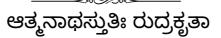
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ಚತುರ್ವೇದಪುರೀಶಾಯ ಶಾಶ್ವತಾಯಾದಿಮೂರ್ತಯೇ . ಆತ್ಮನಾಥಾಯ ಜಗತಾಂ ಗುರವೇ ಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣೇ ನಮಃ .. 1.. ಸದ್ಯನಾನಂದಕಂದಾಯ ಚಿದಾನಂದಸ್ಯರೂಪಿಣೇ. ಕುಂದಭೂರುಹವಾಸಾಯ ಗುರವೇ ಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣೇ ನಮಃ .. 2... ವಿಧಾತೃಹರಿಮುಖ್ಯಾನಾಂ ವಿಶ್ವೇಷಾಂ ಜಗತಾಮಪಿ . ಜ್ಞಾನದಾತ್ರೇ ಸುಮಹತೇ ಗುರವೇ ಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣೇ ನಮಃ .. 3.. ಅಣೋರಣೀಯಸೇ ತಸ್ಮೈ ಮಹತಶ್ಚ ಮಹೀಯಸೇ . ತುರ್ಯಾತೀತಾಯ ಶುದ್ದಾಯ ಗುರವೇ ಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣೇ ನಮಃ .. 4... ಸ್ರಷ್ಟುಂ ವಿಧಾತೃರೂಪಾಯ ರಕ್ಷಿತುಂ ವಿಷ್ಣುರೂಪಿಣೇ . ಸಂಹರ್ತಂ ಕಾಲರೂಪಾಯ ಗುರವೇ ಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣೇ ನಮಃ .. 5... ವಿಧಿವಿಶ್ವಂಭರಾಭೀಷ್ಟಪ್ರದಾಬ್ಜಚರಣಾಯ ತೇ . ವಿಶ್ವಾತೀತಾಯ ವಿಶ್ವಸ್ಮೈ ಗುರವೇ ಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣೇ ನಮಃ .. 6.. ಸಹಸ್ರಶಿರಸೇ ತುಭ್ಯಂ ಸಹಸ್ರಾಕ್ಷಿಭುಜಾಂಘ್ರಯೇ. ಸಹಸ್ರಾಗಮವೇದ್ಯಾಯ ಗುರವೇ ಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣೇ ನಮಃ .. 7.. ಪಂಚಾನನಾಯ ದೇವಾಯ ಪಂಚಬ್ರಹ್ಮಸ್ವರೂಪಿಣೇ. ಪಂಚಾಕ್ಷರಸ್ವರೂಪಾಯ ಗುರವೇ ಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣೇ ನಮಃ .. 8.. ಮದೃರ್ತ್ರೇ ಜಗತಾಂ ಪಿತ್ರೇ ಕಾರಣತ್ರಯಹೇತವೇ . ನಮಸ್ಕುಭ್ಯಂ ನಮಸ್ಕುಭ್ಯಂ ನಮೇ ನಮಃ .. 9... ಅಪರಾಧಾಯುತೋಪೇತಂ ಮಹಾಕಲ್ಕಷಮಾನಸಂ . ಪಾಹಿ ಮಾಂ ಪಾಹಿ ಮಾಂ ನಿತ್ಯಂ ಪಾಹಿ ಮಾಮಾತ್ಮನಾಯಕ .. 10.. ರುದ್ರೇಶಕಥಿತಂ ಸ್ಕೋತ್ರಂ ದಶಕಂ ಯಃ ಪಠೇತ್ ಪುಮಾನ್ . ಕಾಲಮೃತ್ಯುಮತಿಕ್ರಮ್ಯ ಸ ಚಿರಾಯುಃ ಸುಖೀ ಭವೇತ್ .. 11.. ಇತಿ ಶ್ರೀರುದ್ರಕೃತಾ ಆತ್ಮನಾಥಸ್ತುತಿಃ ಸಮಾಪ್ತಾ . Proofread by Aruna Narayanan

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Avudaiyarkoil village, near Aranthangi in the Pudukkottai district of Tamil Nadu. It was built to honor Lord Shiva. The presiding deity is formless (Atmanatar); there is no Śivalingam but only a pedestal (AvudayAr) located in the sanctum, hence the name Avudayar Koil. The God faces South in this temple- in Dakshinamurthy or Guru form. His consort is worshipped as SivayoganAyaki (YogAmbAl) in iconless form. There is no Nandi bull icon as is conventional in almost all Shiva temples.

There is deep spiritual significance in this. Hinduism allows deity worship for the novice. As one's devotion matures, one begins to contemplate the truth of formlessness of the Brahman. The temple has been designed to illustrate this theology. This one of the rarest Saivite shrines in whole of India to portray the supreme truth symbolically. Since the soul (athma) has no form, the deity is called Athmanathar.

Legend has it that Manickavasagar, one of the four Saivite savants, constructed the temple at Avudaiyarkoil.

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