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Essays New World Library

You may seek comfort, inspiration, and answers on the spiritual path, but eventually all spiritual paths lead to paradox-- where directions seem to conflict, the path leads in one of any number of directions, and answers seem elusive. The spiritual path is ultimately a waltz of opposites. It is as serious as a sermon and as wacky as a sitcom. The way is simpler and more direct than some

would have you believe-- and also more arduous and more baffling than is often depicted. At each turn in the road we run into a cul-de-sac of paradox, where one guideline or precept is contradicted by another. The concise chapters in *Roadsigns: Navigating Your Path to Spiritual Happiness* are organized around four big paradoxes that can trip up any seeker: You You're On Your Own/Can't Do It Alone; Lose Yourself/Improve Yourself; Embrace the World/Escape the World; You're Already There/There's a Long Way to Go. Finding your way through these and other paradoxes can cause discouragement and confusion, but they can also bring delight, wisdom, and growth. Philip Goldberg, Ph.D., an Interfaith Minister, confronts these divine dilemmas with profound insight and

engaging humor. Based on more than 30 years of experience and research, the travel tips in *Roadsigns* will help you keep your balance on the razor's edge of the spiritual path, whether you travel independently or within an established tradition. Goldberg is a spiritual warrior, wise about the way but light in his method. The road signs he posts-- Use All Available Lanes; Take the High Road; Don't Hurry, Be Happy; and 23 more-- offer a playful, mystical map through the deeper parts of the spiritual journey. They provide not only comfort, inspiration, and good practical sense, but also a challenge. For there are no one-size-fits-all answers on the spiritual path; we each have to clear our own way. *Roadsigns* will lead you to the best kind of guidance there is: that which springs from your own awareness and insight.

Lotus Press

Traces the history and influence of Indian spirituality in the United States while explaining how Hinduism and Vedic tradition have shaped American practices, ranging from prayer and pop culture to relationships and meditation.

Emerson and the Light of India Oxford University Press

Read the story of two worlds that converge: one of Hindu immigrants to America who want to preserve their traditions and pass them on to their children in a new and foreign land, and one of American spiritual seekers who find that the traditions of India fulfil their most deeply held aspirations. Learn about the theoretical approaches to Hinduism in America, the question of orientalism and 'the invention of Hinduism'. Read about: · how concepts like karma, rebirth, meditation and yoga have infiltrated and influenced the American consciousness · Hindu temples in the United States and Canada · how Hinduism has influenced vegetarianism · the emergence of an increasingly assertive socially and politically active American Hinduism. The book contains 30 images, chapter summaries, a glossary, study

questions and suggestions for further reading.

The Ethics of Oneness Los Angeles : J.P.

Tarcher

Huyler provides an introduction to the scope of Hindu beliefs and practices, accompanied by his arresting photographs documenting the spirituality of common men and women in India. 200 color illustrations.

American Bloomsbury Yale University Press

He was called "the 20th century's first superstar guru" (Los Angeles Times), and today, nearly a century after he arrived in the United States, he's still the best known and most beloved of all the Indian spiritual teachers who have come to the West. Now, finally, Paramahansa Yogananda has the authoritative biography he deserves. Yogananda, considered by many to be the father of modern yoga, has had an unsurpassed global impact thanks to the durability of his teachings, the institutions he created or inspired, and especially his iconic memoir, *Autobiography of a Yogi*. Since its publication in 1946, that book has sold millions of copies and changed millions of lives. But it doesn't tell the whole story. Much of Yogananda's seminal text is devoted to tales about other people, and it largely overlooks the three vital decades he spent living, working, and teaching in America. Huge chunks of his life —challenges, controversies, and crises; triumphs, relationships, and formative experiences —remain unknown to even his most ardent devotees. In this captivating biography, scholar and teacher Philip Goldberg fills the gaps, charting a journey that spanned six decades, two hemispheres, two world wars, and unprecedented social changes. The result is an objective, thoroughly researched account of Yogananda's remarkable life in all its detail, nuance, and complex humanity. But this is more than a

compelling life story. “Yogananda would, I believe, want any book about him to not only inform but transform,” Goldberg writes. “It is my hope that readers will be enriched, expanded, and deepened by this humble offering.” That is sure to be the case for both Yogananda enthusiasts and those who discover him for the first time in these illuminating pages.

