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MESSAGE

It is heartening to learn that Infinity Foundation, New Jersey, has completed a remarkable journey of three decades in preserving and enriching Bharat's rich intellectual and cultural heritage. Heartiest greetings and congratulations to the Foundation, which has been one of the pioneers in this space.

Due to Bharat's phenomenal growth across multiple sectors, there is a great interest in knowing about the country, its history and heritage. At such a time, it is important that Bharatiyas, both in the motherland and outside, are well equipped to communicate our knowledge with an informed and insightful perspective.

In this space, Shri Rajiv Malhotra's important contributions to intellectual discourse over the decades have played a significant role in developing an educated understanding of Bharatiya heritage and culture globally.

The Infinity Foundation has given an institutional impetus to Shri Malhotra's efforts by educating and nurturing new generations of thinkers who work at the intersection of intellectual rigour and civilisational confidence, especially among the Bharatiya diaspora.

Institutions like the Infinity Foundation also strengthen the connection between global Bharatiyas and their roots by encouraging younger generations to explore culture, spirituality, literature and classical arts.

In a world that is increasingly searching for deeper meaning, the richness of Bharatiya thought, the celebratory spirit of our culture, our wholesome view of life, and the depth of our spiritual systems can be a source of strength and solace. I am confident that institutions like the Infinity Foundation will help in the world's engagement with Bharatiya culture with even greater vigour in the coming decades.

Once again, I extend my greetings and best wishes to the Infinity Foundation and Shri Rajiv Malhotra on the completion of 30 years of the institution. I am sure that the celebrations on this occasion will inspire and energise the members of the Foundation for the times ahead.

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(Narendra Modi)

Introduction

In April 2025, Infinity Foundation marked its 30th anniversary with a landmark two-day celebration in Princeton and Edison, New Jersey. The event brought together over 1,000 attendees from around the world—scholars, spiritual leaders, artists and community members—to honor three decades of dedicated work toward the global revival of Sanatana Dharma and Indian knowledge systems.

Day 1: Public Commemoration and Gala Evening

The morning session began with an auspicious inauguration ceremony led by senior gurus from the BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir, alongside Infinity Foundation's founder, Rajiv Malhotra. This was followed by a high-level panel discussion featuring thought leaders from diverse disciplines—academia, science, religion, arts and civil society—offering multidimensional perspectives on India, Indian civilization, and Dharma. Over 200 invited guests attended the morning session, which included the launch of five books and concluded with a sattvic lunch.

The evening featured the main celebration: a grand gala dinner held at the beautifully decorated *Albert Hall* in Edison, NJ. The venue seamlessly blended traditional Indian aesthetics with Western elegance, creating a visually stunning and spiritually uplifting environment. The gathering included a diverse array of participants—scientists, community leaders, followers of *Vaishnava*, *Vedantic*, *Swaminarayan*, *ISKCON*, *Buddhist* and *Jain* traditions, as well as filmmakers and international guests.

The evening began with a musical invocation by Grammy-nominated artist *Chandrika Tandon* and her ensemble. A unique cultural presentation followed—Sanskrit *shlokas* dramatized around Rajiv Malhotra's pioneering framework of "Desert and Forest Civilizations." Keynote addresses were delivered by renowned personalities such as filmmaker *Vivek Agnihotri*, the international head of *Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS)* and *Tony Nader*, among others.

The evening culminated in an address by Rajiv Malhotra, who reflected on the Foundation's journey, shared his vision for the future and called upon dharmic and allied organizations to collaborate on shared civilizational goals. It was in this context that the Banyan Tree Initiative was launched—aimed at uniting organizations working to revive Dharma, counter Hinduphobia and restore indigenous Indian thought systems. The event concluded with a kirtan performance by religious and devotional groups, and was received with wide acclaim.

Day 2: Private Gathering and Strategic Collaboration

Day 2 featured an invite-only private dinner hosted at Rajiv Malhotra's residence. Guests shared brief 2–3-minute presentations on their work and how it aligns with the broader goals of Indian civilizational revival.

A major highlight of the day was the launch of the *AskRajiv AI* tool—an artificial intelligence system designed to disseminate Rajiv Malhotra's intellectual frameworks and serve as a personalized guide rooted in his body of work.

Substantive discussions were also held on the *Banyan Tree Initiative*, focusing on institutional collaboration, collective strategy and community building across the global Dharma ecosystem. The India team of Infinity Foundation presented key accomplishments and milestones in advancing the Foundation's mission on the ground.

The evening concluded with a final dinner, marking the close of a historic celebration—one that was deeply appreciated by all attendees for its vision, spirit and cultural richness.

Felicitations Galore from Around the World

Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar: Special Message for Rajiv Malhotra



Let me congratulate Rajiv Malhotra ji on completion of 30 years of his Infinity Foundation. He is so passionate about Sanatana dharma, so passionate about the Bharatiyata. And he has been working day and night, fighting against all injustice and misrepresentation of the ancient culture of India. He is a great scholar, he has an indepth understanding of history, geography and of philosophy. And he has been author of many books and his research works are greatly admired. And it is international standards. Let me once again congratulate Rajiv Malhotra ji and the Infinity Foundation for completing 30 years of service to the world. Om shanti. Video.

Pujya YagnaVallabha Swami, BAPS North America: My Blessing to Rajiv Malhotra

I clearly remember, 25 years ago, when Shri Rajivji had come to the BSPS Swaminarayan Mandir in Edison, New Jersey to seek the blessings of Pramukh Swami Maharaj. Thousands of devotees were waiting for his blessings. However, when Pramukh Swami Maharaj heard about how Shri Rajiv ji had selflessly dedicated his entire life to promote

greater education and appreciation of Hinduism in the western world, he listened to him at length, offered his guidance and gave him his wholehearted blessings. It is deeply gratifying to see the noble work the Infinity Foundation has been doing for the last 30 years under the dedicated leadership of Shri Rajiv Malhotra.



Foundation Infinity has illuminate the timeless wisdom of Hindu traditions, bringing clarity and depth to concepts that many had either dismissed or misunderstood. It has steadfastly defended the authenticity of our narratives and ensured that the future generations inherit a legacy of pride, knowledge and integrity. It has encouraged millions to explore their own culture and faiths, identities, drawing strength and inspiration from their roots while engaging constructively with the world around them. As we celebrate three decades of the Infinity Foundation, I pray that Bhagwan and our enlightened gurus continue to bless Shri Rajiv ji with strength and clarity so that this noble work of delving deep into Hinduism and helping people appreciate its values and traditions may continue to flourish and inspire. Jai Swaminarayan. Video.

