

Atreya Ramanuja/ Kidambi Appular



Atreya Ramanuja, also known as Appular was the grandson of Kidambi Achan. He is the maternal uncle of Swami Desikan. His Thaniyan:

**Yasmaath asmabirethath yathipathi kathitha prakthana prakriyothyath
karma bramhavamarsa prabhava bahupalam sarthamagrahi sasthanam
vishvakbetta vidyasthi pathavishayasstheya bhootham prabhutham
vandhe aathreya ramanuja gurumanagam vathiamsambuvaaham**

Meaning: Ancient systems are Vedic treatises which contain karma kandA and brahma kandA discussions, giving various purushArthAs and their meaning. This sAstra, as told by Ramanuja, was received traditionally by Swamy AtrEya Ramanujar (Appullar) and from him it was received by us. Swamy AtrEeya Ramanujar, a great and blemish less preceptor, is the storehouse of different of ways of meditation (32 brahma vidyas and nyAsa vidyas, their content, as described in Brahma mimamsA). He is like water bearing clouds for swan like debaters. Let me

prostrate such a great preceptor Sri AtrEya RamanujA. Swans are legendarily afraid of dark clouds - vAdis are debaters belonging to the other school of thoughts & are artistically referred here as HamsAs-and Appullar is referred here as ambuvAhar-rain bearing clouds.