

# SRI GURU STUTI

1. That is the Truth which the wise realize as the Self, the residuum left over on withdrawing from external objects, with or without form (ether, air, fire, water and earth), by a careful application of the scriptural injunction ‘not this, not this’ — Thou art That!
2. That is the Truth which, after generating the fundamentals (ether, air, fire, water and earth), and entering the world, lies hidden beneath the five sheaths, and which has been threshed out by the wise with the pestle of discernment, just as the grain is recovered by threshing and winnowing the chaff — Thou art That!
3. Just as wild horses are broken-in by whipping and stabling them, so also the unruly senses, straying among objects, are lashed by the whip of discrimination, showing that objects are unreal, and are tethered by the rope of pure intellect to the Self by the wise. Such is the Truth — Thou art That!
4. The Truth has been ascertained by the wise to be the substratum which is different from the waking, dream and deep sleep states, and from its own expanded modes, which indeed are held together by it like the flowers strung together on a garland — Thou art That!

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1. Nēti-nēti yādi vākkā niḍē-dittu mūrttā mūrttam  
Ēdumē taḷḷar killā edaiṣṣuva svarūpa māga  
Vōdaruñ sādu vānōr uḷḷattil koḷḷu vārgaḷ  
Ādimeḷ aṟivā nanda avvastu vanḍṟō nīdān
2. Uttiyāñ kutti-nālē umiye num aindu kōsam  
Buddhi-yāṟ pirittup pinnarp porundi-ḍum arisi pōlum  
Ettinai sattukkaḷ kaṇḍu idayattil anuba vippar  
Astamil nitta siddha avvastu vanḍṟō nīdān
3. Poṟi-gaḷām parigaḷ tammaip pulan-gaḷil viḷaṅgun dōsha  
Aṟivenuñ kasai yaḍittē ahamugak kayiṭṭṟāl irttav  
Aṟivaṟi aṟijñar ettil aṇaitton-ḍṟāyyp piṇit tiruppar  
Aṟiporuṭ kaṭīta māna avvastu vanḍṟō nīdān
4. Pūkkalī ninḍṟu vēṟāyyp porun-diḍuñ sūtti rampōḷ  
Jākki-ra mādi yāna sar-vattum vēṟa dāna  
Sākṣhiyā nōkki yādais sattukkaḷ agatta ṇaivar  
Ākkamu nīkka millā avvastu vanḍṟō nīdān

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5. That is the Truth which the scriptures show to be the primal cause of all, elucidating the point clearly by such texts as '*Purusha* is all this' and 'like gold in ornaments of gold'  
— Thou art That!
  
6. The Truth has been forcefully proclaimed by the scriptures in such texts as 'He who is in the sun, is in man.'  
'He who shines in the sun, shines in the right eye,'  
— Thou art That!
  
7. What pure *brahmins* seek so eagerly by the recitation of the Vedas, by religious gifts, by earnest application of their hard-earned knowledge and by renunciation, is the Truth  
— Thou art That!
  
8. That is the Truth which the valiant have gained by seeking, with controlled mind, with abstinence, penance, etc, and by diving into the Self. Realizing it, they are considered to be heroes with their highest purpose accomplished. That is the transcendental Satchidananda<sup>1</sup> after gaining which there is nothing more to worry about since perfect peace reigns  
— Thou art That!

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<sup>1</sup> Being-Consciousness-Bliss.

5. Kaṭaka maku-ḍādi yāvuñ kana-kamē yāgumā pō!  
Jaḍa chittā mulagam yavuñ chaṭṭrumē binna miṇḍri  
Sudarumav vaḍivā yendṛu choṭṭri-ḍum vēdam yadai  
Aḍinaḍu muḍi villāda avvastu vanḍṛō nīdān
6. Inanilit tanuvil yānā ilaṅgu-van ēkanē yendṛu  
Anisa-mum vēda vādi āyinōr muyaṛchi yōḍum  
Inimai-yāi eḍuttu raippar ettat-tuvattai nanḍṛai  
Anartta-mil edārtta māna avvastu vanḍṛō nīdān
7. Arumaṛai vākki nālē ahatti-niṛ shraddai yōḍum  
Arun-tavam yāgan dānam ādinal aṛaṅga ḷālē  
Arumaṛai yavargaḷ ettai aṛin-diḍa avāvu giṇḍṛār  
Arumaṛaip poruḷai niṇḍra avvastu vanḍṛō nīdān
8. Sānti muda lāna vuṭṭṛu santa-tan tannāṛ ṭannil  
Āynde-dai aṛijñar kaṇḍav aṛivinba meyyā enḍṛu  
Mīndela muḍittoḷir-var miḡu bavak kēda nīttē  
Āzhndaṛi tatva māna avvastu vanḍṛō nīdān