Swami Govind Dev Giriji Maharaj: Rajiv Malhotra has built an army of Dharmarakshaks



I will start from the beginning. While in Canada, I read the book Breaking India. It was just by chance that it came to me. And after skimming through, I decided to keep it for a few days. Actually, I was shocked and in tears while I read it. I was thinking how we had been defrauded, all the wrongs that had been done against our country, our traditions, and how these things have been implanted here for the last 150 years. The first thing I did thereafter was to call India and ask for 2-3 copies of the book. Since then, I have become a fan of his books.

After meeting Rajiv Malhotra in person, I began to think of him as being siddha in the intellectual war to protect the Sanatan dharma of Bharat. Not only that, he is really the chief of the army. He has, all on his own created such a big army that can fight intellectual battles. And because of his careful, skillful work over the years, we decided to award him the highest honor "Bhishma Puraskar" conferred by our organization. So, we invited him to a big gathering in Pune, where we awarded him for the stellar service he is doing to protect our sanskriti. His work is so inspiring that

anybody who reads it can't help but praise him, thus inspiring many others.

I consider him to be a warrior like Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in the intellectual field who saved his people in very trying times. Therefore, I request all those serving Infinity Foundation to not look at returns but consider this work as service to Bhagwan and keep doing the good work. Good workers are often attracted by other institutions, but you should not consider them. I congratulate Rajiv Malhotra for his tyag, his tapsya, his tenacity and his ability to build such a huge organization. I request all those at Infinity to carry on the work with enthusiasm and courage, not tiring, not resting, not bending and not getting sold out along the way. If you can do this, the future will be beautiful for Bharatiya sanskriti and Rashtra, and this will be good for the wellbeing of the whole world. I congratulate all of you for your endeavors. Video.

Dr. Tony Nader: I was struck by Rajiv's Authenticity



I speak of Rajiv Malhotra. I feel like I know him since a long time. I feel sure our souls and being have been together in many past lives because we share similar thoughts, similar desires for the world, which is always the best. And we have both found in the Vedic knowledge and the ancient traditions of India, knowledge that is universal, that is actually scientific, even though it has been covered, or planned, or started in a context of a specific tradition...So Rajiv and his writing and the podcast I have had the honor and pleasure to do with him has really impressed me even more and more. And his foundation and his work and his books about his desire to bring the best for all mankind. This is an authentic person...

And the spirit in which he is doing it captures the spirit of Maharishi. Maharishi was just authentic. And he said things as they are, he saw things in what the consciousness allows to see...Maharishi has spoken hours and hours, thousands and thousands of hours that are on tapes. And in his teachings, there are different levels of instructions, of techniques, of ways of understanding reality. And even if you pick up one or two or three of them, they are extremely valuable. Some people pick up some things and they use it. What I understand from Rajivji is that he wants to make sure that this knowledge is put in a context that is holistic, that's complete, that brings the total knowledge. Because sometimes, partial knowledge is a dangerous thing...

I really commend Malhotra ji for his desire to train and also input knowledge in to the AI system that will allow proper understanding of the ancient traditions and particularly Vedas, and the Vedic literature and all that goes around it. I look forward always to collaborate with him. A great soul, a great mind, and a true seeker of only truth and expanding it and making it known to all mankind. Congratulations on being you, Malhotra ji and doing what you are doing,

and particularly the work of the Infinity Foundation, and supporting research and knowledge and expanding knowledge in the direction of making life better for everyone, no matter what is their background or actually even their belief system... And infinity is a wonderful term because it expresses the reality underlying all this, which is our consciousness, which is an unbounded, infinite, unlimited reservoir of intelligence and creativity which is within us and which we can tap into and we can have a life that is most fulfilling. Video.

Candace Badgett, International Wellness & Ayurveda expert: Rajiv is a Warrior and the Greatest Defender of Hinduism



I came to know Rajiv and his Infinity Foundation when we were both on the board of the World Association of Vedic Studies. And I think I was most impressed with the strength of his convictions. So when Rajiv expressed his opinion on any issue, it was so well-informed and with so much conviction and passion, absolutely, heart, intellect and passion. And I was just so impressed with the very noble mission that he had taken on. It's so inspiring really to look back and see that for 30 years now, Infinity Foundation has really been a platform from which Rajiv has launched a

very noble and righteous battle to save the cultural integrity of India. So he has taken on the most formidable institutions in the west that are doing their very best to undermine the spiritual essence of India, the oldest continuous civilization on the planet. And Rajiv has really taken on a mission as the Vedic tradition's most valiant defender. He's a great warrior. He does not flinch in the face of battle. Even when the stakes are high. And even when the pressure of political correctness is intense. Rajiv brilliantly dismantles the whole thing. So Infinity Foundation has basically led the charge on the most important, and certainly the most controversial topics of our day and these topics, these issues are the issues that will determine India's future. So there's no underestimating what Infinity Foundation is doing for the world and for India.

And I think that Rajiv really in his work, in his countless books, he really brings home the fact that India and the liberal west are functioning on polar opposite paradigms, and he argues so eloquently for India's unique and at the same time universally applicable, scientific worldview. I think that's what makes his arguments so powerful and effective. It's really through the clarity and the impeccable logic of Rajiv's insights that we can't help but appreciate not only the value of what India has to offer to the world but actually, and ultimately, its cultural and philosophical superiority. At this time in the history of civilization, I think we'll all just be grateful to Rajiv and Infinity Foundation for the tireless work, the countless books that have opened the eyes of the world to the great value of cultural integrity and the necessity of maintaining it. I just think that their contribution is invaluable. And I just want to honor Infinity Foundation and Rajiv for what they have taken on, such an incredibly noble mission.

Snakes in the Ganga is I think my favorite because the title is so captivating and it is such an amazing insight into how these western institutions are so deeply compromising the cultural integrity of India. All his books are fantastic. And I love the new one that's coming out. I think it's so important- who are you handing your children over to? What kind of thinking are we cultivating in the next generation? It's a very important topic to address. And of course, Rajiv always addresses it, head on, no mincing words. I think what we can all do is promote his works. Because he has stated eloquently, masterfully, with stern logic and scientific backup. He has made the points and made the cases. So he has done the hard work for all of us. We just need to promote the books and make sure that these points are appreciated and understood by as many people as possible.

