Personal Profile

Swami Kriyananda (J. Donald Walters) has been a tireless proponent of Yoga principles for 60 years. In 1948 at the age of twenty-two, he became a disciple of the Indian yoga master, Paramhansa Yogananda. He is one of a few remaining direct disciples of Yogananda teaching today.

At Yogananda’s request, Swami Kriyananda devoted his life to teaching and writing, helping others to experience the joy and living presence of God within. He personally lectured on four continents in seven languages over the course of more than 60 years. His television programs, audio and video recordings of his talks and music, and his many books in 28 languages have touched the lives of millions of people.

Swami Kriyananda has taken the ancient teachings of Raja Yoga and made them practical and useful for people in every walk of life. His books and teachings cover nearly every field of human endeavor, including spiritualizing business life, leadership, education, the arts, community life, and science. He has written extensive commentaries on the Bible and the Bhagavad Gita.

Swami Kriyananda is also known as the “father of the intentional communities movement” which began in the United States in the late 1960s. Inspired by his guru’s dream of establishing spiritual communities, in 1968 he founded the first of what are now nine Ananda communities worldwide. They provide a supportive environment of “simple living and high thinking” where 1,000 full-time residents live, work, and worship together.

“The time has come for people to live lives of even higher dedication than that which inspired monks and nuns of the past...The time has come for people to direct their spiritual awareness also downward into matter...to everything they do: their work, to education, to family life, to friendship, to their communications with strangers, to the way they build their homes — to all the most mundane, practical aspects of daily, human life.

Men need now to become God-centered from within, and from that center to see God everywhere, in everything.” From Cities of Light, Swami Kriyananda (J. Donald Walters)

A monastic nearly all of his adult life, Swami Kriyananda is a swami of the Giri (Mountain) branch of the Swami Order, as was his guru and his guru’s guru, Swami Sri Yukteswar. He...
was the Dharmacharya (leading according to Dharma) and spiritual guide for Ananda communities and activities worldwide. He founded The Nayaswami Order, a new monastic order, in 2009. His successor is Nayaswami Jyotish.

Achievements

Founder

• 2009: The Nayaswami Order: A new movement based on positive aspects of renunciation, rather than the traditional world-negating approach. It is intended for people from all walks of life, married or single, who are committed to finding God. The Nayaswami Order is open to people of every religious affiliation. Currently, there are close to 1,000 members of this order, described in *A Renunciate Order for the New Age*.

• 2009-present: An Ananda community and retreat center near Pune, India.

• 2003-present: An Ananda center in India headquartered near New Delhi. Initiatives include: training thousands of Indians in meditation and yoga principles, Kriya initiations and new meditation groups in major cities, the Yoga Institute of Living Wisdom, development of affordable solar power technologies for India’s small villages, and a publishing company to bring the teachings of Yogananda affordably to India’s people.

• 1967-present: Nine intentional communities worldwide with 1,000 residents: Ananda Village in Nevada City, CA (the first and largest community); Ananda Seattle; Ananda Portland, OR; Ananda Sacramento; Ananda Palo Alto; Ananda Los Angeles; Ananda Europa in Assisi, Italy; Ananda in New Delhi (Gurgaon), and Ananda in Pune, India.

• 1967 to present: Places of worship called Ananda Sangha in each of the cities above, providing training in Raja Yoga and meditation, spiritual support, and weekly worship services.

• 1967 to present: Retreat centers that provide spiritual training for guests and opportunities for seclusion. Expanding Light Retreat in Nevada City, CA; Ananda Meditation Retreat in Nevada City; and Ananda Europa in Assisi, Italy.

• 1973 to present: Education for Life Schools for children, which offer character development, strong academics, and development of moral strength. The school curriculum is ecumenical; students of all religious backgrounds may attend. There are schools in Portland, Seattle, Palo Alto, Nevada City, Assisi, Italy, and in India. Many other schools are adopting the curriculum and ideals of Education for Life.

• 1987: A new religious order (Ananda Sevaka) and The Rule, which guides the spiritual lives of order members. This order is unusual in that it provides guidance both to monastics and householders.

• 1986: A new worship service called *The Festival of Light*, which describes the soul’s long journey from relative ignorance to the light of spiritual understanding. This ceremony is an integral part of Ananda’s Sunday worship service, accompanied by music and periods of prayer and blessing.

• 1971 to present: Meditation groups, which meet regularly for meditation and fellowship. There are currently over 125 groups in 19 countries.

Spiritual Teacher

2013-14: Collaborated on the writing and early filming of *The Answer*, about his search for spiritual truth and his early life with Yogananda (premiered at Cannes Film Festival in 2015).
2012-13: Collaborated on the writing and filming of *Finding Happiness*, a film starring Elisabeth Rohm (LA Law) which explores the lifestyle and approach of people living at Ananda communities.

2012: Author *Yogananda for the World*, an exploration of how Yogananda is represented by Self-Realization Fellowship in ways that diverge from his original teachings and personal experience of the great yoga master. *(a more complete list of books is below, under “Author”).*

2012: Author *Paramhansa Yogananda: A Biography, with Personal Reflections and Reminiscences*  

2009: Author *The New Path: My Life with Paramhansa Yogananda*

2007: Author *In Divine Friendship: Letters of Counsel and Reflection*, a compendium of letters sent to seekers over a 40-year period.

2007: Author of *Revelations of Christ, Proclaimed by Paramhansa Yogananda*. Based on the experience of realized saints, and in many cases, different than the traditional interpretations by theologians.

