

Dr. Shuddhananda Bharati

Songs of
Divine Communion

Deva Gaanam
125 Pleasing compositions



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May happiness prevail!

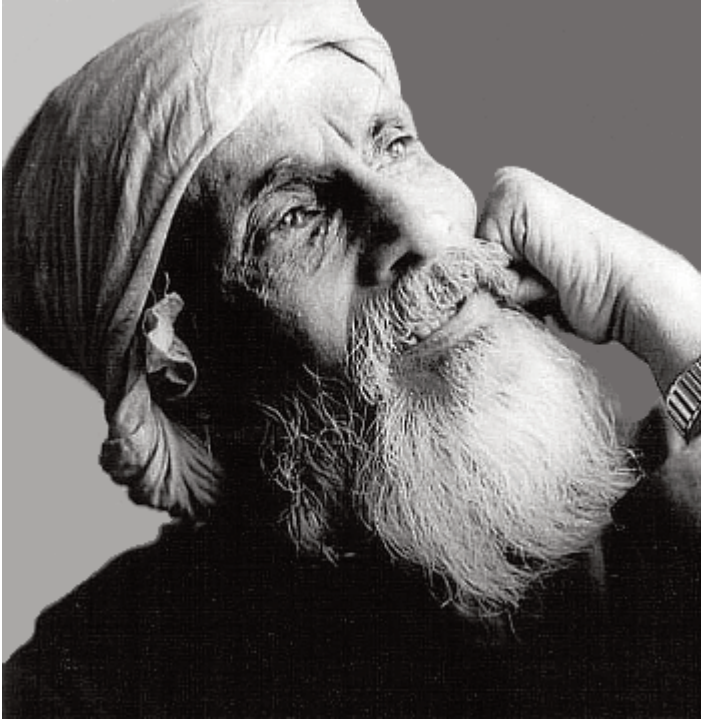
Long live everyone!

May happiness prevail!

Aum Shuddha Shakti Aum!

Long live everyone!

Shuddhananda Bharati



Yogi Shuddhananda Bharati

Editor's Notes

Yogi Sri Shuddhananda Bharati's songs are widely known in the Tamil world and are greatly acclaimed by exponents of music. Kavi Yogi has composed all these songs for use during his own worship.

Of these, one hundred and fifteen songs have been published in a book titled *Chidambara Geetham*, they have been set to music and are heard in the radio, records, on stage and on the silver screen.

Many poets put forward the request to publish all the songs of Shuddhananda Bharati as a series. After *Chidambara Geetham*, this book is being published with the title '*Deva Gaanam*', *Songs of Divine Communion*.

There are 125 sweet songs in *Deva Gaanam*; they are all new songs endowed with divine fervour; replete with the tenets of Vedanta and Siddhanta, they are musical compositions designed to show the way to the human community. These songs bestow immense pleasure on the listeners. All parts of the songs must be sung.

We express our sincere gratitude to the ruler of Chettinad, Dr. Raja Sir Annamalai Chettiar, a patron of Tamil music who contributed generously for the publication of this book in first edition in Tamil. He was an admirer of Sri Shuddhananda's songs and has strived to popularize these songs all over Tamil Nadu.

We express our gratitude to all Tamil musicians and to Annamalai University who are giving voice to Kaviyogi's songs on the radio, gramophone, in concert halls, in films

and on the stage. Our thanks are also due to the Registrar of Annamalai University Sri N. Viswanathan for the first publication of this book in Tamil.

A warm thank you to Savitri, this book is dedicated to her, for her help and contribution to translating a lot of books of Shuddhananda Bharati. She took pleasure in helping me, now she is in peace. Thank you, Savitri.

And a warm thank you to Kumar Srinivasa Nagaraja Rao for his help and contribution to make this translation over. Thank you from the heart for your Presence and help to accomplish this great work.

It is a real pleasure for me to present *Songs of Divine Communion* to you. Thank you, Dr. Shuddhananda Bharati for having transmitted *Songs of Divine Communion*.

With the blessing of *Aum Shuddha Shakti Aum*.

God is Love!

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Preface

There is a well-known saying: "Poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings: it takes its origin from emotion recollected in tranquility". This may aptly describe this collection of Poems by Kavi Yogi Maharishi Dr. Shudhananda Bharati, the erudite Scholar, brilliant communicator, a great Yogi, renowned poet, an educationist and a great teacher. Bringing out his personal experiences and vision in the form of Communion which means the sharing or exchanging of intimate thoughts and feelings, especially on a mental or spiritual level.

