

## Plates and Tables

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5. Kamadhenu releasing milk over liṅka. Wall painting, Kōccaṅṅai-Maturai
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18. Maturai-Pettāṅṅiyāpuram, Aiyānār temple, Camaya Karuppar. Photo: Rollo Samuel.
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20. Ponmēṅṅi, Madurai, Poycollā Aiyānār temple, Iruṅṅappacuvāmi.
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37. Pavāṅi, Erode, Paṅṭāra Appicci festival, Makāmuṅi and priest.
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43. Māraṅāṭu, Karuppaṅacuṅvāmi festival, kaḷari maram.
44. Māraṅāṭu, Karuppaṅacuṅvāmi festival, cāmiyāṭis dancing.

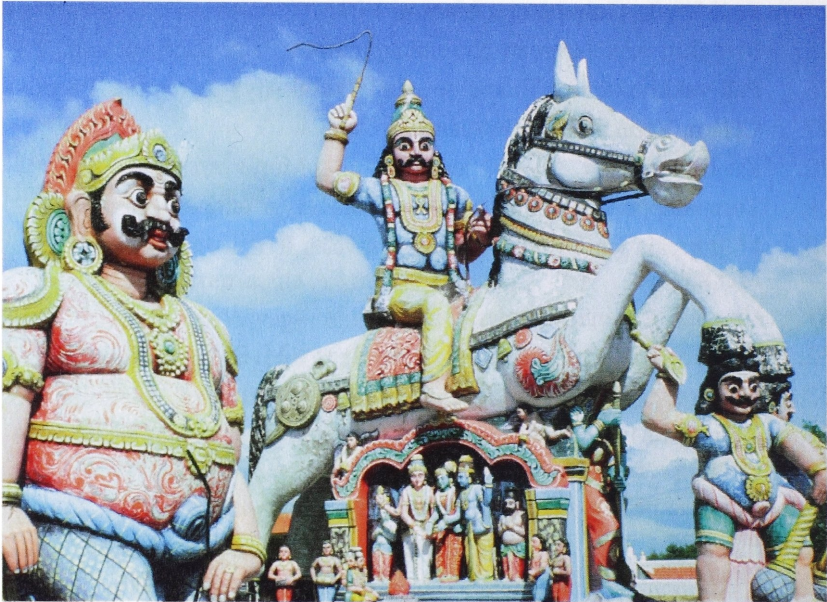


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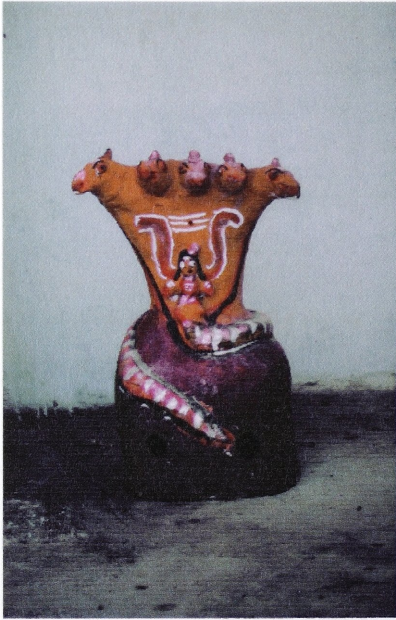


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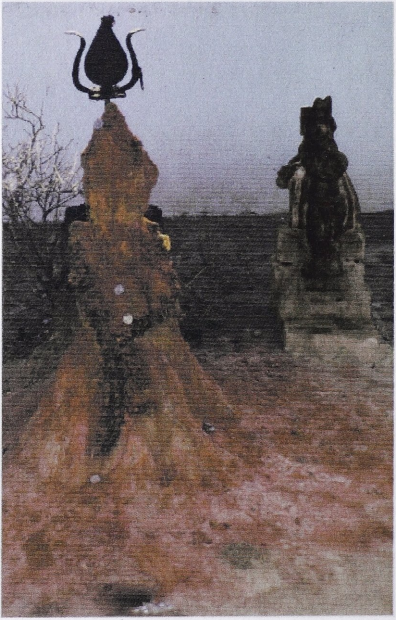


