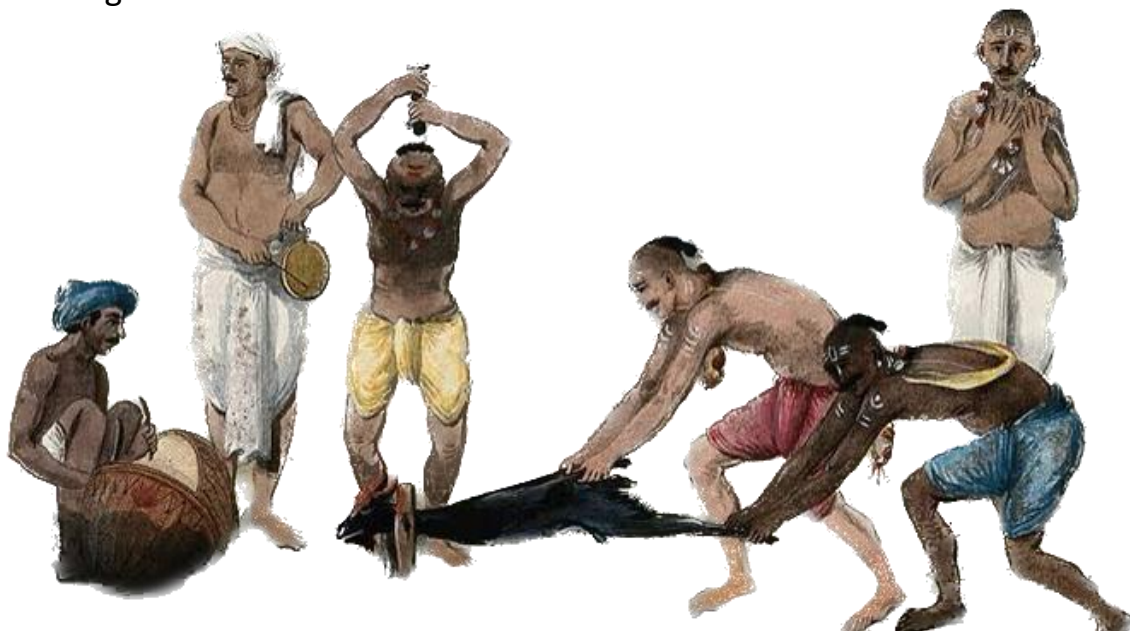


2. The story of Agathiyar stopping Velvi

Once upon a time many sages gathered together and started making a vow. They had also arranged a goat to be killed on the occasion. Sage Agathya went there; He saw a confused goat.

There is no benefit that can be gained from condoning murder. The charity said that no matter how great the aspiration is, we should not allow the killing to come. What is wrong with sages praying with asam? They said, "Mysteries have agreed to this."



Agathiyar told him to pray with astonishment. Asam means goat and three year paddy. He said, 'I want to take only rice' and he finished making the velvi with three pieces of rice.

Adults enjoy the high that comes from killing. It was well understood by Agathyar that day that they would appreciate being gracious to living beings.

(Grace)