2006: Author of 600-page commentary *The Essence of the Bhagavad Gita*, scripture to a billion of the world’s people. New insights on the nature of consciousness, the yogic pathway to freedom through subtle energy currents in the spine, and the importance of the mystic and the moral teachings of the Gita.

2006: Keynote speaker at World Congress, “Expanding Paradigms, Science, Consciousness, and Spirituality,” All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.

2003-2004: Authored a weekly column on spiritual living for *The Hindustani Times*.


2005: Guest of honor and keynote speaker for launch of *Conversations with Yogananda*, Milan, Italy.

2005: Wrote *Material Success Through Yoga Principles*, an ongoing home study course to help integrate spiritual principles with work life.

2004: Began teaching and writing full-time in India, and guiding the teaching activities of a large team of long-time students near New Delhi.

2003: Keynote speaker at conference “Signs and Messages of the Soul,” Anima Edizioni, Milan, Italy.

1998-2004: Began teaching and writing full-time in Italy, teaching weekly at the Ananda Assisi Retreat, one of the largest yoga retreat centers in Europe.

1991: Speaker at “Visions of the Future” conferences with Louise Hay and others.

1990-2002: Expert witness and defense in a major lawsuit which threatened religious freedoms for Ananda, and potentially many other small religious group in the U.S. Ananda won this case and established helpful precedent in future cases: the teachings and likeness of Yogananda are not the property of any single organization, and many of his original writings are now in the public domain, and can be studied freely by anyone. Yogananda’s name and the phrase “Self-realization” cannot be trademarked or owned by any organization.


1986: Wrote *Education for Life*, describing the educational approach used in Ananda schools for children.

1980: Established a retreat and community in Italy.

1978: Began the first of eight spiritual communities in more urban areas, this one in Sacramento, allowing more people to live and work in an Ananda community, and still be active in the world.
1978: Two national lecture tours: “Joy is Within You.”
1976: Wrote The Path, an autobiography that also serves as a guidebook for other aspiring disciples: how to seek God, how to develop spiritually, the nature of a guru. He also shared many examples from Yogananda’s life that had never been published before.
1973: Founded Education for Life Schools for children, offering character development, strong academics, and development of moral strength. The school curriculum is ecumenical; students of all religious backgrounds may attend.
1967-2013: Author of many books that help people to spiritualize nearly every aspect of human endeavor.
1967-2013: Teaches the public and his long-time students in weekly Services, retreats, classes, and satsangs. He has taught thousands of classes since 1949, and continues to the present day.
1967-98: Taught yoga and meditation throughout northern California.
1969: Founded Ananda Community in Nevada City, CA as an experiment in intentional living and as a supportive environment for individuals seeking spiritual growth.
1968: Wrote Raja Yoga study course as a comprehensive home study guide to its practice and understanding.
1967: Founded the Ananda Meditation Retreat in Nevada City, CA for the study of yoga and meditation, and the teachings of Paramhansa Yogananda.
1966: Taught for the Peace Corps at University of California at Davis.
1963: Taught at the American Academy of Asian Studies in San Francisco, one of the roots in the early 1960s of what later was known as “the San Francisco Renaissance.”
1962-1964: Served as the teacher for The Cultural Integration Fellowship in San Francisco.
1958-62: Served as the main minister and lecturer in India for Self-Realization Fellowship (SRF) and Yogoda Satsanga (YSS).
1960: Elected to the Board and made Vice President of SRF/YSS.
1950-1958: Served as the main minister for Self-Realization Fellowship churches in Southern California.
1950: Placed in charge of the male monastics by Yogananda.
1949: Made a minister by Yogananda. Instructed to do so by his guru, began lecturing regularly at the SRF Hollywood Temple in Los Angeles, CA.

**Spiritual Leader**
1949-2013: Swami Kriyananda did not have what most people would consider a personal life. He endeavored to uplift humankind however possible, through writing, lecturing, music, and acts of loving-kindness. He trained a large number of his students to teach and to assume leadership responsibility in the same way, as free as possible from personal concern, thinking of the spiritual needs of others. He offered spiritual counseling personally and in correspondence. He was a patient and sensitive teacher, allowing people to learn by experience, and putting the needs of individuals above the organization. “People are more important than things” is one of the guiding principles of Ananda life; leaving things undone is preferable when there is spiritual benefit to someone in the middle of learning a hard life lesson. “Where there is adherence to dharma, there is victory” is another of Ananda’s guiding principles. Kriyananda encouraged his students to live in harmony with others, but also to speak out with courage when true principles are at stake. His life was filled with many examples of both kindness and firm courage in the face of adharma (injustice).
Author
Swami Kriyananda has written many books, each intended to help individuals expand their awareness and deepen their inner experience of God. They are inspired by his more than 60 years of discipleship, his intense study and personal experience of the power of Raja Yoga to transform human consciousness, and his compassion for the suffering of the soul when separated from God. Eighty-one of his books have been translated into one or more languages, other than the original English. His books are available in 30 different languages in 90 countries.

