

## **SOME PROMINENT SCHOLARS ON RISHI DAYANANDA SARASVATI'S Vedic Commentary**

The world renowned Yogi and Scholar Shri Aurabindo wrote in "Dayananda and the Vedas"

"In the matter of the Vedic interpretation, I am convinced that what ever may be the final complete interpretation, Dayananda will be honoured as the first discoverer of the right clues. Amidst the chaos and obscurity of old ignorance and age-long misunderstanding, his was the eye of direct vision that pierced to the truth and fastened on that which was essential. He has found the keys of the doors that time had closed and rent as under the seals of the imprisoned fountains."

(Bankim, Tilak, Dayananda by Shri Aurabindo).

"The ancient civilisations did possess secrets of Science some of which modern knowledge has recovered, extended and made more rich and precise, but others even now not recovered. There is then nothing fantastic in Dayananda's idea that Veda contains truth of science as well as Truth of religion. I will even add my own conviction, that Veda contained the other truths of a science the modern world does not at all possess, and in that case, Dayananda has rather understated than overstated the depth and range of the Vedic Wisdom."

(Shri Aurabindo in Dayananda and Veda - Bankim, Tilak, Dayananda).

Mahavidvan Shri T. V. Kapali Shastri, one of the greatest Yogis and Vedic Scholars of his day wrote-

“That the Vedic words have derivative significance is creed with the Nirukta Karas and Swami Dayananda took his stand upon their position in his endeavour to revive the Vedic Dharma. The derivative significance of words in the Veda is the Chief ground on which our enquiry into the esoteric interpretation proceeds. This is the first point to be noted.”

(Rig Bhumika or Introduction to Siddhanjana Commentary of the Rigveda by Shri T. V. Kapali Shastri, Section Three P. 85).

Shri Madhava Pundalika Pandit-a distinguished S. Indian Scholar of Sanskrit and English wrote in "Mystic Approach to the Vedas" paying glowing Tributes to Swami Dayananda Saraswati.

"By the middle of the last century, the call to re-establish the Vedas in their sovereign pedestal for presiding over an assured and inevitable resurgence of the national life, found a vigorous expression in the stalwart Champion of Indian Culture Swami Dayananda Saraswati. He called for a bold dispersal of the fog of half-baked theories and alien prejudice that had settled round the luminous Vedas and enjoined upon every son of the soil to look straight into the face of the truth and recognize there, what was indeed a Revealed Scripture. He pointed out with unanswerable proof how the concept of one Deity stood out toweringly in the Hymns."

(Mystic Approach to the Vedas by Shri Madhava Pundalika Pandit P. 17).

Rahimzada Safavi - then the Minister of Justice to the Government of Persia thus wrote about Swami Dayananda Saraswati's Vedic commentary in 1933.

"Swami Dayananda Saraswati's commentary on the Vedas is a unique work by which he has illustrated once more the value of the great Scriptures from which the well known sages of ancient India have been radiating their wisdom in all directions for the welfare and advancement of humanity. Thus I feel it a duty of every oriental like myself to appreciate what Maharshi Dayananda Saraswati has achieved as the great work in the cause of India's National Unity."

(Rahimzada Safavi in Dayananda Commemoration Volume P. 56).

We have deemed it proper to give some of these quotations to create more and more interest in the Vedic Commentary of Rishi Dayananda Saraswati.