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The three dearest ceremonies dedicated to Lord Murugan, Son of God

- VAIGASIVISAGAM

Birthtime of the Lord—6 agni sparks from within Lord Shiva

- MAASIMAGAM

The time he told the meaning of AUM to Lord Shiva .AUM ,the sacred syllable ,the sound communion of the atma with the paramatma.The secret of birth,living and death—padeittal,kaattal,Alittal .The secret to liberation and salvation.The foundation of Hindu Religion.

- SKANDA SHASTI

Lord Murugan accomplishing His Mission by firstly annihilating Surabatman,the demon and then revived him and transforming him to stay near Him as his mayil,vaahanam and the seval as his kodi \flag for benefits of mankind;mayil as the pathway for divine communication and seval for awakening to divine presence and wisdom TheKAVADI—origin and spiritual importance .Idumban was an evil doer and in his late years he repented and chose as Guru ,rishi Agatiyar ,the first tamil teacher having learned the language from Lord Muruga himself. Idumban found Agatyar in the Burchavanam forest ,miles away from the Himalayas. St Agatyar was resting .He was asked by Lord Shiva and Parvati to bring down two hillocks –Sivagiri and Saktigiri –to the South of India without pointing the exact place. Testing his discipleship ,Agatyar ordered Idumben to carry these two heavy hillocks southward.Agatyar stayed behind. After trekking a long way Idumben was so tired, he took rest and slept. On waking up he could not lift the mountains He climbed on one and saw a young boy with a lance in his hand He became dumb and Murugan who was infact the youth struck his tongue and Idumban became wise instantly and requested the Lord to allow him to continue carrying Sivagiri and Sakti giri in his honour till his deathtime .Thereupon the Lord granted him the favour with the blessing that **whoever carries a kavadi invoking his name is blessed through out his life.** Here the custom of carrying kavadi became the tradition. Moreover,Murugan blessed Idumben to be his guard and in front of any Murugan Kovil,in Tamil Nadu and elsewhere.Idumben Sannidi is found.A devotee should seek permission from Idumber before entering a Murugan Kovil. Kavadi means the wooden pole on which is strewn the arc of flowers—signifying divine beauty which is the meaning of Murugu.The arc remembers the rainbow by which appearance God promised not to destroy the world as recorded in old Christian testament.The reddish colour is related to the tamarai pookkal on which Murugan was born.The TEPPE

reminds the saravana grass in the poigai river which welcomed the Lord at his birthtime ;Whereas the kaavy colour{seyorn} dress repulses negativity which tempts the mind .The Vel is the instrument which eliminates evil in the distance.It is the wisdom whereby all evil ,thoughtsand actions are automatically repealed The two **sombous** of milk actually signify the two hillocks. Sivagiri and saktigiri.Siva is power and Sakti is love.Both blended gives the best living condition to the individual and the soul. In a kavadi mood {baavam} ,both Siva and Sakti meet when the kundalini sakti awakes through the six {aaroupadei} chakras The lemon fruit ,first appearance on a seawave at Thiruchchendur is synonymous to the Lord presence for eliminating the cycle of birth and death ;milk is birth.

- Murugan is regarded as the Divine doctor at Vaithiswaren Koyil, Tamil Nadu.

The Rudra ksha seeds came from the tears of Lord Shiva destined to cure diseases in human being who believe in them and such trees grow since then.Cavadee bearers do wear Rudrakshamalai around their neck for protection and healing.The rudraksha has special properties of polarity and diamagnetism.**Taipoosam kavadi**--celebration day on the 7 February 2012 {24 Tai Madam ,KARA5113} The poosam star will appear on the full moon day .Throughout India Taipoosam Cavadee will be celebrated .Those celebrating on the 6 February will mislead although Cavadee is borne any day,in Tamil Nadu, in glory of Lord Muruga. This Taipoosam day is considered very favourable by Lord Shiva .On this day ,people are advised to take bath in sacred rivers and go to kovils and pray Shiva so that they can be cured of diseases and evil spirits.In the history of the tamils there were so many recurrences when kings and pundits were afflicted by dead spirits on account of their sins and having prayed to Lord Shiva for years, got released of those spirits and were cured on the spot.According to Saint Boganathar a devotee of Lord Muruga{during the cavadee yatra} the kundalini sakti arouses in his astral body ,linking the six chakras where upon Shiva and Sakti meet in unison and the cosmic energy pervades the whole body and soul .The milk in the two **sombous** is transformed as nectar to be finally poured upon Lord Muruga with the result the devotee's soul is bathed simultaneously with the ARUL {GRACE} of the Lord.This is the objective of carrying a cavadee with good faith and devotion.The trance is but an expression of this divine reaction.But be careful of IMMITATION.

It was fullmoon and the star poosam was high in the sky on this day of the tamil month of Tai that Shiva and Sakti merged as ARTHANAR ISWARAR and granted a boon to their Son ,Skanda,with the VEL,{ MIGHT AND WISDOM} Power and Love,to help him accomplish his mission for which He was destined—destroying evil and restoring peace and happiness. Murugan is worshipped in the form of VEL only in many Kovils and as a six headed snake {kundalini sakti} only form in other kovils. Lord Murugan worship is a daily practice We can see cavadee bearers every day at any time .However the Taipoosam cavadee amidst crowds of million of people is only celebrated at Palani on the Taipoosam day as the Lord received His Vel on that day.Saint Boganathar,the Chinese Rishi created AANDI,the naked Dandayudapani,with nine medicinal herbs and placed the Murthi on Mount Palani and after years ,ST BOGAR merged with the AANDI and took refuge under His feet{paadam} Devotees were cured by simply inhaling the perfume of the herbs in the distance. The OM yogic focus meditation leads the devotee to the mood of being oneness with God.

The nailed kalepa is another means to secure healing from the soles. Pricking the tongue and covering the mouth are mowna yogam to receive wisdom of God. Here we have to avoid exaggerated situation.

The mayil replaced the goat which was erstwhile the Lord's vehicle after subduing the same devilish goat which frightened his devotees. Idumben became Murugan's favoured devotee\guard and Veerabaahu his most intelligent communicator when dealing with people.

Murugan is only known in Tamil Nadu ,his own creation and his many names are known in India.He has created the tamil alphabet and is the preceptor ,Guru,of divine knowledge.He controls Astrology.Kugan .he lives in the body,abode of God,. To receive his grace our karmic balance must be favourable.The Lord's marriage with Deivayanai and Valli is synonymous to Lord Muruga's match with our Soul & karmic life.

MAY LORD MURUGA'S ARUL {grace} BE UPON ALL THE PEOPLE AND COUNTRY,MAURITIUS—SIVASOOPRAMANIERKOVILVACOAS

