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Al-Jahiz

Muslim historian. [more...](#)

Abhedananda, Swami

author of India and her people. [more...](#)

**Aiyar, Sir Chetpat
Pattabhirama Ramaswami**

former Dewan of Travancore, and eminent scholar-statesman and former Vice-Chancellor, who was the first to ban hunting in India. [more...](#)

Akbar, M. J.

Indian journalist and editor of Asian age and author of The Shade of Swords: Jihad and the Conflict Between Islam and Christianity. [more...](#)

Alcott, Amos Bronson

writer, philosopher, schoolteacher, visionary. Born in 1799 to an illiterate flax farmer in Wolcott, Connecticut, Amos Bronson Alcott was singular among the Transcendentalists in his unassailable optimism and the extent of his self-education. He is also the author of Orphic Sayings, Tablets, and Concord Days. Louisa May Alcott, portrayed him as the grandfather in Little Women. His second daughter, Louisa Alcott, became a world-famous writer, and his youngest daughter, May, was a critically acclaimed artist. When Ralph Waldo Emerson met Alcott in Boston in the late 1830's, he was so impressed with his intellect and innovative ideas that he convinced him to move to Concord and join his circle of friends. [more...](#)

Ali bin Abi Talib

The Fourth Caliph [more...](#)

al-Qifti, Abu'l Hasan

Arab scholar and author of Chronology of the Scholars, speaks of Arab admiration for Indian place-value system and methods of calculation. [more...](#)

Altekar, Anant Sadashiv

author of several books including Education in Ancient India and Sources of Hindu dharma in its socio-religious aspects. [more...](#)

Anquetil-Duperron

A French Orientalist who spent seven year in India, had recorded in his moving testimony in 1778. [more...](#)

Apollinaire, Guillaume

French poet, novelist, dramatist, and art and literary critic. He became a leader of the avant-garde in Paris in the early 20th century and is believed to have coined the term surrealist. [more...](#)

Arnett, Robert

Professor, has lectured widely throughout America including the Smithsonian Institute and Harvard and Yale Universities. He has been interviewed on National Public Radio, Voice of America and various television programs. Arnett has written a new book ' India Unveiled '. [more...](#)

Arnold, Sir Edwin

poet and scholar. Author of The Song Celestial, which is a translation of the Bhagavad Gita. It has great elevation of tone and majesty and dignity of style. There are many translations of the Gita but Arnold's translation has a place apart among them by its accuracy and the grave harmony of the verse. [more...](#)

Arpi, Claude

French dentist-turned- Tibetologist, author of Fate of Tibet: When Big Insects Eat Small Insects. [more...](#)

Arrian, Flavius

Greek historian of the campaigns of Alexander. [more...](#)

Arun Shourie

is a Rajya Sabha member and among India's best known commentators on current and political affairs. His writings are backed by rigorous analysis and meticulous research. Shourie has been an economist with the World Bank, a consultant in the planning commission and the editor of Indian Express. Among the many honors and awards, he has received the Magsaysay Award, the International Editor of the Year, the Dadabhai Naoroji and the Astor Award. Author of several books, including Secular Agenda, Eminent Historians, Harvesting Our Souls, Religions in Politics. [more...](#)

Aurobindo, Sri

Most original philosopher of modern India. Education in England gave him a wide introduction to the culture of ancient, or mediaeval and of modern Europe. [more...](#)

Avelino, Vecente

who was the Consul General for Brazil in India in 1930 belonged to the inner circle called Tattva Shri Chaitanya. He was a devout Vaishanava and an ardent admirer of Shri Ramakrishna. In an address at Panihati, near Calcutta, on the occasion of a religious festival organized by the Shri Gauranga Grantha Mandir to commemorate Shri Chaitanya's visit to that place [more...](#)

- Babbitt, Irwin** The Harvard literary scholar and cultural thinker, will always stand as a monument to American intellectual culture at its finest. Babbitt had a fascination with Asian religion and philosophy. He was one of the principal critics of the twentieth century and an influential teacher of T. S. Eliot. [more...](#)
- Bailly, Jean-Sylvain** 18th century French astronomer and politician. His works on astronomy and on the history of science (notably the *Essai sur la théorie des satellites de Jupiter*) were distinguished both for scientific interest and literary elegance and earned him membership in the French Academy, the Academy of Sciences, and the Academy of Inscriptions. [more...](#)
- Bart, Sir William Wedderburn** He left for India in 1860 and began official duty at Dharwar as an Assistant Collector. He was appointed Acting Judicial Commissioner in Sind and Judge of the Sadar Court in 1874. In 1882 he became the District and Sessions Judge of Poona. At the time of his retirement in 1887, he was the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay. As a Liberal, William. Wedderburn believed in the principle of self-government. [more...](#)
- Basham, Dr. A. L.** One of the leading authority of ancient Indian culture and author of *The Wonder that was India*. [more...](#)
- Beck, L. Adams** author of *The Story of Oriental Philosophy*. [more...](#)
- Bernstein Richard** a former New York Times correspondent in China, book critic, author of *The book, Ultimate Journey* [more...](#)
- Besant, Annie Wood** George Bernard Shaw regarded her the " greatest woman public speaker of her time." [more...](#)
- Bhave, Vinoba** The great spiritual leaders and social reformers of modern India, was a disciple of Mahatma Gandhi. Founder of the Bhoodan, or land-gift, movement, seeking donations of land for redistribution to the landless. [more...](#)
- Biardeau, Madeleine** was professor of Indian Religion at the *Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes* in Paris, author of several books, including *Studies in Hinduism: Vedism and Hinduism and India*. [more...](#)
- Bjornstjerna, Count Magnus Fredrik Ferdinand** author of *The Theogony of the Hindoos with their systems of Philosophy and Cosmogony*. [more...](#)

Blackwill, Robert

lecturer on international security at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, former ambassador to India. Blackwill is the author and co-editor of numerous books and articles on U.S. foreign policy, including: America's Asian Alliances. [more...](#)

**Blavatsky, Madame
Helena Petrova**

HPB as she was known, was a cultured and widely traveled woman. Brilliant, fiery and witty; able to attract the attention of the highest minds, she was in the frequent company of scientists, philosophers and scholars in many fields. She wrote many books-Isis Unveiled, The Voice of Silence and Key to Theosophy. But her magnum opus, The Secret Doctrine, published in 1885, is her most profound book-a bible of Theosophy. [more...](#)

Bloomfield, Leonard

American linguist and author of Language, published in 1933) characterization of Panini's Astadhyayi ("The Eight Books"). [more...](#)

Bohm, David

Was one of the world's greatest quantum mechanical physicists and philosophers. David Bohm explains his theory that there is something like life and mind enfolded in everything. Bohm was profoundly affected by his close contact with J. Krishnamurti [more...](#)

Bohr, Niels Henrik David

Danish nuclear physicist who developed the Bohr model of the atom. He received the Nobel Prize in physics in 1922, for his theory of atomic structure (Quantum Theory). [more...](#)

Bose, Jagdish Chandra

A pioneer of modern Indian science, combined ancient Indian introspective methods with modern experimental methods to demonstrate "the universal livingness of matter" or the "omnipresence of Life in Matter." Modern science thus endorsed the ancient Upanishadic truth that the entire universe is born of a life-force and is quivering with a touch of animation. His work represents the triumph of spirituality over extreme materialism. [more...](#)

Bournouf, Professor

Professor, in his Discourse on Sanskrit and Its Literature, given at the College of France. [more...](#)

Briggs, Rick

NASA researcher, has written about India's ancient language - Sanskrit. [more...](#)

Brown, W. Norman

Author of Mythology of India [more...](#)

