



A Rare book - Dhevaiula on Ramanathaswami



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This classical work on Sri Ramanatha Swami of Rameswaram was composed by “Palapattadai Chokkanatha Pillai”. This work was discovered by Sri U.Ve. Saminatha Iyer after comparing multiple versions. He also wrote a commentary on this rare text.

Uttamadhanapuram Venkatasubbaiyer Swaminatha Iyer (19 February 1855 – 28 April 1942) was a Tamil scholar and researcher who was instrumental in bringing many long-forgotten works of classical Tamil literature to light. His singular efforts over five decades brought to light major literary works in Tamil and contributed vastly to the enrichment of its literary heritage. Iyer published over 90 books in his lifetime, on a variety of matters connected to classical Tamil literature, and collected over 3,000 paper manuscripts, palm-leaf manuscripts and notes of various kinds.[1] He is affectionately called Tamil Thatha (literally, "Tamil grandfather").[2]



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Ekadasa or 11 Rudras rose from Lord Shiva. They are, as per this text:

1.Madevan, 2.Haran, 3.Rudran, 4.Sankaran, 5.Neela-lohitan, 6.Isaanan, 7.Visayan, 8.Vimadevan
9. Palorpavan 10.Kapali 11. Soumiyan

7 Upa-devis, who rose from Lord Siva, along with their vahan and weapon are:

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| 1. Brahmi - Swan (Vahan) - Axe (weapon) | 2. Maheswari - Bull - Trishul |
| 3. Vaishnavi - Peacock – Pinaka | 4. Koumari - Garuda - Chakra |
| 5. Varahi - Lion – Plow | 6. Chamundi - Elephant - Vajra |
| 7. Indraani - Ghost - Trishul | |

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