

**Marshall Govindan** (or Yogacharya M. Govindan Satchidananda) is a Kriya Yogi, teacher, author, scholar, and publisher of literary works related to Classical Yoga and Tantra.

Shortly after graduating from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in Washington, D.C. in 1970, he was initiated into Babaji's Kriya Yoga by Yogi S.A.A. Ramaiah, a direct disciple of Mahavatar Babaji. For the next 18 years he lived in the ashrams and centers founded by Yogi Ramaiah, including nearly five years in India. He practiced Kriya Yoga for eight hours per day on average during these years, and as a result attained Self-realization. Since 1989 he has personally initiated more than 16,000 persons into *Babaji's Kriya Yoga* in more than 1,000 seminars in 20 countries. In 1997 he founded Babaji's Kriya Yoga Order of Acharyas, Inc. a non-profit, tax exempt, educational charity registered in the USA, Quebec, Canada, Bangalore, India, and Sri Lanka. Its' members include 32 expert teachers in a dozen countries. He directs the activities of Kriya Yoga ashram retreat centers in St Etienne de Bolton, Quebec, Bangalore and Badrinath, India and Sri Lanka.

He is the author of *Babaji and the 18 Siddha Kriya Yoga Tradition*, now published in 17 languages, the critically acclaimed *Kriya Yoga Sutras of Patanjali and the Siddhas*, *The Wisdom of Jesus and the Yoga Siddhas*, *Kriya Yoga Insights Along the Path*, and *Enlightenment: It's Not What You Think*. Since the year 2000, he has sponsored and directed a team of six scholars in India in a large-scale research project which has preserved, transcribed, translated, and published the writing of the Tamil Yoga Siddhas of south India. Seven publications have been produced from this project. *Tirumandiram* is the first English translation with commentary of the one of the world's most important sacred texts related to Yoga.

In 2008, he was awarded the title of "Yoga Acharya" by the Federation Francophone of Yoga. He received the "Patanjali Award" in 2014 for outstanding service to the field of Yoga from the International Yoga Federation/Yoga Alliance International, the oldest and largest international association of Yoga teachers. Its World Council President, Swami Maitreyananda said in 2012: "*Marshall Govindan Satchidananda is not only the most famous Yoga Master of Kriya Yoga in the world, he also has done an amazing job for Kriya Yoga, I can only compare with Paramahansa Yogananda. Govindan Satchidananda is the spirit of Babaji*"

His inner work was balanced during 24 years by careers as an economist in government in Washington D.C. and in management in the telecom and financial industries in Montreal. He received a Master's degree in Mathematical Economics from George Washington University, in Washington, D.C. in 1975.

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