

## About the Book

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In this modern era of Information and Technology, everyone wants to gain authentic information on various subjects related to human life and surroundings. “Dharma” generally called as “Religion”, being the base of human life, remains all time favourite subject for all ages. The beauty of this small book lies in its contents – the Vedic information on various subjects useful in day to day life. The Vedas are unadulterated treasure-house of all true knowledge and wisdom revealed by God. In fact, the efficient cause of all true knowledge, and all that which is knowable through knowledge, is none other than God.

The rationality of the information and definitions compiled in this book has been further fortified by logical interpretations given in the various *Upanishads*, *Darshana Shastras* and the authoritative literatures of great saints and philosophers, particularly Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati – founder of the most enlightening, revolutionary and Vedic Revival movement of the modern era called ‘Arya Samaj’.

For the benefit of the people of all walks of life, I have written in a simple and easily understandable language. Undoubtedly this will serve as an important valuable guide to the mass of Vedic Information and knowledge contained in the Vedas and can be regarded a must for one and all in every family and society, for attaining enlightenment.

The encyclopedic treatment of various short definitions, information and explanation of most frequently used words like ‘Dharma’, ‘Religion’, ‘God’,

‘Soul’ and ‘Matter’, ‘Guru’, ‘Karma’, ‘Astrology’, ‘Sanskaras’, ‘Yoga’, ‘Meditation’, ‘Incarnation’, ‘Worship of God’, ‘Goal of human life’ and in end ‘Vedic Theories and Beliefs’ and much more in a self contained manner makes the reading of the book more interesting and absorbing. I have tried sampling many baffling subjects for the upcoming generation in a most lucid, simple and easily understandable language.

The book “**Religious Guide**” undoubtedly serves as a “**Spotlight of Truth**” that will guide to the mass with true ‘Religious Information’ and can be regarded as a must for one and all in every family and society, for acquiring the proper knowledge of “Dharma”. Without true knowledge man cannot achieve the goal of his life – *Dharma*, *Arth*, *Kama* and ultimately the *Moksha*. God bless all!

**Note:** All definitions, information, clarifications and explanations given in this book are to the best of my knowledge. Please direct any comments or suggestions to:

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Definitions, meanings, information, explanations and clarifications of frequently used religious glossary words in alphabetic manner :

- A:** Acharya, Adhyatma, Advaitavaad, Agni, Aham (Ego), Ahinsa, Allah, Anand, Antyeshti, Apta, Arya, Arya & Aryan, Astrology, Atheist, Atma, AUM.
- B:** Bhagwan, Bhajan, Bhog, Bhoot, Bible, Birth, Birth & Death, Brahman, Brahmaand, Brahman Granthas.
- C:** Curse, Chakras.
- D:** Darshan, Death, Dev Purush, Devatas, Dharma, Diwali, Dream.
- E:** Easter, Eid, Enlightenment, Eternal.
- F:** Father/Nun (Priests)
- G:** Ganga, Gayatri Mantra, Geeta, Ghaat, Gift of God, God, Good Friday, Granthas, Great persons, Guru, Guru Granth Sahib.
- H:** Happiness, Heaven, Hell, Hindu, Hinduism, Horoscope.
- I:** Incarnation, Ishwar Stuti-Prarthna-Upasana.
- J:** Jaagran, Jaati, Japa, Japji Sahib, Jihad.
- K:** Karma, Karma-Siddhanta, Kirtan, Knowledge (Jnana).
- L:** Lighting Diya, Living gods, Love.
- M:** Mahatma, Mahabharata, Mangal Sutra, Mantra, Mantra Chanting, Meditation, Meditation benefits, Meditation preparation, Mind, Miracle, Moksha.

**N:** Naam-Daan, Namaste, Natural Laws, Nature.

**O:** OM.

**P:** Panchanga, Pleasures & Pains, Pooja, Prakriti, Pralaya, Prarabdha, Praayashchitta, Pret, Pundit.

**Q:** Qayaamat, Quran, Qurbani.

**R:** Ramayana, Rebirth, Religion, Rishi.

**S:** Sabhyataa, Saadhu, Sadhanaa, Saguna - Nirguna, Samaadhi, Samhitaa, Sanskriti, Sanaatan Dharma, Sanchit Karma, Sandhyaa, Sanskaar, Sanskrit, Sanyasi, Sati, Satsang, Satya Narayana, Shishya, Shloka, Shraaddha, Shraddhaa, Shudra, Sindhu, Sorrow, Soul, Srishti, Swami, Swatah Pramana.

**T:** Tantra, Tapasyaa, Temple, Theology, Tilak, Tirthas, Tyaaga.

**U:** Upaanga, Upanishad, Upa-Veda.

**V:** Vasana, Vaastu Shastra, Varnaashram, Vedas, Vedaanga, VEDI, Vedic Sanskaras, Vipassana, Vrat.

**W:** Waqt.

**X:** X'mas.

**Y:** Yajna, Yajnopaveeta, Yantra, Yoga.

**Z:** Zaaqat, Zen.

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