

“I highly recommend this edition of the *Tirumandiram* to anybody trying Babaji’s Kriya Yoga and Kriya Kundalini Pranayama. I genuinely have no words to express how important this book is for a spiritual seeker. Worth EVERY penny. As one does serious sadhana and austerity, one has inner experiences which are often very new and indescribable (for example an experience of indescribable bliss) all of which one will find articulated in various ways by the great siddha saint of this book (his Tamil verses have been translated in English). One wishes to express one’s inner experiences but finds none to share them with. Well, read this book (as you have these experiences) and I am sure you will come to smile in affirmation someday (as I have many times). That inner experiences cannot be put to words is something siddha Tirumular himself points out. But for those having them, their verses and their meanings will speak volumes (I state from personal experience).

I bought this book from the bookstore of Babaji's Kriya Yoga line of acharyas (website available online). It bears real interpretations of the twilight language of the great siddha, Tirumular. Because any interpretation is subject to ambiguity, one is reassured with references and research points from scholars and other collectors of this information that one can trust the information contained in the book, and yet must recognize the general limitations in the English translation of this great piece of work owing to the variations that any translation of a work will naturally go through. To explain this, I shall quote a line from the first volume of the series--> " No translation can convey the literal sweetness of the original and its wonderful philosophical concepts and mystical emotions, which carry one away like a torrent or a tempest." Another line by the great siddha saint, Tirumular himself is English-translated as---> "Oh! Fools are they who try to describe the indescribable. How can one explain the One that is boundless?"

This is a rare series that a spiritual aspirant will do well to read. It covers the various nuances of the spiritual path but serves to guide an aspirant very well. The verses and their translations are so powerful that reading even a handful of them every day keeps one laser-focused on the path. All about the guru, the purpose of life (the spiritual path), *prarabdha* karma, the way to follow a guru, the fit and the unfit disciple, samadhi etc is mentioned in deep detail.

I found a line in the book that is truly very important for sadhaks and that is this--> sadhana without devotion and surrender to the Lord will lead to egoism. That is something every sadhak must be wary about. Devotion to the Lord means love for all of mankind and seeing the Lord in everyone, and hence one must treat every person with dignity (in thought, word, and deed).

In conclusion I shall quote a line I read from the book —> “In all births, knowingly or unknowingly, the soul has been striving for Mukti, liberation from bondage to the malas, and union with the Lord. The fortune of Mukti, which belongs to the soul, is a hard-earned victory.”