

On *Dharma*, *Bhakti* and Other Paths

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Peter: Dear James and Sundari, I am writing to thank you both for the book *The Yoga of Love*. I recently had a computer malfunction that wiped both my original (and back-up HD) of James' earlier books and a set of MP4 files.

I began repurchasing these earlier this week and was sent a copy of *The Yoga of Love* by mistake. This turned out to be very providential.

I spent many years in dualistic devotion, five years in Catholic monastic life (what was I thinking!) followed by ten years of Zen nonsense (hey, that's what it is!).

Eventually I came across so-called "non-duality" of the Rupert Spira kind (they mean well) and finally James' clear exposition of Vedanta four years ago.

I hope the above biographical detail gives the context for why I consider *The Yoga of Love* your most important book.

In short, it is a masterly guide to transitioning out of religious delusion into freedom (true religion). One doesn't wake up one morning and do "no-thing" (the latest non-duality fad, aka Tony Parsons).

Your book is a wonderful guide to what ought be done - living one's program, one's *dharma*, one's duty, including study of Vedanta and that which supports it all - correct worship (Self-inquiry, seeing God in everything).

Next time I see a book of yours with a title that makes me squirm a bit, I will buy it first, not leave it till last or possibly never (lesson learned, follow the teachers advice)!

Thank you both for teaching Vedanta so clearly and with great skill.

~ Kind regards, Peter