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This is the first Volume in English. This is an adaptation of the renowned Deivattin Kural, which is a compilation of discourses of Kanchi Kamakoti Pithadhipati Sri Chandrashekharendra Saraswati Mahaswamigal also known as Mahaperiyavaa. The original work was compiled by Ra Ganapathy and for the benefit of English speaking public, an adaptation in English is presented.

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The life of only those people in the world is purposeful who are able to dedicate a part or whole of their life in others' good and service. Such great people have made special contribution in constructing the world's history. In Bharat; in 1925 Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh was established to achieve the exalted goals of nationbuilding and individualbuilding. The work of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has been progressing continuously. A large number of people have contributed in taking ahead this task. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi; a Swayamsevak himself; during his journey for refinement and transformation got an opportunity to come into contact with a number of selfless and devoted people who dedicated every moment of their lives and every particle of their bodies in the service of the Motherland. Reminiscences of some greatest social workers who relentlessly and untiringly burnt their lives to glow the motherland Maa Bharati.

Chaitanya's Life and Teachings from His Contemporary Bengali Biography the Chaitanyacharit-amrita

Life and Teaching of ?r? ?nandamay? M?

The Spiritual Odyssey of a Man of Science

Guatemala, Britain, and the UN

Post-Colonial Theory, India and "The Mystic East"

THUS SPAKE THE DIVINE •(VOLUME - 2)

Life of the Beloved

A collection of story-vignettes by one of India's best contemporary authors

One of the three great gods of Hinduism, Siva is a living god. The most sacred and most ancient book of India, The Rg Veda, evokes his presence in its hymns; Vedic myths, rituals, and even astronomy testify to his existence from the dawn of time. In a lively meditation on Siva--based on original Sanskrit texts, many translated here for the first time--Stella Kramrisch ponders the metaphysics, ontology, and myths of Siva from the Vedas and the Puranas. Who is Siva? Who is this god whose being comprises and transcends everything? From the dawn of creation, the Wild God, the Great Yogi, the sum of all opposites, has been guardian of the absolute. By retelling and interweaving the many myths that keep Siva alive in India today, Kramrisch reveals the paradoxes in Siva's nature and thus in the nature of consciousness itself.

In their youth, Manni and Franzi, together with their brothers, Ziggy and Sebastian, captured Germany's collective imagination as the Flying Magical Loerber Brothers -- one of the most popular vaudeville acts of the old Weimar days. The ensuing years have, however, found the Jewish brothers estranged and ensconced in various occupations as the war is drawing near its end and a German surrender is imminent. Manni is traveling through the Ruhr Valley with Albert Speer, who is intent on subverting Hitler's apocalyptic plan to destroy the German industrial heartland before the Allies arrive; Franzi has become inextricably attached to Heinrich Himmler's entourage as astrologer and masseur; and Ziggy and Sebastian have each been employed in pursuits that threaten to compromise irrevocably their own safety and ideologies. Now, with the Russian noose tightening around Berlin and the remnants of the Nazi government fleeing north to Flensburg, the Loerber brothers are unexpectedly reunited. As Himmler and Speer vie to become the next Führer, deluded into believing they can strike a bargain with Eisenhower and escape their criminal fates, the Loerbbers must employ all their talents -- and whatever magic they possess -- to rescue themselves and one another. Deftly written and darkly funny, Germania is an astounding adventure tale -- with subplots involving a hidden cache of Nazi gold, Hitler's miracle U-boats, and Speer's secret plan to live out his days hunting walrus in Greenland -- and a remarkably imaginative novel from a gifted new writing talent.

The Kularnava is perhaps the foremost Tantra of the Kaula School and is constantly cited as an authority in Tantric literature. It is worthy of close study by those who would understand the tenets and practice of the tradition of which it is a Sastra. The Introduction by Arthur Avalon gives a concise outline of the work. Sri M.P. Pandit who is a keen student of the Tantras and Vedas has rendered the work in English in eleven chapters. The readings are free translations, with annotations where necessary, omitting technical details but preserving the spirit and essential import of the original in his characteristically lucid style. The Kularnava prescribes the modes of preparation for the high quest; it draws upon ethics, religion, philosophy, yoga to elevate human life gradually to the level of godly life. It comprehends the multiple personality of man and provides for the healthy growth of his mental faculties, purification of his physical faculties through ritual, japa, mantra and upasana. Who is fit for the path of Tantra? Who is competent to guide the novice on the double - edged razor path? What is the responsibility of a Guru to a disciple? These and other relevant questions are raised and answered in a satisfying manner.

