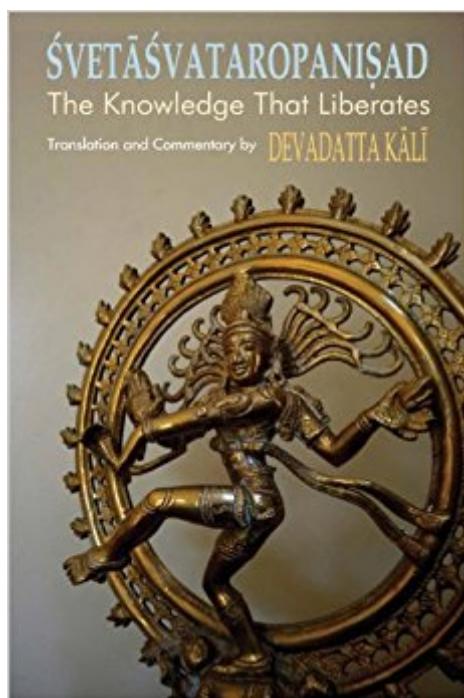


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Synopsis

The Svetasvatara Upanisad is considered to be the most beautiful of all the Upanisads, the philosophical texts of the Hindu religion. In this new translation, Devadatta Kali takes a fresh look, and works from a new premise that the Svetasvatara represents a Saivite (one of the Hindu sects) point of view. This he claims, allows its intended meaning to shine forth. The translation and commentary brings to life the seer Svetasvatara, who from time to time delights in provocation and word play, allowing the reader to share the joy of his liberated vision that all this world is an expression of the Divine. This translation aims to capture the seer's ecstatic response to the wonders of creation while pointing the reader towards the even greater wonder of its source.

Devadatta Kali's purpose in his translation and the commentary is to convey the vibrant immediacy of the Sanskrit original and strip away many centuries of exegetical accretions in order to make Svetasvatara's message heard as he intended--as a statement of profound insight designed to guide, inspire, and enlighten. Features of the text:^{*} 13 pages of uninterrupted flow of the translation of the Upanisad.^{*} 6 chapters of the Upanisad in original Sanskrit with English translation and commentary.^{*} Two appendixes giving the word-by-word analysis of the Sanskrit and a complete tabulation of the correspondences with other texts and internal corresponds within the Upanisad itself.^{*} Index including bilingual references and major themes by verse.

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This book is an astounding work of brilliance and clarity into subject matter that requires significant deciphering to the uninitiated. Its explanations and teaching cover many topics from history, to Sanskrit grammar, to the progression of philosophical thought through the inconceivable long history of the people's of the subcontinent of India. I would highly recommend this book to anyone seeking a deeper understanding into the foundations and philosophy of Yoga and Indian thought.

Wonderful book

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