And I'm very appreciative that his respect for what Maharishi Mahesh Yogi brought to the world, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi's insights into the deepest values of Vedic science. That he feels like he would like to defend maharishi's work and he sees that it's been appropriated by many others, and he would like the source to be recognized is I think it's a very noble aspiration from his side. It really is the kind of book that only somebody outside our organization could write. We're very respectful of all those who are pursuing the appreciation and the dissemination of these deeper understandings of the Vedic tradition of knowledge. So Rajiv is the one seeing and

appreciating that Maharishi really started so many things, and his thoughts and ideas are really at the core of so much that you see today. And you could say appropriation, or application is probably a better word in a way, of Vedic principles, and he wants to make sure that the source of many of this that has been Maharishi's legacy, that this is recognized. That's deeply appreciated.

He's also the greatest defender of Hinduism because unless you have a deep understanding, it's easy to misunderstand Hinduism, especially from a western perspective. It appears to be a very different kind of an approach to these ontological issues of life than the west takes. But it's so profoundly deep and universal, these principles. And this is what Rajiv is bringing out: the universal aspect and the allembracing quality of Hinduism that often is espoused from western religious traditions but is not actually the reality of the belief that they hold. So I think that there are many things that he's bringing out that we have to be so careful when we come together in the name of religious collaboration or support. You have to make sure it's genuine.

It's the same way say with Ayurveda. This is the area where - my husband and I have one of the first major Ayurveda clinics in the U.S. — so this is our major focus. They talk about the integration of allopathic medicine and Ayurveda, but you have to be so careful because these are two systems that are based on polar opposite paradigms. And so, when you talk about integration, what's going to happen in the west is that they're just going to tack on a few modalities, a few treatments, and they're going to miss the underlying foundation, which is a polar

opposite paradigm, which is much more conducive to healthcare versus disease care. Although it's very profound in disease care as well.

So it's the same thing in religion as well. All religious spiritual traditions are coming from a paradigm of intelligence being primary and matter secondary. But how that ends up translating into a philosophical belief where you have very divergent processes. And so, I think that this deeper understanding, moving deeply through Hinduism to the Vedic tradition, which is a tradition of knowledge, that gave rise to the practice of the Hindu religion. You delve deep to the source of this religion and you find the template, the blueprint for every spiritual tradition, when you dig deep down into the heart of that spiritual tradition. So moving past the incorrect interpretations, which inevitably happen over time and digging down to what we all share versus what makes us different is important and yet acknowledging what makes us different in terms of our cultural integrity is also important. So balancing these processes, this is where Rajiv is stellar, there's no one like, there's no one producing the work that is anywhere close to what Raiiv and Infinity Foundation contributing to the world. It's this amazing balance between finding the universal principles where everyone can deeply understand and appreciate Hinduism, the Vedic tradition, and understanding that it's talking deeply about their own spiritual beliefs as well, and yet allow for cultural integrity to remain, and not blend this into this one mush of sameness. The glory of creation is in its diversity and the binding

aspect of creation is in these values that unify us. So you cannot sacrifice one for the other. And Rajiv understands this absolutely.

One big huge congratulations to Rajiv for creating Infinity Foundation and defining such a noble righteous mission. You have fulfilled it beyond measure. It's just very remarkable, very laudable and very noble what you've accomplished. And you are making a very important contribution to the future of India and to the future of the world. I just love the fact that Rajiv is a true warrior of our day and all respect and admiration for the battle he has taken on. And truth alone triumphs. So, he will triumph. So, my ultimate respect for Rajiv Malhotra. Ultimate appreciation. Video.

Vivek Agnihotri: Rajiv Malhotra is a Pioneer and a Leader



I got to know Rajivji through his book *Breaking India* and that actually set me thinking. I've been a leftist; I've been involved in leftist politics a lot. But then that book did a paradigm shift for me. Not fully, but made me think, wonder and consider the other side of the truth also. Thinking maybe what I've been thinking is not right. And since then, I've been interested in this subject. And that finally resulted in a film called *Buddha in a Traffic Jam* and my book *Urban Naxals...*So that way I found myself intellectually closer to Rajivji in the

ecosystem...I think his major contribution is that in India, especially in the educational and intellectual ecosystem, it was fully dominated by the leftists...Rajivji as a thought leader he perhaps pioneered this, he created this awareness that there is another side to truth also...he opened the doors for many people. He showed the courage. I really respect him only for that. Second thing that I really admire and appreciate is that he invested in research...A lot of people try to write books and do a lot of contribution in the academic area. It's not that we are the only people. But to take these leftists, these communists head on, on a stage, is a totally different quality. It's not that every Hindu intellectual has that quality. To take them head on, one on one, face off, is something that I think Rajiv Malhotra ji started. And I'm just following that tradition...I wish him a very healthy happy life. And I hope that he continues the same work that he is doing. And inspire thousands and millions of students all over the world. Video.

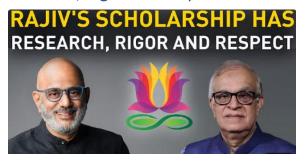
Peter Boghossian, American Author & Philosopher: Rajiv is a Wise Man, an Inspiration to Many



I first met Rajiv through his writings, and then we found common cause in defeating a derangement syndrome that has overcome not only the western world, but it was also metastasizing and spreading throughout the rest of the world. So we reached out to each other on Twitter and he told me about the book Snakes in the Ganga. And I read it - It was astonishingly well researched...meticulous...robust and its analysis was just excellent. And so, I was completely honored to have written the forward to that truly remarkable book. And I've spoken about it since at length...I was always incredibly struck by not only his sincerity and his wisdom but his ability to sincerely engage each different idea and give really nimble, sharp, cogent responses to them. Just find him to be an extraordinary human. So then I read, Who is Educating our Children? And again, it was just the most pertinent...honest and sincere look at the problem of who actually is educating our children.

So many people are terrified of speaking out against this strange orthodoxy. And he is not one of them. And he...is based completely in principles. And yet, I find him to be remarkably open to challenge criticism...Rajiv indefatigable has had courage in terms of how he engages these ideas. He's one of the few public intellectuals who brings both a scalpel and a sledge hammer to the problem. And it's rare...I hope he sticks around for a long time and keeps writing...I think his legacy will be that he preserved the best of civilization. He really sacrificed considerably, spoke truth in the face of power, was honest about the nature of the problem, and was one of the few voices that attempt to preserve what was best in the civilization in a sincere, open and even kind way. And that's almost - truly unheard of. He's just an extraordinary human...I consider him to be a wise human, a wise man...He's really an inspiration to so many people. And I can't say enough, I just cannot emphasize enough how important the work he's doing to preserve the best parts of this civilization and stop the madness from overtaking it. And it's come at a considerable cost. so, he's brave, he's courageous, he's saying what needs to be said. So, from the bottom of my heart, congratulations. I wish you many more milestones. And the work that you're doing is unquestionably inspiring to literally millions of people. So keep it up! Video.

