

# Annotated Iconography



*Shiva Nataraja Enshrined at Chidambaram Temple with Attendants*, 19th century. India; Tamil Nadu, Thanjavur.  
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| 1. Shiva Nataraja  | 12. Narada  |
| 2. Apasmara Purusha  | 13. Ganesha   |
| 3. Vishnu  | 14. Shuka Maharishi (parrot-headed sage)                                    |
| 4. Shivakami/Shivakamasundari (Parvati as Nataraja's green-skinned consort)          | 15. Bhringi (emaciated, three-legged devotee of Shiva)                      |
| 5. Vyaghrapada ("tiger-footed" sage)   | 16. Adhikaranandi (therianthrope Nandi) playing the <i>mridanga</i> (drum)  |
| 6. Patanjali (deified philosopher/grammarian considered an <i>avatara</i> of Shesha) | 17. Subrahmanya (Shiva's spear-wielding son)                                |
| 7. Pair of <i>gandharvas</i> (celestials)  | 18. Sanatkumaras ("always a youth"; four sages and sons of Brahma)          |
| 8. Pair of <i>gandharvas</i> (celestials)  | 19. Tumburu (green horse-headed <i>gandharva</i> holding a <i>tambura</i> ) |
| 9. Indrani   | 20. Indra   |
| 10. Sarasvati  |   |
| 11. Brahma   |   |