

## LORD MURUGA IS PRESENT IN THE FORM OF LIGHT IN OUR UNIVERSE

Since time immemorial Lord Muruga was presented as the Son of God, emitted from the frontal eye of Lord Shiva, in six sparks of fire which were cooled down into six babies on the surface of six lotus flowers spanned over the still water of the pond, Saravana Poygei. However Muruga came with a purpose to correct an action committed by his legitimate father, Lord Shiva. The three-eyed lord had blessed a demon Tarakasuran and his clique, Sinhamukhi and Surapadman and it was resolved that only a son to Shiva would be able to eliminate this gang of demons.

The demons knew very well that the asceticism of Lord Shiva would never permit to have a child despite his marriage with Sita; AdiShakti was not part of the mission to create Lord Saravanan but She was responsible for nourishing and bringing up Lord SKandan under the Tamil name Korravai. Her worship dated from the most ancient time of Tolkaappiam and Silapathikaram. She was that ferocious to protect all her devotees against the demons. Korravai is worshipped in a kovil on the highway at Le Redit. No demon could believe that God is supreme and God can create, destroy and recreate.

This is the divine nature of Lord Shiva and He took the demons by surprise and he created a divine body with the brightest fire sparks to {1} to burn and melt down Tarakasuran

{2} to transform Sinhamuki and Surapadman into light and gave them salvation. Lord Muruga is pure light. That was the mission of Lord Muruga. After achieving the goals which were set to him, devotees got him married to Valli to allow him to be part of nature so that he can come in and go from the world as on need and gods got him married to Deivayanei so that he can go to and from heaven, Avinankudi, his resting place. When does he come into and goes out of the world. Why does he come? Devotees worship him carrying kavadis while doing penances. Therefore the Lord will rescue his devotees when he sees the need.

When the needs do crop up?

The need becomes urgent when Puravinathar, wicked people exceed beyond the threshold of tolerance. The lord incarnates or simply blesses a guru to do the job of redemption and at the same time to pacify the fear of Agavinathar, the bunch of virtuous people. We have seen how the Lord turned an evil-minded person like Arunagirinathar into a saint and blessed him to teach the world to follow the path of illumination by singing the Thirupugaz. Carrying the Kavadi was ordained to Idumben. Another devilish person changed into a deity by Lord Murugan upon confession and demand for grace.

But carrying the Kavadi is no more the ideal way of worship for the Lord.

The lives and works of the following 5 divine souls show that Lord Muruga requests a more human approach to mark his presence on earth. We may continue with carrying Kavadis with appropriate penances and bhakti for health care purposes but our efforts should rather focus on relieving the miseries of people.

Saint Ramalinga Adigalar.

Charity life and total surrender are the real spiritual and religious acts that the Lord is pleased with as proclaimed by the appearance of Saint Chidambaram Ramalinga Pillai, commonly known as Ramalinga Adigal or Vallalar. Born on the 5th October 1823 at Marudur, Thiruvottriyur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu and at the age of 6 months he could recognise Lord Shiva actively dancing the bhārathanaatyam through the Chidambara Ragasiyam which any visitor can actually see at Perunthurai Chidambaram.

Ramalinga shunned school education and spent his childhood at a small kovil, KandaKottai, Chennai. He got all his education from Lord Muruga himself. He became a self-effulgent personality, curing sick people which drew crowds of Muruga devotees to his religious and spiritual discourses. He broadened the minds of people with the Thirukural and Bagavatgita in a more general way.

But his illumination enabled him to draw more attention on Lord Muruga as the supreme light. He lived very simple ordinary life. He empathized so much with the poor and the sick, charity and education were his instructions as ceremonies to please Lord Muruga. He gathered tremendous rallies around him and succeeded in creating a Satya Dharma Salai to procure daily food to the poor and sick. This Salai is still functioning to-day. He has written a lot of works to guide his students towards Lord Muruga and his world-known text THIRUVARUTPA is a combination of the Thirumandiram of Siddhar Thirumular and the Thiruvāṣaḡam of St Manickavasagar.

His famous ARUTHPEROUNJYOTHI THARUNPERUNKARUNAI ARUTHPERUNJYOTHI

Supreme Divine Graceful Light

Supreme Divine Infinite Compassion

Supreme Divine Graceful Light

In the Bagavatgita Lord Krishna says { Among mantras, I am Gayathri Mantra. }

Lord Muruga is the Supreme Light.