Swamiji is a Poet par excellence many are aware. Many are his literary works with which he has captivated many hearts with his deep thoughts, rich poetry and high-class Tamil. In the various Poems composed by him in this Book, he gives us the divine experience of addressing the deities as though we are standing before them, as he delineates the form and divine attributes of each deity in a splendid manner. This is the uniqueness of this wonderful collection of Poems. The choice of words and the depth of Swamiji's thoughts come to the fore as we wade through Poem after Poem. The Poems are so simple but yet so powerful having a positive impact on our Minds and Hearts.

In this divine collection of Poems Swamiji begins with an Invocation Song and a poem of Meditation and goes on to pay obeisance to Lord Shiva at the outset and gets submerged into the ecstasy of devotion and elaborates on the abundance of Shiva in a number of Poems and also gives

an insight into the *Tat Tvam Asi*, (Sanskrit: "Thou Art That") the famous expression of the relationship between the individual and the Absolute. Dr Shuddhananda Bharati, in this Book has also penned Poems in praise of Lord Subramanya, Goddess Parvati, Goddess Mahalashmi and Goddess Saraswati and Lord Sri Krishna too and expresses his intense devotion and describing how he melts as he worships all these deities. There are many Poems in this collection where Swamiji teaches moral values and righteousness both in the form of a dialogue with Lord Shiva and other deities as well as directly appealing to the mankind to lead a life of purity, fearlessness and of noble thoughts. The great teaching of Bhagavad Gita which says: "Do your duty and renounce its fruits" is also brought out by the Kavi Yogi in one of the Poems in this Book.

We admire and adore Dr Shuddhananda Bharati for the philosophies he has juxtaposed with high level of devotion in these gems of Poems.

To bring all these to us in a wonderful, printed form which is a treat to our eyes is what the Editor par excellence Christian Piaget has done through his Editions ASSA, with the goal of cultivating and developing peace on Earth, which earns our applause and appreciation. It is because of Christiananda Bharati's dedicated, focused brilliant work that we are able to cherish today the marvelous Poetic beauty and lofty thoughts of Dr Shuddhananda Bharatiyar through this collection of Poems *Deva, Ganam The Song of divine communion*.

To conclude, after experiencing the joy of reading the Poems of Swamiji in this Book I have translated the Poems to the best of my knowledge and grateful to Christian Piaget for having chosen me to be part of the commendable journey which he has undertaken in publishing the monumental works of Kavi Yogi Shuddhananda Bharati, in a meticulous manner with class.

Kumar Srinivasa Nagaraja Rao

Aum Nama Sivaya! Sivaya Nama Aum!

Courage!

*The night is through,
The chain of slavery
It is already broken –
I am full of courage!*

*Peace in the morning,
A golden sun rises
Like a lion superhuman
To accomplish my dream.*

*A hopeful smile,
Docile as a child
Who plays in the infinite
With a fiery star.*

*My journey is over;
I enjoy time;
The universe is my nest;
Of eternal spring.*

Song of Unity

*Unite. Unite, Unite, Oh Souls
Unite and play your roles
Unite in mind, unite in heart
Unite in whole, unite in part
Like words and tunes and sense in song
Let East and West unite and live long
Trees are many; the grove is one
Branches are many; tree is one
Shores are many; sea is one
Limbs are many; body is one
Bodies are many; self is one
Stars are many; sky is one
Flowers are many; honey is one
Pages are many; book is one
Thoughts are many; thinker is one
Tastes are many; taster is one
Actors are many; the drama is one
Nations are many; the world is one
Religions are many; Truth is one
The wise are many; Wisdom is one
Beings are many; breath is one
Classes are many; college is one
Find out this One behind the many
Then life shall enjoy peaceful harmony*

Peace Anthem

*Peace for all, peace for all
For all the countries peace
Joy for all, joy for all
For all the nations joy
A rosy morning peace
A smiling summer joy (Peace for all)*

*All for each and each for all
This is the golden rule
Life and Light and Love for all
For all that live our love (Peace for all)*

*Work and food and clothes for all
Equal status for all
Health and home and school for all
A happy world for all (Peace for all)*