- Brunton Paul** A British philosopher, mystic, traveler and author of *A Hermit in the Himalayas*, *A Message from Arunachala* and *The Orient: Legacy to the West*. *A Search in Secret India* is one of the great classics of spiritual travel writing. With a keen eye for detail, Paul Brunton describes taking a circular journey round India: living amongst yogis, mystics and gurus, seeking the one who would give him the peace and tranquility that come with self-knowledge. His vividly told search ends at Arunachala, with Sri Ramana Maharshi. [more...](#)
- Buitenen, J A B Van** [more...](#)
- Burke, Edmund** British statesman, parliamentary orator and political thinker, played a prominent part in all major political issues for about 30 years after 1765, and remained an important figure in the history of political theory. [more...](#)
- Burnof, Emile** author of *La science des religions* and *Dictionnaire classique sanscrit-français* and *Essai sur le Veda, ou Introduction a la connaissance de l'Inde*. [more...](#)
- Campbell, Joseph** One of the foremost interpreters of myth in our time. [more...](#)
- Capra, Fritjof** Austrian-born famous theoretical high-energy physicist and ecologist and the author of *The Tao of Physics: An Exploration of the Parallels Between Modern Physics and Eastern Mysticism*, He is co-director of the Center for Eco-Literacy in Berkeley. Capra who studied with Werner Heisenberg. [more...](#)
- Carlyle, Thomas** Scottish-born English historian and essayist who was leading figure in the Victorian era. [more...](#)
- Chaitanya, Prema** [more...](#)
- Chamberlain Houston Stewart** British born writer, and admirer of music composer Richard Wagner. In his major work, *The Foundations of the Nineteenth Century*, he extolled the profundity of Indian philosophy and praise of Hindu mysticism. [more...](#)
- Chaplin Dorothea** author of the book, *Matter, Myth and Spirit or Keltic and Hindu Links* [more...](#)

Charles Seife

a journalist with Science magazine, has also written for New Scientist, Scientific American, The Economist, Science, Wired UK, The Sciences, and numerous other publications. He holds an M.S. in mathematics from Yale University and his areas of research include probability theory and artificial intelligence. He is a mathematician and science writer, author of Zero: The Biography of a Dangerous Idea [more...](#)

Cheiro, Count Louis Hamon aka

author of several book, Language of the Hand and World Predictions published in 1926. Born in Ireland as William John Warner, Cheiro also went by the name Count Louis Hamon. He had a wide following of famous European and American clients like Mark Twain, Sarah Bernhardt, Mata Hari, Oscar Wilde, Grover Cleveland, Thomas Edison, the Prince of Wales, General Kitchener, William Gladstone, Bernard Shaw and Joseph Chamberlain. [more...](#)

Chidambaram Dr. R

Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India has said: "Bhagwat Gita" continues to be the source of inspiration for both Indian and western scientists and "one sees a thread of similarity in the spiritual thinking of great scientists like Srinivasa Ramanujan, C V Raman, Chandrasekhar," [more...](#)

Childe, Professor Gordon

[more...](#)

Chinmayananda, Swami

founder of Chinmaya Mission. He was not satisfied with degrees in literature and law or with other worldly aspirations pursued the spiritual path in the Himalayas under the guidance of his Gurus Swami Tapovanam and Swami Sivananda. Has written several books including Self-Unfoldment (The Self-Discovery Series) [more...](#)

Chopra, Dr. Deepak

Vedantic sage and wise-man from the East, author of several books including 'Ageless Body, Timeless Mind' [more...](#)

Clemente, Francesco

Italian born Indophile, New York artist Clemente was born in 1952. His art was displayed at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum recently. He is the youngest artist ever to receive a full-museum retrospective at the Guggenheim. Clemente arrived in India in 1973 and 1978 made more than ten trips there, immersing himself deep in India's philosophy, religion, art and crafts. [more...](#)

Coates Austin	son of composer Eric Coates, Assistant Colonial Secretary and a magistrate in Hong Kong during the World War II, and First Secretary to the British High Commission in Kaula Lumpur and Penang in 1959-62). more...
Cooraswamy, Dr. Ananda K.	The late curator of Indian art at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, was unexcelled in his knowledge of the art of the Orient, and unmatched in his understanding of Indian culture, language, religion and philosophy. He is the author of ' The Dance of Shiva: Essays on Indian Art and Culture'. more...
Cousin, Victor	French Philosopher more...
Cox, Harvey	of the Harvard Divinity School. more...
Cramb, J A	author of The Origins and Destiny of Imperial Britain more...
Creuzer, Friedrich	philologist. more...
Crooke, W.	Author of the book " The Popular Religion and Folklore of Northern India" (Oxford University Press, 1896.) more...
Crooke, W.	Author of 'The Popular Religion and Folklore of Northern India' more...
Cunningham, General Joseph Davey	author of A history of the Sikhs, from the origin of the nation to the battles of the Sutlej. more...
Curzon, Lord	the late Viceroy of India, in an address delivered at the great Delhi Durbar in 1901. more...
Danielou, Alain, a.k.a Shiv Sharan	Son of French aristocracy, author of numerous books on philosophy, religion, history and arts of India, including Virtue, Success, Pleasure, & Liberation : The Four Aims of Life in the Tradition of Ancient India. He was perhaps the first European to boldly proclaim his Hinduness. He settled in India for fifteen years in the study of Sanskrit. He had a wide effect upon Europe's understanding of Hinduism more...

- Danino, Michel** Born in 1956 at Honfleur (France) into a Jewish family recently emigrated from Morocco, from the age of fifteen Michel Danino was drawn to India, some of her great yogis, and soon to Sri Aurobindo and Mother and their view of evolution which gives a new meaning to our existence on this earth. He has been settled in Tamil Nadu for 25 years and has given many lectures in India and is author of The Invasion That Never Was, The Indian Mind Then and Now and Kali Yuga or The Age of Confusion. He is also the convener of the International Forum for India's Heritage. [more...](#)
- David-Neel Alexandra** French explorer, writer, Orientalist and mystic, had remarked that the role Gods play in India is remarkable. [more...](#)
- Davies, John** author of Hindu philosophy. [more...](#)
- de Laplace, Pierre Simon** French mathematician, philosopher, and astronomer, a contemporary of Napoleon. Laplace is best known for his nebular hypothesis of the origin of the solar system. [more...](#)
- Deussen, Paul** He preferred to be called in Sanskrit, Deva-Sena was a scholar of the Asiatic Society of Bengal [more...](#)
- Dickinson, Goldsworthy Lowes** A friend of E. M. Forster, wrote in his "Essay on the Civilizations" thesis. [more...](#)
- Dobson, John** Scientist and a teacher. His theories in physics and cosmology boldly break new ground and significantly challenge the scientific orthodoxy. He was featured in the PBS television series "The Astronomers". John Dobson is perhaps best known for his work in the design and construction of telescopes, however, as most telescopes made today use what is known as a "Dobsonian" mount. [more...](#)
- Dow, Alexander** had published an essay on Hinduism, entitled A Dissertation Concerning the Customs, Manners, Language, Religion, and Philosophy of the Hindus (1768). The first European scholar to produce a real dissertation on Sanskrit learning. [more...](#)
- Droit, Jean-Paul** French philosopher, and Le Monde journalist, recently wrote in his book "The Forgetfulness of India." [more...](#)
- Duff, Dr. Alexander** British Christian missionary [more...](#)

Durant, Will

American historian [more...](#)

Dutton , Clarence Edward

A captain of ordinance in the U.S. army, geologist-poet and a Yale man, Dutton was deeply influenced by the philosophies of India. It was Dutton who likened the snow-covered peaks of the canyon walls to the Hindu gods, Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. There is even a Hindu amphitheatre which Dutton likened to the "profusion and richness which suggests an Oriental character." [more...](#)

Ecevit, Bulent

the then Turkish prime minister, was asked what had given him the courage to send Turkish troops to Cyprus (where they still remain). His answer: he was fortified by the Bhagavad Gita which taught that if one were morally right, one need not hesitate to fight injustice. Besides the Gita, Ecevit was also influenced by Nehru's Glimpses of World History. [more...](#)

Eck, Diana L.

Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and Member of the Faculty of Divinity, Harvard University. Her work on India includes the books Banaras, City of Light and Darsan: Seeing the Divine Image in India. [more...](#)

Eddy, Mary Baker

founder of the Christian Science Movement. She published Science and Health With a Key to the Scriptures in 1875. She had imbibed some of the teachings of the New England Transcendentalists (Ralph Waldo Emerson, Amos Bronson Alcott and Henry D. Thoreau) who made their influence widely felt through books, magazines and newspaper articles. [more...](#)

Einstein, Albert

World famous physicist. In 1905 He published his theory of Relativity. [more...](#)

Eliade, Mircea

Romanian-born philosopher, novelist, poet, and historian of religion. [more...](#)

Eliot, Sir Charles

A famous scholar and linguist of Oxford, observed on his book Hinduism and Buddhism: An Historical Sketch, 3 Volume Set. [more...](#)

Eliot, T. S.

American-English Harvard educated poet, playwright, and literary critic, a leader of the modernist movement in literature. Eliot was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1948. He drew his intellectual sustenance from the Bhagavad Gita. [more...](#)

Elisseev, Serge

Asian scholar [more...](#)

- Elst, Koenraad** Dutch historian, born in Leuven, Belgium, on 7 August 1959, into a Flemish (i.e. Dutch-speaking Belgian) Catholic family. He graduated in Philosophy, Chinese Studies and Indo-Iranian Studies at the Catholic University of Leuven. During a stay at the Benares Hindu University, he discovered India's communal problem and wrote his first book about the budding Ayodhya conflict. [more...](#)
- Emerson, Ralph Waldo** Author, essayist, lecturer, philosopher, Unitarian minister [more...](#)
- Eminescu, Mihai** The greatest poet of Rumania, learnt of Indian philosophy through Schopenhauer. The Hindu approach to reality and beauty is found in his verses. The title of his poem "Tattwamasi," indicates his familiarity with Upanishadic thought, but the content deals with the identity of Atman and Brahman. Hindu Monoism is reflected in his poem. [more...](#)
- Enfield, William** [more...](#)
- Epstein, Sir Jacob** Leading English Sculptor. After studying with Rodin in Paris, he revolted against the ornate and pretty in art, producing bold, often harsh and massive forms in stone and bronze. His best-known pieces include the Oscar Wilde Memorial (1911; Père-Lachaise, Paris), a marble Venus (1917; Yale Univ., New Haven, Conn.), and a Madonna and Child (Convent of the Holy Child Jesus, London) [more...](#)
- Fabre, Christian aka Swami Pranavananda Brahmendra Avadhuta** was born in the south of France. He grew up in a family with ties to the garment industry. Author of Swami : PDG et Moine hindou. [more...](#)
- Feuerstein, George** A specialist in the Sanskrit literature of yoga and has written considerable number of articles on various aspects of Indian thought. He has written various books, ' Yoga Tradition: Its History, Literature, Philosophy, and Practice.' and ' The Introduction to the Bhagavad Gita: Its philosophy and Cultural Setting'. [more...](#)
- Ford, Alfred B.** aka Ambarish Das grandson of Henry Ford (founder of the Ford Motor), and Trustee member of Ford Motor Company. He is involved in Ford's corporate charity work. [more...](#)

Frawley David

Also known as Vamadeva Shastri. He is the eminent teacher and practitioner of Ayurvedic medicine and Vedic astrology, considers Hinduism to be a religion of the Earth. [more...](#)

Gandhi, Mahatma

Was among India's most fervent nationalists, fighting for Indian independence from British rule. [more...](#)

Garaudy, Roger

A Muslim philosopher [more...](#)

Gautier, Francois

Paris-born, he has lived in India for 30 years, is a political analyst for Le Figaro, one of France's largest circulation newspaper. He defends Indian nationalism. He caused a storm of controversy in India by advocating reunification with Pakistan. Author of several books, including A Western journalist on India : The Ferengi's Columns and Rewriting Indian History. [more...](#)

Gibbon, Edward

English historian and scholar, the supreme historian of the Enlightenment, who is best-known as the author of the monumental author of The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire. [more...](#)

Gidwan S. Bhagwan

author of The Return of the Aryans, [more...](#)

Gilbert, William Harten

author of Peoples of India. [more...](#)

Goel, Sita Ram

scholar, writer, publisher, the founder of Voice of India, an 'intellectual' Kshatriya' par excellence, and a Hindu revivalist. Author of several books, including The Story of Islamic Imperialism, Defence of Hindu Society and History of Hindu-Christian Encounters. [more...](#)

Goldich, H. T.

[more...](#)

Goldstucker, Theodore

born in Germany, professor of Sanskrit at London's University College wrote the Dictionary of Indian Biography. [more...](#)

Grant, W. J.

Author of the book The Spirit of India 1933. [more...](#)

Griffin, Sir Lepel Henry

Knight Indian Civil Servant. President, East India Association and the diplomatic representative at Kabul of the Indian government. Author of several books including The Rajas of the Punjab; being the history of the principal states in the Punjab and their political relations with the British government and The Great Republic. [more...](#)

Grousset Rene

French art historian. Author of Civilizations of the East [more...](#)

Guenon, Rene

One of the best-known European traditionalist authors on various civilizations, wrote a book - Introduction to the Study of the Hindu Doctrines. [more...](#)

Guenon, Von Rene

French metaphysician has described our own era as "the reign of quantity". In his many books, Guenon exposed its shortcomings and called for a return to sacred tradition. [more...](#)

Hamilton Alexander

aide-de-camp to George Washington and first secretary of the Treasury [more...](#)

Happold, F. C.

[more...](#)

Harrison George

former Beatle and rocker, who was the impetus for the group's spiritual quest of the 1960s which brought them to India. In 1965, he discovered the Indian string instrument, the sitar. Harrison was in India, to learn how to play the instrument under the renowned sitar maestro Ravi Shankar. But for some, Harrison brings back memories of a time when the West turned to India for inspiration and enlightenment. [more...](#)

Harvey, Andrew

has devoted hi life to studying the world's mystical traditions. He is the author of several books including The Direct Path creating a journey to the divine through the world's mystical traditions. [more...](#)

Hastings, Lord Warren

Was the first governor general of British India. [more...](#)

Hauer, J. W.

A missionary in India and an official exponent of "the German faith", and a Sanskrit scholar, who gave to the Gita, a central place in the German faith. [more...](#)

Havell Binfield Ernest Dr

principal to the Madras College of Art in the 1890s and left as principal of the Calcutta College of Art some 20 years later. He wrote several books, including his book, Indian Architecture - Its Psychology, Structure and History from the First Mohammedan Invasion to the Present Day [more...](#)

Heeren, Arnold Hermann Ludwig

an Egyptologist [more...](#)

Hegel, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich

German philosopher, wrote in his "lectures on the Philosophy of History." Hegel belongs to the period of "German idealism" in the decades following Kant [more...](#)

Heimann, Betty

Late professor of Sanskrit and Indian philosophy at Ceylon University. [more...](#)

Heine, Henrich

A late Romantic lyric poet, whose influence was enormous not only in Germany but in most countries of the Western world, describes the India of his imagination: " ...in the glass I saw the dear motherland, the blue and sacred Ganges, the eternally shining Himalayas, the gigantic forests of Banyan trees on whose wide shadowy paths quietly walk wise elephants and while pilgrims ... [more...](#)

Heisenberg, Werner Karl

German theoretical physicist was one of the leading scientists of the 20th century. Heisenberg is best known for his Uncertainty Principle and was awarded the Nobel Prize in physics [more...](#)

Heras, Father

was a Spanish Jesuit priest who worked in India and was a celebrated Professor of History in Bombay. [more...](#)

Herbert Jean

Famous Indianist [more...](#)

Herder, Johann Gottfried

German philosopher, poet and critic, clergyman, born in East Prussia. Herder was an enormously influential literary critic and a leader in the Sturm und Drang movement. [more...](#)

Hesse, Herman

German poet and novelist, awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1946, found in Indian thought an answer to his yearning for deliverance from "ego" and from the tyrannical dictates of temporality. [more...](#)

Holmes Arthur

geologist, professor at the University of Durham. [more...](#)

Holroyde, Peggy

British author of several books on India including Indian Music: a vast ocean of promise and East comes West: a background to some Asian Faith. [more...](#)

Holst, Gustav

composer of S⁻ avitri ; The dream-city, Choral hymns from the Rig Veda and S⁻ avitri; an episode from the Mah⁻ abharata, Op. 25 He was Vaughan Williams' greatest friends. Despite his German name, Holst was born in Cheltenham in 1874. Holst's music as exploring 'mystical regions'. [more...](#)

Housden, Roger

Author of "Travels Through Sacred India" and a student of the spiritual traditions of India for over 20 years. [more...](#)

Humboldt, Wilhelm von

Prussian minister of education, a brilliant linguist and the founder of the science of general linguistics. [more...](#)

Hume Ernest Robert

whose renderings of thirteen principal Upanishads published in 1921 are still widely read. His translation of the thirteen principal Upanishads was published more than a hundred years ago, and revised more than sixty years ago. It has long been recognized as a classic translation which provides a faithful rendering of the original Sanskrit into twentieth-century English [more...](#)

Hume, Robert Earnest

Christian missionary. Author of the book The Thirteen Principal Upanishads. [more...](#)

Hunter, Sir William

editor of Imperial Gazetteer of India and author of The Indian Musalmans. [more...](#)

Huxley, Aldous

English novelist and essayist, born into a family that included some of the most distinguished members of the English ruling class [more...](#)

Huyler, Stephen P.

