

PHILOSOPHY OF THIRUKKURAL

Unit 1 :

Introduction – Life of Tiruvalluvar – The sources of Tirukkural – Important Commentaries.

Unit 2:

The Concept of God – Nature of God- Nature of Souls – Plurality of Souls- Law of Karma.

Unit 3 :

a) Aram (Dharma) – Duties of a House holder –The Concept of Love (Anbudaimai) – Complaisance (Oppuravu) and Uprightness of Heart (Naduvunilaimai)

b) The Concept of Renunciation (Turavu) – Realisation of Truth (Meyyunardal)- Truthfulness (Vaimai) – The Killing of Desire (Ava Aruttal) – Transitoriness (Nilayamai).

Unit 4 :

Duties of the Individual (Tani Manida Aram) – Education (Kalvi, Kelvi and Arivudamai) – Desired and Forbidden Actions

Unit 5 :

Ethical basis of Politics (Arasiyal Aram) – The Qualifications of the Prince (Iramatchi) – Purity of Action(Vinaituimai) – Characteristics of Ministers (Amachu Iyalbugal) – Friendship (Natpukolludal) – Desired and Forbidden Actions.

Books for Reference

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4. Pope, G.U(tr.), Tirukkural
5. Aiyar, V.V.S. Tirukkural