Hari Kiran Vadlamani: Rajiv's scholarship has the three R's of Research, Rigor and Respect



Rajiv and I have something in common in the sense that both of us are entrepreneurs who have had successful exits, in our mid-40s. And then both of us have decided that we must give back. As I started working, I realized that it was not enough to simply preserve or advance, but we also have to protect. This realization that protection is also very important came from my engagement with Rajiv. My first exposure to his work was *Being Different*. And post reading that, I reached out to him through a common contact and then told him that I would like to support his work. So, we began engaging and talking and communicating on

various issues....the exposure to Rajiv's work was very helpful and insightful for me personally.

We at INDICA, primarily focus on nurturing scholars who are protecting our identity. Rajiv in his work, initially started giving grants...But he realized that the scholars were not up to his standards in the way they went about the work. So he reinvented himself from a public intellectual and from a person who is giving grants to becoming a scholar himself. Now this a very unique and a very rare phenomenon. Personally speaking, I'm not capable of becoming a scholar. I'm an entrepreneur but I do not think or I can never aim to achieve the depths of scholarship that Rajiv has achieved.

Now, through his scholarship, the thought that he has brought about is going across...This thought is now finding mention in the media, in the social media, then in the legal frameworks. He is a phenomenon straddling the entire spectrum of protection. One of the things that I particularly like about Rajiv's work is that he has revived the *Purvapaksha-Uttarapaksha* tradition, the method of debating that we as Indians had in our tradition.

He has a dual personality, one personality that you see as a warrior on social media and another, a personality of scholarship or a *gyani*. His scholarship has three Rs: research, rigor and respect. And this to me is a very important contribution of Rajiv, of teaching how we should engage with the opposing view, how we can engage with the west. How we can systematically study them, understand them, summarize their thought,

and then counter their views. To my mind, I don't think there has been an instance of any other contemporary intellectual who has brought this to the mainstream. An intellectual who is a software engineer at the age of 45, wanting to give back. And a specific identity, a purpose of what he or she stands for. This particular mainstreaming has had a cascading effect. This, along with his books, and the conferences, along with online courses, has bred hundreds of thousands of intellectuals and have given them a sense of purpose. He is an institution builder with a lineage of thought, a very unique lineage of thought that he has brought about and he has awakened, hundreds and thousands of intellectuals, given them clarity and a sense of purpose.

There is a direct impact that Rajiv's advocacy had on me and what we do at INDICA. Most of you may remember there was a misguided millionaire who gave a grant to Sheldon Pollock to set up a classical library. The awareness that Rajiv brought in of the stupidity of this action and the kind of advocacy that he built on the need for Indian businessmen to support work, to support scholars who are rooted in our heritage and who can produce work, translation books which are decolonized has had a direct impact on INDICA setting up an INDICA Classical Library. My colleague Megh Kalyanasundaram is spearheading this initiative. And we said that our purpose would be to engage with bilingual scholars who are rooted in our heritage. And we will publish world-class translations of the same standard as what has been set out by others. Today, I'm very happy to dedicate this effort

to Rajiv. And our First publication of Natyashastra translation, a gigantic, mammoth task undertaken by Late Pappu Venugopala Rao. We are very happy that we have just published it and we are very happy to showcase these books. This is the book, three volumes that we have published and this is a very direct outcome of Rajiv's advocacy. So thank you Rajiv for inspiring us to set up a INDICA Classical Library.

I once asked Rajiv when he is going to retire. He told me that he was going to work till he was 90 years old. Today, he is 74, so we are talking of another 16 years of output from him. What I wish for him is that his work now should be more relaxed. He has built the

foundation for an Indic renaissance, spawned so many thoughts, leaders, outfits, activists. Maybe he should settle down in one place like a guru, like an acharya, in a Gurukulam. Let people come to him and learn from him and begin the journey of becoming decolonized. That's what I wish for him. I also wish that the government recognizes his work. Unfortunately, this has not happened. I appeal to the powers that be that he be awarded a *Padmabhushan*. We have felicitated him and are grateful to him as our guru. We want to confer a title on him of *qyana yodha*. He is a warrior for knowledge, not a simple intellectual kshatriya. He's a *gyana yodha*. We want that he be known as a gyana yodha. Video.

Delhi, India Pre-event Gathering, March 2025

Rajiv Malhotra's Address to the Leaders of the Hindu Renaissance

Thank you everybody for coming for this. One important announcement that I wanted to make is that our foundation, Infinity Foundation, even though it's called Infinity, has just turned 30. And so, we are going to celebrate our 30th anniversary in New Jersey on April 19. That will be a special event for us. And we have not celebrated too many of these. We haven't ever celebrated a big thing or had a big bash of some kind. We are a sort of think tank, sitting in the back doing our work and not in the public too much, except on social media.

So, this is the first time we are actually organizing this huge thing. And also, this is the year I am turning 75. So, I feel I don't have too many more of these special events, so I better do it in a big way. And this means, doing in a big way means, all of you should try to come. As many of you as possible should try to come. It will mean a lot to me. We have got a big hall with 12 - 13- 1400 capacity, so, we are going to do it on a large scale. The 19th, which is Saturday morning, is going to be more academic. So, our young team, seven or eight of them are here, are going to be present.

This is my secret weapon, I have kept them very secret like, you know, you are not supposed to go out. Like the CIA type of thing. You just do your work quietly and don't be high profile. So, they have produced a lot of work, and the idea is to mentor a next generation of people like that. And they will tell you what they have learnt, what is important in their own words, in their own lives, how it has made a difference.

They have picked very provocative topics like the importance of being controversial. Why it's important to be controversial. That sort of thing. How to run a think tank? What is a think tank and why India doesn't have real think tanks, and how we are trying to become the first civilizational think tank anywhere in the world for the Indian civilization. So, things of that sort they will talk about, and their own work. Plus, we will have some launches. I started writing my memoir.

I figured that I haven't ever discussed my own life, so I should at least discuss the last 35 years' journey and so I started writing this.





First it was supposed to be a coffee table book. There was a proposal to tell my story to be made into a book. But the person was so expensive. And, I said that if we tell you that story, then of course the coffee table book won't be enough. So, in order to explain to this person what our story is, we started compiling all kind of things we have done. And it turned into five volumes. And these five volumes are a summary of 100 projects we have done. We picked 100 out of 400 projects.

