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śri arunagirināthar swāmigal's thiruppugal pathigams (introduction)

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 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
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like a in nap

u like u in putū 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

D	like b in b ird
bh	like b h in jo b h unt
ch	like pinch
d	like d in d ove
dh	like d h in good hear
σ	like g ood

gh like g h in log hut h like h in hot śrí arunagirināthar swāmigal's thiruppugal pathigam - song 179 ("pōthakan-tharu") thiruchitrambalam

j	like j in j ob	
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	
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ph like ph in up hill
rolled like a Spanish or Italia

r rolled like a Spanish or Italian "r"s like s in sun

sometimes like s in sun, sometimes like "sya" soundlike rt in heart

th like t h in fat hat
v like v in love, sometimes like w in world

v like v in ves

*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 179

("போதகம் தரு")

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போத கந்தரு கோவே நமோநம நீதி தங்கிய தேவா நமோநம பூத லந்தனை யாள்வாய் நமோநம பணியாவும்

பூணு கின்றபி ரானே நமோநம வேடர் தங்கொடி மாலா நமோநம போத வன்புகழ் ஸாமீ நமோநம அரிதான

வேத மந்திர ரூபா நமோநம ஞான பண்டித நாதா நமோநம வீர கண்டைகொள் தாளா நமோநம அழகான

<u>மேனி தங்கிய வேளே நமோநம</u> <u>வான பைந்தொடி வாழ்வே நமோநம</u> வீறு கொண்டவி சாகா நமோநம அருள்தாராய் śri arunagirināthar swāmigal's thiruppugal pathigam - song 179 ("pōthakan-tharu") thiruchitrambalam

பாத கஞ்செறி சூரா திமாளவெ கூர்மை கொண்டயி லாலே பொராடியெ பார அண்டர்கள் வானா டுசேர்தர அருள்வோனே

பாதி சந்திர னேசூ டும்வேணியர் சூல சங்கர னார்கீ தநாயகர் பார திண்புய மேசே ருசோதியர் கயிலாயர்

ஆதி சங்கர னார்பா கமாதுமை கோல அம்பிகை மாதா மநோமணி ஆயி சுந்தரி தாயா னநாரணி அபிராமி

ஆவல் கொண்டுவி றாலே சிராடவெ கோம ளம்பல சூழ்கோ யில்மீறிய ஆவி னன்குடி வாழ்வா னதேவர்கள் பெருமாளே.



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pōthakan-tharu – kōvë – namō nama neethi-thangiya – dhëvā – namō nama boothalam-thanai – ālvāy – namō nama pani-yā-vum

O Leader, who preaches me Divine Knowledge, to Thee do I hail! O Lord, who is the seat of justice (dharma), to Thee do I hail! O Ruler of the Universe, to Thee do I hail!

poonu-ginrapi – rānë – namō nama vëdar-thang-kodi – mālā – namō nama pōdha-vanpugal – sāmee – namō nama ari-dhā-na

O Lord, Who loves to wear all jewels, to Thee do I hail!
O Lover of Valli, the damsel of hunters, to Thee do I hail!
O Lord of Brahma, who seats upon the lotus, to Thee do I hail!

vëdha-mandhira – roopā – namō nama nyāna-panditha – nāthā – namō nama veera-kandai-kol – thālā – namō nama ala-gā-na

O Lord, Whose form encompasses the manthras in the holy Vedas scriptures, to Thee do I hail! O Wise Leader of True knowledge, to Thee do I hail!

O Valourous One whose feet are adorned by victorious anklets, to Thee do I hail!

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<u>mëni-thangiya – vëlë – namō nama</u> <u>vāna-pain-thodi – vālvë – namō nama</u> veeru-kon-davi – sākā – namō nama arul-thā-rāy

O Lord with an ever handsome body, to Thee do I hail!
O Consort of Devayānai of Devaloka, who wears beautiful bangles, to Thee do I hail!
O lord of the visāka star, full of vigour, to thee do i hail! please grant me your grace!

pādhagam-seri — soorādhi — mālavë koor-mai-kon-dayil — ālë — porā-diyë pāra-andar-kal — vānādu — sër-thara arul-vō-në

So that the evil asuras (demons) perish; Thou fought with the sharpest spear (Vel); And redeemed the great Devaloka for the Devas.

pādhi-chan-thira — nësoodum — vëniyar soola-sankara — nārgeetha — nā-yakar pāra-thin-buya — mësëru — jō-thiyar kayi-lā-yar

He has tresses wearing a half crescent moon;

He is Sankara holding the trident and is the Lord of music;

He has strong and firm shoulders; He is full of light; He belongs to Mount Kailas; and He is the foremost Lord Sankara.



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ādhi-sankara — nār-bāga — mā-dhumai kōla-ambigai — māthā — manō-mani āyi-sunthari — thāyāna — nārani abi-rā-mí

She occupies the left part of that Siva's body; She is Uma; She is the Divine Mother; She is the Gem of the heart; She is the Mother Sivakama Sundari; She is the mother of all living beings; She is NārāyaNi; and She is the most exquisitely beautiful Pārvathi!

āval-konduvi — rālë — sirā-davë kōmalam-pala — sool-kōyil — mee-riya āvi-nan-kudi — vāl-vāna — dhë-vargal perū-mālë

She cuddles You with extreme pleasure!
There are many lovely temples in this place known as;
Thiruvāvinankudi (Palani) which is Your abode! Oh Great One, Who art the Lord of all Devās.



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