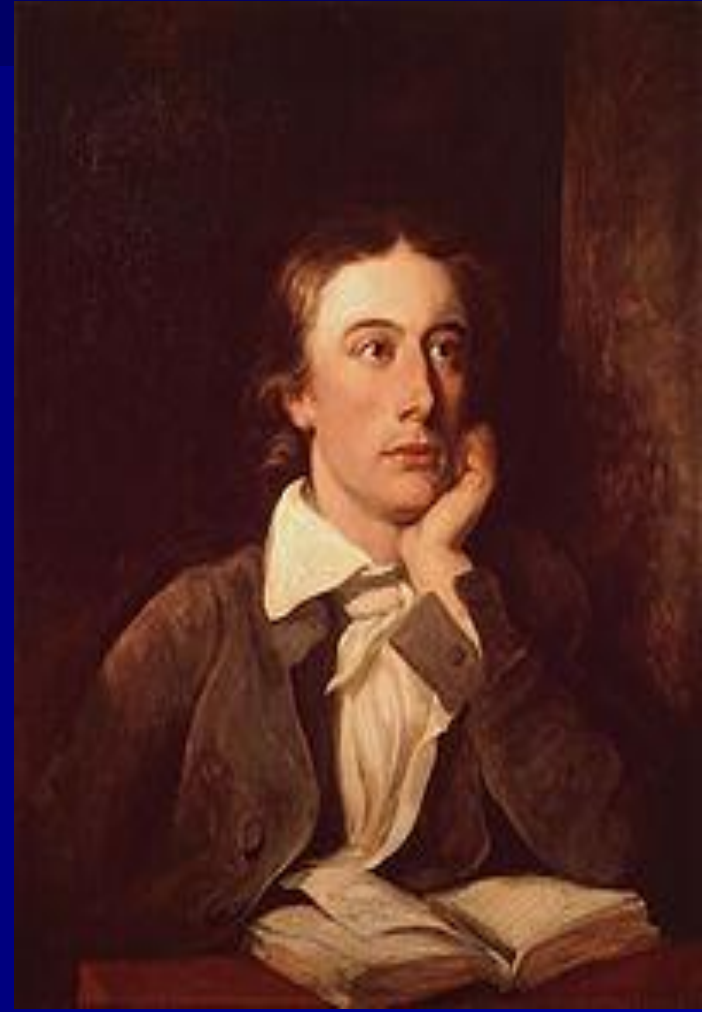
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# John Keats

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# Lord Byron

- **Lord Byron** (22 January 1788 – 19 April 1824) was an English poet. Amongst Byron's best-known works are the brief poems *She Walks in Beauty*, *When We Two Parted*, and *So, we'll go no more a roving*, in addition to the narrative poems *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage* and *Don Juan*.
- He is regarded as one of the greatest British poets and remains widely read and influential, both in the English-speaking world and beyond.



# T.S. Eliot



- **Thomas Stearns Eliot**, (26 September 1888–4 January 1965), was a poet, (26 September 1888–4 January 1965), was a poet, playwright, (26 September 1888–4 January 1965), was a poet, playwright, and literary critic.
- He received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1948.
- Among his most famous writings are *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock*, *The Waste Land*, "*The Hollow Men*", *Ash Wednesday*, *Four Quartets*, *Murder in the Cathedral*, *The Cocktail Party*

# *The God That Failed*

- *The God That Failed* is a 1949 book which collects together six essays is a 1949 book which collects together six essays with the testimonies of a number of famous ex-Communists, who were writers and journalists.
- The common theme of the essays is the authors' disillusionment with and abandonment of Communism.
- The promotional byline to the book is "*Six famous men tell how they changed their minds about Communism.*"
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# Louis Fischer

- **Louis Fischer** (29 February 1896 (29 February 1896 – 15 January 1970 (29 February 1896 – 15 January 1970) was a Jewish-American journalist
- . Among his works were a contribution to the ex-Communist treatise *The God that Failed*, as well as a biography of Mahatma Gandhi entitled *The Life of Mahatma Gandhi*.
- This book was used as the basis for the Academy



# André Gide

- **André Gide** (22 November 1869—19 February 1951) was a French (22 November 1869—19 February 1951) was a French author (22 November 1869—19 February 1951) was a French author and winner of the Nobel Prize (22 November 1869—19 February 1951) was a





# Arthur Koestler

- **Arthur Koestler** (5 September 1905,– 1 March 1983, London) was a prolific writer of essays, novels and autobiographies.
- He was born into a Hungarian Jewish family in Budapest but, apart from his early school years, was educated in Austria. His early career was in journalism.
- In 1931 he joined the Communist Party of Germany but, disillusioned, he resigned from it in 1938 and in 1940 published a devastating anti-Communist novel, *Darkness at Noon* which



# Ignazio Silone

- **Ignazio Silone** (May 1 (May 1, 1900 (May 1, 1900 - August 22 (May 1, 1900 - August 22, 1978)) was the pseudonym of **Secondo Tranquilli**, an Italian, an Italian author. He was born in the town, an Italian author. He was born in the town of Pescina, an Italian author. He was born in the town of Pescina in the Abruzzo, an Italian author. He was born in the town of Pescina in the Abruzzo region and lost many family members, including his mother in the



# Stephen Spender

- **Stephen Spender** (28 February 1909 – 16 July 1995) was an English poet (28 February 1909 – 16 July 1995) was an English poet, novelist (28 February 1909 – 16 July 1995) was an English poet, novelist and essayist (28 February 1909 – 16 July 1995) was an English poet, novelist and essayist who concentrated on themes of social



# Richard Wright

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