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# thiruppugal pathigam - song 1323 ("karu-venu-māyai")

(The Glory of God - in the form of Bhagavan Sri Skanda)



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# śrí arunagirināthar swāmigal's thiruppugal pathigams (introduction)

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As Arunagirinathar was ordained by Lord Murugan to sing His glories, the Saint's main work is the Thiruppugal songs. Thiru is "God" or "Divine" and Pugal is "glory." Hence, true to the title, Thiruppugal is primarily the glory of God that is sung in these verses which are 16,000 in number, though only about 1,300 are available now. Even from these one can get a glimpse of the extraordinary capacity of Saint Arunagirinathar. These Thiruppugal songs contain information on different subjects like religion, art, music, and literature; the different systems of Yoga, like Bakthi, Jnana, Raja, Kundalini, Hatha, etc.

Though Lord Murugan is the sole object of praise, each Thiruppugal being addressed to Him and ending with "perumāLE (my Lord)," etc., Arunagirinathar so dexterously brings in all other deities like Vinayaka, Vishnu, Siva, Lakshmi, Saraswathi, Parvathi, Kali, Rama, Krishna, etc. in the capacity of their relation to Skanda as this or that, and thus, glorifies everyone of them. In so doing, Arunagirinathar brings in innumerable anecdotes, incidents, and episodes from the Ramayana, Mahabharata, Srimad-Bhagavata, Periya Puranam, Skanda-Purana, etc. It is believed that, apart from the purpose of turning the minds of people from sensuality to religion and devotion, Arunagirinathar heralded a new era of religious unity, tolerance, and understanding between the Saivites and Vaishnavites, through his Thiruppugal songs which, in glorifying Lord Skanda, praise Him as the Son of Siva, Uma Devi, etc., as also the son-in-law of Vishnu, Lakshmi, etc., thus bringing about a compromise between the two sects. Indeed this is no small achievement. This praise of all Gods and Goddesses is one of the outstanding features of Arunagirinathar's Thiruppugal songs, and is rarely seen in the works of any single saint or poet of the Tamil country. śri arunagirināthar swāmigal's thiruppugal pathigam - song 1323 ("karu-venu-māyai") thiruchitrambalam

Another salient feature is the free employment of Sanskrit words, phrases, and even complete lines in Thiruppugal and also in Kandar Alangāram, which exhibits not only Arunagirinathar's mastery over that language but also his skill to blend it with Tamil, and thus, show that the two languages are not incompatible with each other.

The Thiruppugal songs are in Santham metre and Arunagirinathar is the pioneer of this type of poems in the Tamil language.

If the available 1,300 and odd Thiruppugals themselves disclose so much of the superhuman skill of Arunagirinathar and his vast range of knowledge in different fields, we can imagine the mine of information and wisdom that could be inherited by us if all the 16,000 songs were to become available to us. The cadence and rhythm, the elegance of his diction, the meaning and sweetness, the lilt and dance of his words have even today such a magical effect. Arunagirinathar is always living with us. His works — Thiruppugal, Kanthar Anubhuthi, Kanthar Alangāram, Kanthar Anthādi, Thiru Vaguppu, Vel Viruththam, Mayil Viruththam, Seval Viruththam, Thiru Velu Kootrirukkai, and other divine literary works have survived centuries and are still sung in temples today! Long live the fame and works of Arunagirinathar!

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### Guide to pronunciation

 From "Sri Suktam with Samputita Sri Suktam." (Karunamayi, Sri Sri Sri Vijayesari Devi. <u>Sri Suktam with Samputita Sri Suktam</u>. Banglaore: Sri Matrudevi Viswashanthi Ashram Trust, 2004.)

This guide is based on American pronunciation of words, and is therefore not a perfect representation of Sanskrit sounds.

