

## Sri Madhurakavi Azhwar (ஸ்ரீ மதுரகவி ஆழ்வார்):

Sri Madhurakavi Azhwar was born on சித்திரை (*Chitra Nakshatram*) in the month of சித்திரை (Chitthirai). He was born in *Thirukkolor* as the *amsa* (incarnation) of Sri Garuda; Vishnu's vehicle. His story is intertwined with that of Sri NammAzhwar. His work consisted of only ten verses called “கண்ணிருண் சிறுத்தாம்பு” (*Kanninun Chirutthaambu*) all on குருகைபிரான் (*Kurukaipiraan*) which is another name of Sri NammAzhwar since he hailed from *Thirukkurugoor*. Sri Madhurakavi who was a sage himself was attracted to the holy feet of Sri NammAzhwar by the latter's immeasurable depth of love of the Lord. He became Sri NammAzhwar's disciple and considered him as the Lord Himself. “தேவு மற்றறியேன்” he says in *Kanninun Chirutthaambu*. It is a beautiful piece of *guru bhakti*.