The Life of Yogananda Wipf and Stock Publishers

A witty collection of scientific terms metaphorically applied to everyday life
How Yoga Works American Veda
Scholar Jeffrey J. Kripal explores the life and teachings of Ramakrishna Paramahansa, a 19th-century Bengali saint who played a major role in the creation of modern Hinduism. The work is now marked by both critical acclaim and cross-cultural controversy. In a substantial new Preface to this second edition, Kripal answers his critics and addresses the controversy.

Walking the Walk - A Karma Yoga Manual Penguin UK

An author recounts her two decades working for and living with the twentieth century’s most famous and influential guru in this memoir. Susan Shumsky is a successful author in the human potential field. But in the 1970s, in India, the Swiss Alps, and elsewhere, she served on the personal staff of the most famous guru of the twentieth century—Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. Maharishi died in 2008 at age ninety, but his influence endures through the spiritual movement he founded: TM (Transcendental Meditation). Other books have been written about him, but this spellbinding page-turner offers a rare insider's view of life with the guru, including the time the Beatles studied at his feet in Rishikesh, India, and wrote dozens of songs under his influence. Both

inspirational and disturbing, Maharishi and Me illuminates Susan’s two decades living in Maharishi’s ashrams, where she grew from a painfully shy teenage seeker into a spiritually aware teacher and author. It features behind-the-scenes, myth-busting stories, and over 100 photos of Maharishi and his celebrity disciples (the Beatles, Deepak Chopra, Mia Farrow, Beach Boys, and many more). Susan’s candid, honest portrayal draws back the curtain on her shattering, extreme emotional seesaws of heaven and hell at her guru's hands. This compelling, haunting memoir will continue to challenge readers long after they turn its last page. It dismantles all previous beliefs about the spiritual path and how spiritual masters are supposed to behave. Susan shares: “Merely by being in his presence, we disciples entered an utterly timeless place and rapturous feeling, and, at the same time, realized the utter futility and insanity of the mundane world.” Susan’s heartfelt masterwork blends her experiences, exacting research, artistically descriptive and humorous writing, emotional intelligence, and intensely personal inner exploration into a feast for thought and contemplation. Neither starry-eyed nor antagonistic, it captures, from a balanced viewpoint, the essence of life in an ashram. Winner of the Ben Franklin Book Award for Autobiography & Memoir and the National Indie Excellence Sponsorship Prize from News & Experts. “A powerful exploration of guru and discipleship. Her humor, insight and the intimate feeling you receive about their relationship is extraordinary. A great read for anyone interested in learning.” —Lynn V. Andrews, bestselling author, *Medicine Woman* and *Jaguar Woman*
The Spiritual Heritage of India Notion Press
Yoga, karma, meditation, guru—these terms, once obscure, are now a part of the American lexicon. Combining Hinduism with Western

concepts and values, a new hybrid form of religion has developed in the United States over the past century. In *Transcendent in America*, Lola Williamson traces the history of various Hindu-inspired movements in America, and argues that together they constitute a discrete category of religious practice, a distinct and identifiable form of new religion.

Williamson provides an overview of the emergence of these movements through examining exchanges between Indian Hindus and American intellectuals such as Thomas Jefferson and Ralph Waldo Emerson, and illuminates how Protestant traditions of inner experience paved the way for Hindu-style movements' acceptance in the West.

Williamson focuses on three movements—Self-Realization Fellowship, Transcendental Meditation, and Siddha Yoga—as representative of the larger phenomenon of Hindu-inspired meditation movements. She provides a window into the beliefs and practices of followers of these movements by offering concrete examples from their words and experiences that shed light on their world view, lifestyle, and relationship with their gurus. Drawing on scholarly research, numerous interviews, and decades of personal experience with Hindu-style practices, Williamson makes a convincing case that Hindu-inspired meditation movements are distinct from both immigrant Hinduism and other forms of Asian-influenced or “New Age” groups.

Off the Charts University of Chicago Press

We live in an era defined by a sense of separation, even in the midst of networked connectivity. As cultural climates sour and divisive political structures spread, we are left wondering about our ties to each other.

Consequently, there is no better time than now to reconsider ideas of unity. In *The Ethics of Oneness*, Jeremy David Engels reads the Bhagavad Gita alongside the works of American thinkers Ralph Waldo Emerson and Walt Whitman. Drawing on this rich combination of traditions, Engels presents the notion that individuals are fundamentally interconnected in their shared divinity. In other

words, everything is one. If the lessons of oneness are taken to heart, particularly as they were expressed and celebrated by Whitman, and the ethical challenges of oneness considered seriously, Engels thinks it is possible to counter the pervasive and problematic American ideals of hierarchy, exclusion, violence, and domination.