#### Sanskrit Vowels

- a like a in nap
- **ā** like **a** in father
- ë like ay in may
- i like i in pin
- í like ee in sweet
- **ō** like **o** in rose
- **u** like **u** in **pu**t
- **ū** like **oo** in food
- **ha** pronounce as a faint echoing of the previous vowel; e.g. **ah:** would be pronounced "aha"; **ih:** would be pronounced "ihi"; **uh:** would be pronounced "uhu"; etc.
- ai like ai in aisle
- au like ow in cow

#### **Sanskrit Consonants**

- **b** like **b** in **b**ird
- **bh** like **b h** in jo**b** hunt
- ch like pinch
- d like d in dove
- dh like d h in good heart
- g like good
- gh like g h in log hut
- h like h in hot

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- j like j in job
- jh like dgeh in hedgehog
- jñ like ng y in sing your
- k like k in kite
- **kh** like **ck h** in black hat
- l like l in love
- **m** like **m** in **m**other
- **ñ** like **n** in pinch
- **p** like **p** in soap
- ph like ph in up hill
- **r** rolled like a Spanish or Italian "r"
- s like s in sun
- **ś** sometimes like **s** in **s**un, sometimes like "sya" sound
- t like rt in heart
- th like t h in fat hat
- v like v in love, sometimes like w in world
- y like y in yes

\*t, th, d, dh, and n should be pronounced with the tongue placed against the protruding slightly beyond the upper teeth.



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> ஸ்ரீ அருணகிரிநாதர் சுவாமிகள் அருளிச்செய்த திருப்புகழ் பதிகங்கள் - பாடல் 1323 (''கருவெனு மாயை '') <sub>கிருச்சிற்றம்பலம்</sub>

தனதன தான தனதன தான தனதன தான ..... தனதான

கருவெனு மாயை உருவினில் மூழ்கி வயதள வாக ..... நிலமீதில்

கலைதெரி வாணர் கலைபல நூல்கள் வெகுவித மாக ..... கவிபாடித்

தெருவழி போகி பொருளெனு மாசை திரவியம் நாடி ..... நெடிதோடிச்

சிலைநுதல் மாதர் மயலினில் மூழ்கி சிறுவித மாக ..... திரிவேனோ śri arunagirināthar swāmigal's thiruppugal pathigam - song 1323 ("karu-venu-māyai") thiruchitrambalam

<u>அருளநு போக குருபர னேஉன்</u> <u>அடியவர் வாழ ..... அருள்வோனே</u>

அரனிரு காதில் அருள்பர ஞாந அடைவினை ஓதி ..... அருள்பாலா

வெருவிடு சூரர் குலஅடி வேரை விழவிடு சாசு ..... வதிபாலா

மிடலுட லாளர் அடரசுர் மாள விடுமயில் வேல ..... பெருமாளே.

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karu-venu-māyai – uru-vinil-mūlki vaya-thala-vāka ..... nila-mee-thil

Taking a delusory shape and being immersed in the mother's womb; I was eventually born - attaining adulthood, I learnt all the major artistic texts of several experts;

kalai-theri-vānar – kalai-pala-nūlgal vegu-vitha-māga ..... kavi-pādi

I sang many varieties of poems as I roamed about in the streets;

## theru-vali-pōki – porul-enum-āsai thira-viyam-nādi ..... nedi-thōdi

I ran up to the farthest distance in search of wealth, impelled by a desire to make money;

silai-nuthal-māthar — maya-linil-mūlki siru-vitha-māga ..... thiri-vënō

I drowned myself in the delusory passion for women with bow-like foreheads; Is it fair that I should be wandering in such a silly manner?

# <u>arul-anu-pōga – guru-para-në-un</u>

adi-yavar-vāla ..... arul-vōnë

To those who meditate upon You praising Your glory, You graciously grant self-realisation! You bless Your devotees with all prosperity!

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## ara-niru-kāthil – arul-para-nyāna adai-vinai-ōthi ..... arul-bālā

Unto the ears of Your father, Lord SivA, You preached the Supreme and blessed PraNava ManthrA, Oh Son of SivA!

### veru-vidu-sūrar – kula-adi-vërai vila-vidu-sāsu ..... vathi-bālā

*Oh Son of the immortal Goddess Sakthi, You annihilated the entire dynasty of the scared and fleeing demon, Sooran!* 

#### mida-luda-lā-lar – adar-asur-māla vidu-mayil-vëla ..... perū-mālë.

You hold the great weapon, the spear, that was wielded to kill the multitude of demons with strongly built bodies, Oh Great One!



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