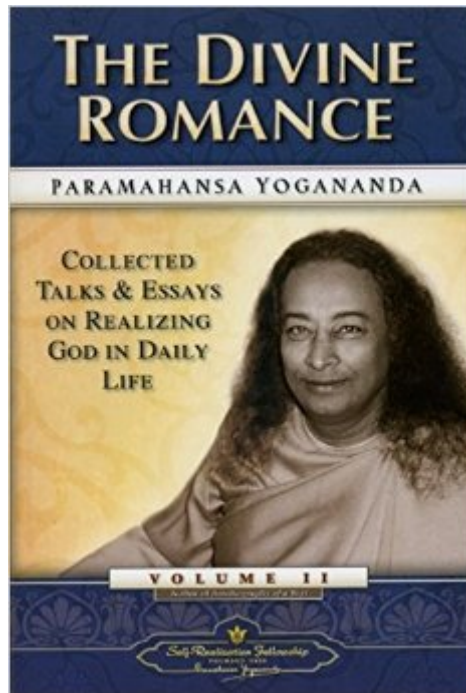


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If it contained only his opening essay from 1943, "How to Cultivate Divine Love", this volume would more than warrant the cover price: it is persuasive, revelatory, show-stopping. Everyone talks about love. Everyone is moved by an unconscious yearning for this intangible indispensable. After lifetimes of pursuing and then achieving the Source of Love, in this seventeen-page essay Yogananda offers

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Paramahansa Yogananda's recorded talks in "THE DIVINE ROMANCE", presented to me the most comprehensive, balanced and inspirational view of spirituality and love I have seen in a long time. He must have been a great Bakti Yogi to have such deep vibrations of Divine Love pouring out of every page!Yogananda's awareness of such a wide range of wisdom in these important life areas of MEDITATION-PSYCHOLOGY-LOVE-PEOPLE-GOD-etc, and the balanced approach to the spiritual life shows an outstanding teaching ability as well. This is wonderful to see in writings on such subtle and profound matters. He takes the "mystery" out of the mystical. In this book one finds complete and sensible answers to satisfy the mind and heart. It makes one grateful that such great souls still come to help us through our lives of difficult learning and growing. This book was difficult to put down, but I found that reading it slowly and encouraged me to seek and feel the presence of God more and more deeply. Try it and you will know. As wonderful as reading can be, it took my consciousness to finer realms... Also Recommended: Man's Eternal Quest...Journey to Self-Realization and Autobiography of a Yogi.CONTENTS:How To Cultivate Divine LoveA Newlook at the origin and nature of Cosmic CreationPracticing Religion Scientifically.Finding the Joy in Life.The End of the World.The Why and How of Religion.The Spectrum of Spiritual Consciousness.The Mind:Repository of Infinite Power.Why Evil is Part of Gods Creation.The Mysery okf Mahatma Gandhi.The Unknown Potential of Memory.How to Work Without Fatigue.

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