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SIVA-JNĀNA -BŌDHA
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Siva means the Unblemished Ultimate Destiny, Bliss, Knowledge, Love, Auspiciousness and Comfort.

Jnāna means the knowledge to reach it.

Bōdha means the instructions for it.

Sūtra means aphorism which gives the information above in concise and condense form in words.

- The first three sūtras (aphorisms 1, 2 and 3) are classified as **pramāṇa iyal**, means proving the existence.
- The next three sūtras (aphorisms 4,5 and 6) are classified as **lakṣhaṇa iyal/ ilakkaṇa iyal**, means the attributes of the existence.
- The third set of three sūtras (aphorisms 7,8 and 9) are classified as **sādhana iyal**, meaning the process of actualization of the Truth.
- The last set of three sutras (aphorisms 10,11 and 12) are classified as **payan iyal**, means the state of actualization, the ultimate.

SIVA-JNĀNA -BŌDHA, SŪTRA I

- *The material world we perceive as matter and beings as masculine, feminine and neutral is a product and is real.*
- *This emanates from Him, exists on Him and dissolves back to Him.*
- *The Lord of the ultimate dissolution is the cause, who does this for us to get rid of our **malā**, the binding fetters.*
- *Everything comes back from the end to Him again, as such*
- *He is the intelligent cause behind all, so say the learned.*

*Note: **Intelligent cause / Efficient cause** is the starting point in the circular, infinite causal chain as the cause of all causes. It is not contributing to the causal chain material-wise or labour-wise. Just the presence of this effortless sentient conscious intelligent will is enough for the chain to revolve. It is the independent **principal cause** that has the power to operate through itself without the motion of another. Nothing can precede it. Siva is the principal cause of everything.*

*This first **Sūtra of Siva-Jnāna -Bōdha** is further explained in **Siva- Jnāna- Siddiyār** Songs 21 to 90.*