



Topic: SPIRITUAL Uni5 QUESTIONS TO MAHAKAVI  
SUBRAMANYA BHARATHIYAR - Part 2

We feel very happy to have Mahakavi's support to our educational concepts and spirituality. His talks and articles are reflecting us. We all are reflecting the **truth!**

Can you explain about 6 different versions of Vedic tradition of worship?

This has been established by Saint Sri Adhi Ahankarar in 7th century A.D. Before him there were several ways of worshipping Gods and there were also many religions. Schools of spirituality that followed 4 Vedic sciences were brought under one sect called "Shan matham" - 6 ways of attaining the truth. This work was done by Shankarar. Jains and Buddhists were against Vedic traditions. Shankarar had very tough time in handling non Vedic methods of self-realization. Shankarar did not condemn these 6 various ways of worship. But he has insisited that Vedhantha - the ultimate wisdom of self-truth is the fruit for Vedic traditions.

Do you feel Shanakarar has helped to unite this nation?

Yes! he has given very clear concept about the self-truth! This has made most of our Hindus to accept all deities. But still Shaivam and Vaishnavam are having issues. Religious leaders are also fanatic. But most of the people are accepting all.

What are the 6 various ways of Vedic tradition?

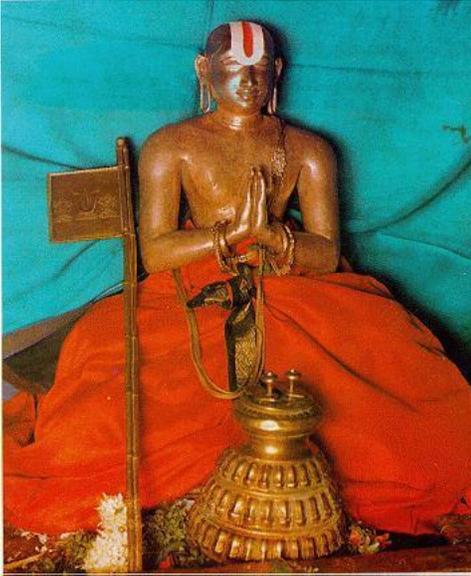
*Indhiram - Consciousness or bhramam is incarnated as Indra. [Body level consciousness.]*

*Agkayam - Bhramam is being worshipped as fire - Agni. [Agni is the transforming energy called gnana or wisdom.]*

*Gaanaapathyam - Bhramam - [body] is being worshipped as Lord Ganesha.*

*Shaivam - Shiva - [awareness] is the supreme most truth.*

*Vaishnavam - Vishnu - [Intellect] is the supreme most truth.*



*Saktham - Universal energy pattern - Sakthi is the primordial truth.*

Above 6 ways of worship has accepted 4 Vedas and Upanishads. But their legends - Puranas are different. It is very obvious that Shaivas and Vaishnavas are not accepting the legends of opposite sects. General concepts as stories were accepted by all.

Ramayanam and Mahabaratham were also accepted by all but we can see Sakthi worship is deep rooted among all Hindus. Than Shiva people are more celebrating Universal energy as Devi. She is being worshipped as Meenaskhi, Kamakshi, Kali and Maari.

**Do you feel that all Hindus have understood the Vedic concepts about the truth?**

Mahakavi laughs in this context!

Even though Sakthi is being worshipped all across the nation I do not see our people have understood the basic inner concepts of Vedas. They are just physically attached in the form of "body level ritual devotion" to their Gods and Goddesses. This is useless! There cannot be any achievement by this devotion.

**What is then your definition for Sakthi?**

Bhramam - Consciousness is not different from Parasakthi. If you think they are 2, it is wrong! In Saktham, the whole universe is being incarnated by the bhramam and that consciousness is being identified as "Loka matha - Universal mother - female energy pattern of creation".

Saint Ramakrishna Paramahamsar very often addresses that energy as, "Kali! my mother!" So we must give clear definition to these people about this Sakthi.

**Do you think Saktham is still in good practice?**

Sure! Vaishnavam and Saktham are the 2 schools of worship still existing in deep level. Saktham is more practised in Bangal. Sakthi worship is part of day to day life. Our kings were following Saktham for their power and success. The great king Vikramadhithya in Ujaine has worshipped Mahakali as the primordial power and ruled his nation. The great poet Mahakavi Kalidasan has been a strong saktha. Verra Shivaji is a staunch devotee of Devi Bhavani!



But in south India Saktham is being performed in a wrong way with meat, sex, drinks and this is making public to feel upset about Devi devotees. Animal sacrifices are more today! We need to change that!

### Why there are more monks, sanyasis in Hinduism?

I am sorry to say that Sanadhana Dharma never appreciates literal physical level - emotional level sanyasam. Vedas are here to help us to live a good life on Earth which must be transformed into a divine full life.

