

aspects of yoga—his devotional regimens, his periods of silence and his inner voices. Insistence on bramcharya, a wide term which includes celibacy or sexual continence, the author avers, is not justified (p. 39). This may be a practical viewpoint in these permissive days, when celibacy is difficult to practise, but all the great men the author refers to (p. 40) who lived long following a yogic discipline were known for their puritanical ways. These include Maharshi Karve, M. Visvesvarayya, Bhagwan Das, C. Rajagopalachari and Morarji Desai.

What I sorely missed in the book was some personal experiences of the author

in the realm of spirituality and anubhuti. Perhaps, in the true Indian tradition, he was not keen to let them be known.

A conspicuous absence in the book is the discussion of the philosophy of Ramana Maharshi, the sage who first attained realization and then propounded his ideas. He verified the Vendantic truths in the light of his own experiences.

Altogether, however, *Ancient Yoga and Modern Science* is an excellent addition to books on yoga written in a lucid style reflecting the professorial background of the author. It can serve a good introduction to yoga philosophy and practice. The foreword by D. P. Chattopadhaya is

entirely in consonance with the theme of the book. The book has been prepared elegantly in the series 'History of Indian Science, Philosophy and Culture'. It has a pleasing look and compares very well with the series on Indian philosophy published by State University of New York at Stony Brook. The reviewer recommends it to all those who are seeking answers to some of the perennial questions.

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