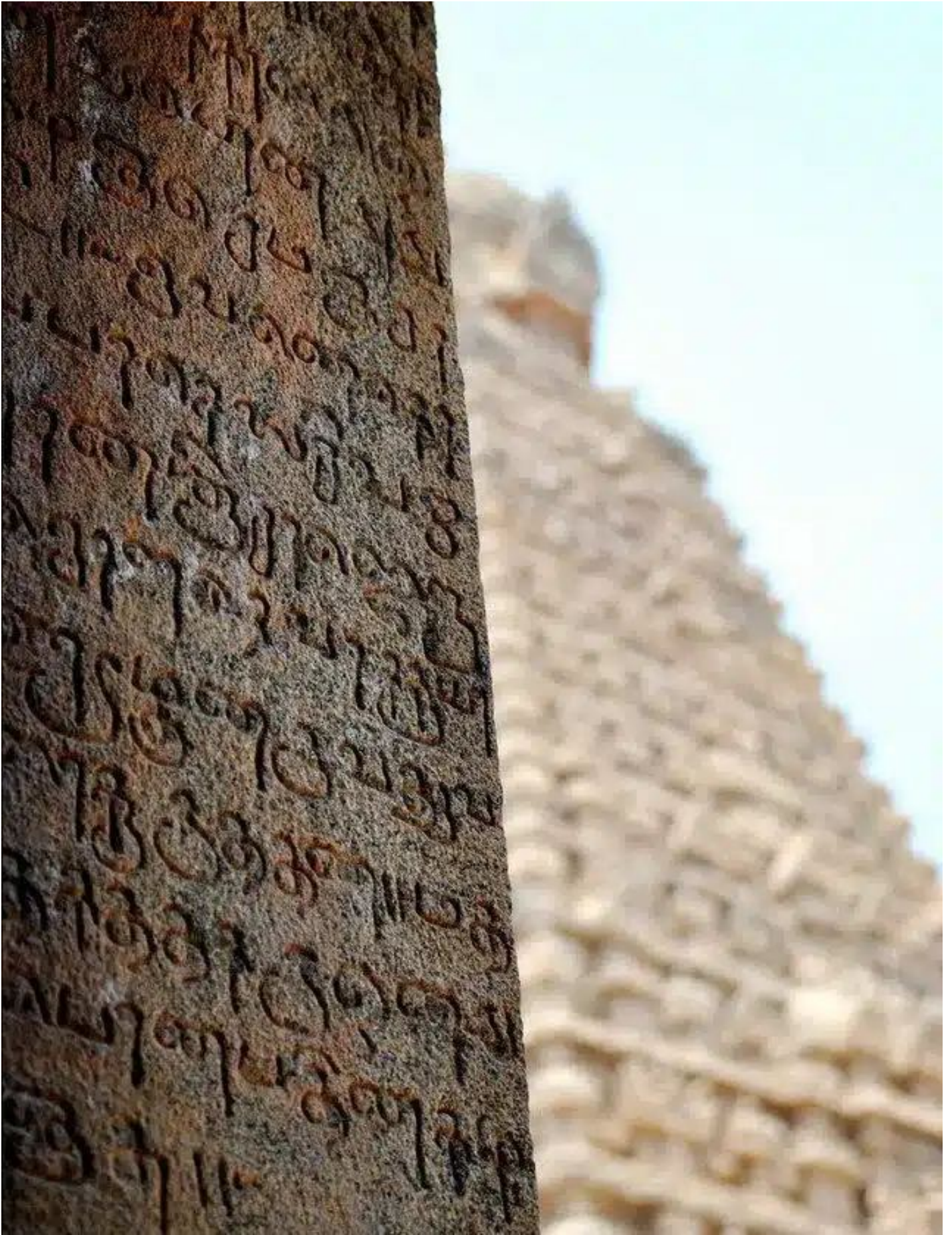


What is Vattezhuthu?

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About Vattezhuthu:

- **Vatteluttu**, popularly known as Vattezhuthu, was a **syllabic alphabet of south India (Tamil Nadu and Kerala) and Sri Lanka** used for **writing the Tamil and Malayalam** languages.
 - The **name Vatteluttu** is thought to mean either **'rounded script', 'northern script', or 'chiseled script'**.
 - It first appeared in **stone inscriptions** in southern India **dating** from the **4th century AD**.
 - It **probably developed from the Tamil-Brahmi script**; a variant of the Brahmi script used to write Old Tamil between from about the 3rd century BC until the 1st century AD.
 - Vatteluttu was **used to write Tamil and Malayalam in Tamil Nadu until the 9th century**.
 - **In Kerala**, Vatteluttu **continued** to be used **until the 15th century**. It **changed over time** to **become the Malayalam script**, with some letters borrowed from the Grantha script.
 - Vatteluttu **also developed into the Koleluttu script**, which **was used**, especially **by Christians and Muslims, in Kerala until the 19th century**.
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Q1: What is Brahmi?

The Brahmi Script is the earliest writing system developed in India after the Indus script. It is one of the most influential writing systems; all modern Indian scripts and several hundred scripts found in Southeast and East Asia are derived from Brahmi.

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