Wings of Fire

Ramanujar

Hindu-pad-padashahi

How God Speaks in Listening Prayer

India

A Search in Secret India

What Exactly Is A Shiva Lingam

This study analyses the biblical personage Hannah as a literary entity, to illustrate her uniquely significant place in the traditions of Israel as the mother of Samuel and thus of the reform of the priesthood, the creation of the monarchy, and the teacher of all Israel. There are three interweaving themes: first, the literary issue of the barren mother type scene; second, the theological theme of divine guidance and human initiative; and third, the perspectives of early biblical interpretation. The study develops around four works: the Hannah narrative in 1 Samuel 1-2, Pseudo-Philo's Biblical Antiquities, the Targum of the Prophets, and the Infancy Narrative in Luke 1-2.

"The words of Lord Krishna to Arjuna in the Bhagavad Gita," writes Paramahansa Yogananda, "are at once a profound scripture the science of Yoga, union with God, and a textbook for everyday living." The Bhagavad Gita has been revered by truth seekers of both the East...

Hindu Religion - Basics - 1 is an attempt to fulfill the long felt need among the common public to learn the basics of Hindu religion. This is a very precise and comprehensive compilation to make them understand the basic information they want to know and learn. People realize that Hindu religion proves to be the remedy for the stressed mind with zero side effects. This is capable of offering a sound mental health and makes us free from stresses arising in today's complex life. This neither believes nor advocates conversion. In fact, it recommends and supports anyone to follow his own religion and discover Hindu religion to balance oneself. The power of divine environment can be felt at temples especially at the time of performing poojas. With the advent of social media and information being available easily, there is also more curiosity among the west to learn the basics of Hindu Religion. Also this is a good self help material to understand different Gods present in a temple in India. On completion, this book may make a few to become restless to learn more. For the elders, this may leave a feeling that this should have been attempted earlier. This is written in a very simple language so that anyone with basic English knowledge will find it easy to read. By providing both English and Tamil version of this book to children, they can compare and improve their skills in both the languages in addition to assimilating divine values. The books will also aid in shaping the character of an individual and help him hear his inner voice. A healthy mind at young age is capable of shaping the motherland collectively. To that extent, this is an investment to begin a personal and social transformation. This can be a treasure to the receiver when gifted. This book is meant for 1. Information seekers on Hindu Gods, divine persons and temples 2. Anyone and everyone of all ages interested in seeking basics of Hindu Religion 3. Hindu families in India and overseas 4. Preparing Young minds to adapt positively to all situations and circumstances 5. Foreign nationals visiting Hindu temples 6. Foreign travelers visiting Hindu temples in India 7. Foreign nationals looking for an introduction to Hindu Religion This book is an attempt to take everyone to the shore of the ocean called Hindu religion. To explore further deep into the abundant wealth and treasures inside that is left to individuals. This book is different from the rest as it is like a formal basic education; presentation arrangement is like getting elevated from the base. The author is a PG from IIT, Madras, India. This is a kindle eBook from Amazon and can be downloaded into any storage media like mobile, laptops, computers etc. Price is purposefully kept low and affordable. Contents No Description Page no 1. Religion and Region 9 2. Light and sound 10 3. Thirukkural 11 4. Essence of Hindu Religion 12 5. Hindu religious books 12 6. Classification of Hindu religious system 13 7. Prayers 14 8. Primary Gods of Hindu religion 18 9. Adisakthi – Supreme God 18 10. Ganesha – Complete Primary God 25 11. Brahma – Creator 26 12. Vishnu – Preserver 26 13. Siva – Destroyer 31 14. Lakshmi – Goddess of Wealth 38 15. Saraswathi – Goddess of Knowledge and Wisdom 40 16. Murugan – Tamil God 41 17. Hanuman 41 18. Naradar 43 19. Saints and gurus of Hindu religion 42 20. Symbols of Hindu religion 42 21. How to pray in a temple? 43 22. Feeling and realizing the God within 47 23. Estimated no of temples in India 47 24. Why should I make an effort to learn Sanskrit? 48 25. Major religions in India 48 26. My duty 49 27. Some of the references and web-links 49

