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the books were published and distributed gratis by his disciples ; nobody made his writings a commercial asset. When through the writings of other writers quoting him and his philosophical views, Western scholars came to know of his vast erudition, they started referring spiritual problems to him for solution. They also made requests for publication of his Yoga Darśana in English. This request very much perplexed him as he had retired from such undertakings long before, let alone preparation of a big book like the present one. This book has been published in Bengali by the University of Calcutta where it has been accepted as a standard work of reference in Indian Philosophy. Later, an edition of the book in Hindi was published by the University of Lucknow for the edification of the scholars of India who do not read Bengali. During the last few years of his life Swāmi Hariharānanda Āraṇya asked several scholars both Indian and non-Indian, to take up the work of rendering his Bengali Yoga Darśana into English, but unfortunately his wish remained unfulfilled when he shuffled off his mortal coil.

I was attracted to the monastery at Madhupur when after prolonged quest in various parts of India in search of a spiritual guide I had come to this quiet little place more for rest than for search. By the merest accident I heard of the Philosophy taught at the Kāpila Monastery. The revered Āchārya Swāmiji was then fasting and would not see any visitors, I was told. But would I see the younger Swāmiji, if I really wanted to hear anything on a spiritual subject ? The monks of the monastery were very particular and as they did not like to be disturbed for nothing, were I serious in wishing to meet the Swāmiji ?.

After a serious heart-searching I took courage in both hands and said "Yes". I was informed later that I could see the younger Swāmiji the following afternoon. We met, discussed a few general spiritual points and I was directed to read a few books, published by the monastery for fuller answers to my questions, one of the books being the Yoga Darśana. A few months later Swāmi Hariharānanda departed from this life and Swāmi Dharmamegha Āraṇya, the younger Swāmiji referred to above, his chief disciple, was installed in his place as the Head of the Kāpila Monastery. In course of time, I was initiated into the cult of Śāṁkhya-Yoga by the new Chief and I have never looked back. After years of assiduous study and as an *aide-memoire*, I compiled a little book in Bengali, primarily for the benefit of my co-disciples, giving the rudiments of the principles and practice of the Sāṁkhya-Yoga philosophy. While looking into this book, my master the said Swāmi Dharmamegha Āraṇya mentioned to me the unfulfilled wish of his preceptor the revered author, the great Āchārya-Swāmiji, as Swāmi Hariharānanda was called by all who had the good fortune to listen to his