

**SAIVA SIDDHANTA**

Unit 1:

Introduction – Historical Development, Traces of Saivism in the Vedas, Upanisads, Agamas, Fourteen Tamil Philosophical Works – Thirumurais.

Unit 2:

Epistemology – Nature of Knowledge – Sources of Knowledge – Perception, Inference and Testimony – Place of Cit-Sakti – Validity of Knowledge – Theories of Truth and Error.

Unit 3:

Metaphysics – Three Eternal Realities – Pati, Pasu and Pasa – Concept of God – Nature of God – Arguments for the Existence of God – Creation – Concept of Soul – Nature of Soul – Arguments for the Existence of Soul – Bondage – Anava, Karma and Maya.

Unit 4:

Ethics – Means to Release – Caryā, Kriyā, Yoga and Jnana – Iruvinaiooppu – Concept of Effort – Malaparipaka – Saktinipada – Concept of Grace – Meyyunarvu – Nature and Kinds of Diksha Nature of Release – Nature of Mukti – Jivanmukti.

Unit 5:

A General Survey of Kashmir Saivism and Virasaivism.

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