

# 12 ALWARS

The 12 Alwars were ardent devotees of Lord Narayana who lived between 6th and 9th Century A.D.

There were 12 Alwars including 'Sri Andal' who rendered collectively 4000 hymns called 'Divya Prabandham'. Their hymns are equivalent to Vedas, Upanishads, and Bhagavat Gita.

It is believed that Lord Vishnu's weapons like disc, sword, conch, etc incarnated as Alwars to sing the praise of the Lord and to spread bhakti to all.

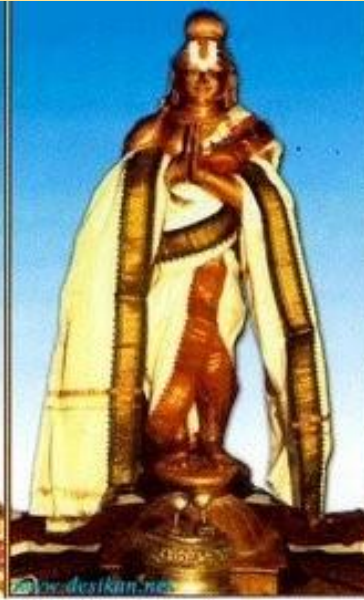
Since most of the vedas and Upanishads were in the very ancient language, Sanskrit which was difficult for the laymen to understand, Alwars sang 'Paasurams' in Tamil which were easily understandable while having concepts that are equal to Vedas. Though Alwars hail from Tamil Nadu, they belong to the whole humanity.

Alwars are considered to be Nithya Soorigal (Nithiya-ever, Sooriyargal-Sun), like AdhiSesha, Vishwaksena, and Garuda, who possess an everlasting power like Sun. Their brilliance does not vanish over time, and they live in Vaikunta to serve the Lord.

Poigai Alwar  
Bhoothathalwar  
Peyalwar  
Thirumazhisai Alwar  
Nammalwar  
Madhurakavi Alwar  
Kulasekhara Alwar  
Perialwar  
Andal  
Thondaradi Podi Alwar  
Thirupanalwar  
Thirumangai Alwar



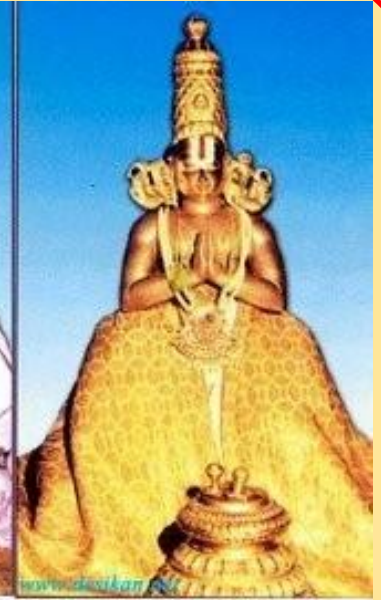
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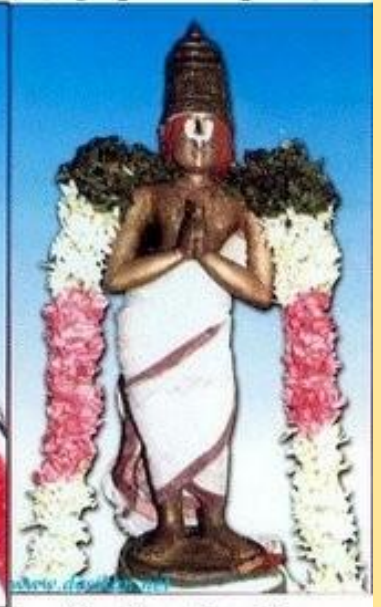
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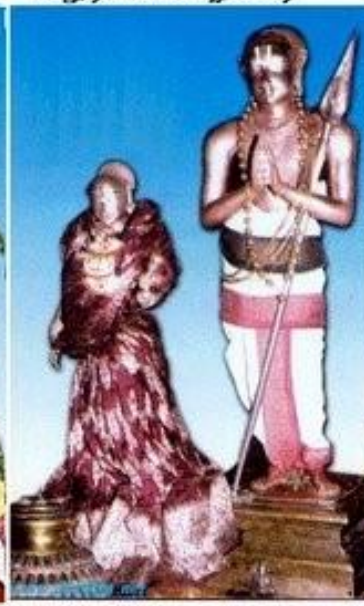
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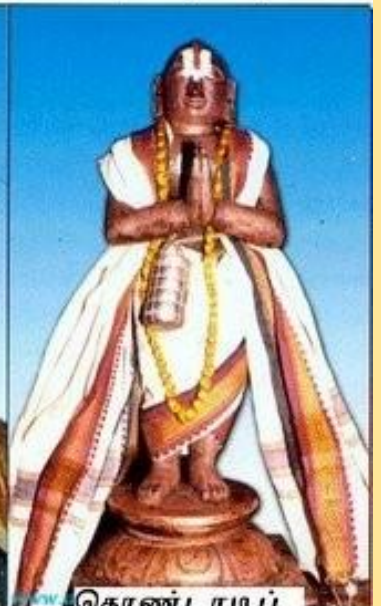
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திருப்பாணாழ்வார்



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