



## SAKTHI FOUNDATION

### BAHAVATH GEETHA AND NEEM FRUITS

Every incident in Bharathiyar's life reflects his strong deep spiritual evolution. This made his atman to transform into the conscious state - Bhramam. When he left Pondichery after 10 years, he was asked to stay only in Kadayam. There were many contexts which made Bharathiyar to evolve spiritually.

Poverty, starvation, isolated life from own native people and family made him very tired, sick and weak as a normal man. But they also added spoons of ghee of experience and wisdom about the true nature of human birth which made him to practice his spiritual exercises. All these made his atman to move towards the self-liberation.

In Kadayam he was treated as an exile and isolated for few months by his own caste. He was allowed to live in an old house at the western corner of the village. One day he saw few children eating neem fruits. The poet was surprised to see that. Let us listen to them.

Poet,"dear boys! Why you are eating this. These fruits are bitter in taste!"

One boy, 'sir, they are bitter with little sweet. We can bear the hunger."

This sentence opened the inner vision of the poet. Like the neem fruit human life is very bitter with little joy. But we like that. Accepting the bitterness and putting off the hunger is a great action. Like this we must accept the challenges of life which will make us wise. This is the spiritual lesson he got through those children. He must have visualized them as Krishna and his fellow mates.

This incident made him realize the advaita - oneness of all in all beings. His devotion towards the God evolved to express as his famous bajan "காயிலே புனிப்பதென்ன கண்ண பெருமானே?" In this song he has expressed the nature of all beings in life and says that everything is truth's self-expression. Sickness, happiness, hunger, feast all are the same. This song has been composed for the bajan troop in Kadayam in the most traditional bajan style. The song is very simple but the depth of truth he has conveyed is very strong which makes even a layman to understand the omnipresence of truth. Through this song he taught Bahavath Geetha to many poor and ignorant people. This bajan song is the direct and clear example for his state of consciousness.