Kali's Child Routledge

Exploring homegrown movements and figures, proclaims “American Hinduism” as a distinct religious tradition. Today, a new stage in the development of Hinduism in America is taking shape. After a century of experimentation during which Americans welcomed Indian gurus who adjusted their teachings to accommodate the New World context, “American Hinduism” can now rightly be called its own tradition rather than an imported religion. Accordingly, this spiritual path is now headed by leaders born in North America. *Homegrown Gurus* explores this phenomenon in essays about these figures and their networks. A variety of teachers and movements are considered, including Ram Dass, Siddha Yoga, and Amrit Desai and Kripalu Yoga, among others. Two contradictory trends quickly become apparent: an increasing Westernization of Hindu practices and values alongside a renewed interest in traditional forms of Hinduism. These opposed sensibilities—innovation and preservation, radicalism and recovery—are characteristic of postmodernity and denote a new chapter in the American assimilation of Hinduism.

Biography of a Yogi Sentient Publications

A fascinating look at India's remarkable

impact on Western culture, this eye-opening popular history shows how the ancient philosophy of Vedanta and the mind-body methods of Yoga have profoundly affected the worldview of millions of Americans and radically altered the religious landscape. What exploded in the 1960s, following the Beatles trip to India for an extended stay with their new guru, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, actually began more than two hundred years earlier, when the United States started importing knowledge--as well as tangy spices and colorful fabrics--from Asia. The first translations of Hindu texts found their way into the libraries of John Adams and Ralph Waldo Emerson. From there the ideas spread to Henry David Thoreau, Walt Whitman, and succeeding generations of receptive Americans, who absorbed India's "science of consciousness" and wove it into the fabric of their lives. Charismatic teachers like Swami Vivekananda and Paramahansa Yogananda came west in waves, prompting leading intellectuals, artists, and scientists such as Aldous Huxley, Joseph Campbell, Allen Ginsberg, J. D. Salinger, John Coltrane, Dean Ornish, and Richard Alpert, aka Ram Dass, to adapt and disseminate what they learned from them. The impact has been enormous, enlarging our current understanding of the mind and body and dramatically changing how we view ourselves and our place in the cosmos. Goldberg paints a compelling picture of this remarkable East-to-West transmission, showing how it accelerated through the decades and eventually moved from the counterculture into our laboratories, libraries, and living rooms. Now physicians and therapists routinely recommend meditation, words like karma and mantra are part of our everyday vocabulary, and Yoga studios are as ubiquitous as Starbucks. The insights of India's sages permeate so much of what we think, believe, and do that they have redefined the meaning of life for millions of Americans—and continue to do so every day. Rich in detail and expansive in scope, *American Veda* shows how we have come to accept and live by the central teaching of Vedic wisdom: "Truth is one, the wise call it by many

names."

Roadsigns on the Spiritual Path Lulu Press, Inc

NAUTILUS BOOK AWARDS GOLD-MEDAL WINNER FOR 2015 There's no trying in meditation. Just as water runs naturally downhill ... just as leaves float naturally to the ground ... we can all settle naturally into meditation. Not trying, just allowing—not doing, just being. The key is effortlessness. Whether you're a complete novice or you've "tried it before," if you can breathe you can meditate. Guided by veteran teacher Dean Sluyter's easy-going, down-to-earth approach, you'll test-drive a variety of meditative "vehicles," such as breath, sound, the senses, the sky, and the simple sense of "I," and discover which ones fit you best. You'll find all the practical tips you need for adapting these methods to your daily life, even for a few minutes a day on the subway or in an office cubicle. And as your life opens to deep happiness, clarity, peace, and creative energy, you'll be inspired to keep on practicing—naturally.

Natural Meditation Penguin

A practical guide to surviving and thriving in a world gone mad Do you ever feel torn between finding refuge and staying informed and engaged? Have you ever felt too stressed out to meditate? Too anxious to roll out your yoga mat or pray? The truth is, when the world gets chaotic and confounding, we need spiritual practice more than ever. That's when our souls need sustenance. That's when we need to recharge and ground ourselves to take on the challenge. This concise, compassionate guide is filled with tools and techniques for accessing the sanctuary within you. They'll give you spiritual support at a moment's notice, in whatever time you have, with whatever attention you can spare. Expert teacher Philip Goldberg draws on authoritative texts and teachers from every spiritual path, especially the empirical methods of the Yoga tradition-as

well as contemporary psychology and scientific research. The result is a wide range of techniques to relieve the mind and body, refresh the spirit, and gird us for constructive action. You'll get insightful instruction in practices ranging from deep meditation to cognitive reframing to "spiritual space management," from silently communing with nature to actively engaging with others. And you'll find detailed guidelines for creating a spiritual routine-along with an inventory of supplementary practices-that suits your needs and lifestyle. This breezy, thorough, pragmatic book will help you find refuge and healing from the crazy times we're living in-and it will prepare you for taking robust steps to help restore sanity in the world around you.

