

Path to Siva

A Catechism for Youth

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Lesson 18



What Is Our Affirmation of Faith?

“God Siva is Immanent Love and Transcendent reality”

English

God Siva is Immanent Love and Transcendent Reality

Tamil

Anbe Sivamayam,
Satyame Parasivam

Tamil
Script

அன்பே சிவமயம்
சத்தியமே பரசிவம்

Sanskrit

Premaiva Sivamaya,
Satyam eva Parashivah

Sanskrit
Script

प्रेमैव शिवमय
सत्यम एव परशिवः

That is our affirmation in English. It summarises the beliefs and doctrines of the Saivite Hindu religion.

***Immanent* means “present throughout.”**

***Transcendent* means “beyond.”**

God is both Manifest and Unmanifest

By repeating this affirmation, we assert that God is both manifest and unmanifest.

He is present throughout the world and He also transcends it.

He is personal Divine Love and impersonal Reality.



Repeating the Affirmation

We repeat “God Siva is Immanent Love and Transcendent Reality” when going to sleep and again while awakening.

This statement brings us close to Siva and prepares us for the day.



It's Meaning in Three other Languages

In Tamil it is 'Anbe Sivamayam, Satyame Parasivam'.

In the Sanskrit language it is 'Premaiva Sivamaya, Satyam eva Parasivah'.

In French it is 'Dieu Siva est Amour Omniprésent et Réalité Transcendante'.



A Mantra and a Sadhana

We can use it like a mantra and recite it 108 times.

We can write it down 108 or 1,008 times as a sadhana.



The Ultimate Truths of our Religion

Repeating this affirmation, we impress our mind with the ultimate truths of our religion so that these memories give us strength in times of distress, worldliness or anxiety.



God's immanent love protects and guides us

It reminds us that God's immanent love protects and guides us.

Through the day, it lifts our mind into useful thoughts and keeps us from harm's way.

Reciting this affirmation draws us into Siva consciousness.



Other religions also have affirmations of faith.

For example, Christians have the
Apostle's Creed

Muslims have the Shahada.

Followers treasure their affirmations,
repeating them often individually or as a
group.



Gurudeva says...

God Siva is Immanent Love and Transcendent Reality” is what we have when we take the milk from the sacred cow of Saivism, separate out the cream, churn that cream to rich butter and boil that butter into a precious few drops of ghee.



QUESTIONS for Lesson 18



18.1 Our affirmation of faith in English is “God Siva is Immanent Love and Transcendent Reality.”

- True
- False

18.2 Immanent means “beyond”, and transcendent means “present throughout.”

- True
- False

18.3 By repeating this affirmation we assert that
(Check the correct answer)

- A. God is both manifest and unmanifest
- B. He is present throughout the world but does not transcend it
- C. He is personal Divine Love and impersonal Reality

18.4 Enter the letter from below of A - B that is the language in which the affirmation is written.

- ___ Premaiva Sivamaya, Satyam eva Parashivah
- ___ Anbe Sivamayam, Satyame Parasivam

- (A) Sanskrit
- (B) Tamil

18.5 Reciting this affirmation lifts our mind into useful thoughts and keeps us from harm’s way.

- True
- False