Love Perfected, Life Divine (novel), 2013
The Time Tunnel, 2013
A Pilgrimage to Guadalupe: The Final Journey of the Soul, 2013
Demystifying Patanjali: The Yoga Sutras, 2013
Yogananda for the World, 2012
My Vision for the Future of Mankind (DVD), Tecniche Nuove, Anima TV, Milan, Italy, 2010
Living Wisely, Living Well, 2010
A Renunciate Order for the New Age, 2010
Do It Well! 2010
The New Path: My Life with Paramhansa Yogananda, 2009
The Essence of the Bhagavad Gita, video series, 2009
Whispers from Eternity by Paramhansa Yogananda, edited by his disciple, Swami Kriyananda, 2008
In Divine Friendship: Letters of Counsel and Reflection, 2007
Revelations of Christ, Proclaimed by Paramhansa Yogananda, 2007
The Essence of the Bhagavad Gita, Explained by Paramhansa Yogananda, 2006
Material Success Through Yoga Principles, 2005
Sadhu Beware!, 2005
The Story Behind the Story, 2005
Space, Light, Harmony, 2005
God is For Everyone, 2004
I’ve Passed My Life as a Stranger, Lord, 2004
Conversations with Yogananda, 2003
The Singer and the Nightingale, 2003
Art and Science of Raja Yoga, 2002
Hope for a Better World, 2002
The Land of Golden Sunshine, 2002
Out of the Labyrinth, 2001
Promise of Immortality, 2001
Secrets of Comfort and Joy, 2000
Shaped by Saints (co-authored with Devi Mukherjee and Durga Smallen), 2000
The Hindu Way of Awakening, 1998
Affirmations for Self-Healing, 1997
Education for Life (Second Edition), 1997
Secrets of Meditation, 1997
Awaken to Superconsciousness, 1996
Meditation for Starters, 1996
A Place Called Ananda, 1996
Rays of the One Light, 1996
Do It Now, 1995
Expansive Marriage--A Way to Self-Realization, 1995
Moments of Truth (Volume 1), 1995
Secrets of Emotional Healing, 1995
Secrets of Friendship, 1995
Beatitudes, 1994
Life’s Little Secrets--For Children, 1994
Little Secrets of Friendship--For Children, 1994
Little Secrets of Happiness--For Children, 1994
Little Secrets of Success--For Children, 1994
The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam Explained Spiritually, 1994
Religion in the New Age, 1993
Secrets for Men, 1993
Secrets for Women, 1993
Secrets of Leadership, 1993
Secrets of Love, 1993
Secrets of Prosperity, 1993
Secrets of Self-Acceptance, 1993
Secrets of Winning People, 1993
Secrets of Radiant Health and Well-Being, 1993
Secrets of Bringing Peace on Earth, 1993
Secrets of Marriage, 1993
Money Magnetism: How to Attract What You Need, When You Need It, 1992
Secrets of Life, 1992
The Peace Treaty, 1991
The Essence of Self-Realization, 1990
Intentional Communities: How to Start Them and Why, 1990
Rays of the Same Light (Volume 3), 1989
Secrets of Happiness, 1989
Secrets of Inner Peace, 1989
Secrets of Success, 1989
Art as a Hidden Message, 1988
Rays of the Same Light (Volume 2), 1988
Twenty-Six Keys to Living With Greater Awareness, 1989
The Art of Supportive Leadership, 1987
Cities of Light, 1987
How to Be a True Channel, 1987
On Wings of Joy, 1987
Rays of the Same Light (Volume 1), 1987
Guidelines for Conduct of Members of Ananda Sevaka Order, 1987
Ananda Yoga for Higher Awareness, 1985
How to Spiritualize Your Marriage, 1982
A New Dispensation, 1982
How to Use Money for Your Own Highest Good, 1981
The Art of Creative Leadership, 1980
Contributor


Composer

Swami Kriyananda has composed over 400 pieces of music, both vocal and instrumental. He described it as coming through him from a higher Source, rather than being created by him. He felt that music can help to uplift consciousness, both in the listener and the performer. Many of his students are also musicians, and experience the performance of this music as an integral part of their spiritual practice. A few notable compositions and collections (see addendum for a more complete list):

- The Oratorio: Christ Lives, vocal, instrumental
- Secrets of Love, instrumental
- Life Mantra, choir
- The Divine Romance, piano sonata
- Songs of Divine Joy, vocal
- Songs of Shakespeare, vocal
- Mystic Harp, I and II, instrumental (recorded by Derek Bell of the Chieftains)

Innovations in Teaching

- Applied the principles of Yoga philosophy to the pressing needs of daily life, and devoted his lectures and books to making those principles accessible and practical for all.
- Developed a method of educating children that teaches skills in maturity and character to prepare children for success in life. Children learn emotional self-mastery, conflict resolution, and compassion, among many other skills. Emphasis is on increasing awareness of Self and of others, and developing a lifelong enthusiasm for learning.
- Developing a curriculum for a new school in India for children with practical tests that
will measure these critical indicators for success later in life: Creativity Quotient, Ambition Quotient, Happiness Quotient, Competency Quotient, and Perceptivity Quotient (rather than only an Intelligence or IQ test).

• Taught his long-time students by suggesting life and work situations that bring out the character and soul development needed. His instructional style was unusually understated and patient, allowing people to learn for themselves by experience, sometimes hard-won over many years.

Honors and Awards

• 2012 International Book Award for Best New Spirituality Book for Paramhansa Yogananda: A Biography With Personal Reflections & Reminiscences

• 2012 Letter from Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Los Angeles: “For over 50 years, Swami Kriyananda has shed a spiritual and reflective light into the world, across continents and into the lives of individuals. We thank him for his many accomplishments and for sharing the life and teachings of yogi Paramhansa Yogananda.”