Sun, Moon & Earth Hay House, Inc
American VedaHarmony
American Veda State University of New York Press

Used for thousands of years by indigenous tribes of the Amazon rain forest, the mystical brew ayahuasca is now becoming increasingly popular in the West.

Psychologist Rachel Harris here shares her own healing experiences and draws on her original research (the largest study of ayahuasca use in North America) into the powerful medicine's effects on depression, addiction, PTSD, and anxiety. In this wide-ranging and personal exploration, Harris details ayahuasca's risks and benefits, helping readers clarify their intentions and giving psychotherapists a template for transformative care and healing.

Hindu Wisdom for All God's Children
Penguin

In this book the author, Swami Tyagananda, has attempted to bring together Swami Vivekananda's insights related to the study and practice of karma yoga. The book can be read as a

commentary on Swamiji's teachings on karma yoga. The endnotes in this book point to glowing words [in Swamiji's karma yoga lectures] in order to encourage the reader to make an independent study of the original books. The structure of this book is simple. The introductory chapter explores the meaning and scope of yoga. It also examines Vivekananda's classification of yoga into four categories, showing how it cuts across religious boundaries and provides a genuinely universal way to understand spiritual disciplines. The second chapter examines the elements of the karma theory essential to understanding the method of karma yoga. Each of Vivekananda's four yogas has a "key" with which to unlock its potential. The key to karma yoga is detachment, which is the focus of the third chapter.

Selling Spirituality Jaico Publishing House

Gurus in America provides an excellent introduction to the guru phenomenon in the United States, with in-depth analyses of nine important Hindu gurus - Adi Da, Ammachi, Mayi Chidvilasananda, Gurani Anjali, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, Osho, Ramana Maharshi, Sai Baba, and Swami Bhaktivedanta. All of these gurus have attracted significant followings in the U.S. and nearly all have lived here for considerable periods of time. The book's contributors discuss the characteristics of each guru's teachings, the history of each movement, and the particular construction of Hinduism each guru offers. Contributors also address the religious and cultural interaction, translation, and transplantation that occurs when gurus offer their teachings in America. This is a guide that

will elucidate an important element in America's diverse and ever-changing spiritual landscape.

Roots of Yoga Oxford University Press

Transcendental Meditation (TM) is a simple, natural method of allowing the mind to go beyond thoughts and gain access to the silent inner field of creativity, energy, peace, and happiness that is our own essential nature, our Self. Widely known and prescribed by physicians for its powerful stress-reducing effects, TM is much more than that. Maharishi Mahesh Yogi (1918–2008), who brought TM to the West, said that TM offers any individual not only a gateway to the highest spiritual unfoldment (Enlightenment), but also "sound physical and mental health, greater ability in action, a greater capacity to think clearly, increased efficiency in work, and more loving and rewarding relationships with others." Five million TM practitioners around the world and more than 360 published, peer-reviewed scientific studies have consistently corroborated these lofty claims. Described as "a great book, by far the most comprehensive on the TM Program" when it was a bestseller in its original version, Jack Forem's study of TM became a much-loved classic. This updated edition contains all the features of the original plus much more. Clear, easy-to-read diagrams explain scientific research showing TM's beneficial effect on the brain and a broad spectrum of contemporary concerns, from health, self-actualization, and development of intelligence to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and much more. In these pages, Oprah Winfrey tells how she has offered TM to everyone on her staff. Dr. Mehmet Oz explains the benefits of TM for heart health. School principals describe the dramatically positive effect on their students when TM is introduced in the classroom. Interviews with celebrities as well as men and women of every age, background, and religion provide a lively testimonial to the efficacy of TM in making anyone's life happier, healthier, and more creative.

The American Scholar Simon and

Schuster

This book, first published in 1962, is an analysis of the history of the philosophy of a country that has never distinguished philosophy from religion. Indian philosophy is not merely metaphysical speculation, but has its foundation in immediate perception. This insistence upon immediate perception rather than abstract reasoning is what distinguishes the Indian philosophy of religion from philosophy as Western nations know it.