Art historian, cultural anthropologist, curator at the Smithsonian's Arthur M. Sackler gallery, in his book 'Meeting God: Elements of Hindu Devotion', defines Hinduism [more...](#)

Hyndman, H. M.

the eminent British publicist thus describes the important place of India in the world's history and civilization. [more...](#)

Ifrah, Georges

French historian of Mathematics and author of the book, The Universal History of Numbers. [more...](#)

Iqbal, Allama

Indian thinker and poet. [more...](#)

Isherwood Christopher W. B.

Translator, biographer, novelist, and playwright, he is the author of over twenty books, including Vedanta for the Western World and My Guru and His Disciple - a book about Swami Prabhavananda, who guided Isherwood for some thirty years. During the 1940s his interests turned from Christianity to Hinduism. With his guru Swami Prabhavananda Isherwood translated from the Sanskrit The Bhagavad-Gita and The Yoga Aphorism of Patanjali. Isherwood broke from the strictly chronological format to create a spiritual autobiography wherein the values of Vedanta Hinduism counter his life as a Hollywood scriptwriter. [more...](#)

Jaccoliot, Louis

He worked in French India as a government official and was at one time President of the Court in Chandranagar, translated numerous Vedic hymns, the Manusmriti, and the Tamil work, Kural. His masterpiece, La Bible dans l'Inde, stirred a storm of controversy. He praised the Vedas in his Sons of God. [more...](#)

Jagmohan, Shri

Union Minister of Tourism and Culture of India. [more...](#)

Jaspers, Karl

the famous Austrian existentialist philosopher. [more...](#)

Joad, Cyril Edwin Mitchinson

British philosopher, author, teacher, and radio personality. He was one of Britain's most colorful and controversial intellectual figures of the 1940s. He became head of the department of philosophy at Birbeck College, Univ. of London, in 1930. As a rationalist, he was a successful lecturer and writer. Author of several books including Guide to Philosophy and The Story of Indian Civilization. [more...](#)

Jois, Justice Manadagadde Rama

Former Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court. A distinguished writer and historian, Justice M. Rama Jois has produced several authoritative books on Service Law, Habeas Corpus Law, Constitutional Law, etc., which are popular among the Law fraternity of India including students of Law. His most appreciated two-volume book Legal and Constitutional History of India is a textbook for Law Degree course. His another book Seeds of Modern Public Law in Ancient Indian Jurisprudence is also a much-valued contribution. A book authored by him Eternal Values in Manu Smriti, was released by former Chief Justice of India A.S. Anand. [more...](#)

Jones, Sir William

He came to India as a judge of the Supreme Court at Calcutta. He pioneered Sanskrit studies. His admiration for Indian thought and culture was almost limitless. [more...](#)

Josephson, Prof. Brian David

Welsh physicist, the youngest Nobel Laureate. [more...](#)

Jung, Carl G.

A student of Sigmund Freud, psychiatrist, interpreted Hinduism in terms of his psychological system, and pointed out the great significance of Indian thought for the modern West. [more...](#)

Kak, Dr. Subhash

is a widely known scientist and a Indic scholar. Currently a Professor at Louisiana State University, he has authored ten books and more than 200 research papers in the fields of information theory, quantum mechanics, and Indic studies. He is a Sanskrit scholar and is author of Astronomical Code of the Rig Veda, and India at Century's End: Essays on History and Politics. [more...](#)

Kamiya, Takeo

Japanese architect has spent about 20 years and all his savings traveling across India documenting the country's heritage buildings to enlighten Japan and the world about the "wonders of real India". He is a member of the Japan Architects Academy. Kamiya first visited India about 27 years ago and travelled across the country, like Hieun Tsang during the Golden Age of Guptas. [more...](#)

Kaplan, Abraham

American professor of philosophy. [more...](#)

Keay, J. Seymour

British M. P. Banker in India and Indian Agent [more...](#)

Kellett, Ernest E

author of A Short History of Religions. [more...](#)

Keyserling, Count H.

Philosopher, author, public speaker. [more...](#)

Kezwer, Glen Peter

a physicist from Canada. He lives in Himachal Pradesh and is author of the book Meditation, Oneness and Physics [more...](#)

Kipling, Rudyard

British writer, who spent his earliest years were blissfully happy in an India full of exotic sights and sounds. Kipling was a Nobel Laureate in Literature [more...](#)

Klostermaier, Klaus K.

Professor of Religion at the University of Manitoba. Author of several books, including A Survey of Hinduism [more...](#)

Klostermaier, Prof Klaus

Distinguished Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Manitoba in Canada. He is author of several books including Hinduism: A Short Introduction [more...](#)

Knapp, Stephen (Sri Nandanandana Dasa)

American born author of several books including The Secret Teachings of the Vedas : The Eastern Answers to the Mysteries of Life and Proof of Vedic Culture's Global Existence. [more...](#)

Koestler Arthur

Hungarian-born British novelist, journalist, and critic. He is best known for his novel Darkness at Noon and The Lotus and the Robot, in which he examines Eastern mysticism [more...](#)

Kriplani, Acharya Jiwatram Bhagwandas

Noted Gandhian, and Eminent National Leader. When speaking as the President of the Congress in India. [more...](#)

Krishnamacharya, Ekkirala

author of Cradle of Indian History, physician, educationist and Kulapati (rector) of the Theosophy-related World Teacher Trust in Visakhapatnam. Fondly called by his disciples as `Master E.K'. [more...](#)

Lal, B B (Braj Basi)

On joining the Archaeological Survey in January 1946, he held charge of the Excavations Branch and participated with Sir Mortimer Wheeler in the excavations at Harappa, now in Pakistan. In 1951 he was deputed for advanced studies at the Institute of Archaeology, London. In 1961, under a UNESCO project, he conducted excavations in Nubia, Egypt, and brought to light valuable evidence relating to prehistoric and protohistoric periods of that country. [more...](#)

Lamb, Beatrice Pitney

Author of several books including India: A World in Transition. She was Editor of the United Nations News for several years and has written and lectured extensively on Indian affairs. Beatrice Lamb first visited India in 1949 on an assignment for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Mrs. Lamb saw the many-hued soul of India revealed through its people, living, working and worshipping. [more...](#)

Lannoy, Richard

author of The Speaking Tree: A Study of Indian Culture and Society [more...](#)

Larson Gerald James

An American scholar who points out that there are in a manner of speaking almost as many Gitas as there are readers of it [more...](#)

Le Bon, G

Author of the book The World of Ancient India. [more...](#)

Leatherdale, Marcus

Montreal born photojournalist has had a long love affair with India. To him Hinduism and India are almost synonymous. What he likes about Hinduism is that its very emotional, colorful and joyful. [more...](#)

Lecky William Edward Hartpole

Irish historian, essayist, author of The Substance of History of European Morals (From Augustus to Charlemagne). [more...](#)

Lemaitre, Solange

author of several books, including Le Mystère de la mort dans les religions d'Asie and Râmakrishna et la vitalité de l'hindouism. [more...](#)

