

## Thiruppaavai – Day- 14

உங்கள் புழக்கடைத் தோட்டத்து வாவியுள்  
செங்கழு நீர் வாய் நெகிழ்ந்து ஆம்பல் வாய் கூம்பின காண்  
செங்கல் பொடிக் கூறை வெண்பல் தவத்தவர்  
தங்கள் திருக்கொயில் சங்டகிடுவான் போகின்றார்  
எங்களை முன்னம் எழுப்புவான் வாய் பேசும்  
நங்காய் எழுந்திராய் நாணாதாய் நாவுடையாய்  
சங்கொடு சக்கரம் ஏந்தும் தடக்கையன்  
பங்கயக் கண்ணாளைப் பாடு ஏல் ஓர் எம்பாவாய் - 14

ungaL puLaikkadai ththottaththu vaaviyuL \*  
SengaLuniir vaay negiLndhu aambal vaay kuumbina kaan \*  
Sengarpori kkuurai veNbar thavaththavar \*  
thangaL thirukkoyil Sangiduvaan pothandhaar \*  
engalai munnam eLuppuvaan vaay peSum \*  
nangaay eLundhiraay naaNaadhaay naavudaiyaay \*  
Sangodu chakkaram endhum thadakkaiyan \*  
pangaya kkaNNaanai ppaadelor embaavaay. - 14.



(Lotus-Eyed, Lord Sriman-NaaraayaNa – Sankha-Chakra-Dhaari)

Aandaal told another Gopika: The beautiful red lotus flowers are blooming and the blue lily flowers are fading in the well (with steps to get into the well-water) of your backyard. All the renowned monks (Sanyaasi-s) with their saffron clothes (and white teeth) are on their way to the Temples for their early morning prayers. You promised to wake us up first, but you are still sleeping and you should be ashamed of this, O talkative and most beautiful girl! Come and join us in singing the glories of our Supreme Lord, Sriman-Narayana, Padmaaksha (with eyes like lotus petals), Sankha-Chakra-Dhaari (Panchajanyam and Sudharsana) and Aajaanubaahu (hands reaching up to His knees).

(Aandaal asked one Gopika – you promised that you will wake us up, but you are still sleeping? Shame on you. That Gopika replied, No, No, only just now I went to sleep. Yes it is day-break and the lotus is blooming, the lily is fading and all the Sanyaasi-s are blowing the conch-shells on their way to Sri-Mahaa-Vishnu Temples. (Only 3 things will be white with a Sanyaasi – the cloth flag on the sacred Thridhandam, Yajnopaviitham and his own teeth). Those who got the Yajnopaviitham should do SanDhyaa-Vandhanam at the appropriate SanDhyaa-kaalam and sing the praise of Lord Sri-Krishna, who is Sankha-Chakra-Dhaari, Sriman-Narayana. In Nandha-Gokulam, Lord Sri-Krishna never displayed His Sankha-Chakra-s, but They manifested as and when He needed them - at His Birth in the jail-house in MaThura, when SiSupaala was killed at YuDhishTira's Raajasuuya-Yaagam, and at Viswa-Ruupa-dharsanam on the Kurukshetra war-front etc.,. He is Padhmaaksha – one with beautiful lotus-petal-like eyes, as quoted in the famous **Chaandhogya-Upanishath** – “... thasya kapyasam pundariikamiva akshiNii ... “. Bhagavadh-Raamaanujaachaarya interpreted this phrase as – Lord Sriman-Narayana, with eyes like the just blooming lotus flowers at the Sun-rise time, whereas his teacher, Yaadhava-Prakaasa, interpreted that the eyes of the Lord are looking like the back of a monkey (a very unholistic comparison, not compatible with the Supreme Lord Sriman-Narayana's stature). AnushTaanam is very important for Aachaaryaas. Guru is different and he may or may not practice what all he preaches, But Aachaaryaas will not only preach, but also practice what they preach. Once, one Guru wrote in his book – do SanDhyaa-vandhanam before Sun-rise every day. But the Guru is not practicing what he is preaching. An innocent student questioned the Guru's not doing the Sandhyaa-vandhanam before Sun-rise and the Guru replied – “My UpadheSam is for others only and not for me”. Such are the Gurus, in contrast to our great puurva-Aachaarya-s, who literally practiced what they preached and our Aandaal is considered as an Aachaarya for all of us, by some Mahaathma-s in our SaraNaagathi saampradhaayam).