### What is Chidhambara thathvam - philosophy?

I wish to answer this question through one of my spiritual tutor - **Kulla Swamy of Pondichery**. Once he gave me the initiation towards the greatest Chidhambaram concept as follows [The saint has written this concept in a palm leaf and that got published in Swadeshamithran new magazine later].

"Bharathi! Brother Kalidasa! [People of Pondichery called our poet as Kalidasa] see the eagles flying high in the sky. They are just keeping themselves far away from this Earth. Like them we must be far away from all our materialistic pleasures which will totally decrease of SAL energy. Like the eagles just try to observe the light of consciousness! That is Chidhambaram!

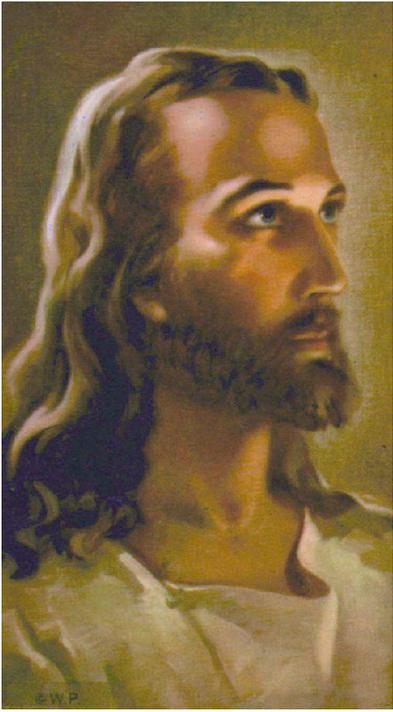
Shivakama Sundari Devi is the universal energy who makes you to attain the consciousness! So surrender to that energy!

Chidhambaram is the unconditional conscious state of acceptance and true love for all and self. That state of mind is Srirangam, Pazhani and all shrines for us. All places with temples are centers for spiritual practices to attain liberation - Moksham"

So I am very clear that going to Chidhambaram physically is important and it is most important to make our self as Chidhambara thathvam. This is the inner meaning for **Gopala Krishna Bharathy's song in his Nandhanar Charidham**.

"சிதம்பரம் போகாமல் இருப்பேனா? இந்த ஜன்மத்தை வீணாகக் கழிப்பேனா?"

[How can I stop myself from going to Chidhambaram in this birth? Going to Chidhambaram is self-transformation to become conscious]



**What is self-identity for us? [This self is not the physical body-name identity; it is the self-truth]**

This is totally different from blind belief!

When **Shivaji** was a boy Maharashtra was in a very bad situation. When he died the same country was his own. He was able to retain his nation just because of his self - confidence which is the real inner strength for man which is awareness in other words. That is also called **Vivegam**.

When Chola king punished **Saint Ramanujar**, he left to Mysore. His disciple Koorathalwan also gave up his eyes to save his guru. Chola was very happy that Ramanujar will never back to his nation. He can punish physically the aacharya and his disciples but he could not chop

Ramanujar's self-awareness!

When **Jesus Christ** was punished by Jews they thought that they have totally put an end to Christianity. But today we can see that religion is spreading all across the globe. It is just because of the self-awareness of Christ which he had upon the truth he has identified within himself.

Same way **Neapolean's** self-awareness made him to be success!

But for all of us the very first support is our own self-awareness! We cannot expect anyone to support us immediately! We must try and practice our concept of truth through our actions which will bring many external supports later. This self-awareness is called self-identity of ancient Indians. Vedas call this as **"Aarya Lakshanam"**.

**How to become self-aware or attain this vivegam?**

Through thorough practice we can attain this. The practice is not just physical work; it must be a dedicated work to understand the objective which we want to spread. While practicing vivegam we have to face very tough time. But our surrender to the truth is most important armor! That devotion with true surrender saved **Mohamad Nabi** and Ramanujar from enemies. So do not scare about poverty, sickness, death and defeats. Keep on performing your actions with self-connection.

Vevegam cannot be practiced through stage talks and discourses. It has to be practiced forever! It is very easy to say but hard to practice as Thiruvalluvar said!



**Do you feel Europe people are having more vivegam than us?**

I do not agree to this! Even though they have educated and education has been given to both men and women still men are thinking inferior about women. They are feeling that women are unfit to vote! So knowledge of equality has been given but that has not been put into practice by Europeans!

**What you say about Indians' vivegam?**

Krishna said that he as the truth is being realized in one and all. Ramanujar made revolutions to uplift the lower sect people through spirituality. But his present day followers so called SriVaishnavites are very fanatic and staunch in abusing other deities and they appreciate varshnamas. This is the worst example for us regarding vivegam! *When we are totally controversial with our talks and actions we are very much far away from vivegam!*

*Interview will continue....OM SAKTHI!*

This article has been edited and translated after visiting Mahakavi's home in Madras - Tiruvalli keni, just behind Parthasarathy temple. All Government holidays are leave. Otherwise it is opened from morning 10 A.M. [Madras, August 30, 2012]

Above photo: Bharathiyar's home in Madras.