LeMee, Dr. Jean

Born in France in 1931, Studied Sanskrit at Columbia University. Author of the Hymns from the Rig Veda [more...](#)

Levi, Sylvain

French scholar [more...](#)

Loti Pierre

pseudonym of Louis-marie-julien Viaud, a novelist whose exoticism made him popular in his time and whose themes anticipated some of the central preoccupations of French literature between World Wars. Loti's career as a naval officer took him to the Middle and Far East, thus providing him with the exotic settings of his novels and reminiscences. Some of his books include Voyages 1872-1913 and L'Inde sans les Anglais. [more...](#)

Louis-Barthou, Madame Alice

[more...](#)

MacDonald, James Ramsey

first Labor Party prime minister of Great Britain [more...](#)

Macintosh, William

[more...](#)

Mackintosh, Sir James

British writer and Philosopher. He was trained as a physician, but after settling in London he became a writer and lawyer. He served as recorder of Bombay (1804-6) and judge in Bombay vice-admiralty court (1806-12). [more...](#)

Maeterlinck, Count Maurice

Belgian writer of poetry and a wide variety of essays. He won the 1911 Nobel Prize for literature. [more...](#)

Maharaj, Sri Swami Sivananda Saraswati

The founder of The Divine Life Society, with headquarters in Rishikesh, Himalayas, began as a physician before he turned sannyasi. [more...](#)

Maharishi, Ramana

A great saga, Kavyakanta Ganapathi Muni, called him Bhagavan or God for he regarded him as the incarnation of Skanda or Subramania, and named him Ramana, the sweet one, and Maharshi, the great saga. [more...](#)

Maine, Sir Henry James Summer

His first work, Ancient Law was his most famous. He was (1862-69) legal member of the viceroy's council in India, where he planned the codification of Indian law. [more...](#)

Majer, Friedrich

A disciple of Johann Gottfried Herder, an Orientalist [more...](#)

Malcolm Sir John

Was the Governor of Bombay author of A Memoir of Central India including Malwa and Adjoining Provinces and who worked for the East India Company [more...](#)

Malraux, Andre

A profound thinker and French prolific writer, an essayist, novelist, art-historian, and political speech writer, Malraux did give his readers a philosophy. [more...](#)

Martel, Yann

a Canadian who won this year's Booker Prize for Life of Pi. [more...](#)

Mascaro, Juan

Author of The Bhagvad Gita - translated By Juan Mascaro. Penguin Classics, 1962), pays tribute to the glory of the Sanskrit literature. [more...](#)

Maugham, W. Somerset

Was born in the British Embassy in Paris and was educated in England and Germany. After medical school, a successful attempt at writing led him to widespread fame for his plays and novels. Author of several books including "Of Human Bondage" and " The Moon and Sixpence." [more...](#)

McArthur, Tom

author of Yoga and the Bhagavad Gita [more...](#)

Melville, Herman

The great American novelist, in his magnum opus Moby Dick, refers to the incarnation of Vishnu in the form of a whale, which sounded down to the utmost depths of the sea to rescue the sacred books. [more...](#)

- Menuhin, Sir Yehudi** Born to Russian - Jewish parents who migrated to America. One of the greatest violinists of the 20th century revered an Indian Yogi as his teacher. He was famous for his affiliation with renowned Hatha yoga teacher B K S Iyengar and legendary sitarist Ravi Shankar. The more he learned about India and Yoga, the more he loved it. He was among the first in the West to espouse yoga and the principles of organic food. [more...](#)
- Merton, Thomas** Was a Trappist monk, poet, social critic and author of many books, including Seeds of Contemplation, Life and Holiness, Mystics and Zen Masters. Merton , in his book "Thoughts on the East" talks about the living importance of the Bhagavad Gita. [more...](#)
- Michelet, Jules** French writer, the greatest historian of the romantic school [more...](#)
- Milburn, Mr. R. Gordon** [more...](#)
- Monier-Williams, Sir** Indologist and head of the Oxford's Boden Chair [more...](#)
- Mookerji, Dr. Radhakumud** distinguished historian and author of several books including Hindu civilization (from the earliest times up to the establishment of Maurya empire), Ancient Indian education; Brahmanical and Buddhist and Indian shipping: a history of the seaborne trade and maritime activity of the Indians from the earliest times. [more...](#)
- Moorhouse, Geoffrey** British author of "Om: an Indian Pilgrimage" [more...](#)
- Motwani, Kewal** author of several books including Manu Dharma S'satra: A sociological and historical study. [more...](#)
- Mukerji, Dhan Gopal** was the first South Asian immigrant to the United States to carve out a successful literary career, publishing more than twenty books Caste and Outcast was the first book on India written by an Indian that was widely read in America. As an interpreter of Indian thought and spirituality, Mukerji's influence on American literary circles was considerable. Among his long-time literary associates were the eminent critic Van Wyck Brooks and the historians Will and Ariel Durant. Mukerji's opus was an integral part of a far-flung intellectual effort in the early twentieth century that seriously studied Indian civilization and drew upon it for inspiration and direction. Those involved included such figures as T. S. Eliot, Theodore Dreiser, Eugene O'Neill, Lewis Mumford, Luther Burbank and A. J. Liebling. [more...](#)

Müller, Friedrich Maximilian

German philologist and Orientalist. [more...](#)

Munro Thomas Sir

held various posts in the colonial administration of India, served as brigadier-general during the third Maratha War (1817–18) and was appointed Governor of Madras in 1819. [more...](#)

Naipaul, Sir Vidiadhar Surajprasad

Nobel Laureate, was born in Trinidad into a family of Indian origin is known for his penetrating analyses of alienation and exile. Writing with increasing irony and pessimism, he has often bleakly detailed the dual problems of the Third World: the oppressions of colonialism and the chaos of post-colonialism. His grandfather had emigrated there from India as an indentured servant. He is the author of several books including Beyond Belief: Islamic Excursions Among the Converted Peoples, India: A Wounded Civilization, Among the Believers: An Islamic Journey, India: A Million Mutinies Now. [more...](#)

Needham, Joseph

s famous mainly for the formidable magnitude and scholarship of his work on science in China. He impressed by the achievements of India in the field of knowledge and learning. [more...](#)

Nehru, Jawaharlal

The first prime minister of free India, was more than a deeply moral human being. He yearned for spiritual light. He was particularly drawn to Swami Vivekananda and the Sri Ramakrishna Ashram. The Upanishads fascinated him. [more...](#)

Nietzsche, Friedrich

The great German Philosopher, poet, classical philologist, who became one of the most provocative and influential thinkers of the 19th century. He was deeply influenced by Schopenhauer in his youth. One of the great European philosophers, Friedrich Nietzsche's beliefs were best expressed in his Thus Spake Zarathustra, in which his teachings are put into the mouth of the wandering prophet Zarathustra. [more...](#)

Novalis

Was the pseudonym of the young Baron Friedrich von Hardenberg. He was a pioneer of the early German Romantics, one of Germany's greatest Romantic poets. [more...](#)

Okakura, Professor Kakuzo

a Japanese philosopher, art expert, curator and author of The Book of Tea and The Ideals of the East, with Special Reference to the Art of Japan. [more...](#)

- O'Malley, L S S** author of Popular Hinduism writes about Hindu Literature as giving help to a sense of moral value and to maintain a healthy ethical standard. The two great epics, the Mahabharata and Ramayana, are a means of moral education for millions, teaching moral lessons in concrete terms and illustrating in the lives of heroes and heroines such virtues as truth, love, fidelity, courage and calm resignation. [more...](#)
- O'More, Haven** a scholar at the University of Chicago and author of several books, including Butoh : Dance of the Dark Soul and Sacrificial Bone Inscriptions, [more...](#)
- Oppenheimer, J. Robert** Scientist, philosopher, bohemian, and radical. A theoretical physicist and the Supervising Scientist Manhattan Project, the developer of the atomic bomb [more...](#)
- Oppert Gustav** born in Hamburg, Germany, he taught Sanskrit and comparative linguistics at the Presidency College, Madras for 21 years. He was the Telugu translator to the Government and Curator, Government Oriental Manuscript Library. [more...](#)
- Organ, Troy Wilson** A professor at Ohio University [more...](#)
- Otto Professor Rudolph** Was associate professor at Göttingen. Eventually he became a professor of systematic theology, first at Breslau in 1915, then at Marburg in 1917. [more...](#)
- Ovington J** Chaplain to the British King, the seventeenth-century English traveler, wrote in his A Voyage to Surat in the Year 1689 [more...](#)
- Palkhiwala, N. A.** The eminent Indian jurist [more...](#)
- Panikkar, Sardar Kavalam Madhava** Indian scholar, journalist, historian from Kerala, administrator, diplomat, Minister in Patiala Bikaner and Ambassador to China, Egypt and France. Author of several books, including Asia and Western Dominance, India Through the ages and India and the Indian Ocean. He has succinctly summed up the basic tenets of Hinduism, which show that the Divine for the Hindu is a family phenomenon and not a distant Truth. [more...](#)