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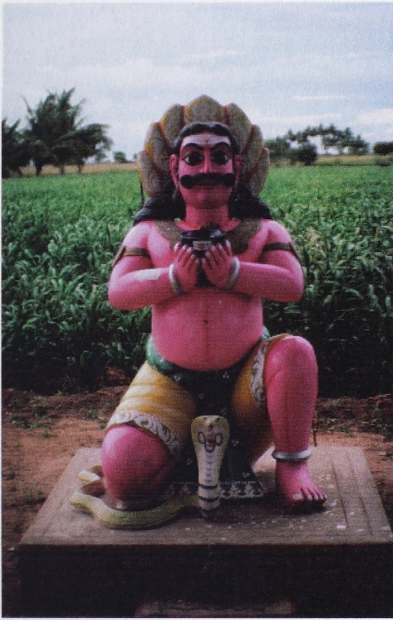


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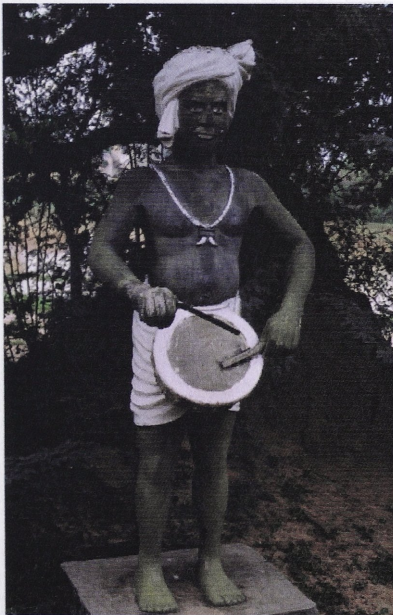


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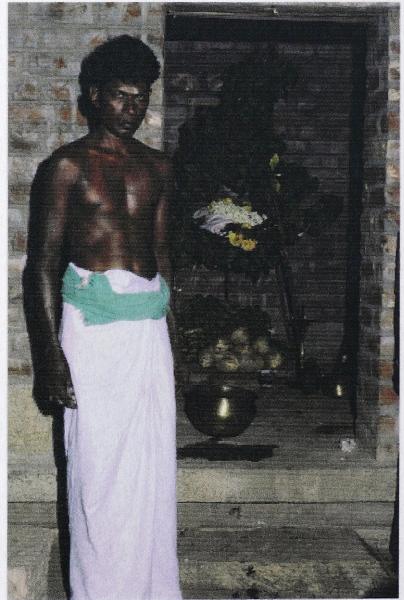


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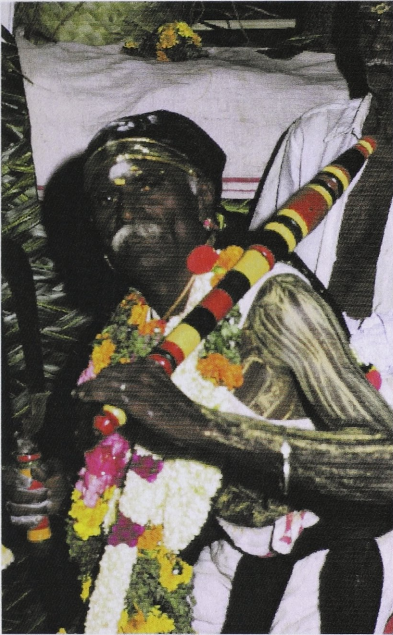


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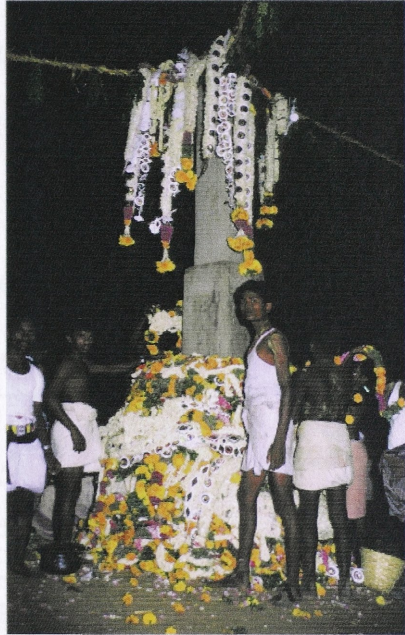