• Appointed to the Board of Vedanta Today (2009)

• Recipient of the Eric Hoffer Award (self-help/spiritual books) and the USA Book News Award (spiritual category) for The New Path. (2009)

• Recipient of the Yoga nel mondo Award by the Milan and Rome Yoga Festival with this tribute: “To the Master Swami Kriyananda, enlightened representative of the yoga science and philosophy, and indefatigable supporter and major spokesman of the bridge between East and West” (May 2008)

• Appointed Honorary Member of the International Yoga Confederation of New Delhi, and Honorary Member of the World Movement for Yoga (May 2008)

• Recipient of the 1st Conacreis Award (National Coordination of the Ethical, Interior and Spiritual Centers) to honor Swami Kriyananda’s dedication to the building of spiritual communities worldwide (May 2008)

• Honorary Member of The Club of Budapest International (May 2008)


• Recipient of the Premio Ponte 2007 del Consorzio Per i Libri, Torino (Bridge Award of the Consortium for Books) for “affirming the principles of union between East and west, spreading throughout the world the ancient principles of Yoga and the spiritual teachings of the highest Indian tradition of Self-realization, making them practical and at the same available to people of every social level, and applicable in every area of daily life.” given by Consorzio Per i Libri President, Enrico Iacometti (2007)

• Member of The Club of Budapest International. Other members include Mikhail Gorbachev, the Dalai Lama, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. (2005)

• Lifetime Achievement Award, Unity in Yoga Conference, Snowmass, CO (1995)

• Nominated for the Templeton Progress in Religion Prize (1992)

• First prize at the National Festival of World Peace in Italy for the Oratorio: “Christ Lives” (1991)

• The Presidential Cup, second prize at the 1st Annual Modial Mariano, Colle di Fuori, Rome, Italy for the Oratorio: “Christ Lives” (1989)

• Adelaide Ristori Award, Italy, for the Oratorio: “Christ Lives” (1990)
Interests
Raja Yoga
Yoga philosophy
Meditation
Discipleship
Communities
Scriptural interpretation of the Bible and Bhagavad Gita
Ecumenism
Meaning in the arts
Education
Leadership
Healing
Principles of success

Foreign Language Abilities/Skills
Italian, French, Spanish, German, Hindi, Bengali, Rumanian, Indonesian, and English
Lectures in English, Italian, French, German, and Spanish; has lectured in Hindi and Bengali

Specialized Skills
• Composer *(see addendum)*
• Lyricist and Poet: Won two poetry awards at Haverford College; studied under W.H. Auden.
• Writer *(see Author, above)*
• Photographer: Fifteen-thousand photographs which endeavor to capture the consciousness behind images. Some photos have been used on inspirational posters and in books.
• "Occasional artist with a brush" – paintings have been used on book covers and on posters.
• Vocal soloist on recordings including: *I've Passed My Life as a Stranger, Some of My Favorites, Soul Songs, Memories, Mantra,* and *Così Canta il mio Cuore.*

Volunteer Work
1948-2013: Swami Kriyananda has worked full-time in service to others for little or no income. Copyrights to his books and music have been placed in a trust. Royalties are directed toward the work of sharing Yogananda’s teachings with the public. For many years, he received no salary or stipend, and depended on donations for all his needs, including food, housing, and medical care.

1997: After the massive earthquakes that damaged large areas around Assisi, Italy including the Basilica of St. Francis, Swami Kriyananda raised funds to help rebuild homes in the area in a campaign called “Hope and Homes for Italy.” He encouraged the use of wood instead of stone building materials, to minimize future earthquake fatalities.

Academic Background
1948: Began a lifetime of discipleship to Paramhansa Yogananda, which proved to be the “higher” education he was longing for.
1945: Brown University, English major, education not completed
1943: Haverford College
1942: Scarsdale High School, New York
1940: Kent School, Kent, Connecticut
1939: Hackley School, Tarrytown, New York
1937: The Downs School, Colwall, England
1935: L’Avenir School, Chesières, Switzerland
1931-1935: Teleajean, Rumania school (Calvert System) and home schooling

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Addendum:
Musical Compositions

Recordings:
A New Renaissance, instrumental
Adolescence, instrumental
All the World is My Friend, vocal
An Evening in Italy (Cosi Canti), vocal
AUM, Mantra of Eternity (traditional), vocal
Autobiography of a Yogi Reminiscences, vocal and instrumental
Chants from Fratellanza Della Gioia, chanting, vocal
Chant of the Angels, vocal, instrumental
Christ Lives, vocal, instrumental
Come Gather ‘Round, vocal
Festival of Light, vocal
I Am Thine, chanting, vocal
I Cantanti Della Gioia, vocal
I, Omar, instrumental
Into the Magic, vocal
Joy in the Heavens, vocal
Joy Singers in Concert, vocal
Kriyananda Chants Yogananda, chanting, vocal
Life is a Quest for Joy, instrumental
Mantra (traditional), vocal
Mediterranean Magic, instrumental, vocal
Memories, vocal
More Power to You, vocal
Music for Meditation, vocal
Music from Ananda, vocal
Music to Awaken Superconsciousness, instrumental
Mystic Harp, instrumental
Mystic Harp 2, instrumental
Nel Silenzio del Mio Cuore, vocal
Oratorio: Christ Lives, vocal and instrumental
Praise Ye the Lord, vocal
Rumanian Memories, vocal and instrumental
Say “Yes” to Life, vocal
Secrets of Life, instrumental with affirmations
Secrets of Love, instrumental
Songs of Gladness, vocal
Songs of India, vocal
Songs of Prayer, vocal
Songs of Shakespeare (melodies), vocal
Songs of St. Francis, vocal
Songs of the Soul, vocal
Soul Songs, vocal
That Night When Christ Was Born, vocal
Wedding Music, vocal
Windows on the World (Some of My Favorites), vocal
World Brotherhood Choir in Assisi, vocal
Publisher: Crystal Clarity, Publishers, recordings and sheet music