- Paul, Hubert** a French Theosophist, was to write in glowing terms of Charles Wilkins translation the Bhagavad Gita. In his book Histoire de la Bhagavad Gita he said it was one of the 'striking events in the universal history of philosophy' [more...](#)
- Paz, Octovio** Was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1990. He served as Mexico's ambassador to India from 1962 until 1968. This is what he says about Hindu art in his book "In Light of India". [more...](#)
- Philips, Ashby** Of Princeton University [more...](#)
- Philostratus** Ancient Greek writer, son-in-law of Flavius Philostratus. [more...](#)
- Plunkett, E. M.** Author of the book Ancient Calendars and Constellations [more...](#)
- Pol Droit Roger** French philosopher and journalist, author of L'oubli de l'Inde : une amnésie philosophique (The forgetting of India) [more...](#)
- Pratt, James Bissett** American author of Why Religions Die and India and its Faiths. [more...](#)
- Prince MShikoh Muhammad Dara** the favorite Sufi son of Moghul emperor, Shah Jehan. Known the world over for his unorthodox and liberal views. He was a mystic and a free thinker. He had learned Sanskrit and studied the Hindu scriptures in the original. [more...](#)
- Prinsep, James** an employee of the East India Company, deciphered the Brahmi script in 1883 and author of Essays on Indian antiquities, historic, numismatic, and palaeographic of the late James Prinsep. [more...](#)
- Pym, Michael** author of The Power of India [more...](#)
- R S Nathan** author of Hinduism That is Sanatana Dharma [more...](#)
- Radhakrishnan, Sarvepalli** Was a prominent Indian philosopher, author and educationalist. Radhakrishnan was also a professor of Eastern Religions at Oxford and later President of India [more...](#)

Rajagopalachari, C.

Was a scholar, a statesman, and a linguist. A contemporary of Mohandas Gandhi, he was also free India's first Governor General. Perhaps his most signal accomplishment was his thoughtful rendition of the Mahabharata and Ramayana in English, making the stories and wisdom contained in those classics available to a new generation of English educated Indians. [more...](#)

Rajaram, Navaratna S

s a mathematician, computer scientist and linguist and historian of science. He has taught in several universities in the United States. Since 1984 he has been an advisor to the National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA). He has written several books including Politics of History, Aryan Invasion Theory and the Subversion of Scholarship. [more...](#)

Rama Tirtha, Swami

enounced his career as a Mathematician in order to practice and preach Vedanta. [more...](#)

Ramakrishna, Sri

The surreal Hindu Bengali Saint spent a lifetime seeking spiritual enlightenment, beginning in his childhood with a mystical encounter he experienced at the age of six. [more...](#)

Ramanuja

Known as the greatest exponent of Visistadvaita Vedanta. [more...](#)

Ramanujan. Srinivasan

is one of India's legendary intellectual heroes, hailed as one of the greatest Mathematician of India and compared to all time greats, Euler, Gauss and Jacobi, for natural genius, is an eternal source of inspiration, especially for the student of mathematics. [more...](#)

Rankin, Dr. Aidan

author of Lifting the shadow : why Conservatives must reclaim human rights and was a Research Fellow in Government at the London School of Economics and editor of the Britain's leading environmental magazine, the Ecologist. [more...](#)

Rawlinson, Professor H. G.

[more...](#)

Renou, Professor Louis

Author of several books including Hinduism, Civilization in Ancient India, L'Inde fondamentale [more...](#)

Revel, Louis

[more...](#)

Riencourt, Amaury de

was born in Orleans, France. He received his B.A. from the Sorbonne and his M.A. from the University of Algiers. He is author of several books including The American empire and The Soul of India. [more...](#)

Riepe, Dale M.

Author of the book ' The Philosophy of India and its impact on American Thought' [more...](#)

Roberts, Paul William

He taught at Oxford for a year before setting off around the world, stopping in India before settling in Canada, where he has been an award-winning television writer and producer, university lecturer, journalist, film and book critic and novelist. He journeyed through India for twenty years, and in his book ' Empire of the Soul: Some Journeys in India.' creates a dazzling mosaic, by turns tragic and comic, of the subcontinent and its people. [more...](#)

Robertson Rev. William

[more...](#)

**Rodin
François-Auguste-René**

French sculptor, who imbued his work with great psychological force, which was expressed largely through texture and modeling. He is regarded as the foremost sculptor of the 19th and early 20th centuries [more...](#)

Roeer Edward

German Indologist, born in Braunschweig Germany, made a name for himself on account of his research in Hindu philosophy. His knowledge of philosophy and philology enabled him to publish a number of valuable editions of philosophical texts. On Roeer's suggestion the Asiatic Society of Bengal decided to publish the Upanishads together with Shankara's commentary. [more...](#)

Rolland, Romain

French Nobel laureate, professor of the history of music at the Sorbonne and thinker. [more...](#)

Ruckert, Friedrich

Professor of Oriental Languages at the University of Erlangen from 1827 to 1841, produced, under the inspiration of August Wilhelm von Schlegel, numerous skilful translations from Sanskrit. His published translations from Indian classical poetry made Indian lyrics and poems widely popular in Germany. [more...](#)

Russel, A. E. George

the Irish poet, essayist, painter, Nationalist leader, mystic, and economist; a leader in movement for cooperation among Irish farmers; editor The Irish Statesman 1923-30. Russel paid an eloquent tribute to the Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita. [more...](#)

Ryder, Arthur William

Professor at Berkeley. J Robert Oppenheimer the nuclear physicist had studied Sanskrit with him at Berkeley in 1933. He has translated several books including, Dandin's Dasha-kumara-charita : The ten princes. [more...](#)

Sa`ld Al-Andalusi

Arab writer in AD 1068, He wrote Kitab Tabaqat al-Uman or "Book of the Categories of Nations," which recorded the contributions to science of all known nations. [more...](#)

Sadler, Sir Michael

authority on education. [more...](#)

Sagan, Dr. Carl

Famous astrophysicist, in his book "Cosmos" [more...](#)

Salim Rizwan

, New York Tribune, Capitol Hill reporter, Engineering Times, assistant editor, American Sentinel, published in Hindustan Times [more...](#)

**Saraswati, Swami
Dayanand**

Rightly described as a human dynamo, Swami Dayananda shook the structure of established Hinduism to its foundations and infused into it new blood and fresh vigor. The founder of Arya Samaj, was a prophet with a difference. Dayanand is the father of both Renaissance (he brought to life world's supreme knowledge, the Vedas, with his slogan 'Back to Vedas) and Reformation. In 1849, the British annexation of Punjab, introduced the aggressive conversion of faith of Christianity. In time, Christianity threatened each of the coexisting religions. Christian missionaries brought with them new forms of organization and techniques of proselytism. He created a psychological revolution and gave tremendous self-confidence to Hindudom. Swamy Dayananda took the Christian and Muslim converts back into the Hindu fold by performing purification rites for them. [more...](#)

**Saraswati, Swami
Ghanananda**

the first African swami was initiated by Swami Krishnanand of India in 1975. He heads the Hindu Monastery of Africa in Accra, Ghana, regularly imparting spiritual guidance to devotees. [more...](#)

Sarfatti, Jack

Physicist of the Physics/Consciousness Research Group [more...](#)

