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# **Book Review**

Transforming Personality (4th Edition)

Swami Chaitanyananda Saraswati, Chinmaya International Foundation, Academic Foundation, New Delhi, India (2024) ISBN 978-93-32706-13-2, Pages 345, Price Rs. 1495.00 Ajay Kumar Singha, Sandeep Dubeyb.

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#### ABSTRACT

This review examines Swami Chaitanyananda Saraswati's Transforming Personality (4th Edition) from the perspectives of holistic development, business, education, and ethical leadership. The authors provide a framework for inner development that incorporates Vedanta, Raja Yoga, emotional intelligence, and moral psychology. This book is incredibly valuable for contemporary academics and professionals who want to integrate Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) with behavioral science and organizational development paradigms.

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#### Introduction

Swami Chaitanyananda Saraswati, a famous spiritual instructor and Vedanta scholar, raises an important question: how can one create inner resilience in a rapidly changing environment filled with conflicting values? His book "Transforming Personality" presents a methodical approach rooted in India's intellectual legacy while being accessible and relevant to modern audiences. The implementation of India's National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) and the growing recognition of the Indian Knowledge Tradition (IKS) across several professions make this book especially important in academic curriculum and management development initiatives.

## Conceptual Framework

The author identifies five key components of personal development: physical strength, emotional strength, intellectual strength, moral strength, and spiritual strength. The book uses Panchkosha, Vedanta's five layers of human nature, to translate ancient concepts into modern self-management practices.

# Structure and Chapter Highlights

The book has 18 chapters organized into three sections: Foundations of Awareness and Self-

Inquiry, Awakening Inner Capacities, and Application Through Practice and Meditation. These cover topics ranging from emotional maturity to Raja Yoga and neuroplasticity.

## **Strengths and Contributions**

This work is both intellectually sound and practically relevant because of its holistic integration and harmony.

# Implications for Management, Leadership & Education

Reading this book can be beneficial to a variety of sectors, including the development of teachers, wellness initiatives in the workplace, higher education courses, and leadership training, amongst others.

#### Conclusion

Transforming Personality signifies a noteworthy addition to the conversation surrounding values-driven leadership and holistic development. This aligns with DBR's emphasis on ethical considerations, educational frameworks, and the rich tapestry of Indian Knowledge Systems.

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