The real 'work' of prayer is to become silent and listen to the voice that says good things about me. Life of the Beloved asks how one can live a spiritual life in a Western secular culture. The greatest challenge, concludes Nouwen, is to bridge the gap between secular and sacred within the self as a human being loved by God.

Dreaming Souls

Using Sound Affirmations for Personal Power, Creativity, and Healing

The Train That Had Wings

Selected Discourses

Code Name God

Unleashing the Power within India

Illustrated

Four hundred years after science overthrew faith, science is itself proving to be a false god, leaving in its wake a disillusioned and despondent mankind. In Code Name God, Mani Bhaumik, renowned physicist and one of the pioneers of the LASIK eye surgery technology, draws on the field of quantum physics and cosmology to answer the fundamental questions about faith. He demonstrates how both spirituality and science are essential for human beings and how one can strike a perfect balance between the two. The author, who as a youngster lived in Mahatma Gandhi's camp, details his incredible rags-to-riches journey and his equally remarkable search for meaning in life, which make for a motivational saga. Insightful and enriching, Code Name God provides a simple and easy-to-understand scientific approach to faith and the realization of god.

This is the English translation of one of India's most famous books. It contains the dialogues of the Bengali saint Ramakrishna written in almost stenographic accuracy. This edition is different translation of the Swami Nikhilananda "Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna" which was published in the forties and showed the restraint of that era.

Using seventeenth and eighteenth century sources from the former Himalayan kingdom of Sikkim, this book examines the construction of Sikkimese historiography and presents an interpretation of the history of state formation of Sikkim.

This book published by Advaita Ashrama, a publication house of Ramakrishna Math, Belur Math, India is a representative compilation of Swami Vivekananda's teachings from the Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda covering the wide spectrum of his teachings. We hope

the present volume gives the reader an idea of the vastness of Swami Vivekananda's mind and also inspires the reader to realize the divine within through knowledge, devotion, mind-control and service to fellow beings.

Or A Review of the Hindu Empire of Maharashtra

Polemics and Patronage in the City of Victory

Kanchi Mahaswami : His Vision and Mission

Sleep, Dreams and the Evolution of the Conscious Mind

God Talks With Arjuna

State Formation and the Construction of Sikkimese History

A Sacred Geography

When you talk to God, do you ever feel as if you are not getting through? You're not alone. At some point, most believers find themselves grappling with difficult questions like Would God really talk to me personally? and How do I know it's truly God talking, and not my own thoughts? But here's the good news: Hearing God is simpler than you think. It's possible to have a relationship with God that involves both speaking and listening. In fact, it's God's desire; He wants to talk to you. In this revised and expanded edition of a classic work, author and teacher Steve Sampson shows you how to pray not just wishing you'd hear God's voice--but expecting to hear it. Sampson's uncomplicated, practical perspective will help you cultivate the two-way conversation with God you've always longed for. Before long, you'll hear Him speaking into your circumstances and relationships, expressing His love for you and showing you the next steps to take in your life. Don't settle for a one-sided conversation with God. Break through this barrier and develop a sensitive heart that hears--and responds to--God's still, small voice. "With clarity and humor, Steve takes you on a journey to the place of profound simplicity in Christ where hearing Him is as natural as breathing."--Bishop Mark J. Chironna, M.A., Ph.D., Church on the Living Edge, Orlando, Florida

