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As required by the University ordinance 771, I wish to state that the work embodied in this thesis titled ‘The Mysticism of Tirumāṅgai Āḻvār in comparison to the Mysticism of Bernard of Clairvaux’ is based on the original texts and some secondary sources. The acknowledged references are enlisted in the bibliography with full details. The conclusion of my present thesis may be summed up under:

Hindu Mysticism makes its first appearance some 3000 years ago as revealed by the hymns of Creation enshrined in some of the text of the Vedas. Christian Mysticism can be found in the solidly mystical spirituality of the Old Testament, which finds its fulfillment in Jesus' trinitarian mystical consciousness that reached its high point in his salvific death and resurrection. There are some striking similarities between Hindu Mysticism and the Christian Mysticism. But the unique features of Āḻvār Mysticism lend more proximity to experiential love for God which in turn allows for a greater and more effective love of ones neighbour.

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