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- Abisheka - Bathing of an idol with water, etc.
- Agamas - Hindu scriptures other than Vedas.
- Archaka - Temple priest (or) person appointed to recite the holy names of God at worship in temple.
- Arthamantapam - Inner Shrine (or) Hall immediately in front of the innermost shrine in a temple.
- Atma sakthi - Spiritual power.
- Avarnas - Untouchables or Low Caste People.
- Cheris - Village or hamlet of Untouchables.
- Devadasi - A dancing girl in a Pagoda. (or) Girls dedicated and trained to sing and dance before the gods, also more worldly entertainment to more ordinary Men.
- Devastanam - temple establishment .
- Dewan - A Minister, a chief officer of state. The Hindu, who at Madras managed the money concerns of the European and several him as a confidential agent in his private and public transactions.
- Dharma - The External Moral Law.
- Dharmasastra - Wheel of the Law (Buddhist).
- Garbhagraham - Shrine – cell or sanctum sanctorum.
- Granthas - Books.
- Inams - An Arabic word which means present, gift, gratuity or grant of land free of rent. The donee is confined to his 'Private Lands' but not to ryoti lands.

Isai	- Sound, noise (or) The gamut containing the seven notes;
Iyal	- Nature property, quality (or) Rivalry, competition.
Jivitam	- Life.
Jyothi	- A kind of lamp used in worship.
Kaval	- Watchman.
Kavalkars	- Guard.
Koil	- Temple; place.
Mahabharatha	- Great Sanskrit Epic of India.
Mandapas	- The Structure in stone or a hall or apartment in a temple or in itself independently.
Mathadhipathi	- Head of a Monastery.
Maths (or) Mutt	- Monastery.
Natakam	- Measured Dance.
Navaratri	- An annual festival of nine days beginning on the first of the bright half of Asvina, in honour of Durga, Lakshmi and Sarsvati.
Oviyam	- Picture, portrait; (or) Art of painting.
Padaikappar	- Commander of an army.
Pagoda	- Temple (or) A place of Hindu worship. Also a gold coin having the design of a temple on its face. A pagoda was exchanged for three rupees and a star pagoda for three and a half rupees.
Pancaratragama	- The five-lettered mantra whose presiding deity in Siva;
Pannaiyal	- Servant of the farms.

Poligar	-	Holder of a bastion (or) Chieftain of a Military camp (or) holder of a feudal state.
Prasadam	-	Consecrated Food Offered to God or sanctified offerings.
Puja	-	Worshipping God and chanting mantras (or) Ritual worship; services for the deity.
Puranas	-	Mythological and legendary lores, of which there are 18.
Ramayana	-	Sanskrit epic poem of great antiquity.
Sanatanists	-	Orthodox Hindus.
Sanctum Sanctorum	-	Holiest portion of a temple; inner sanctuary; garbha griha.
Sandhi	-	The morning or evening worship and twilight services undertaken to a deity.
Saraswathi	-	The spouse of Brahma, the divine embodiment of speech and learning.
Sastras	-	Science; a scripture which lays down rules.
Savarnas	-	Caste Hindus.
Silpasatra	-	Ancient Indian treatise on building construction and allied arts.
Sircar	-	Government.
Talicheri	-	Street of the dancing – girls attached to a temple.
Tirunal	-	Day of festival, as a sacred day.
Urkavalur	-	Village Watchman,
Vakil	-	Native pleader.
Zamindar	-	Proprietor of land or estate for which rent was given.