Seeing the radiant face of Ma Anandamayi and hearing her laughter you guess that she is an incarnation of Joy. Touched by the caress of Her glance you know that her heart is overflowing with love for all beings. Listening to Her teaching so simple and clear you understand that She is in possession of all Wisdom. But one cannot say whether it is Joy, Love or Wisdom that is the source of all this for with Her all there are inextricably and indissolubly mingled one could not exist without the others. The joy which Ma anandmayi lives is not that which we know in worldly life, where pleasure and pain, hope, regret and disillusionment, attraction and repulsion follow on each other's heels, born one of another. Nor is it an egocentric calm of stoic rigidity that erects around itself an rampart of indifference. Hers is an overflowing, irrepressible joy that expresses itself in gaiety, that knows no obstacles, because it is deeply rooted in the Absolute, beyond the dualities of good and evil, of 'I' and 'not-I', of pleasant and unpleasant, because its unshakable base is Love and Wisdom.

A Shiva lingam is an aniconic representation of Lord Shiva. Hindus worship Lord Shiva mostly in the form of a Shiva lingam, but its meaning has been one of the most debated topics. There are mainly two groups; one believes it is a sexual organ and others believe it is not. They both give many different arguments in the support of their perspective. With the advent of science and technology, one more group has emerged which strongly believes that there is some sort of science behind the concept of Shiva Lingam. But what are the reasons behind this confusion? 1. There are some stories in the Hindu scriptures that depict it as a sexual organ while some stories say it is a column of fire. 2. Many different meanings of the words linga and yoni. 3. Ancient pillar/phallus worship. 4. Different practices of different Hindu sects. 5. The shape of a Shiva lingam. In February 2010, the encyclopedia Britannica removed a sentence about Shiva lingam from its article. "In temples and private shrines, Shiva is ... worshipped in the form of the lingam, or phallus, often embedded in the yoni, the symbol of the female sexual organ." It is believed that it did so because of the pressure of Netizens, but I doubt that a website like Britannica would do so unless there is some valid reason behind it. When we talk about religion, the scriptures are of utmost importance. Therefore, in this book, I have sought refuge mainly in scriptures to determine what exactly a Shiva Lingam is, but I have also considered other things like archaeological evidence, logic, history, science, etc. I am sure that this book would not only answer what a Shiva lingam really is but also you would learn many new things about Hinduism. In India: A Sacred Geography, renowned Harvard scholar Diana Eck offers an extraordinary spiritual journey through the pilgrimage places of the world's most religiously vibrant culture and reveals that it is, in fact, through these sacred pilgrimages that India's very sense of nation has emerged. No matter where one goes in India, one will find a landscape in which mountains, rivers, forests, and villages are elaborately linked to the stories of the gods and heroes of Indian culture. Every place in this vast landscape has its story, and conversely, every story of Hindu myth and legend has its place. Likewise, these places are inextricably tied to one another—not simply in the past, but in the present—through the local, regional, and transregional practices of pilgrimage. India: A Sacred Geography tells the story of the pilgrim's India. In these pages, Diana Eck takes the reader on an extraordinary spiritual journey through the living landscape of this fascinating country—its mountains, rivers, and seacoasts, its ancient and powerful temples and shrines. Seeking to fully understand the sacred places of pilgrimage from the ground up, with their stories, connections and layers of meaning, she acutely examines Hindu religious ideas and narratives and shows how they have been deeply inscribed in the land itself. Ultimately, Eck shows us that from these networks of pilgrimage places, India's very sense of region and nation has emerged. This is the astonishing and fascinating picture of a land linked for centuries not by the power of kings and governments, but by the footsteps of pilgrims. India: A Sacred Geography offers a unique perspective on India, both as a complex religious culture and as a nation. Based on her extensive knowledge and her many decades of wide-ranging travel and research, Eck's piercing insights and a sweeping grasp of history ensure that this work will be in demand for many years to come.

Shakti Mantras

The Presence of Siva

Healing Mantras

Germania

METAPHYSICS OF THE UPANISHADS

Hannah's Desire, God's Design

The Life and Ideas of Ramanuja

Orientalism and Religion offers us a timely discussion of the implications of contemporary post-colonial theory for the study of religion. Richard King examines the way in which notions such as mysticism, religion, Hinduism and Buddhism are taken for granted. He shows us how religion needs to be reinterpreted along the lines of cultural studies. Drawing on a variety of post-structuralist and post-colonial thinkers, such as Foucault, Gadamer, Said, and Spivak, King provides us with a challenging series of reflections on the nature of Religious Studies and Indology.