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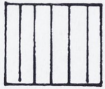
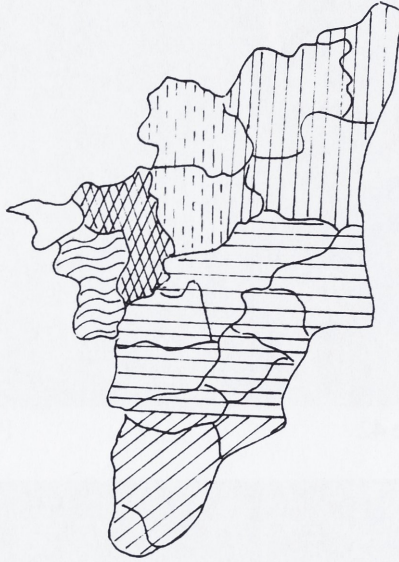


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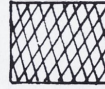


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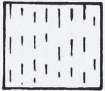
## Distribution of Guardian (Main) Deities in Tamilnadu



Vēṭṭiyappar, Aiyānār,  
Paccai Vāḷiyamman



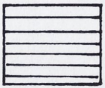
Muṇi, Karupparāyar



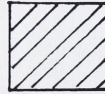
Muṇi, Aiyānārappan



Karupparāyar, Rāyar,  
Maturai Vīraṇ



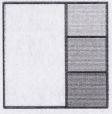
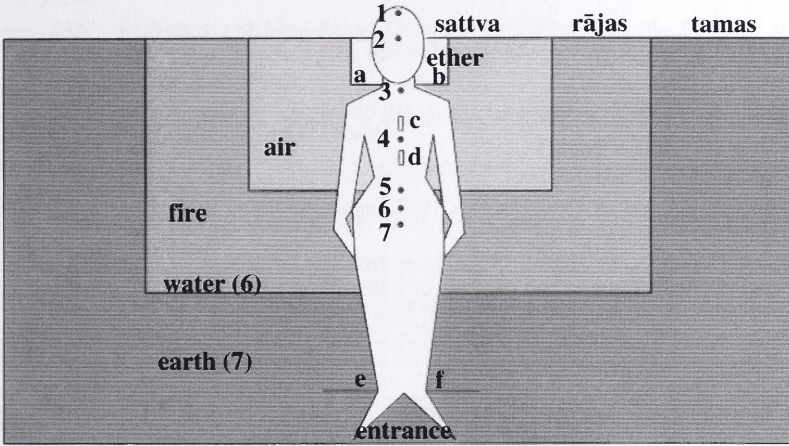
Aiyānār, Karuppar,  
Urumar, Muṇi(yāṇṭi)



Śāstā (Aiyānār), Māṭaṇ,  
Cuṭalaimāṭaṇ, Caṅkili-  
Pūtattār, Icakki, Pattirakāḷi

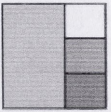
Table II

## Arrangement of the Deities in the Temple



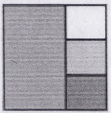
brāhma zone/ether  
1 sahasrāra cakra  
2 ājñā cakra  
3 viśuddha cakra

main deity  
a+b door guardians to the  
sanctum



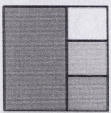
daiṁvika zone/air  
4 anāhata cakra

vegetarian deities  
Caṁṁāci, 7 maidens (Kaṁṁimār)  
c vehicle  
d altar, flagstaff



mānuṣa zone/fire, water  
5 maṁipūra cakra (fire)  
6 svādhiṣṭhāna cakra (water)  
7 mūlād̥hāra cakra (earth)

Karuppar  
hero-gods  
goddesses



paiśāca zone/earth

Camayan, Noṁṁi, Tamukkaṁi  
Viraṁ, Talaiyāri, Muṁi(yāṁṁi)  
e + f outer door guardians