*No idle rich, no more beggars
All are equal workers
No more tears, no more fears
The heart is full of cheers (Peace for all)*

*No atom scare, no fat mammon
No room for war demon
Like leaves in trees, like rays in the sun
We are one communion,
One Divine communion (Peace for all)*

*The good in you is good for all
Your life is life for all
The God in you is God for all
Your love is love for all (Peace for all)*

*For he or she or it or the rest
This collective life is best
This Universal Life is best
North or South, or East or West (Peace for all)*

*Peace for plants and birds and beasts
For hills and streams and woods
Peace in Home – land and air and sea
Dynamic peace we see
Peace for all, peace for all*

Immortal Peace for All

Presentation of
Dr. Shuddhananda Bharati
11th May 1897 – 7th March 1990

The wise one to the cosmic age

Although more than 90 years old, in his school in the south of India, *Kavi Yogi Maharishi* (great divine visionary, wise poet), Dr. Shuddhananda Bharati worked like a young man of twenty. When he was asked his age, he answered: “My age is Courage!”

The Yogi wrote several hundred works in English, French, Tamil, Hindi, Telugu and Sanskrit: five thousand songs, and fifteen hundred poems in French. The magnum opus of the man conscious of the presence of God in him, *Bharata Shakti*, (in 50,000 verses) described his ideal: only One Humanity living in communion with only One God in a transformed world! *Bharata Shakti* is a monumental and unique work. The Yogi depicts the essence of all the religions, of all the prophets and saints, all the approaches of *Yoga* and all the cultures on an allegorical canvas. It is a book for any age which all spiritual researchers and all nations should read and meditate on. This work was completed and appreciated by Sri Aurobindo, the Mother, Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore, Romain Rolland, Annie Besant, Bertrand Russell, George Bernard Shaw, Dr. Suzuki and so many others. It installs the author among the great, men such as Dante, Homer, Racine, Shakespeare, Vyasa, and Valmiki.

Dr. Shuddhananda Bharati is one of the greatest Tamil poet, having translated into this language: *Gita, Upanishads, Veda,*

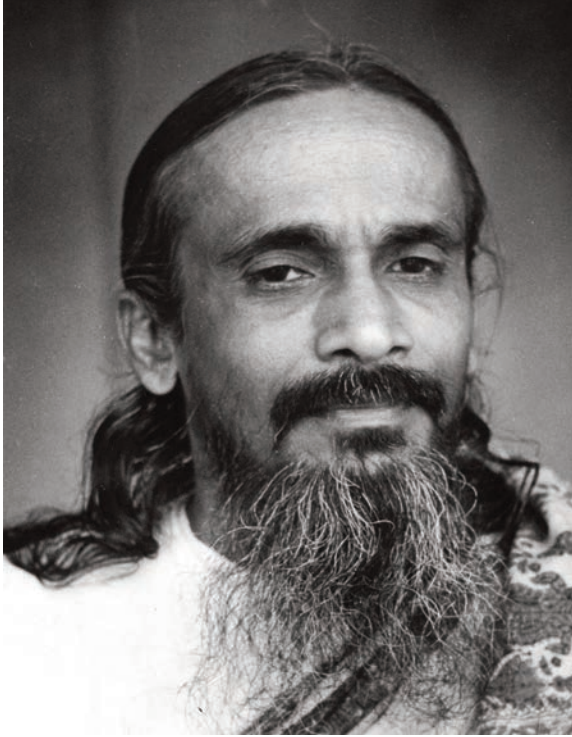
the *Bible*, the *Koran*, *Avesta*, the *Buddha-Dhamma-Sangha* and *Tattvartha Sutra*, the life and teachings of Lao-Tseu and Confucius. From their original languages, he also translated into Tamil *The Divine Comedy* of Alighieri Dante, the tragedies of Racine, the comedies of Molière, the dramas of Corneille, Shakespeare, Goethe and the novels of Anatole France, Victor Hugo, Alexandre Dumas and others.

Shuddhananda's works are innumerable. Malcolm Macdonald, who chaired the Congress on the Unity of the Conscience in Singapore, said in his short speech about him: "He is such a remarkable man, having such a diversity of raised gifts, that it is difficult to know where to start and where to finish when one speaks about Kavi Yogi Dr. Shuddhananda Bharati.

