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SWAMI BODHANANDA is the Spiritual Director, Chairman and Paramacharya of Sambodh Institutions in India and the USA such as the The Sambodh Society Inc. USA and Sambodh Foundation India. He is the Chairman of the Bodhananda Research Foundation for Management & Leadership Studies a pioneer research establishment on Indian Management. In Michigan, USA, he heads and guides a unique institution devoted to inter-faith dialogue, healing systems and Vedanta – The Sambodh Centre for Human Excellence – housed in a beautiful Ashram in thirty acres of wooded land. He teaches Advaita Vedanta, Yogasutras, Bhagavad Gita, Upanishads and scores of other texts of Vedanta and Indian philosophical traditions. Being himself an embodiment of detachment and compassion, his words guide us patiently to the wisdom of the yogic traditions. In India Swamiji has trained many students and guided them to the pinnacle ashrama of Sannyasa. In the past, Swamiji headed the “Sandeepany Sadanalaya” in Kerala. His teachings are imbued with a quality that at once takes the novice listener and the committed student to the sacred space of the higher self.

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In India there are twelve Sambodh institutions that work under the spiritual guidance of Swami Bodhananda, dedicated for the social and educational empowerment of underprivileged children and women. Of these one of the most beautiful and the oldest Ashrams, with a full-fledged facility for its guests and students to stay, is located on the banks of a river in a place called Kalady in Trivandrum, Kerala. Folklore says that Adi Sankaracharya had visited Kalady in Trivandrum. Another Ashram which is situated in the outskirts of Bangalore, “Sambodh Centre for Living Values” is guided by Swamiji’s vision for a green, self-sustained and organic living. The Sambodh Centres in Bangalore has its focus in tree planting, medicinal farms, organic farming, protection of cows, and helping the poor and the downtrodden through its charity programmes. Every year studious but underprivileged school students are selected for the Sambodh scholarships that support their education. Bodhananda. Another unique institution is the Bodhananda International Foundation for Inter-Religious Dialogue (BIFIRD), housed in a Green-concept Ashram, situated in the quiet environs of Silversand Island, in Vyttila, Cochin.

Swami Bodhananda is an avid reader and is well-versed with the contemporary challenges that the corporate leadership and corporate management face. Swamiji’s management lectures are sought after in India, having authored the first ever book on Indian management on "Gita and Management" in 1994. Swami Bodhananda is the author of several books: His latest book is *Indian Management and Leadership* (2007). Other books include *Management and Mahabharata* (2011), *Meditation: The Awakening of Inner Powers* (1994), *Happiness Unlimited* (2000), and a monograph titled, *Rishi Vision*. He has also authored two conversation-styled books, one with a scholar of consciousness studies in India, and the other with a young Indian-American lawyer in the United States. These books are “Dialogues: Philosopher meets Seer” (2001) and “Irreverent Questions” (2004). Swamiji’s Meditation book has recently been revised and is accompanied by a recording of several guided meditations that complement the text. His third major book, *Self Unfoldment in An Interactive World* (2001) presents an innovative rendering of this timeless topic.

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