Brahmanandam, vocal
Music for Meditation, Yogananda’s chants, vocal
Publisher: Self-Realization Fellowship, recordings

Compositions, from 1964, by title:
Chinese Garden, instrumental, 2001
Fill Me With the Sound of AUM, chant, 2001
Echoes of a Lost Joy (section of Memories of a Lost Joy), instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Goodnight, Sweetheart, instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Love Bids Adieu to Uncertainty, instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Love Is a Magician, instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Love Is a Search for One’s Own Self, instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Love Is a Shared Sense of Fun, instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Love Is Ever-New Discovery, instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Love Is Mutual Soul-Recognition, instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Love Is Shared Understanding, instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Love Is the Aspiration Toward Perfection, instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Love Is the Dawn of Understanding, instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Love Is the Doorway to Freedom, instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Love Is the Dream of Infinity, instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Love Is the Memory of a Lost Joy, instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Love Is the Perfection of Friendship, instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Love Is the Voice of Stillness, instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Love, Like a Garden, Needs Tending Daily, instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Love’s Laughter Is Kindly, instrumental, Secrets of Love, 2000
Awa’ to the Hills, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1999
Brave Were the People, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1999
Brave Were the People, vocal, 1999
Celtic Memories, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1999
The Christ Child’s Asleep, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1999
Dare To Be Different, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1999
Dare to Be Different!, vocal, Windows on the World (Some of My Favorites), 1999
Dark Eyes, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1999
Dark Eyes, vocal, 1999
Freedom? ‘Tis a Gladsome Heart, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1999
Home Is a Green Hill, vocal, Mystic Harp 2, 1999
Home’s Where the Heart Is, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1999
It’s God’s Green Earth, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1999
Jenny Will Love Me, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1999
Jenny Will Love Me, vocal, Windows on the World (Some of My Favorites), 1999
Johnnie’s a Braw Dancer!, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1999
Marchin’ Off to Glory, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1999
Sailing the Blue Sea, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1999
To Death I’m a Stranger, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1999
Wedding Dance, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1999
With Bobbie I’ll Dance, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1999
Ah, Fill the Cup, instrumental, Raga Omar Khayyam, Himalayan Nights 2, 1998
The Ancient Ruby, instrumental, Raga Omar Khayyam, Himalayan Nights 2, 1998
Through the Seventh Gate, instrumental, Raga Omar Khayyam, Himalayan Nights 2, 1998
I Am But An Empty Vessel (melody), chant, 1997
The Temptation of Christ, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996, 2000 (expanded)
A Thousand Blossoms Woke with the Day, instrumental, I, Omar, 1996
Ah, Moon of My Delight, instrumental, I, Omar, 1996
Alas, That Spring Should Vanish with the Day, instrumental, I, Omar, 1996
Ancient Memories, instrumental, A Celtic Evening with Derek Bell, 1996
Birds in the Spring, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1996
Celtic Moonrise, instrumental, Mystic Harp, 1996
Daughter of Aran, instrumental, Mystic Harp, 1996
Deirdre’s Sorrows, instrumental, Mystic Harp, 1996
Deirdre’s Sorrows, vocal, Windows on the World (Some of My Favorites), 1996
Desdemona’s Song, instrumental, Mystic Harp, 1996
Desert Solitude, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
The Divine Mother, duet, 2013
Dublin Town, instrumental, Mystic Harp, 1996
Dublin Town, vocal, Windows on the World (Some of My Favorites), 1996
Emerald Isle, vocal, A Celtic Evening with Derek Bell, 1996
The Few Were Soon Many, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
God Is Truth, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
The Hill That Was Tara, instrumental, Mystic Harp, 1996
The Hill That Was Tara, vocal, Windows on the World (Some of My Favorites), 1996
His Mission Begins, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
Homeward Bound, instrumental, Mystic Harp, 1996
The Hunter of the East, instrumental, I, Omar, 1996
Irish Lullaby, instrumental, Mystic Harp, 1996
