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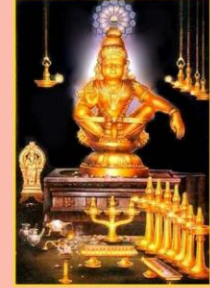
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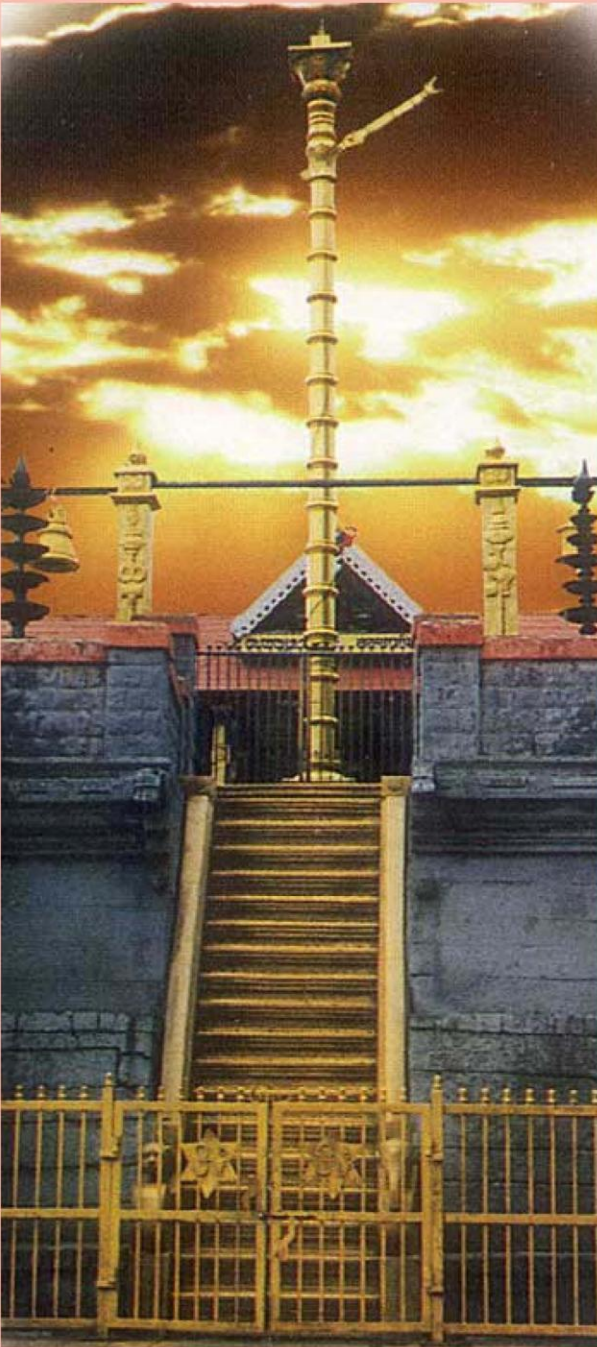
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SWAMIYE SARANAM AYYAPPA MEANING OF PATHINETTAMPADI (THE HOLY 18 STEPS)



MOVING CLOSER TO LORD AYYAPPA



The first five steps represent the **INDRIYAS or SENSES**: vision, hearing, smell, taste, and touch

We're born with the five senses but have a choice of using them for good or bad. In this kaliyuga, where crimes and atrocities dominate, you can easily get detracted into seeing and hearing these bad things. How do you focus your senses to see and hear the good things that elevate your spirit? You can extrapolate the same to smell, taste, and touch. Using our senses to focus for the good of us and everyone around us moves us closer to Lord Ayyappa.

The next eight steps represent the **RAGAS or VICES**: desire, anger, avarice, lust, pride, rivalry, jealousy, and boastfulness

The eight vices on the other hand are acquired, but we can lead a life without these. Well, we may strive to avoid them but the peer pressure, stress of work/relationships, etc. push us in that direction. How often do we get angry at our loved ones? How often do we long for things that others possess? How often do we think of giving it back when we're wronged? Avoiding these 8 vices at any cost moves us closer to Lord Ayyappa.

The next three steps represent the **GUNAS**: wisdom, activity, and stupor

The three gunas or qualities need to be focused for the good of mankind - learn good things; do good deeds; avoid inactivity. Won't we all have a good place to live if everyone channels these in the right direction? Unfortunately not all do. But the one who does moves closer to Lord Ayyappa.

The last two steps represent: **VIDYA** (Knowledge) and **AVIDYA** (Ignorance)

Finally, along the same good vs. bad, it's good to be ignorant of bad acts and be knowledgeable about good deeds.

Observing these will move us closer to Lord Ayyappa.