We have done 400 projects in the last 35 years. Out of that we picked 100 in different themes, different topics. And so, each volume is on one theme and each volume there is one person who has become the editor from our team to put the story together. So, these will be launched.

A documentary will be launched. It is a documentary by an award-winning Canadian filmmaker. And Vivek Agnihotri whom you all know is the lead voice in that, kind of the person who is the sutradhar telling this story. So, it will be a very interesting story. And my friend Praveen, who is here, who is also a great filmmaker, is doing a kind of separate, completely independent Hindi film on this journey. And you told me that the journey will be incomplete unless people who know me for a very long time are part of it.

So, I promised that in this event you should get a few people. One is Madhu Kishwar, who knows me a long time. One is, who knows me from college days. So, Roopa knows me at a time before I had this transformation, when I was into, you know, chasing the money, chasing the technology.

I was a tech guy, software guy, and then I suddenly changed, and all my old friends felt very embarrassed of me, like what has happened to this guy. Then I would be told things like what has happened to you, why are you doing all this stuff? You were doing well. Maybe it's a midlife crisis. So, I got all of this. So, you will get a different genre, a different era of my life from her. Of course, the most interesting view I would say, would be from my wife. But she said, I don't want to get into it.

So, anyway, I am going to get you more and more people to fill in that requirement of yours to have many, many, you know, alternate voices, views. So, that will be another one.

And then there is Ravindraji. He is an AI guy. He has spent the last three years developing an AI product because my proposition to him was that after I am gone, you know, my ideas, the way I am answering questions, it's written in books. But, you know, we need to bring it out in AI. So we are developing an AI system trained on my books. So, we have put 16 books out so far and I have another 20 books to do. So, now that he has got two books, he has got the methodology. In the April event he will demo this tool with three books, expert in three books.

What are the three books? *Breaking India*, *Being Different*, *Snakes in the Ganga*. So, these three books it will know and the idea is to ask a question and get an answer. Not an easy thing to do because these AI systems hallucinate and they keep telling you things that are not correct. They learnt it from somewhere else. So, that's another thing that we will do. And Santi is working with us

full time as a volunteer. Both of these are volunteers and they are doing this and they are both major big time AI, you know, experts in the industry, but they are doing this for us. There will be a lot of things, lot of things to share with you that weekend. The evening is more, you know, for the general audience, masses. So, we will have a large gathering of people.

And we have some gurus coming, you know and we have a lot of scholars, of course, lot of media people, some celebrities. But we also have the promise of a very important democrat coming, confirmed. We wanted it to be a very memorable, historic event and it won't be complete without my dear old friends from India coming for this. So, you are to come. Where is Kittu? He is somewhere here. So he has to come also. One thing I want to tell you, very important.

Why professor Varakhedi is so important. You know the book, *The Battle for Sanskrit* was a battle for sanskriti. And also protecting the Shringeri Maththa from being hijacked by Columbia University. Because they signed an MOU to, you know, take over. And Indians of all people had given them several millions of dollars to do this. Because Indians are easy to sell out.

They just want their name somewhere and they sell out. So, it was a very kind of highrisk thing for me to stick my neck out against all this because I am sticking my neck out against the powers that be in Shringeri Maththa, the powers that be in Columbia and all the rich people who donated.

And luckily Shringeri's Shankaracharya sided with me and he said to end all this. And he put a stop to it. And the reason that would

have been a problem is that these very Left Wing social sciences lens have replaced our siddhanta. They have become the new siddhanta, the new Mimamsa. If you think our tradition has Mimamsa for interpreting and siddhanta for arguing your case, the theoretical framework.

So, these have been put aside and totally new social sciences have come out for interpreting Sanskrit texts. So, how they interpreted Sanskrit text is through their lens and therefore, it is demeaning to us, insulting to us and yet they have done in a very sophisticated way. So our people, you know, take it and they really like it.

They think it's done very nicely because these people are very sophisticated, the way they speak. They can come to Shringeri Maththa and wear a Tilak and dhoti and do all that stuff and yet they can go to back to their home base and go and eat cheese burger and get drunk and talk about us and Sanskrit. So, they are all across the spectrum. So, this book was an important pushback to this whole thing.

And now, thanks to Professor Varakhedi, who is the head of the biggest Sanskrit university in the world, or certainly one of the biggest, thanks to his collaboration with us and the team of 10 or so Sanskrit translators that he brought, this entire book of *The Battle for Sanskrit*, has been translated into Sanskrit.

So, it will become part of the Sanskrit curriculum. Because you see, what has happened is, Sanskrit is discussed around the world in English. When they have these Sanskrit conferences on this thing or that thing, is there a caste system, what do they

think of women and all that, the discussion is not in Sanskrit. It is about Sanskrit but the discussion is in English. So, this book will train our Sanskrit scholars about what is going on in their field behind their back, and how to respond. Because this book does a purva paksha of the western approach to Sanskrit and an uttara paksha, which is our response to it

So now it is no longer for the English speaking people. We had thought of translating it into Hindi but he asked us to do it in Sanskrit. So now, the next generation of Sanskrit people will be trained to face the global discourse about Sanskrit and give an

important response. So, it will be ready, what, in the next... –It's ready now. –It is ready now.

So, this itself makes the meeting an important one because we were waiting for his approval because he is really very careful, making sure the standard is high, and he has sent it back several times to fix things, which is very good because we wanted it to be perfect. So now that he has said so, we will do it.

And we will launch it in April in a very big way when that conference is happening.





So these are some of the main things I want to tell you about. And I want to also mention my dear friend Nagesh Bhandariji. He is President and founder of Indus University, one of our most solid supporters from a very long time ago. So, we partnered with him on many things.

We partnered with him on the history of Indian science and technology; we have now set up a center for Indic studies. And so, he is also going to be there. And we hope to announce a few important initiatives with him also, which are still in the exploratory stage, but assuming that we can come up with enough substance, enough solid things, we can make those announcements. And like that there are several others.

There is my old friend Rahul. Rahul is another person you should interview if you want all the dirt on me from childhood. Because he was my neighbor in school. So, all the school boy stuff, he can tell you. He is making a film on our 30-year journey and so, he wants to interview those who know me

the longest. So, he probably knows me the longest in this room.

And then, next is Roopa. And there is Sanjana, she is our editor. She is the editor of the 16 books I have published so far. And there will be five more events, and then I have 20 more in the pipeline that have to be finished because I have been doing all this work and that has to be finished.

