



— A REFLECTION ON CONSTITUTIONAL PURPOSE —

WHY TWENTY-TWO?

When a nation reaches Amendment No. 22,
should it simply amend... or should it build?



WISDOM

Ancient teachings,
timeless guidance



HARMONY

The music of numbers,
the rhythm of life



STRUCTURE

Sacred geometry,
order in creation



JUSTICE

Fairness, balance
and accountability



KNOWLEDGE

From letters to law,
from insight to action



LEGACY

Foundations today,
a future that lasts

Throughout history, the number twenty-two has symbolised completion, wisdom, structure and the transition from vision into reality. Across spiritual traditions, mathematics, music, language and sacred geometry, it repeatedly appears as a number associated with order, harmony and the building of enduring foundations.

As Sri Lanka once again debates a Twenty-Second Amendment to its Constitution, perhaps the question is not merely what should be amended—
but whether this moment can serve a higher national purpose.

“Great nations are not remembered
for the number of amendments they passed,
but for the foundations they chose to build.”



..... AN EXPLORATION OF THE SYMBOLISM AND SIGNIFICANCE OF TWENTY-TWO

THE DEEPER TWENTY-TWO

• THE CODE OF WHOLENESS •

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22 = 0010110 — a binary sequence that, in contemporary digital symbolism, has come to represent awakening, a new level of consciousness, and the beginning of a new reality. Honestly framed, this is digital-age symbolism — a motif of modern awakening and consciousness communities, not an ancient tradition. The older layers of 22, however, run far deeper — across the world's wisdom traditions, and within our own.



22 FACULTIES – THE ABHIDHAMMA

In the Buddhist Abhidhamma, the Vibhaṅga enumerates exactly 22 indriya — the faculties that govern the whole of experience, from eye and ear to faith, mindfulness, and final knowledge. Twenty-two as the complete inventory of a being's capacities.



22 ŚRUTI – THE MUSIC OF INDIA

Classical Indian music divides the octave into exactly 22 śruti — the twenty-two microtones from which every rāga is built. Twenty-two as the complete spectrum of audible harmony.



SŪRAH 22 – AL-HAJJ

The 22nd chapter of the Qur'ān is Al-Hajj: The Pilgrimage — humanity converging as equals at a single centre, every rank dissolved in the same white cloth.



REVELATION'S 22 CHAPTERS

The final book of the Bible closes in exactly 22 chapters — and chapter 22 itself is the vision of the new creation: the river of life, the tree of life, a world made whole.



THE MASTER BUILDER

In classical numerology, 22 is the Master Builder — the only number said to be capable of turning the most idealistic vision into built, material form. A constitution is precisely that.



22 LETTERS

The Hebrew alphabet holds 22 letters — in Kabbalistic tradition, the very instruments through which the world was spoken into being.



22 PATHS

The Tree of Life is joined by 22 paths connecting its spheres.



22 MAJOR ARCANA

The Tarot's Major Arcana number 22 — the Fool's complete journey, ending in card XXI. The World: wholeness achieved.



22 / 7

Humanity's oldest working approximation of π — the same 22/7 every Sri Lankan schoolchild learns. The number that lets the circle — the ideal, the heavens — be measured and built on earth.



An amendment numbered 22, as the bridge from the old order to a new beginning, is — in this design language — **the Master Builder's instrument: not legislation, but architecture.**