Satprem	aka Bernard Enginger, a sailor and a Breton born in Paris. A member of the French Resistance. Satprem was arrested by the Gestapo when he was twenty and spent a year and half in concentration camps. Devastated he journey first to Upper Egypt, then to India, where he served in the French colonial government of Pondicherry. There he discovered Sri Aurobindo and Mother. Their Message - "Man is a transitional being" - struck a deep chord. more...
Saunders, Kenneth	author of The Heritage of Asia. more...
Schopenhauer, Arthur	German philosopher and writer. He was one of the greatest philosophers of the 19th century. more...
Schröder, E.	German philosopher, has also remarked in his book 'Pythagoras und die Inder' more...
Schroedinger, Erwin	Austrian theoretical physicist, a Nobel prize-winner, on quantum mechanics more...
Schuon, Frithjof	was born in 1907 in Basle, Switzerland, of German parents. He was a philosopher, poet and artist author of Language of the Self. Many of his ideas are taken from Vedanta. more...
Schweizer, Dr. Albert	Humanitarian, theologian, missionary, organist, and medical doctor. more...
Sebokbt, Severus	Bishop of Kenneserin, a Syrain astronomer. more...
Seidenberg, Abraham	An American historian of mathematics. more...
Sen, Gertrude Emerson	historian and journalist and Asia specialist. Author of several books including The Story of Early Indian Civilization. She married a Bengali - Basiswar Sen and in her Voiceless India, she learned to love the deep-rooted Indian view of life, Indian ways of thought and Indian ideals. more...
Shakaracharya, Adi	Indian philosopher and religious thinker who developed Advaita Vedanta, a system of philosophical thought within Hinduism. more...
Shankar V Shri	ICS (Retd.) former Defense Secretary and earlier Private Secretary to the late Sardar Patel. more...

Shankar, Shri V.

ICS (Retd.) former Defense Secretary and earlier Private Secretary to the late Sardar Patel. [more...](#)

Shankar, Sri Sri Ravi

Founder of the Bangalore based Art of Living, an International Foundation. He recently addressed the UN Peace Summit on Aug 28. He is the only non-westerner to serve on the advisory board of Yale University's School of Divinity and is author of the book - Hinduism and Christianity. [more...](#)

Shaw, George Bernard

Nobel Laureate in Literature. Famous British Author and Playwright, of books such as Pygmalion. [more...](#)

Shearer, Alistair

[more...](#)

Shelley, Percy B

English Romantic poet who rebelled against English politics and conservative values. His pantheism is full of unconscious reminiscences of Hindu thought, which reached them through the medium of Neoplatonism. [more...](#)

Sherring, M. A.

Noted missionary of the 19th century. [more...](#)

Shih, Hu

Chinese philosopher in Republican China. He promoted vernacular literature to replace writing in the classical style. He was ambassador to the U.S. (1938-42) and chancellor of Peking University (1946-48). [more...](#)

Singh, Dr. Karan

Heir apparent to the Maharaja of Jammu & Kashmir, Indian Ambassador to the U.S. and an outstanding thinker and leader. [more...](#)

Sister Nivedita - Margaret Noble

Her first literary achievement was Kali the Mother, in which she expounds the conception of Kali. [more...](#)

Smart, Ninian

Professor of Sociology. born in Scotland, he taught at the Universities of London, Birmingham, and Wales for many years before moving to the University of California, Santa Barbara. [more...](#)

Smith Vincent

British historian, and author of The Oxford History of India, [more...](#)

Smith, Huston

Born in China to Methodist missionaries, a philosopher, most eloquent writer, world-famous religion scholar who practices HathaYoga. Has taught at MIT and is currently visiting professor at Univ. of California at Berkley. Smith has also produced PBS series. He has written various books, " The World's Religions", "Science and Human Responsibility", and "The Religions of Man". [more...](#)

**Smythe, Colonel Frank
Smythe aka Francis
Sydney**

military leader, explorer, mountaineer, writer, photographer. He describes experiencing the same feeling of loneliness and revelation in the Bhyunder Ganga Valley. Chronicle of the author's four months in the remote, difficult to reach Bhyundar Valley in the Himalayas, the spectacular Valley of Flowers. The credit for the popularising the Valley of Flowers generally goes to Frank S. Smythe and R.L. Holdsworth who incidentally reached this valley after a successful expedition of Mount Kamet in 1931. [more...](#)

Sonnerat, Pierre

A French naturalist [more...](#)

Sorman, Guy

French intellectual, writer, economist and a professor of political science at Paris University, visiting scholar at Hoover Institution at Stanford and the leader of new liberalism in France. He has observed India with a keen eye, a great deal of intelligence and genuine affection. [more...](#)

Southey, Robert

English poet, generally considered a member of the romantic movement. He was born in Bristol and educated at the University of Oxford. Southey was a good friend of poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge. [more...](#)

Steiner, Rudolph

Austrian architect, highly interested in the alignment between science and nature, matter and spirit, he developed an anthropomorphic architecture for his own Anthroposophical Society. A scholar who had edited the works of German dramatist/poet Johann Wolfgang Goethe. [more...](#)

Stutfield, H.

Author of Mysticism and Catholicism. [more...](#)

**Subramuniaswami,
Satguru Sivaya**

Editor of Hinduism Today. Swami says in his book, "Siva's Cosmic Dance: An Introduction to the World's Most Ancient Religion, Saivite Hinduism." [more...](#)

- Sunderland, Rev. Jabez T.** American born, former President of the India Information Bureau of America and Editor of Young India (New York). Author of India, America and World Brotherhood, and Causes of Famine in India. He has written glowingly about India's culture. [more...](#)
- Suneson, Carl** author of Richard Wagner och den indiska tankevärlden. [more...](#)
- Suzuki Dr. D T** Japanese Buddhist and Zen scholar, who has written several books, including Zen Buddhism and Its Influence on Japanese Culture (1938, rev. ed. 1959), An Introduction to Zen Buddhism. [more...](#)
- Swarup Ram** a foremost spokesperson of Hindu spirituality and culture in India. He will probably prove to have been the most influential Hindu thinker and Hindu Revivalist in the second half of the 20th century. Arun Shourie has called him a scholar of the first rank. In the 1950s when Indian intellectuals were singing paens to Marxism and Mao, he wrote critiques of communism. He was also an author of several books, Hinduism vis-à-vis Christianity and Islam and Christianity, an Imperialist Ideology [more...](#)
- Tagore, Rabindranath** Poet, author, philosopher, Nobel prize laureate. [more...](#)
- Taylor Edmund** author of Richer By Asia [more...](#)
- Taylor, William Cooke** author of several books including A popular history of British India, commercial intercourse with China, and the insular possessions of England in the eastern seas. [more...](#)
- Teresi, Dick** author and coauthor of several books about science and technology, including The God Particle. He is cofounder of Omni magazine and has written for Discover, The New York Times Magazine, and The Atlantic Monthly. [more...](#)
- Tesla, Nicola** The Serbian-American inventor, electrical engineer, and scientist, used ancient Sanskrit terminology in his descriptions of natural phenomena [more...](#)
- Tharoor, Shashi** Under-Secretary-General for Public Information at the UN, author of six novels and two non-fiction books. Educated in India and London, describes himself as a `believing Hindu'. [more...](#)
- Thieme, Paul** German Indologist University of Tuebingen. [more...](#)

Thomas, F. W.

Wrote the book 'The Mutual Influence of Mohammedans and Hindus,' [more...](#)

Thoreau, Henry David

American Philosopher, Unitarian, social critic, transcendentalist and writer [more...](#)

Thorton, Mr.