And we have Rahul Dewan, a dear friend. He is coming there. Rahul Sur, Madhu Kishwar. Madhu Kishwar is another one who knows me for a very long time. Daksh and Sankrant. Sankrant goes back a long time. You remember Sankrant?

In 2000, so, a quarter century has gone by and a lot has happened since then, the world has changed, totally. So, the Sulekha warrior, right. So, we need to chronicle that history. That is what we are trying to do in this 30th anniversary. And Dr. Manmohan Vaidyaji from the RSS. He has been such a strong ally and a resource for ideas every time I get a chance to spend some time with him. I love to do that because the brainstorming is

amazing and full of creative ideas. And Swapan, Swapanda is a dear friend, needs no introduction always.

And my friend Kanwal Sibal. He has helped launch a lot of our books, an amazing

resource we have. I am very glad that we got a chance to meet everyone. The Imperial Hotel will think what is this going on. Probably they never had somebody rearrange the entire hotel like this. Video.



Special Address: Bringing together the leaders & collaborators of the Hindu Renaissance!



Namaste. Here in Delhi, at the Imperial Hotel, we had a reception where we invited 50 of our best supporters, collaborators, friends and well-wishers, who have been with us for many years. And we had a nice several hours of brainstorm discussion on our journey in the past, how it shaped the Hindu Global Renaissance worldwide, why we are celebrating, why it is important to celebrate this 30th anniversary in New Jersey in April this year.

And I invited all these people and many of them are going to come. Many more have sent their good wishes through videos. It's so heartening to know that so many of the people present here have already made their reservations to come to the United States for this event. Many more are planning to do so. So it will be a grand event for sure.

Now there some important are announcements we're going to make. One is that it has been proposed in this gathering that we should bring the thinkers and intellectuals together under the Infinity Foundation banner, tie them into a thinktank. collectively centralized thinktank where everybody can do their own thinking but we can leverage each other. We can also use the video power, the film power of some people we have, very powerful people like Praveen Chaturvedi and Vivek Agnihotri and many others.

And then there are collaborators who are funding this. Like Rahul Dewan is funding a

lot of these activities in India. We had the people from OpIndia pesent. We had Madhu Kishwar from Manushi giving her support here. We had Sankrant Sanu from Garuda. We had Meenakshi Jain. We had some of the top leaders of the RSS. Tarun Vijay an MP from BJP, who has known me for a long time, was here. And of course, some great scholars like my dear old friend Kapil Kapoor.

And of course, Nagesh Bhandari from Indus University who has been a great supporter and who wants to create a center in Indus University where our work will be featured. As well as the people of Rishihood University - the Vice Chancellor himself was here -

because they're also thinking of creating a center for my school of thought at Rishihood University.

So this was a great event and a lot of energy is being built up towards our thirtieth anniversary. So I request all those who are listening to please go to our website www.rajivmalhotra.com/30th and please register. It means a lot to me. I want to see all of you at that event. I'm also turning 75. So, as the foundation is turning 30, I'm turning 75. So, it's a big milestone and let's celebrate it together and plan the next thirty years. Video.

Princeton, US Events, Day 1: Celebrating the Past and the Future

Rajiv Malhotra initiated the auspicious occasion with the lighting of the diya.



Five Landmark Volumes Celebrating the 30th Anniversary

As part of the 30th Anniversary Series, Infinity Foundation presented five landmark volumes documenting its pioneering efforts in reclaiming and redefining Indian Civilizational Studies.

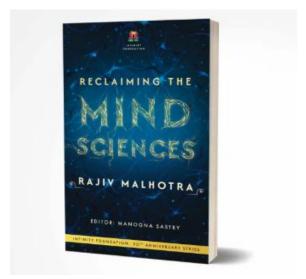
- Reclaiming the Mind Sciences edited by Manogna Sastry
- Bringing Indian Wisdom to American Schools edited by Shalini Puthiyedam and Udit Shah
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- Fighting Rama Phobia in the United States of America by Divya Reddy and Vandana Mishra
- Reviving Sanskrit: Infinity Foundation's Thirty-Year Impact by Anurag Sharma and Manogna Sastry

These volumes capture the early history of the foundation, its key intellectual battles, and its transformative impact over the last three decades.



Reclaiming the Mind Sciences

Reclaiming the Mind Sciences, edited by Manogna Sastry, chronicles the foundation's pioneering work, beginning with Malhotra's purva-paksha efforts from 1994-2001. It traces the evolution of his vision, the foundation's mission, its challenges and the milestones achieved.



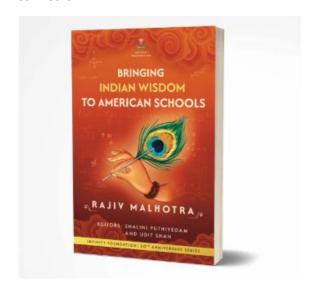
Reclaiming the Mind Sciences provides an intimate look at Malhotra as a hands-on philanthropist and thought leader who defined key problems in the Mind Sciences domain and charted a course for transformative scholarly interventions. He reflects on shaping a new intellectual movement by drawing from thousands of emails, papers, proposals, conference records, and other archival materials documenting the foundation's projects and academic provocations.

The formative years laid the groundwork for the three-volume Indian Psychology textbook series, a seminal project that helped to solidify the foundation's work. The series became a cornerstone of the foundation's legacy. Over time, Infinity Foundation has established itself as the premier organization for funding, critiquing, producing research, team building and collaborating in Indian Civilizational Studies.

The book highlights the development of the foundation's 'home team' through online networks and forums, which fostered dialogue, and refined strategies. It engagingly recounts Infinity Foundation's achievements and is a testament to the power of its vision, persistence and innovation in reclaiming Bharat's intellectual heritage.

Bringing Indian Wisdom to American Schools

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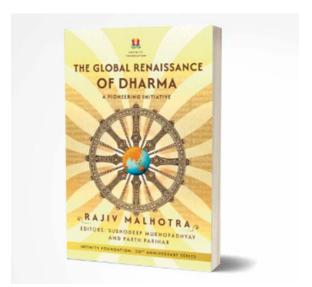
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The Global Renaissance of Dharma: A Pioneering Initiative

Infinity Foundation, under the visionary leadership of Rajiv Malhotra, has been at the forefront of cutting-edge civilizational research for three decades. This landmark book compiles the proceedings of a groundbreaking conference held in 2002 in Woodstock, USA, where some of the most eminent scholars of Hinduism, Buddhism, Indian history and social sciences, gathered

to explore how Dharma could inspire a Second Global Renaissance.