Irish Lullaby, vocal, A Celtic Evening with Derek Bell, 1996
Jesus Went to Galilee, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
John Anderson, My Jo, instrumental, A Celtic Evening with Derek Bell, 1996
The Joy of Redemption, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
Land of Mystery, instrumental, Meditation for Starters, 1996
Leave the Wise to Talk, instrumental, I, Omar, 1996
Life Cannot Die, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
Life Your Heart in Strength, instrumental, Mystic Harp, 1996
The Light That Was Christ, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
Look After Me - In Vain!, instrumental, I, Omar, 1996
Love Is a Magician, vocal, An Evening in Italy (Cosi Canti), 1996
The Man That Was Jesus, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
Maurya's Lament, instrumental, Mystic Harp, 1996
Memories of That isle, instrumental, Mystic Harp, 1996
Memories of That Isle, vocal, Windows on the World (Some of My Favorites), 1996
The Year Reviving Old Desires, instrumental, I, Omar, 1996
Oh, Come with Old Khayyam, instrumental, I, Omar, 1996
One Evening at the Close of Ramazan, instrumental, I, Omar, 1996
Parade, instrumental, Mystic Harp, 1996
Playboy of the Western World, instrumental, Mystic Harp, 1996
Shepherds, Awake, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
Sing Out with Joy, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
The Sorrow of Jesus, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
The Moving Finger Writes, instrumental, I, Omar, 1996
Three Wise Men Came, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
To Jordan Came Jesus, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
To Mary There Came, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
To Souls that Were Fallen, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
We’re Off to School!, instrumental, Mystic Harp 2, 1996
When Thyself with Shining Foot Shall Pass, instrumental, I, Omar, 1996
Who Dreamed of the Tragedy?, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
The Wonders Man Carved, vocal, Christ Lives, 1996
Cherry Blossoms in Kyoto, vocal, 1995
Manana, Friends, vocal, 1995
Hawaiiana, vocal, 1995
Friendship Is Acting in Freedom, instrumental, Secrets of Life, 1994
Good Morning, vocal, 1994
Goodnight, Sweetheart, vocal, An Evening in Italy (Cosi Canti), 1994
Happiness Is Within, instrumental, Secrets of Life, 1994
Inner Peace, instrumental, Secrets of Life, 1994
Leadership, instrumental, Secrets of Life, 1994
Life Is an Adventure in Self-Awakening, instrumental, Secrets of Life, 1994
Life Mantra (Chant of the Angels), vocal, Chants of the Angels, 1994
Overcoming, instrumental, Secrets of Life, 1994
Prosperity Is a State of Mind, instrumental, Secrets of Life, 1994
Radiant Health and Well-Being, instrumental, Secrets of Life, 1994
See All as Your Greater Self, instrumental, Secrets of Life, 1994
Self-Transcendence, instrumental, Secrets of Life, 1994
Success is Self-Perfection, instrumental, Secrets of Life, 1994
Different Worlds (Life is a Quest for Joy), instrumental, 1994
Lullaby (Ninnananna), 1994
Gottsleibe, instrumental, 1994
Greek Dance, instrumental, 1994
Dearest, When I Think of Thee, vocal, Peace Treaty, 1992
Free At Last, vocal, Peace Treaty, 1992
Mist, instrumental, Mystic Harp, 1992
Mist, vocal, Meditation for Starters, 1992
New Dawn, instrumental, A Celtic Evening with Derek Bell, 1992
Teresa of Avila’s Admonition, chant, 1992
Life Is a Dream, vocal, Joy In the Heavens, 1990
Waltz, vocal, The Singer and the Nightingale, 1990
Sri Gurudeva, chant, 1989
Many Hands Make A Miracle, vocal, More Power to You, 1988
I Will Always Think of Thee (Quando Mi Sveglio), vocal, World Brotherhood Choir in Assisi, 1987
Joined in Prayer , vocal, 1987
Rest in God, Live in God, chant, 1987
Revea Thyself, chant, 1987
Canticle of the Creatures (Cantico), vocal, Songs of St. Francis, 1986
Father, Mother, Friend (Padre, Madre), vocal, Festival of Light, 1986
I Wander with Thee (Ora, Padre), vocal, I Cantanti Della Gioia, 1986
I Will Sing Thy Name (arrangement), vocal, 1986
Life Flows On Like a River, vocal, Songs of St. Francis, 1986
Lord Most High (Make Us Channels of Thy Peace), vocal, An Evening in Italy (Cosi Canti), 1986
Minstrel Dance, instrumental, Songs of St. Francis, 1986
Sing Out with Joy (Canta Con Noi), vocal, Festival of Light, 1986
Thunder of Om, vocal, Festival of Light, 1986
Young Ladies of Assisi, instrumental, Songs of St. Francis, 1986
A New Tomorrow, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
Ah, Moon of My Delight, vocal, Autobiography of a Yogi Reminiscences, 1985
Ancient Greece, instrumental, Christ Lives, 1985
The Annunciation, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
Blessed Are They, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
Blessed the Life, vocal, Praise Ye the Lord, 1985
Boys go To and Fro, vocal, Autobiography of a Yogi Reminiscences, 1985
Chartres Cathedral, instrumental, Christ Lives, 1985
Christ Has Come, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
Christ Is Risen, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
