

A Short Note On Sri. Nadaadur Ammal

(English Version)



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Shri Nadadur Ammal (a.k.a Shri Vathsya Varadacharya) was the grandson of the nephew (Bhagineya) of Shri Ramanuja. He was born on the Chitra star of Chaitra Masa of Parthiva year. After Brahmopadesam and initiation into Vedic studies, he was sent by his father, Shri Devarajacharya, to Tiruvellarai near Trichy, to study Shri Bhashya under the tutelage of the great Shri Vishuchittiya a.k.a Engalazhvan. The latter agreed to the request on condition that Shri Varadacharya must leave for Kanchipuram only after his (Engalazhvan's) charama Kainkaryam (obsequies), which he fulfilled. Even today, we can find the small figure of Shri Nadadur Ammal encrusted in the Peetam of Shri Engalazhvan's vigraham in Tiruvellarai.

After returning to Kanchipuram, Shri Varadacharya was fully involved in delivering continuous discourses on Shri Bhashyam to many of his disciples. Very popular among them were (1) Shri Sudarshana Suri, the great grandson of Shri Koorathazhvan (who wrote the first commentary on Shri Bhashyam known as Srutaprakashika) and (2) Shri Kidambi Ramanuja (a.k.a Appullar, who was the maternal uncle of Shri Vedantha Desika). The latter one day took his nephew Shri Venkatanatha (Shri Vedantha Desika) to the Kalakshepa goshti and all including Vatsya Varacharya, were spell-bound by the brilliance (Tejas) of the young, five-year old Venkatanatha, who was blessed by the great Acharya as the one born to re-establish the Vishishtadvaita Siddhantha on a firm footing, which was later to become prophetically true.

There is also another anecdote connected with this Acharya. On one night, the Archaka was found offering in a hurry, very hot milk to Kanchi Varadan. Shri Varadacharya got the Archaka engaged in conversation until the milk was drinkably warm. Seeing this motherly affection, Shri Varada Perumal called him "Ammal", which appellation stuck to him as Nadadur Ammal.

He also wrote many Sampradaya Granthams. Among them, well-known are Tattva Saaram, Prapanna Paarijaatam, Paratattva Nirnayam and Hethirajastavam. His grandfather on, this family was one of the leading lights (Simhasanaadhipadhis) of Ramanuja Siddhantha. Shri Nadadur Ammal was truly the shining gem of the Vatsya clan.

nadAthUr ammAL's thaniyan:

***vandhEham varadhAryam tham vathsAbi janabhUshaNam
bhAshyAmrutha pradhAnAdhya sanjlvayathi mAmapi***

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For further reading please visit web site :

<http://nadadoor.org/life-and-works-of-nadadoor-ammal/>

<https://guruparamparai.wordpress.com/2013/04/05/nadathur-ammal/>