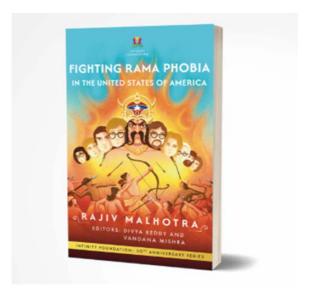


This volume of 36 papers, edited by Subhodeep Mukhopadhyay and Parth Parihar, is structured around the Mandala Framework, which includes the four gates—Inner Science, Traditional Knowledge Systems, History, and Society Today—and presents ideas that remain as relevant today as they were two decades ago.

Published for the first time as a single volume on the occasion of Infinity Foundation's Thirtieth Anniversary Series, the book offers a timeless, multi-dimensional and holistic blueprint for understanding Indic traditions. The book is essential reading for educators, policymakers, Indian Knowledge System enthusiasts and futurists.

Fighting Rama Phobia in the United States of America

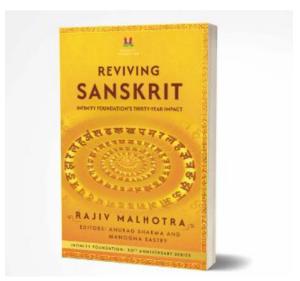
In the late 1990s, Infinity Foundation played a significant role in countering misinterpretations and distortions about the way Lord Rama is taught in American schools and presented in the media, which led to the term 'Rama Phobia'. Without the foundation's timely intervention, a wave of disinformation and harmful biases about the Ramayana would have spread unchecked, leading to grave misunderstandings and discrimination against Indians and Hinduism.



Edited by Divya Reddy and Vandana Mishra, Fighting Rama Phobia in the United States of America details the distortion of facts and extreme and misleading biases in a project sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities in the USA that aimed to teach the Ramayana to eighth-grade American students as part of a multicultural initiative. The book also features the initiatives taken by Infinity Foundation to promote and present the Ramayana accurately to the Western world. These efforts included hosting conferences, engaging with parents and the community, documenting the influence of the Ramayana and other epics on popular films like Star Wars, and examining the experiences of the Indian indentured diaspora.

Reviving Sanskrit: Infinity Foundation's Thirty-Year Impact

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Panel Discussions



There were a total of four panel discussions, each featuring distinguished luminaries from diverse walks of life who are deeply engaged in the cause of dharma and aligned with the vision and works of the Infinity Foundation and Rajiv Malhotra. The sessions were engaging and thought-provoking, often marked by passionate yet fact-based deliberations. A wide range of issues was addressed, offering fresh insights and perspectives. The audience remained deeply attentive throughout, often visibly moved and intellectually energized by the discussions.

PANEL 1: Nurturing The Banyan Tree



The first panel was **moderated by Nikunj Trivedi**, President and Co-Founder of
CoHNA, a grassroots advocacy and civil
rights organization for Hinduism in North

America, and the former Chairman and President of Hindu Students Council, one of the largest Hindu student organizations in North America, and presently serves on its Board of Trustees. The panelists were:

Suhag Shukla, Executive Director and Cofounder of the Hindu American Foundation, civil rights attorney and educator serving the Hindu American community.

Richa Sinha, Co-founder and Chairperson of the Scottish Hindu Foundation, President of the Hindu Economic Forum of Scotland and Hindu Representative on the Faith and Belief Committee of the Scottish Government. **Satish K. Sharma**, Yogacharya, Director of the InterFaith Network of the United Kingdom and Director of the Global Hindu Federation.

Sukhi Singh Chahal, head of Khalsa Group and activist supporting Hindu-Sikh unity.

Vibhuti Jha, Founder Director of 'United Consciousness,' President of Federation of Indian Industry, US chapter, and television anchor and host.

PANEL 2: Banyan Tree Branches: Intellectual Kshatriyas: Moderator



Panel 2 was **moderated by Harikiran Vadlamani**, Founder of INDICA, an institute for Indic Knowledge Systems & NICE, an organization to promote Cultural Entrepreneurship. The panelists were:

Kundan Singh, Professor at Sofia University in Palo Alto, President of the Cultural Integration Fellowship in San Francisco, and a senior fellow at the Institute for Civilization Studies in Cupertino, California.

Ragini Sharma, Founder and President of the Board of the Canadian Organization for

Hindu Heritage Education (COHHE), public speaker, writer and activist.

Sunil Sheoran, Founder and President of Clariem Inc., supporting and volunteering for dharmic organizations in various strategic and operational roles.

Sahil Aggarwal, Co-founder and CEO of Rishihood University, social entrepreneur and educationist.

PANEL 3: Decolonizing the Hindu Mind



Panel 3 was **moderated by Sankrant Sanu**, author, entrepreneur and technologist, and founder of Garuda Prakashan. The panelists were:

Archana Purushotham is a neurologist at Baylor College of Medicine and Director of the Headache Center at Houston VA. She leads Agastya Gurukulam and Svatantra Neuro Rehab, focusing on integrating Ayurveda and Yoga with neurology.

Bal Ram Singh, President of the Institute of Advanced Sciences, is a former UMass

Dartmouth professor and founder of Prime Bio Inc. and the Center for Indic Studies. He has published extensively and edits journals on science, Ayurveda and Indian philosophy.

Mohinder Gulati, Co-founder of the Global Hindu Temple Network, and formerly Chief Operating Officer at a UN organization and Retired Advisor at the World Bank.

Aditi Banerjee is an author and attorney with a deep commitment to Hindu studies.

PANEL 4: Hindus and Human Rights



Panel 4 was **moderated by Sree lyer**, an inventor, author, YouTuber and editor of PGurus. The panelists were:

Rahul Sur, Executive Director of Hindus Advancing Human Rights (HAHRI) and formerly served as UN Peacekeeping Evaluation Chief and retired IPS officer.

Omendra Ratnu, surgeon, writer and ground activist for Hindus of Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Rahul Dewan, Founder of the Sangam Talks & the Hindu Fund.

Tahir Gora Chawla, Founder of Hindu Forum Canada, an author, and CEO of TAG TV. He works to reconnect South Asian Muslims with their Sanatani roots.

This was followed by a note of thanks by Devendra Singh.

30th Anniversary Gala



Following trustee Seema Singh's address and the read-out of PM Narendra Modi's note of congratulations on the occasion of the 30-year anniversary, a documentary produced by Sangeeta Aiyar, an award-winning film maker from Canada was shown. Video.