Desert Solitude, instrumental, Christ Lives, 1985
Divine Friendship, vocal, Wedding Music, 1985
Fear Not Zacharias, instrumental, Christ Lives, 1985
Galilee, instrumental, Christ Lives, 1985
Gethsemane, instrumental, Christ Lives, 1985
God, Our Father-Mother, vocal, Wedding Music, 1985
Hail Mary, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
He Who Clothes the Field, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
I Give My Daughter’s Hand, vocal, Wedding Music, 1985
I, A Pilgrim, instrumental, Christ Lives, 1985
Il Mio Cuore (You Fill My Heart with Music), vocal, Nel Silenzio del Mio Cuore, 1985
In the Spirit, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
India, instrumental, Autobiography of a Yogi Reminiscences, 1985
Invocation to the Woodland Devas, vocal, Wedding Music, 1985
Jesus Walked These Hills, instrumental, Christ Lives, 1985
Join Us in Blessing, vocal, Wedding Music, 1985
Land of Milk and Honey, instrumental, Christ Lives, 1985
Let This Cup Pass from Me, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
Lift Your Hearts, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
Living Water, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
Lord When In Darkness (Seguirlo Sempre Te), vocal, 1985
Mary and Elizabeth Meet, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
Mary Magdalene, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
May We Serve You, vocal, Praise Ye the Lord, 1985
Mother of Us All, vocal, Autobiography of a Yogi Reminiscences, 1985
Mother of Wisdom, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
Palm Sunday, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
Praise Ye the Lord, vocal, Praise Ye the Lord, 1985
Psalm of David, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
Quanto Ti Amero, vocal, 1985
Setting Out for Zion, instrumental, Christ Lives, 1985
Shepherd’s Grotto, instrumental, Christ Lives, 1985
Springtime, instrumental, Christ Lives, 1985
This Is My Son, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
Thy Light Within Us Shining, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
Thy Will Be Done, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
Wedding Feast, instrumental, Christ Lives, 1985
Wedding March, instrumental, Wedding Music, 1985
Go With Love, vocal, All the World Is My Friend, 1985
When Human Hopes, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
Where He Dwells, vocal, Praise Ye the Lord, 1985
You Remain Our Friend, vocal, Christ Lives, 1985
Prayer Before Meals, vocal, 1985
Welcome, vocal, 1985
Say “Thank You”, vocal, All the World Is My Friend, 1985
Move, All You Mountains, vocal, All the World Is My Friend, 1985
School Song (Sing in the Meadows), vocal, All the World Is My Friend, 1985
I’ll Tell the World (Be Free Inside), vocal, All the World Is My Friend, 1985
It’s Time to Go to School, vocal, All the World Is My Friend, 1985
Life Is Beautiful, vocal, All the World Is My Friend, 1985
Lightly I Fly, vocal, All the World Is My Friend, 1985
At Day’s End, instrumental, Rumanian Memories, 1983
Big Frog, Little Frog (Two Frogs), vocal, All the World Is My Friend, 1983
Channels, vocal, World Brotherhood Choir in Assisi, 1983
Come with Me to Brasov, vocal, Rumanian Memories, 1983
Dearest, I Love You, vocal, Rumanian Memories, 1983
Dracula’s Castle, instrumental, Rumanian Memories, 1983
Give Me Light, vocal, All the World Is My Friend, 1983
Guide Me Lord, vocal, Songs of Gladness, 1983
Gypsy Dance, instrumental, Rumanian Memories, 1983
Gypsy Hoedown, instrumental, Rumanian Memories, 1983
Lift Your Heart in Strength, vocal, All the World Is My Friend, 1983
Market Day, instrumental, Rumanian Memories, 1983
Monasteries, vocal, Rumanian Memories, 1983
Old Men at Sundown, instrumental, Rumanian Memories, 1983
AUM Christ Amen, vocal, Festival of Light, 1983
The Reapers, instrumental, Rumanian Memories, 1983
Someday, vocal, Rumanian Memories, 1983
Springtime in Rumania, vocal, Windows on the World (Some of My Favorites), 1983
Springtime in Rumania, instrumental, Rumanian Memories, 1983
Thank You, God, for the Sun, vocal, Songs of Gladness, 1983
Vieni Presto Jesu (Come to Me, Jesus), chant, 1983
Thy Will, Not Mine, chant, 1983
I Want Only Thee (Voglio Solo Te), chant, 1983
Through All Trials-song, vocal, Rumanian Memories, 1983
Village Dance, instrumental, Rumanian Memories, 1983
Village Wedding, instrumental, Rumanian Memories, 1983
Amalfi Hills, instrumental, Mediterranean Magic, 1982
Cherish These (Amalfi Coast), vocal, instrumental, Mediterranean Magic, 1982
Cloisters (Chiostri), vocal, Chants from Fratellanza Della Gioia, 1982
Clouds, instrumental, Mediterranean Magic, 1982
Come Away Death, instrumental, 1982
Dendera, instrumental, 1982
Entering the Novitiate, instrumental, A New Renaissance, 1982
Entering the Temple, instrumental, Music from Ananda, 1982
Ever-New Joy (arrangement), chant, I Am Thine, 1982
AUM Kali (AUM Guru), chant, 1982
Have You Seen Sorrento?, vocal, An Evening in Italy (Cosi Canti), 1982
Horus Temple at Edfu, instrumental, 1982
I Am Thine, chant, Awake Into Light, 1982
I Live Without Fear, vocal, I Am Thine, 1982
In the Temple of Isis, vocal, Music from Ananda, 1982