Few men have achieved as many things in only one human life." His name appears moreover in the Encyclopaedia of the World's Great Men, which says: "Dr. Shuddhananda Bharati is the author of literary works of varied styles: works epic and lyric, melodramas, operas, comedies, pastoral, romance, novels, biographies, commentaries on famous works and texts. *Bharata Shakti* is his magnum opus." He had a presentiment that he would receive the Nobel Prize for Peace or for Literature but did not live to see it. His commitment is summarized in his book celebrating his life, "*Experiences of a Pilgrim Soul (Expériences d'une Âme de Pèlerin)*."

God I loved and lived in him,
Making His commandment
Leave to Man his entire talents
This is my will!

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Kavi Yogi Shuddhananda Bharati

O Supreme God!

Raga: Senchuruti – Tala: Rupagam

On the auspicious Veena

That's human life

May You play a blissful song - O Supreme God

You who is the embodiment of love!

Like the unfettered breeze

Like the turbulent sea

Like the rushing spring - may You

Play a song on the soul's flute!

O my beloved! You who looks at me

With eyes of Sun and Moon

On a new morning

May You blossom in me as birdsong!

In the temple of the world - O God

May You bless me

With the boon of bliss

Of performing service with the flowers of my songs

That would adorn You!

Kavi Yogi Maharishi

Dr. Shuddhananda Bharati

Songs of Divine Communion

Invocation Song

Raga: Kaambodhi – Tala: Thakkesi

O God! I should partake abundantly of the honey,
From the flowers that are Your feet!
The divine assembly of Your devotees
is the need of the hour;
With past karma I am, should get deliverance
from this birth!
May there be fervour for Your grace;
May my heart banish all other desires!
May there be the bliss that comes from singing
about Your glory;
O pure One, my beloved Lord!
You are my mother, father and friend,
You are also my grace-filled preceptor,
You are accepted by people of all faiths,
You are the flame of life lighting up all souls,
You embody the plural and the singular,
You are the supreme God and the individual soul,
You are the fruit of this birth and the next
O dancer in my heart, luminous God!

Dr. Shuddhananda Bharati

1. In me at birth

Meditation

Raga: Malika – Tala:

Divine beauty that took birth in me at birth,
The nature of the big world You revealed to me,
in my childhood,
You who is the inseparable poetic beauty in me,
Lest I closed my eyes in forgetfulness,
and fell into the trap of illusions!
You drew my mind to You like a magnet,
You are the great luminous magnet that dispels,
the darkness and makes love blossom in the mind,
You revealed the immortal blissful nature of 'that',
O divine magnet that dwells in my heart!
You who accompanies me day and night,
You are the infinite entity in me that's my only goal,
Enshrined in the heart and in the world in general,
You are the magnetic dancer,
in the mystic hall of Chidambaram!
You who embodies Siddhanta and Vedanta,
O supreme sublime Siva!

2. On the soul's flute

Raga: Kedaarakaulam – Tala: Tripudai

Play divine music on the soul's flute!
O luminous God - the immortal One
Play divine music...

Imbued with feeling and the fervor of devotion.
Making the indescribable nectar of music
 flow by continuous singing
Play divine music...

Turning all life on earth into a garden of sweet music
Where an abundance of auspicious fruits ripens
Like the immense flood of bliss that comes from meditating
on 'Aum Shuddha Shakti' out of one's superior wisdom
Play divine music...

3. Sublime worship of Siva

Raga: Kedaaram – Tala: Rupagam

Let's perform a sublime worship of Siva
Let's attain the three attributes of existence,
knowledge and bliss of God

Making the body and soul jump in joy
For God who's the embodiment of supreme knowledge
Let's perform a sublime worship... always

Immersing ourselves in the sacred river of meditation
Adorning with intelligence and wisdom
Making flowers of love blossom everyday
Making an offering of the mind
Burning the incense of fiery zeal
Worshipping the embodiment of compassion
Transforming human life into an auspicious light
Let's perform a sublime worship of Siva...

4. Sublime communicator

Raga: Nadhanamakriya – Tala: Aadhi

O sublime communicator,
O pure Siva!

You are the witness who rules over this illusionary world

Remaining as a silent presence and doing nothing

You dance in each and every heart yet

Slumbering on the pinnacle of the towering mountain

You are omnipresent in the world where You engage in

Your myriad divine plays

O sublime communicator...

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