Belize, a small British colony in Central America faced with a territorial claim and military threats from neighboring Guatemala, overcame disadvantages of size and power by implementing a strategy of internationalization that utilized new international norms and international organizations, in particular the Non-Aligned Movement and the United Nations. This book, written by a key player in the independence struggle, details the history of the territorial claim and of the international campaign that made it possible for Belize to achieve secure independence with all its territory despite pressures from Britain and the United States to cede land and compromise its sovereignty.

Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam, The Son Of A Little-Educated Boat-Owner In Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, Had An Unparalleled Career As A Defence Scientist, Culminating In The Highest Civilian Award Of India, The Bharat Ratna. As Chief Of The Country`S Defence Research And Development Programme, Kalam Demonstrated The Great Potential For Dynamism And Innovation That Existed In Seemingly Moribund Research Establishments. This Is The Story Of Kalam`S Rise From Obscurity And His Personal And Professional Struggles, As Well As The Story Of Agni, Prithvi, Akash, Trishul And Nag--Missiles That Have Become Household Names In India And That Have Raised The Nation To The Level Of A Missile Power Of International Reckoning.

A Search in Secret India is the story of Paul Brunton's journey around India, living among yogis, mystics and gurus, some of whom he found convincing, others not. He finally finds the peace and tranquility which come with self-knowledge when he meets and studies with the great sage Sri Ramana Maharishi. Paul Brunton was a British philosopher, mystic, traveler, and guru. He left a journalistic career to live among yogis, mystics, and holy men, and studied Eastern and Western esoteric teachings. Dedicating his life to an inward and spiritual quest, Brunton felt charged to communicate his experiences about what he learned in the East to others. His works had a major influence on the spread of Eastern mysticism to the West. Taking pains to express his thoughts in layperson's terms, Brunton was able to present what he learned from the Orient and from ancient tradition as a living wisdom. His writings express his view that meditation and the inward quest are not exclusively for monks and hermits, but will also support those living normal, active lives in the Western world.

Orientalism and Religion

Brought to Life by the Voice

Moon in a Dewdrop

Kularnava Tantra

The Life of Râmânujâchârya

Sri Sri Ramakrishna Kathamrita

An Autobiography

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This first report deals with some of the major development issues confronting the developing countries and explores the relationship of the major trends in the international economy to them. It is designed to help clarify some of the linkages between the international economy and domestic strategies in the developing countries against the background of growing interdependence and increasing complexity in the world economy. It assesses the prospects for progress in accelerating growth and alleviating poverty, and identifies some of the major policy issues which will affect these prospects.

A free ebook version of this title is available through Luminos, University of California Press's Open Access publishing program for monographs. Visit www.luminosoa.org to learn more. How did the patronage activities of India's Vijayanagara Empire (c. 1346–1565) influence Hindu sectarian identities? Although the empire has been commonly viewed as a Hindu bulwark against Islamic incursion from the north or as a religiously ecumenical state, Valerie Stoker argues that the Vijayanagara court was selective in its patronage of religious institutions. To understand the dynamic interaction between religious and royal institutions in this period, she focuses on the career of the Hindu intellectual and

monastic leader Vyasatirtha. An agent of the state and a powerful religious authority, Vyasatirtha played an important role in expanding the empire's economic and social networks. By examining his polemics against rival sects in the context of his work for the empire, Stoker provides a remarkably nuanced picture of the relationship between religious identity and sociopolitical reality under Vijayanagara rule.

"Introduction to Hindu Dharma consists of selections from the more than 4,000 discourses of Kanchi Sankaracharya (1894-1994). It covers the topics of prayer and virtue, metaphysical truth, and the conflict between traditional Hindu dharma and modernity. A sage in the Sankara tradition, the Jagadguru was one of the most beloved and honored spiritual figures of the twentieth century in India and much of Asia and Europe. This book has the distinction of introducing both the sage and his spiritual legacy to the Western world in the form of an irreplaceable introduction to Hinduism."--BOOK JACKET.

