

śrí arunagirināthar swāmigal's

thiruppugal pathigam - song 225 ("nirai-mathi-mugam-enu")

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



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By Sri N.V. Karthikeyan

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.

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. Sri Suktam with Samputita Sri Suktam.
 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

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 p u t

like a in nap

like oo in food
 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

bh	like b h in jo b hunt
ch	like pin ch
d	like d in d ove
dh	like d h in good heart
g	like good
gh	like g h in lo g h ut

like **h** in **h**ot

like b in bird

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J	inc j iii joo
jh	like dgeh in he dgeh og
jñ	like ng y in si ng your
k	like k in k ite
kh	like ck h in black hat
l	like I in love
m	like m in m other
ñ	like n in pi n ch
p	like p in soa p
ph	like ph in u p h ill
r	rolled like a Spanish or Italian "r"
S	like s in sun
Ś	sometimes like s in sun, sometimes like "sya" sound
t	like rt in hea rt
th	like t h in fa t h at
v	like v in love, sometimes like w in world
y	like y in yes
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like i in iob

*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 225

("நிறைமதி முகமெனும் ") _{திருச்சிற்றம்பலம்}

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உறவுகொள் மடவர்க ளுறவாமோ உனதிரு வடிவியினி யருள்வாயே

மறைபயி லரிதிரு மருகோனே மருவல ரசுரர்கள் குலகாலா

குறமகள் தனைமண மருள்வோனே குருமலை மருவிய பெருமாளே. śri arunagirināthar swāmigal's thiruppugal pathigam - song 225 ("nirai-mathi-mugam-enu") thiruchitrambalam



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nirai-mathi-mugam-enu moli-yālë neri-vili-kanai-yenu niga-rālë

With faces bright like the full moon; and eyes, which show the way, looking like battling arrows

ura-vugol-mada-vargal ura-vā-mō una-thiru-vadi-yini arul-vāyë

The women flirt with me - can that be called a true relationship? You have to grant me Your two Holy Feet (which are the only relationship for me).

[Charmed by the radiance of the countenance and attracted by the sharp arrow-like look of the harlots, will their contact be reckoned as virtue? (not at all!) Please bestow Your Feet (grace) now.]

marai-bayil-ari-thiru maru-gōnë maru-valar-asu-rargal kula-gālā

Oh the nephew of Vishnu reciting Vedas!
Oh God of Death to the inimical clan of the giants (asuras)!

kura-magal-thanai-mana marul-vōnë guru-malai-maru-viya perū-mālë

Oh Lord who married Valli, the daughter of a hunter! Oh Lord residing at Swamimalai!



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