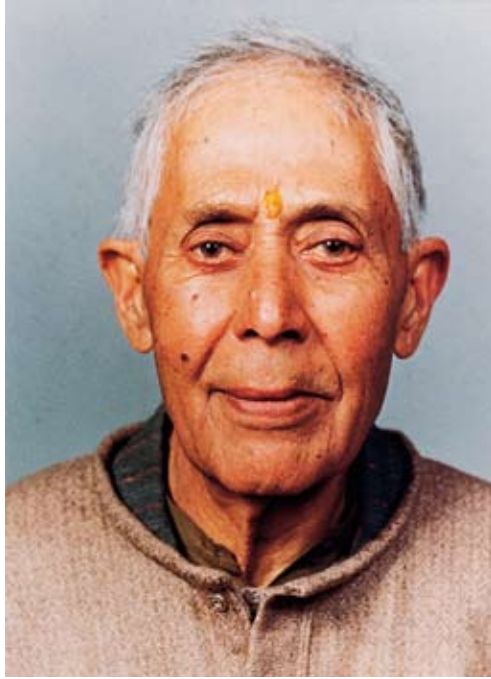


# Universal Fellowship Shaiva

## Kashmir Shaivism

The tradition now known as Kashmir Shaivism is an ancient tradition which found its roots and flourished in the Valley of Kashmir. This valley, known as *sharadha pita*, (seat of learning), has remained a center of spiritual learning for over two thousand years. Many



seekers made the arduous journey over the rugged Himalayas to the Kashmir Valley to enrich their knowledge. Timeless and with universal appeal the tradition of Kashmir Shaivism encompasses and gives full expression not only to the actual nature of reality, but also to the means to be employed to realize this reality. This teaching lays bare the very secrets of life. Early on the saints and sages of this tradition realized that because of the possibility of the misuse of the powers it revealed, these teachings should be concealed; hidden from that person who might attempt to use them for her or his own personal selfish gain. For this reason the texts were encoded so that they would only be accessible to one who had the key, the key of the oral tradition which has passed from master to disciple in an unbroken chain. And this chain continued from ancient times to the present. It is by the grace of God, that even at times of great threat, Shaiva masters protected these teachings from possible extinction.

## Swami Lakshmanjoo

Swami Lakshmanjoo was the last in an unbroken line of Kashmir Shaiva masters. As a boy his life was filled with a spiritual thirst to know and realize God. From a very early age he was filled with spiritual experiences. In fact these experiences were so intense that his parents thought he was suffering from hysteria. They were very concerned and approached their family *guru*, Swamiji's grand master Swami Ram, requesting him to help their son with his hysteria. Swami Ram laughed and said to them, "Don't worry, I should have such a disorder." As Swamiji grew older his desire to completely realize and apprehend the world of spirituality became paramount. To make this a reality he sat at the feet of his *guru Swami Mahatabakak* and took up the study and practice of Kashmir Shaivism. He became completely engrossed and enthralled with his spirituality wholeheartedly practicing day and night, ultimately experiencing the fullness of Kashmir Shaiva realization. It is to his beloved Kashmir Shaivism that he devoted the whole of his life teaching it to those who asked and translating and commenting on what he considered to be the most important texts of this system. He became renowned as a philosopher saint steeped in the tradition of Kashmir Shaivism. With the growing interest in Kashmir Shaivism over the last thirty years, hardly any publication has appeared without a mention of his name.

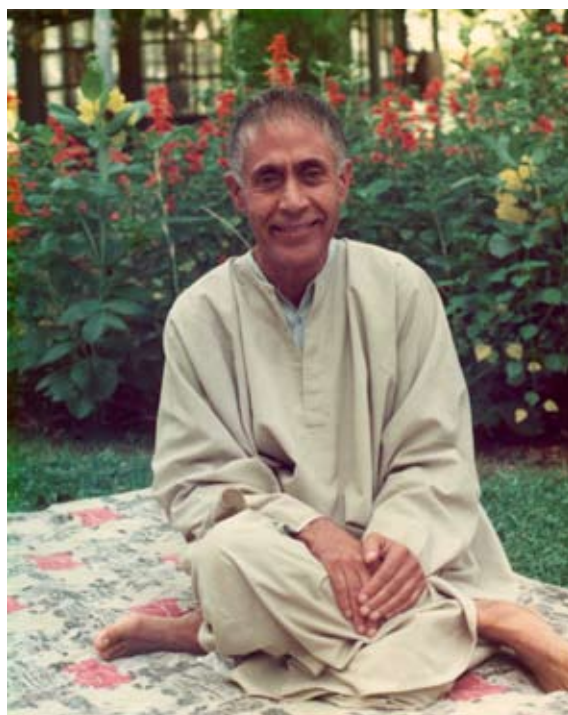
## Preservation of the teachings

It was Swamiji's fervent life long desire that the teachings and knowledge of Kashmir Shaivism be preserved long after his passing from this world. It was our great fortune that John Hughes journeyed to Kashmir and was able to audio tape record the profound teachings of this unique oral tradition. These teachings were given by Swamiji to his students in

the form of lectures and oral translations. This tremendous work spanning almost fifteen years resulted in more than 470 hours of recordings. This included the translations and commentaries of the following texts:

Bhagavad Gītārthasamgraha  
Bodhapañcadaśikā  
Dehastadevatacakra Stotra  
Janma Maraṇa Vicāra  
Kuṇḍalinī Vijñāna Rahasyam  
Paramarthasāraḥ  
Parāprāveśikā  
Parātrīmsikā Laghuvṛitti  
Parātrīmsikā Vivaraṇa

Shiva Sūtra Vimarśinī  
Shiva Stotrāvalī  
Spanda Kārikā  
Spanda Samdoha  
Stavacintāmaṇi  
Tantrāloka (18 chapters)  
Vātūlanātha Sūtras  
Vijñāna Bhairava



### **Universal Shaiva Fellowship**

Under Swamiiji's direct inspiration, the Universal Shaiva Fellowship, a fully accredited nonprofit organization, was established to realize his vision of making Kashmir Shaivism available to the world. This is to be done without the restriction of caste, creed or color. It is being accomplished by preserving his teachings and making them available in as many forms as possible. This teaching is very valuable and uplifting for the humankind. It offers humanity a clear and certain vision in a time of uncertainty. It shows us the way home and gives us the means.

As you can see there is a lot of work to be done. It is a tremendous task which is both demanding and exciting and we have dedicated our lives to its accomplishment. Presently the Fellowship is actively engaged in the following four areas; 1). Transcribing the audio recordings and correcting these transcriptions to create perfect records of Swamiiji's lecture/transla-

tions. 2). Editing and publishing Swamiiji's lectures and translations. 3). Editing and publishing the video recordings of Swamiiji's translation of the Bhagavad Gītā and the Paramartasāra. 4). Providing for study and worship according to the tradition of Kashmir Shaivism.

To complete all of this we need your help. We simply do not have the resources available to accomplish this very important work. Please help us with a generous donation so that our work can continue. A donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Fellowship on the number below or fill out the donation portion of the order form on the last page. Thank you so very much for your help.

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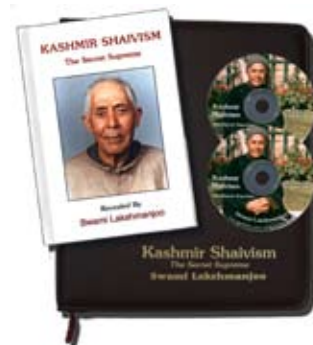
The Shiva Sutras, gifted by God to the sage Vasugupta for the upliftment of humanity, is one of Kashmir Shaivism's most important and revered texts. Swami Lakshmanjoo gives the reader a penetrating vision of the glorious journey of the Supreme Awakening; the traveling from limited individuality to absolute oneness with God. Basing his rendering on the esoteric commentary of Abhinavagupta's chief disciple Kshemaraja and drawing on his own experience, Swami Lakshmanjoo shows us the way home.

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In Kashmir Shaivism: The Secret Supreme, Swami Lakshmanjoo begins this monumental task by unfolding and guiding the reader through the labyrinth of monistic Shaivism's mystical geography. Throughout he emphasizes the importance of practically realizing the reality of these teachings. This book contains the essence of the first fifteen chapters of Abhinavagupta's magnum opus Tantraloka. The material is neatly divided into nineteen chapters; the presentation is both systematic and cumulative in a style which is clear, concise, and compact.

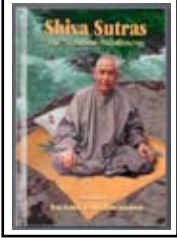


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Revealed by Swami Lakshmanjoo, edited by John Hughes.

Universal Shaiva Fellowship, 2001, Pp xxviii + 322  
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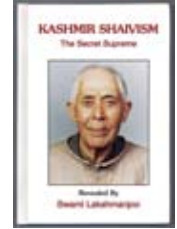
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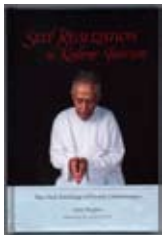
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## SELF REALIZATION IN KASHMIR SHAIVISM: THE ORAL TEACHINGS OF SWAMI LAKSHMANJOO

Edited by John Hughes.



State University of New York Press, 1995 Pp. xxxiv + 139  
Price:Hardcover \$ 25.95, Paperback \$ 17.95, plus shipping and handling

The first two chapters are a masterful rendering of two important Kashmir Shaiva texts: the *Bodhapañcadāsikā* (Fifteen Verses of Wisdom) of Abhinavagupta, and the *Parāprāveśikā* (Entrance into the Supreme Reality) of Kshemarāja. The three remaining chapters present original works by Swami Lakshmanjoo. "*Talks on Practice*" gives a guide-book account of Kashmir Shaivaite meditation, and "*Talks on Discipline*," discusses the nature and importance of the *yamas* and *niyama* of traditional yoga. The final chapter, "*The Secret Knowledge of Kuṇḍalinī*," discusses the nature of *kuṇḍalinī* and various modes of its experience by the Shaiva yogin. Transliterated Sanskrit texts are provided in the appendices.

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