



# SWAMI RAMDEV

## PERSONALITY AND PERFORMANCE

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अभ्युत्थानमधर्मस्य तदाऽऽत्मानं सृजाम्यहम्॥ गीता

That is to say, "Wherever in this land faith and virtue are threatened, I will take birth to reestablish the values of virtue, faith and righteousness." The great yogi and symbol of God, Sri Krishna had delivered this message to Arjuna in the Mahabharata and this has been proved time and again. Two thousand years later, when the world was overriden with sin and vice, the great saint of the century, Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati was born to India.

Luckily for us 117 years after the death of Maharshi Dayanand, another saint entered the arena to complete the Maharshi's unfinished work. Who does not know his name today? The reviver of yoga and pranayam, this spiritually imposing ascetic, who is also the symbol of fitness and is revered every morning by thousands – in none other than the great Saint Swami Ramdevji Maharaj. His personality is pleasant, imposing, amazing and magnetic: equally widespread and impressive is his performance. Swamiji is blessed with multifaceted attributes and human virtues like kindness, affection, co-operation, sympathy, divine glow, power and strength.

Even a child is aware of his powers, the whole world has come to know of him whose deeds speak much more than his words. Attempting to throw light on this great personality is like lighting a lamp before the sun.

Swamiji has spread the message of hope to the hopeless; his yoga and pranayam have brought relief to the ailing masses. The sick have regained the will-power to

live, hope and happiness have re-entered their lives as they achieve freedom from debilitating, incurable diseases. Lakhs of people were suffering physical pain; at the same time they were financially broken having sought expensive medical treatment while their families became victims of depression and hopelessness. Swamiji has virtually brought back many of those from the jaws of death, and filled them with a will to live life to the fullest. They are now filled with positivity and vitality and look upon Baba Ramdevji as god incarnate.

Saintly personalities like Swami Ramdev are born on this earth after centuries – they are God's special gift to us. Swamiji is the next link in this blessed chain of Indian saints, philosophers and speakers like Kapil, Kanad, Gautam, Jaimini, Panini, Patanjali, Valmiki, Vidur, Bhartihari. We have been hearing and reading of their miraculous abilities with wonder and longed to have been physically present in those times. (Perhaps we were acquainted with some of them in our past lives but we do not remember that). We are truly fortunate to have our wish come true in that we have one from that saintly tradition amongst us today in the form of Swami Ramdev. Not only are we able to look upon his benign presence but also to hear his spiritual discourses. We in the 21<sup>st</sup> century are lucky to have in our midst a visionary of his spiritual stature and dedication to show us the true path and to remove all evil from our lives. We are indeed grateful to Swamiji and express our gratitude with our 'pranams' to him.

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