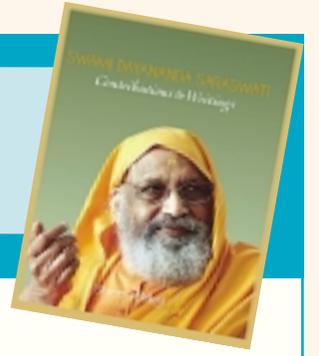


## Book Review

### Swami Dayananda Saraswati - Contributions & Writings



**By Smt. Sheela Balaji**

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This is a great book on a great Guru by a great Sishya.

In three days, I read the book cover to cover. I enjoyed each and every word in the book. I was captivated by the crystal clear pictures of Pujya Swamiji, crystal clear pictures of Gangaji and the crystal clear writing skills of Smt. Sheelaji.

It captures the life journey of a Great Master, from a village youth, to a role model Sishya of Swami Chinmayanandaji, to a committed student of Vedanta at Rishikesh, to a great Guru of Vedanta and to a leader of Hindu Dharma Acharyas. It focuses on Pujya Swamiji's life contributions in the last 20 years.

The book unfolds Pujya Swamiji as a great Teacher of Vedanta, who has created more than 200 Sannyasi teachers; as one who had bestowed to us the Bhagavad Gita Home Study programme and Purna Vidya programme; as a patron of arts and culture; as the Founder of All India Movement (AIM) for Seva and Convener of Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha.

The section "Writings of Swami Dayananda" gives a glimpse on editorials, articles and talks of Pujya Swamiji during 1957 to 2000.

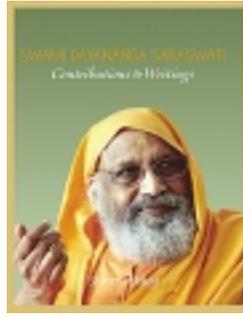
We find in the section "Conversation with Swamiji" the entire fundamental questions one can have and the authentic spiritual answers one can get.

The author Smt. Sheela Balaji is no ordinary person. She is Secretary and Managing Trustree of AIM for Seva, Secretary and Managing Trustree of Swami Dayananda Education Trust and Managing Trustree of Arsha Vidya Research & Publication Trust.

Words are inadequate to show the greatness of a jnani and his contributions. But by Guru's grace, the author has succeeded in unfolding the Teachings with the Teacher. This book is a "MUST READ" for every Sishya of Pujya Swamiji.

Glory to Satra! Glory to Guru! Glory to Sishya!

*Review by N. Avinashilingam*



The book chronicles the journey of a visionary from Manjakkudi, a quiet village, to a Global leader. It presents an objective, engrossing account of the man, his quest for knowledge, his trials, tribulations and triumph, all in the cause of global peace.

The richly illustrated 350 page book with lively images of Swamiji in his many avatars, features his extremely rare writings over the years – most of it relevant to present days' society as much as it was 60 years ago.

It also features interesting dialogues with the author on topics ranging from recession to astrology, giving the reader a never before perspective of Swamiji's views of the contemporary and ever changing world. It is a sincere attempt to present the many facets of Swamiji – as a Vedanta teacher with his unique pedagogy, as a social entrepreneur spearheading transformation at the grass root level through service to create confident and contributing young Indians, a remarkable author who conveys his thoughts so lucidly in his writings, and a pillar of the Sanatana Dharma and the Acharya Sabha – promoting tolerance and global understanding through religious dialogue.

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