Author of the book, History of British India. [more...](#)

Tilak, BalGangadhar

Freedom fighter, great Sanskrit scholar and astronomer. His contribution to modern India stands on par with that of Mahatma Gandhi's. Proclaimed to the nation, "Swaraj is my birthright and I shall have it!" [more...](#)

Todd, Colonel James

[more...](#)

Tolstoy, Leo

Was a champion of nonviolent protest; he was "an influential factor in the social restlessness that swept Russia before the revolution." Tolstoy the famous Russian author of 'War and Peace', responded to India with sensitivity. Ancient Indian literature and the writings of Swami Vivekananda mad a deep impression on him. In a letter to Gandhi in 1909, he quoted from the Upanishads, the Bhagavad Gita, the Tamil Kural, and Vivekananda. Tolstoy is only one of the many Western writers and thinkers to find much of illumination within Hinduism's pages. [more...](#)

Torwesten, Hans

Author of the book "Vedanta - Heart of Hinduism". [more...](#)

Toynbee, Dr. Arnold Joseph

Great British historian. [more...](#)

Tripurari, Swami B V

American born has spent over 30 years as a Hindu monastic, founder of the Gaudiya Vaishava Society, author of several books, most recently Bhagavad-Gita: Its Feeling and Philosophy. [more...](#)

Tully, Mark

Former BBC correspondent in India, author of several books, including No Full Stops in India and The Heart of India. [more...](#)

Twain, Mark

Also known as Samuel Clemens, one of the most widely loved and celebrated American writers since his first books were released in the late 1860s. [more...](#)

Tyanaeus, Apollonius

Greek Thinker and Traveler. 1st Century AD. [more...](#)

van Beethoven, Ludwig

Was also attracted by Indian thought, as it is clearly attested by numerous passages and notes referring to Indian ideas and texts found in the Beethoven papers. He was first introduced to Indian literature by the Austrian Orientalist, Hammer-Purgstal, who founded a periodical for the dissemination of Eastern knowledge in Europe as early as January 1809. Beethoven had a deep interest in Indian knowledge long before Indological studies began in Germany. [more...](#)

Van Nooten, Barend

Author of Rig Veda, a metrically restored text with an introduction and notes, and The Mahabharata; Attributed to Krsna Dvaipayana Vyasa. [more...](#)

Varenne, Jean Michel

the distinguished French Orientalist [more...](#)

Verlaine, Paul

The French lyric poet known for the musical quality of his verse, wrote the French poem, "Savitri". Verlaine became keenly interested in Hindu mythology during his high school days. [more...](#)

Versluis, Dr. Arthur

Associate Professor of American Thought and Language at Michigan State University, a scholar and researcher of several currents of the hermetic, gnostic, theosophic and mystic traditions and author of The Egyptian Mystery. [more...](#)

Vivekananda, Swami

Foremost disciple of Ramakrishna and a world spokesperson for Vedanta. [more...](#)

Voltaire, Francois Marie Arouet

France's greatest writers and philosophers, was a theist, and a bitter critic of the Church, which he looked upon as the instigator of cruelty, injustice, and inequality. [more...](#)

von Goethe, Johann Wolfgang

German Poet, Dramatist, Novelist, Natural Scientist. His own enthusiasm for Shakuntala was no less exuberant than Herders. [more...](#)

von Schiller, Fredrick

was Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's friend, who otherwise took little interest in Indian literature, was also moved to enthusiastic praise of Shakuntala, which he found in some respects unparalleled in the classical literature of Greece and Rome. He published part of the Shakuntala in Thalia. [more...](#)

von Schlegel, August Wilhelm

German Scholar and Poet who also learnt Sanskrit. The impulse to Indological studies was first given in Germany, through his book, 'The Language and Wisdom of the Indians' which appeared in 1818. [more...](#)

von Schlegel, Frederich	German philosopher, critic, and writer, the most prominent founder of German Romanticism. Educated in law, he turned to writing. His brother, August Wilhelm von Schlegel, was a scholar and poet. With his brother, August Wilhelm, he published the Athenaeum, the principal organ of the romantic school. Schlegel study of Sanskrit and of Indian civilization, On the Language and Wisdom of India (1808), was outstanding. more...
von Schroeder, Leopold	more...
Wagner, Richard	German composer, known for his 13 operas. more...
Walker, Kenneth	A famous British surgeon, has devoted a good deal of time and writing to the study of Indian thought and literature in search of an answer. more...
Walters, J. Donald (Swami Kriyananda)	World renowned as a singer, composer, and lecturer, founder of the Ananda Village is perhaps the most successful intentional community in the world. Has written a book " The Hindu Way of Awakening: Its Revelation, Its Symbols". more...
Wassaf, Abdullah	Muslim historian. more...
Waterstone, Richard	Studied Sanskrit at the University of Edinburgh, journalist, creator of BBC documentary, author, comments in his book on " India: Living Wisdom". more...
Watts, Alan	A professor, graduate school dean and research fellow of Harvard University, drew heavily on the insights of Vedanta. Watts became well known in the 1960s as a pioneer in bringing Eastern philosophy to the West. more...
Wells, Herbert George H. G.	historian, a bitter critic of the Roman Catholic Church and author of several books including A Short History of the World and Crux Ansata: An Indictment of the Roman Catholic Church and The Time Machine. more...

Wheeler, John Archibald

Physicist, the first American involved in the theoretical development of the atomic bomb. He also originated a novel approach to the unified field theory. Professor Emeritus at Princeton and Texas universities, studied with Niels Bohr, was named winner of the 1997 Wolf Prize in Physics, for developing the modern "black hole" theory. Has taught students include scientists like Richard Feynman, now occupies the chair that was held by Einstein. [more...](#)

Whitehead, Alfred North

British mathematician, logician and philosopher best known for his work in mathematical logic [more...](#)

Whitman, Walt

Who championed American intellectual independence, was amongst those who came under the influence of the American Transcendentalists. He wrote his famous poem Leaves Of Grass in 1855. Whitman turned to the East in his anxiety to escape from the complexities of civilization and the bewilderments of a baffled intellectualism. [more...](#)

Whittier, John Greenleaf

Was a talented poet who was influenced by Emerson and from whom he borrowed a copy of the Bhagavad Gita. [more...](#)

Wilcox, Ella Wheeler

famous American poet and journalist who is perhaps best remembered for verse tinged with an eroticism that was still unconventional for her time. Wilcox poems have been collected in volumes such as Poems of Pleasure (1897) and Maurine and Other Poems (1888). [more...](#)

Winternitz, Maurice

Famed Indologist, author of History of Indian Literature. [more...](#)

Wood, Michael

British historian/host/writer of The Barbarian West public TV documentary. [more...](#)

Woodroffe, Sir John aka Arthur Avalon

the well known scholar, Advocate-General of Bengal and sometime Legal Member of the Government of India. He served with competence for eighteen years and in 1915 officiated as Chief Justice. Writing under the pseudonym, Arthur Avalon seemed to be an 'An Indian Soul in a European Body? His books challenged the dominant Western understanding of Tantra as a primitive and demonic cult. His emphasis was on the philosophical aspects of Tantra and his conclusion that textual descriptions of rites should be read as deeply spiritual symbolism. Author of several books including Bharata Shakti, The Serpent Power, [more...](#)

- Yaqubi** Muslim historian. [more...](#)
- Yeats, William Butler** 1923 Nobel Laureate in Literature, described his first meeting with a Hindu philosopher at Dublin. [more...](#)
- Young, James** officer, Bengal Horse Artillery, and twice sheriff of Calcutta Secretary, Savon Mechanics Institutes. [more...](#)
- Yutang, Lin** Chinese scholar and author of the book, The Wisdom of China and India. [more...](#)
- Zaehner, Robert R. C.** British historian of religion who investigated the evolution of ethical systems and forms of mysticism, particularly in Eastern religions. The son of Swiss parents who had immigrated to England, Zaehner studied Oriental languages at the University of Oxford. Author of several books including Hindu Scriptures, and Hinduism [more...](#)
- Zimmer, Dr. Heinrich** The great German Indologist, a man of penetrating intellect, the keenest esthetic sensibility. Zimmer came to the United States in 1940, at the height of his career, and was lecturing at Columbia University when he died in 1943. His other works in the Bollingen series include Myths and Symbols in Indian Art and Civilization and Philosophies of India. [more...](#)
- Zimmer, Dr. Heinrich** Was a scholar with a great deal of first-hand knowledge of Indian philosophy and art history. Zimmer wrote a book called "Philosophies of India". [more...](#)
- Zukav, Gary** author of The Dancing Wu Li Masters. [more...](#)