Tapping into the Great Goddess Energy Within

Playback Singing and Cultural Politics in South India

You Can Hear the Voice of God

Sri Kanchi Mahanin Padhugai Mahimaigal

Early Interpretations of the Story of Hannah

Parsis of Ancient India

Jyotipunj

Summary: Play on Ramanuja, 1017-1137, Vaishnavite leader and propagator of the Vi?isht?dvaita school in Hindu philosophy.

"Sound is more than simply a medium of artistic expression. Sound has practical and powerful applications in the real world." Mantras, or simple chants, are short phrases packed with energy and intention--specifically designed to generate powerful sound waves that promote healing, insight, creativity, and spiritual growth. Healing Mantras is the practical, how-to guide that makes the strengths and benefits of mantras available to everyone. The transformative power of sound has been passed down to the present from the sages of India, the classical scientists of ancient Greece, and the medieval monks of Europe. Mantras, sounds, and chants have inspired, comforted, and mended the lives of individuals, religious orders, and even entire cultures. Even though the science and discipline of chanting and formal prayer are practiced in every religion around the world, this is the first time that ancient Sanskrit mantras have been explained and adapted to Western needs. One of the few Western experts in Hindu and Buddhist mantras, Thomas Ashley-Farrand has practiced mantra-based spiritual disciplines for twenty-five years. In this illuminating book, he explains how and why mantras work and shows how to use them for everything from controlling habits to overcoming fear, from curing specific ailments to finding inner peace. In each of the more than fifty mantras, all translated from the original Sanskrit, Ashley-Farrand unlocks the power of every word, explains its appropriate application, and tells you how to pronounce it in easy-to-follow phonetic symbols. Inside, you'll find mantras for - Health - Worldly Success - Habit Control - Protection - Grief - Anger - Controlling Fear - Personal Attraction - Wisdom - Concentration and Mental Clarity - Healing Life Issues - and more! These mantras can be repeated aloud or in silence and can be used by people of any religion or spiritual practice, "as you wash dishes, as you drive on the freeway, as you meditate, or as you cook." Sound can help and sound can heal, and Healing Mantras now makes this sound medicine available to everyone.

A free open access ebook is available upon publication. Learn more at www.luminosoa.org. To produce the song sequences that are central to Indian popular cinema, singers' voices are first recorded in the studio and then played back on the set to be lip-synced and danced to by actors and actresses as the visuals are filmed. Since the 1950s, playback singers have become revered celebrities in their own right. Brought to Life by the Voice explores the distinctive aesthetics and affective power generated by this division of labor between onscreen body and offscreen voice in South Indian Tamil cinema. In Amanda Weidman's historical and ethnographic account, playback is not just a cinematic technique, but a powerful and ubiquitous element of aural public culture that has shaped the complex dynamics of postcolonial gendered subjectivity, politicized ethnolinguistic identity, and neoliberal transformation in South India.

What is it that we as a nation are missing? Why, given all our skills, resources and talents, do we settle so often for the ordinary instead of striving to be the best? At the heart of Ignited Minds is an irresistible premise: that people do have the power, through hard work, to realize their dream of a truly good life. Kalam's vision document of aspiration and hope motivates us to unleash the dormant energy within India and guide the country to greatness.

Ignited Minds

World Development Report 1978

The Exponent of the Vi?istâdvaita Philosophy

Vivekananda Reader

Belize's Independence and Decolonization in Latin America

Fundamental information only

Hindu Religion Basics 1

What, if anything, do dreams tell us about ourselves? What is the relationship between types of sleep and types of dreams? Does dreaming serve any purpose? Or are dreams simply meaningless mental noise--"unmusical fingers wandering over the piano keys"? With expertise in philosophy, psychology, and neuroscience, Owen Flanagan is uniquely qualified to answer these questions. And in Dreaming Souls he provides both an accessible survey of the latest research on sleep and dreams and a compelling new theory about the nature and function of dreaming. Flanagan argues that while sleep has a clear biological function and adaptive value, dreams are merely side effects, "free riders," irrelevant from an evolutionary point of view. But dreams are hardly unimportant. Indeed, Flanagan argues that dreams are self-expressive, the result of our need to find or to create meaning, even when we're sleeping. Rejecting Freud's theory of manifest and latent content--of

