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Matha. AmmaKannu – Bharathiyar’s servant maid alas mother



It is very divine to write about this noble lady to this world. She is **Amma Kannu**. She lived in French Pondichery. She joined as Bharathiyar’s house maid. But her previous birth’s wish has brought her to this great poet to solve her karmas and purifies her with tremendous service without any expectation. She is the symbol of true service and unconditional love. We do not know about her later. Even we could not get her photo. But she lives in her love for ever.

Govindhan and 2 of his brothers were servants in Ponnu Murugaysam Pillai’s house. Their mother was Amma Kannu.

How she looks? What is her account in her SAL ENERGY?

She was very pale and thin like a stick. But she was very strong and energetic. She never talks with others unnecessarily. She never expects anything from any one. Her front set of teeth were protruding out of her upper lips. She was deaf but able to understand our body gestures. She was very respectable among the public for her honesty. She has never misused her freedom and she never talks ill about any one. But she never gives up herself to anyone. She used to help to many people around her.

She took care of the poet as his mother when Chellama was away in Kadayam for few years. She did not got any penny for her service. She was highly respected by our Mahakavi.

Bharathiyar was very ferocious some times and emotional with anger. He could not accept injustice done to anyone. He never listened to many of his associates. But he was like a child to this lady.

Srimaan.V. Ramasamy [Bharathiyar’s close friend] says, I cannot even spell her name, I am in tears. Her true bakthy to Bharathi is still in my mind...”

What made Amma Kannu to dedicate herself to this poor poet?

1. His true devotion to self-truth/ God
2. His purity of thoughts.
3. His courage.
4. His unconditional love and service.
5. His respect and unconditional love to all sects of people.
6. His high respect to women.

The following incident [happened in 1917] has been resaid by the Tamil poet Bharathi Dasan who was a disciple of Bharathiyar.

Brithish India and French Pondichery were giving too much of troubles to our poet. Whatever he did were in vain. No money, no work, no support! Bharathiyar was much depressed and he left the house one day.

He just left to railway station without listening to Chellama and others. Chellama was searching for Amma Kannu. She believed that she can hold him back as his mother.

She used to calm down the poet by giving advice. Sometimes she used to argue with him. Sometimes she used to prostate before him and beg him to be calm.

Chellamma and others found Amma Kannu and narrated what has happened. She just left out and started searching for him. Finally Bharathidasan found him in the railway station and took him back to his home. On his way Amma Kannu was chasing the Bush rickshaw and stopped that. Bharathiyar could not face her.

Devamritham given by the servant

He got down and stood before her. She just gave him a packet full of sundal – cooked cereals. Bharathiyar was so hungry. So he ate that and immediately told her with tears, “Devamritham!”

Yes her sundals were devamritham because they made his anger to cool down and made him to get into self-awareness about the life situation. This incident has made a great change in his life. The wild elephant has been tamed by the unconditional love of a servant.

This made the poet very fresh and ordered the rickshaw to go soon to his home. When he got down he started writing the most famous story “Gnana Ratham” – Chariot of wisdom. Amma Kannu as mahasakthi has given him the initiation through her Prasad – sacred food.

Bharathiyar appreciates her as, **“Friends! Do not think inferior of our Amma Kannu. Amma Kannu is Veerai, She is the incarnation of Sakthi!”**

So we are very glad to call her as Mathaji to this great poet. He too must have seen his mother within her. He lost his mother when he was a child. He too says that all women associated with us are Devi.

So we wish to bring out this humble mother to this world especially to women. She shows that anything can be changed with unconditional love.

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