Initiation Into the Mysteries, instrumental, A New Renaissance, 1982
The Joy of First Communion, instrumental, A New Renaissance, 1982
Kings Chamber, instrumental, 1982
Meditating in the Middle Pyramid, instrumental, 1982
Mediterranean Magic, instrumental, Mediterranean Magic, 1982
Pompeii, instrumental, Mediterranean Magic, 1982
Pyramid, instrumental, 1982
Ra Ma, vocal, Awake Into Light, 1982
Ravella, instrumental, Mediterranean Magic, 1982
Saggara, instrumental, 1982
Sail With Me to Capri, vocal, Mediterranean Magic, 1982
Sailing, instrumental, 1982
Sobek, instrumental, 1982
Sorrento Flowers, instrumental, Mediterranean Magic, 1982
Temple of Sleep, instrumental, 1982
Valley of Tombs, instrumental, 1982
Villa Cimbrone, instrumental, Mediterranean Magic, 1982
When I Awake, chant, I Am Thine, 1982
Come Out of the Darkness, chant, 1982
Dance/The Joy of Awakening, 1982
When You Come from Napoli, vocal, An Evening in Italy (Cosi Canti), 1982
Song of the Nightingale, instrumental, Secrets of Life, 1979
Where Has My Love Gone?, instrumental, 1978
Peace, vocal, Come Gather ‘Round, 1976
What is Love?, instrumental, 1976
Interlude, instrumental, Music from Ananda, circa 1975
Invocation (Theme), vocal, I Cantanti Della Gioia, circa 1975
God’s Call Within (The Divine Romance), vocal, instrumental, Music from Ananda, 1975
Prelude (Bittersweet), instrumental, 1975
God, God, God (melody), vocal, Joy in the Heavens, 1973
I Am Free, chant, 1969
AUM Namo Bhagavate, chant, 1969
Brothers (Fratelli), vocal, Come Gather Round, 1967
Come Gather Round, vocal, Joy Singers in Concert, 1967
Hello There, Brother Bluebell, vocal, Come Gather ‘Round, 1967
If You’re Seeking Freedom, vocal, I Cantanti Della Gioia, 1967
Krishna’s Flute, vocal, Songs of the Soul, 1967
Looking for a Friend, vocal, 1967
Philosopher and the Boatman, vocal, Joy Singers in Concert, 1967
Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, vocal, Memories, 1967
There’s Joy In the Heavens, vocal, Say “Yes” to Life, 1967
Wartime Lullaby, vocal, 1967
What is It For?, vocal, Come Gather ‘Round, 1967
All that Glisters (melody), vocal, Songs of Shakespeare, 1966
Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind (melody), vocal, Songs of Shakespeare, 1966
Come Away Death (melody), vocal, Music From Ananda, 1966
Desdemona’s Song (melody), vocal, Songs of Shakespeare, 1966
Fairies Lullaby (melody), vocal, Songs of Shakespeare, 1966
The Fairies Song (melody), vocal, Songs of Shakespeare, 1966
Fie on Sinful Fantasy (melody), vocal, Songs of Shakespeare, 1966
Full Fathom Five (melody), vocal, Songs of Shakespeare, 1966
Go On Alone (Walk Like a Man), vocal, Into the Magic, 1966
God’s Blessing (melody), vocal, Songs of Shakespeare, 1966
Hark, Hark the Lark (melody), vocal, Songs of Shakespeare, 1966
Imogen’s Song (melody), vocal, Songs of Shakespeare, 1966
It Was a Lover and His Lass (melody), vocal, Songs of Shakespeare, 1966
Little Kathy, vocal, Come Gather ‘Round, 1966
O Mistress Mine (melody), vocal, Songs of Shakespeare, 1966
Salute the Nice Paper Flag (The Great Society), vocal, Memories, 1966
Spring Song (melody), vocal, Songs of Shakespeare, 1966
Under the Greenwood Tree (melody), vocal, Songs of Shakespeare, 1966
When That I Was (melody), vocal, Songs of Shakespeare, 1966
Where Has My Love Gone?, vocal, Into the Magic, 1966
Where Is Fancy Bred? (melody), vocal, Songs of Shakespeare, 1966
Where the Bee Sucks (melody), vocal, Songs of Shakespeare, 1966
Who Is Sylvia? (melody), vocal, Come Gather 'Round, 1966
Well Done, Lord!, vocal, Into the Magic, 1965
Melody's Everywhere, vocal, 1965
Rise In Freedom, vocal, All the World Is My Friend, 1965
Boxes (More Boxes? No Thank You!), vocal, Come Gather 'Round, 1964
The Christmas Mystery, vocal, Soul Songs, 1964
Come Chillun, Wake Up, vocal, Into the Magic, 1964
Farther Away than the Stars, vocal, Autobiography of a Yogi Reminiscences, 1964
I've Passed My Life As a Stranger, vocal, Come Gather 'Round, 1964
Jim Brown, vocal, Come Gather 'Round, 1964
Memories, vocal, Joy Singers in Concert, 1964
The Non-Blues, vocal, Joy Singers in Concert, 1964
One Day When I Was Roaming, vocal, Come Gather 'Round, 1964
Rama and Sita, vocal, Memories, 1964
The Secret of Laughter, vocal, Joy in the Heavens, 1964
The Shawl of Gold, vocal, Praise Ye the Lord, 1964
Song of the Nightingale, vocal, Come Gather 'Round, 1964
That Night When Christ Was Born, vocal, Come Gather 'Round, 1964
Through Many Lives: I'll Wander Nevermore, vocal, Come Gather 'Round, 1964
Truth Can Never Die, vocal, Into the Magic, 1964
Whose Child Am I?, 1964
Whose Gift is Happiness?, 1964
Why?, vocal, Come Gather 'Round, 1964
Yes, It’s Devil Worship, vocal, 1964
Amrita, instrumental, Music from Ananda
Door of My Heart (Porta del Mio Cuor) (arrangement), vocal, An Evening in Italy (Cosi Canti), unknown
God is Our Father, Mother, Friend, vocal
I Awake in Thy Light, chant
I Wonder, vocal
AUM Namo Naryana, chant
Sri Yogananda, Guide to Inner Freedom (lyrics), chant
Two Lands
What is This Life?, chant
Publishers: Crystal Clarity, Publishers, recordings and sheet music

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