On the 30\1\1874, at the age of 51 Ramalinga Adigalar changed his body into pure light and vanished from the surface of the earth. Closest devotees from abroad can still visualize his physique and they all believe Vallalar is still present as an envoy of Lord Muruga who empowered him to save the world from the cruelties and injustices of wicked people and institutions.

A home on the premises of Sockalingum Meenaatchiamman Kovil, Nicholay Street, Port-Louis, bears the name of Ramalinga Adigalar. The real worship of Lord Muruga is in the service of the poor and in educating the mass to believe and worship God in the form of Light.

The three fingered straight vibhuthi stripes affixed on the body of Ramalinga Swamigal is the hope to conquer death, that is the cycle of birth, life and death altogether.

Saint Ramana Maharishi.

Sri Ramana Maharishi was born in 1879, 5 years after the vanishing of St Ramalinga Adigal. In his 17th year he attained enlightenment through a remarkable experience as if undergoing death of the physical body while remaining in full consciousness. Following this transformation he left his home and was drawn irresistibly to the hill of Arunachala, Thiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu.

He became the light of Thiruvannamalai. Indian visitors and foreigners flocked to the place. They experienced so many miracles which Sri Ramana declined as his boon but related them to the faith of devotees. Thiruvannamalai is the kovil where St Arunagirinathar was illuminated by Lord Muruga who gave him the Thirupugaz in the 15th Century. Lord Muruga has lived in the person of Sri Ramanah Maharishi,

This Divine Soul talked only three languages, Tamil, Sanskrit and Malayalam, although he understood all languages by the Grace of Lord Muruga. Sri Ramana Maharishi left a few literary works such as Upadesa Saram, Ekampanchakam which are all related to the simple Truth "know thyself". Knowing thyself -- will lead people to discover that Lord Muruga dwells in each human being.

It is to be noted that Sri Ramana Maharishi suffered a lot of physical ills to show the effect of Karma in one's life. He could absorb the bad Karmas of his devotees. Sri Ramana Maharishi defined Moksha-- liberation, as getting rid of non-existent and attaining the bliss which is always there. {I am that--I am God} The Self is God. Lord Murugan exists in the Self, as KUGAN.

When the time came for Sri Ramana Maharishi to depart from this world, he called his devotees to close his small grass hut and He vanished and became Light just like Saint Adigalar. People visiting Thiruvannamalai see a small lamp always brightening on the kovil premises. It is the Light of Arunachala Shiva, the Light of Sri Ramana Maharishi, the Light of Lord Muruga. The closest devotees always feel the presence of Sri Ramana Maharishi around them as if Lord Muruga lives eternally at this place of Arunachala. Know thyself and become a part of Lord Muruga

Gnanaguru Venugopala Swamigal.

He lived in the village of Palani. His education was only up to fourth class. He became a small merchant and he earned a honest living by selling cloth in the village market. One day he saw a type of lunatic boy approaching him with a cup of tea, When he refused, the boy abused him and so he accepted his company with fear. Many times the boy would come to him and in the final visit, the boy told him that he would cure his ailing wife with a lemon and a pinch of vibhuti. As Venugopal's wife was condemned to die after a long incurable disease, he accepted this simple remedy although coming from the looked-like lunatic boy. To his great surprise, Mrs Venugopala was cured immediately.

When Venugopala looked for the lunatic boy, the latter had disappeared from the circulation. He went to Palani Muruga for thanksgiving and he saw the lunatic boy in the Kovil and soon the boy disappeared and Venugopala received an illumination of the boy with Lord Muruga. He finally realised that the boy was none but Lord Muruga, his Family Deity {kuladeivam}. He gave him the name of Mahan and invoking him as Lord Muruga, he became a yogi of the Lord. He obeyed the instructions of the Lord and

he received divine revelations on enlightenment and was assisted in getting divine knowledge from the greatest Siddhar of Lord Muruga ,Yogi Agashtiyar. Agashtiyar Maamuni was assigned by Lord Muruga to teach the Tamil Language to the people of South India. Lord Muruga is the God of the South ,THENNAATHUDAYA KADAVUL.

Service to the Lord is service to the poor and down-trodden.Lord Palani shows a stage of poverty.a beggar

SRI LA SRI PANDRIMALAI SWAMIGAL.

He came to South Africa and Late Honourable Basant Rai invited him to Mauritius.

