



UNDERSTANDING THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE GOD

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EIGHT ATTRIBUTES OF THE GOD – எண்குணத்தான்

1. Omnipotent: All powerful
2. Omniscient: Knows everything
3. By nature, God knows everything, (not by education or by experience)
4. By nature, free from any taints/ fetters
5. Pure embodiment (pure form)
6. Independent, never dependent on anything
7. Infinite unconditional unlimited Love (AruL)
8. Infinite Bliss

கோளில் பொறியிற் குணமில்வே எண்குணத்தான்
தாளை வணங்காத் தலை

Hads which do not bow at the feet of the One with eight attributes are of no more than nonfunctioning sense organs.

- ThirukkuRaL - 09

SIX ATTRIBUTES OF THE GOD – பகவான்

1. Supreme Wealth
2. Supreme Valour
3. Supreme Fame
4. Supreme Knowledge
5. Supreme Beauty
6. Supreme Detachment

THREE ATTRIBUTES OF THE GOD

1. Volitional potency - *Ichcha Sakti*, the reason for will
2. Cognitive potency - *Jnana Sakti*, the reason for knowledge
3. Conative potency - *Kriya Sakti*, the reason for action

MURUGAN'S vel represents *Jnana Sakti*, the cognitive potency;

VALLI represents *Ichcha Sakti*, the volitional potency and

THEIVANAI represents *Kriya Sakti*, the conative potency

God has unlimited potencies mentioned above.

Soul also has these potencies but veiled, restricted and restrained by the engulfing fetter *Anava*.

The veiling *Anava* is weakened with the maturing intelligence of the individual soul when it gains knowledge and experience through multitudes of births as per its individual karmic deeds.

Once the intelligence of the individual souls matures to the ripened stage, God's grace will bestow *Mukti* to the soul by eliminating the power of the prime fetter *Anava* altogether.

At this state of liberation, above mentioned three unlimited potencies of the God directly synchronize with the corresponding three potencies of the soul. Thus, the potencies of the liberated soul become unlimited.

Soul in this liberated state of *Mukti*, enjoys the state of *Sivatuvam* - God-hood endlessly.

This state of non-dual union of our individual soul with the God is called *Advaita Mukti*.

Dwaita – means dual/ two. *Advaita* – means non-dual. *Mukti* – means – ultimate final release from all the restrictions/ bondages/ darkness/ sufferings/ cycles of births and deaths.

TWO ATTRIBUTES OF THE GOD AS SIVA and SAKTHI

1. Jnana (Knowledge) as Sivam
2. AruL (Love) as Sakthi

We need full of these two for our perfection but limited by our binding triple fetters of Anava, karma and maya.

When our binding fetters goes away in our liberated state of Mukti, we become the embodiments of Jnana, the knowledge and AruL, the Love for ever.

Expression of sexuality in all living beings as Sivam and Sakthi

1. Masculinity as Sivam
2. Femininity as Sakthi

Polarity in the insentient energy and matter in this world as Sivam and Sakthi

1. Positive/ Negative (Electronic)
2. Proton/ Electron (Atom)
3. Cathode/ Anode (Electricity)
4. North pole/ South pole (Magnetic)
5. Centripetal / Centrifugal (Gravity)

சத்தியும் சிவமும் ஆய தன்மை, இவ் உலகம் எல்லாம்,
ஒத்து ஒவ்வா ஆணும் பெண்ணும் உணர்குண குணியும் ஆகி,
வைத்தனன்; அவளால் வந்த ஆக்கம், இவ் வாழ்க்கை எல்லாம்;
இத்தையும் அறியார், பீட லிங்கத்தின் இயல்பும் ஓரார்.

*As the dual aspects of the Almighty is
Already there everywhere in the cosmic creations and its operations
As **Sivam** and **Sakti**; possessing the dual attributes of polarities
All positive and negative; All masculine and feminine;
As opposing and attracting dual forces together interacting with each other
In each and every sentient and insentient (particles and energy) being;
All are stamped and possessed by the Supreme sovereignty
All these through All-Pervasive Supreme Devine Power **Siva- Sakti**;
Whoever doesn't know this; wouldn't know the real meaning of **Siva-Linga**;
Constitutes **Linga**, the pole represents Siva and*

Peeda, the base represents Sakthi in their inseparable union.

- **Siva-jnāna-siddhiyār. Song 89**

*This universe of mobile and immobile creations and creatures is entirely pervaded by dual polarity (as male and female; positive and negative; south pole and north pole, plus and minus, proton and electron etc.etc.). Every being with the mark of the masculinity should be known to be of **Siva**; while every being with the mark of the femininity should be known to be of **Uma**."*

- **MahāBhārat, Anusa Parva**