VII. THE SIGN OF TWENTY-TWO – AT A GLANCE

TRADITION	TEXT AT 22	TEACHING	PILLAR OF THE 22ND AMENDMENT
 BUDDHIST	Khandhaka — the 22 chapters of the Vinaya	The Buddha's procedural law for a self-governing, leaderless Sangha: assembly, quorum, dispute resolution, expulsion of the corrupt, fortnightly public self-audit.	Partyless governance by binding procedure — the Sovereign Council and Grama Seva Sabhā as heirs of the world's oldest constitution of equals.
 HINDU	Bhagavad Gītā 2.22	As worn garments are cast off for new ones, the embodied self takes a new body. The form perishes; the self endures.	Courage for constitutional renewal — replacing the 1978 Constitution wounds nothing eternal. Lanka herself takes a new body.
 CHRISTIAN	Revelation 22:2	The tree of life bears twelve fruits, one each month, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations.	The architecture — a President encircled by twelve Field Ministers, thirteen as one living tree, governing in every season to heal every community.
 MUSLIM	Sūrah Ar-Rūm 22	The diversity of tongues and colours is among the signs of God, alongside the creation of the heavens and the earth.	The trilingual republic — Sinhala, Tamil and English as equal, sacred vessels of the law, not a compromise but an act of reverence.

GEOMETRY OF THE NUMBER



22 ÷ 7 is the ancient approximation of π — the number that draws the circle.



Twenty-two is the number that closes the circle: the **Dhammacakka**, the council of equals, the **Ata-Pattama**.



In numerology, **22** is the **Master Builder** — vision made structure — and reduces to **4**: **four directions, four foundations, four faiths, one island**.



FROM BALANCE TO REBIRTH

FROM AMENDMENTS TO A NEW BEGINNING

After a long journey of building, sharing, strengthening and balancing, Sri Lanka stands at the threshold of a new chapter.



FOUNDATION (1–11)

Building the State
and Institutions



SHARING POWER (13–16)

Sharing Power;
Ensuring Inclusion
and Equality



INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING (17)

Creating Independent
Institutions and
Accountability



THE PENDULUM OF POWER (18–20)

Between Authority
and Restraint



BALANCE (21)

Rebalancing the
Republic, Restoring
Checks and
Safeguards



REBIRTH (22)

A New Constitutional
Foundation for a
New Sri Lanka

THE VISION FOR THE 22ND AMENDMENT



PEOPLE SOVEREIGNTY

The people are the source of all power.
The Constitution must reflect, empower and
protect every citizen.



GOOD GOVERNANCE & TRANSPARENCY

Strengthen integrity, transparency and accountability
at every level of public life.



INDEPENDENT & EFFECTIVE INSTITUTIONS

Ensure independence, professionalism and
adequate resources for all key institutions.



INCLUSIVE & REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

Deepen devolution, ensure fair representation,
and create space for every voice.



RIGHTS, JUSTICE & HUMAN DIGNITY

Uphold fundamental rights, social justice,
and equal dignity under the law.



SUSTAINABLE & FUTURE-READY NATION

Protect the environment, embrace innovation,
and plan for generations to come.



GLOBAL CITIZEN, REGIONAL PARTNER

Build a peaceful, cooperative Sri Lanka
that contributes to the world.

THE NEXT CHAPTER THE 22ND AMENDMENT

A NEW CONSTITUTIONAL FOUNDATION

Rebirth of the Republic



**NOT JUST AN AMENDMENT.
A NEW CONSTITUTIONAL FOUNDATION.**

For the People. For the Future. Forever.

WHAT THE 22ND CAN ACHIEVE



EMPOWER CITIZENS

Active participation
in democracy
and decisions



STRENGTHEN UNITY

A constitution that
belongs to every
community



ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY

No power is
above the law



DRIVE PROSPERITY

Good governance
creates investment,
confidence and
jobs



INVEST IN PEOPLE

Education, health
and skills for a
better life



INVEST IN PEOPLE

Stronger, diverse
and brighter
future generations



PROMOTE PEACE & HARMONY

Respect diversity,
respect and
true coexistence



SECURE OUR FUTURE

A legacy of justice
and opportunity
for generations

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A Constitution is more than a legal document.
It is a social contract between the people and the State.
The 22nd Amendment is our chance to write that contract
anew with wisdom, courage and unity.

**LET US BUILD A NEW CONSTITUTIONAL FOUNDATION.
LET US REBIRTH SRI LANKA.**