At Ganga Talao ,amidst a lot of Tamil admirers ,my father in law inclusive, The Swamigal ,a great Siddhar manifested flowers,fruits,agarbathi with burning perfumes and vibhuti in open air and gave them all to the audience composed of the then ministers of the government.That Bhakten of Lord Muruga created a lot of memories in Mauritius in the year 1976.

Answering several questions ,Swami Pandrimalai replied that His mission was to serve God and God's purpose and through God's grace to serve humanity.There is only one community ,that is mankind and there is only one God.There is a close contact between Divinity and Science and when Divinity starts Science ends.The only solution to the ills of the world is to pray God to save us.Only prayers alone can be answered by God for the good of the humanity. People have to speak the language of the heart.

The language of love in the soul is the same in all the world. He is Guru,the dispeller of ignorance,darkness Guru is Brahma,Vishnu,Shiva ,Guru is supreme.There is no equal to Guru.One who has a Guru is blessed. Lord Muruga is the Supreme for all humanity as the Son of God.Only a realized Soul can be a Guru and the realized Guru emanates from the light of Lord Muruga. Service to men is service to God, This is the real worship to Lord Muruga.Lord Muruga was the Guru to Sri La Sri Pandrimalai Swamigal

He worshipped the Lord of Light with the yaindu mandiram NA MA SI VA YA.

One most efficient ex Foreign Affairs Minister of India ,post independence,Honourable Krishna Menon confessed he was at a loss at the United Nations Forum and called his Guru ,Sri La Sri Pandrimalai to his rescue and he soon found plenty of appropriate words in sentences to receive a standing ovation applause at the end of his speech.Yet Swaigal was a simple man in the service of the poor and forsaken people. Lord Muruga is always the light to show the way for total realisation.Those who fight poverty in this world receive the blessing of the Lord on earth and in heaven.

SRI SRI MATA AMRITANANDAMAYI DEVI.

Another Indian Saint who is drawing crowds of Indians and foreigners where ever she goes is no doubt Sri Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi ,considered to be the hugging saint who has given dharisanam to

over 2000000 individuals in the world. Her looks and warmth are enough to cleanse the aura of persons and give them a new life. Coming from a poor village of fishermen, Amritapuri, Kolam, Kerala, she walks into the world talking only in Tamil and Malayalam. She prays and creates changes by the names of the Lord God--Shiva, Krishna, Muruga, Shakti. She is always in the service of God in serving the poor, the sick and the handicap. At the age of 18 she transformed plain water into panjmirrdam to prove the existence of Lord Krishna and Muruga. Since 1988, she travels around the world on a yearly basis to develop relationship among the people and nations of the world for mutual understanding and mutual cooperation. Service to the poor is her motto; She has so strongly impressed the world that foreigners have invested Kerala with universities, hospitals and social institutions to serve the cause of the poor.

She draws people together by her soul stirring bajans and satsangs on the sameline as St Adigalar. Her asrams in many states of India and outside world, do provide free meals to the poor on daily basis.

On the 24th December 2004, She stopped the waves of the sea to rise at Amritapuri in the Tsunami which killed some 300000 people in Asia. Her gesture had been proved divinely right when the Bagavatam was studied wherein Lord Krishna's feet touched the sea waves and lowered the tides to allow the sea to become calm to a low level to allow Vasudeva to cross the ocean with Lord Krishna on his head. At the same time Lord Muruga ordered the 75 ft high waves of the sea of the Tsunami to coil down and retract from pouring destructive waves onto the Kovil at Thiruchendur, Tamil Nadu.

This was a world feat and it is kept on record that Lord Muruga had defeated the Tsunami of 2004. Going into the ancient religious literature, it was observed that Varuna, God of the sea, made a promise to Lord Muruga, soon after His victory over Surapadman at Thiruchendur that he, Varuna, would no more touch the feet of Lord Muruga as he was party with Surapadman for hiding the latter in the sea to spare him from the Vel of the Lord.

LORD MURUGA IS KALIYUGAVARADA --GOD OF THE PRESENT KALIYUGAM.

In the words of St Thiruvalluvar as written in the Thirukural, Amma as she is commonly called, caused rain to fall in Tamil Nadu to alleviate the sufferings of the people. This was acknowledged by the Government of Tamil Nadu some three years back. She prays in the holy names of Lord Muruga, leaving her audience with the sacred memory that

Om Saravana bhava is the THIRUMANDIRAM  
the most sacred mandiram which can cure all evils.

Service to the poor is service to Lord Muruga

The burden is rather in the service than on the Kavadi

AUM SARAVANABHAVA

Jayarani Mauree.