repressed wishes appearing in disguised form--Flanagan shows how brainstem activity during sleep generates a jumbled profusion of memories, images, thoughts, emotions, and desires, which the cerebral cortex then attempts to shape into a more or less coherent story. Such dream-narratives range from the relatively mundane worries of non REM sleep to the fantastic confabulations of deep REM that resemble psychotic episodes in their strangeness. But however bizarre these narratives may be, they can shed light on our mental life, our well being, and our sense of self. Written with clarity, lively wit, and remarkable insight, Dreaming Souls offers a fascinating new way of apprehending one of the oldest mysteries of mental life.

This book came into existence due to the graceful waves of the Kanchi Mahan. It is only my writings that are making me breathe. I write about lot of stuff. I have been writing for about 10-15 years. However, I never had any resolve to write about Mahaperiva. Didn't have the courage either. Didn't have the knowledge either. Didn't have the bhakthi, like the one that melts like wax, either. Like this, so many things that I don't have. Yet, in the last few years, it seems Mahaperiva has decided to use me as a tool for writing about Mahaperiva. How much confidence did Hosur Ganesan mama have on me! He kept driving me and made me write "Kanchi Mahanin Karunai Alaigal" (100 years of his Life as Peetathipathi of Sri Kanchi Kamakodi Peedam). Ganesan mama, also connected me to Shri Mettur Swamigal, the direct devotee of Mahaperiva. (He was in Sri kanchi Thapovanam in Govindapuram, near Kumbakonam) This Periyava not only provided guidance and complete blessings for writing the book, he also ensured its success by developing it and providing the flow. After the completion of the book, Maha Periyava, happily went and sat down in the hearts of the devotees whom He chose to be the recipients of the book in this world. For whatever fundamental objective for which the book was written (through my simple tamil alphabets, to dispel the myth that he is 'Mahaperiva' for just one caste of people and that true to his title of being a Jagathguru, he is close to the common man), that objective was fully authenticated by Mahaperiva and as if to certify it, one commoner wrote a letter to me which is reproduced in this book. I told him that I was about to write about Periva's Padhuka and also asked him to let me know if he knew people with Periyava's Padhugai. He then dropped a bombshell and completely upset me. He said "if you want me to be truthful, Periva did not give Padhuka to anyone. Some people in kanchi madam, are calling it as Periva's Padhuka and giving it to their near and dear. My family has been doing kankaryam for three generations. As a child, I grew up playing in Periva's lap. Periva did not give Padhuka for some of the prime devotees (and doled out a few names). Then your wish". I was like "what is this test for Madurai?" (referring to test to Madurai in Thiruvilayadal Puranam) and was very confused. Then I firmed up my mind thinking that to confuse and then to clear up is all his blessing. What a surprise? Shri Kanchi Mahan's Padhuka was there all over this world. A worldwide search was essential. America, Australia, Dubai, Singapore, Malaysia - the epitome of grace made the world come to my palm! Some said they got it directly from Paramacharyar Himself, some said they got it through Periva's anukka thondars (lieutenants), some said they had it for generations and didn't know the origins, some strangely said they got it through mail, some said they purchased it and submitted it to Periva and requested Him wear it and bless us. I pray to the Holy Feet of Periva Himself, that from the moment that you hold this book, which basically holds Periva's Padhugai, that your life should be prosperous and you should live long. Periva Saranam! With love and respect Dr. Shyama Swaminathan

Vyasatirtha, Hindu Sectarianism, and the Sixteenth-Century Vijayanagara Court

A Novel

Selected Stories of M. Mukundan

Embodiment of Truth

Introduction to Hindu Dharma

Opening the Hidden Land