Seema Singh

Social worker, founder of NGO Meghashrey and Infinity Foundation Trustee



Two days ago was a very proud moment for us when we received this message from the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modiji highlighting the extraordinary work of Rajiv Malhotra and the Infinity Foundation.

Although Narendra Modiji is a man of very few words, he did take the time out to write a very detailed message regarding the achievements and the contribution of Rajiv Malhotra, contributions to the Indian diaspora and to the Indian community. And today it is my honor and privilege to read this message to this entire gathering.

So, here it goes.

Prime Minister of India. Message.

"It is heartening to learn that Infinity Foundation, New Jersey has completed a remarkable journey of three decades in preserving and enriching Bharat's rich intellectual and cultural heritage. Heartiest greetings and congratulations to the Foundation, which has been one of the pioneers in this space. Due to Bharat's

phenomenal growth across multiple sectors, there is a great interest in knowing about the country, its history and heritage.

At such a time it is important that Bharatiyas, both in the motherland and outside are well equipped to communicate our knowledge with an informed and insightful perspective. In this space Shri Rajiv Malhotra's important contributions to intellectual discourse over the decades have played a significant role in developing an educated understanding of Bharatiya heritage and culture globally.

The Infinity Foundation has given an institutional impetus to Shri Malhotra's efforts by educating and nurturing new generations of thinkers who work at the intersection of intellectual rigor and civilizational confidence, especially among the Bharatiya diaspora.

Institutions like the Infinity Foundation also strengthen the connection between global Bharatiyas and their roots by encouraging younger generations to explore culture, spirituality, literature and classical arts. In a world that is increasingly searching for deeper meaning, the richness of Bharatiya thought, the celebratory spirit of our culture, our wholesome view of life and the depth of our spiritual systems can be a source of strength and solace.

I am confident that institutions like the Infinity Foundation will help in the world's engagement with Bharatiya culture with even greater vigor in the coming decades.

Once again, I extend my greetings and best wishes to the Infinity Foundation and Shri Rajiv Malhotra on the completion of 30 years of the institution. I am sure that the

celebrations on this occasion will inspire and energize the members of the foundation for the times ahead. Signed, Narendra Modi, dated 16th April 2025."

Excerpts from the documentary are produced below:

Maj Gen G. D. Bakshi, retired



You see, in 2011 Rajivji had come out with his magnum opus 'Breaking India' and I was then Deputy Director at the Vivekananda International Foundation. It was then led by - the director was - Mr. Ajit Doval, Kirti Chakra, who is presently the National Security Advisor of India for the third term running. He was extremely keen that we have this book released at the Vivekananda International Foundation, that disseminate this very, very useful, very timely warning to the entire Indian populace, to Indian intellectuals, to Indian institutions, because the threat he felt was extremely real.

Steller academic institutions like Harvard, governmental institutes, intelligence organizations missionary organizations, NGOs were launching an all-out attack against the Indic civilization and the attack at places were so subtle that we did not even

know that we were under such virulent attack.

It was Rajiv who first alerted people in India, people across the world that this kind of an across-the-board savage attack was now in place and we were not even aware of it. Rajiv has an impeccable background in information technology in the media industries and he has been warning us of what could be done by information warfare, by information technology, by the social media to bring down an entire edifice of democracy in India.

People like Rajiv Malhotra are rendering human service in the 2014 wave. Number of people have worked behind the scenes to generate that wave. And one of the most prominent of them all I would say is Rajiv Malhotra and his Infinity Foundation. Very quietly, in a very methodical way, in a very scholarly way, which could not be challenged in any academic institution, which could hold its own in the face of academic debate.

As a civilization there is a lot that we have to worry about. And not only is Rajiv Malhotra telling us to worry. He is telling us what to do about it, how to counter it.

HH Shankaracharya of Kanchi Peetham

For the past 30 years, the *Infinity Foundation*, established by *Rajiv Malhotraji*, has been working globally to uphold the dignity of *Sanatana Dharma* and to instill pride in it. Through writings, documentaries and various other media channels, it seeks to raise awareness within the Indian society about actions being taken by certain people that are contrary to the interests of *Bharat* and its culture. The Foundation organizes

numerous initiatives related to character, arts, culture and justice to convey the truths and principles of *Sanatana Dharma* to the public in a meaningful way.



To safeguard the Sanskrit language and Sanatana Sanskriti, Bharatiya Rajiv Malhotraji's ongoing efforts, both in India and abroad, are benefiting the Indian community. On the occasion of the 75th Amrit Mahotsav (Platinum Jubilee) of his birth, pray to Bhagwan Chandramoulishwar that Rajiv Malhotraji and his team, who are tirelessly dedicated to spreading the Bharatiya Rishi Parampara and Sanatana Sanskriti across the world, be blessed with divine grace, good fortune and good health.

Har Har Shankar! Jai Jai Shankar!

(Translated from original Hindi)

Swami Ramdev

For a long time—nearly two decades—I have been hearing his name. He enjoys great fame and respect across the world. He has done remarkable work in establishing *Bharatiya dharma*, philosophy, spirituality, and culture on the global stage with authenticity and a scientific spirit.

First, he studied India, then explored the world, and the insights he gained were presented in the form of books—which have now become a passion. Just consider: in about 18 countries, he created 20 companies and, taking just one symbolic dollar from each employee, dedicated all those companies in service to this mission. He has devoted his entire life to it.



This is no small feat. It means that the very purpose of his life has become the promotion of our Bharat, our Indian knowledge tradition, the thoughts of our rishis—and how to establish them firmly in the world. He has taken up this tremendous resolve with full dedication.

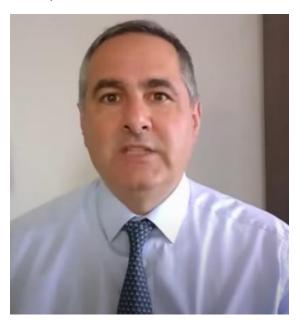
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Salvatore Babones

- American sociologist based at the University of Sydney

Most either Indic or Hindu scholars fall to one of two camps. Either they are very Indian and speaking primarily to Indians. Or, they are fully Americanized and speaking only on American terms. In their work it's written in secular American terms. Taking an approach that suffuse with Hindu faith but

nonetheless written by somebody who fully... is fully comfortable in the secular American lingo really makes Dr. Malhotra's work distinctive. Where he really sits intellectually is bringing that Hindu perspective into empirical western social science, writing on the role of religion in society and on the role of India in America.



The universities are very self-protective at epistemic communities as we call them, police their boundaries and Dr. Malhotra has been very influential in helping open up the intellectual world. Funders who simply give their money and walk away are very welcomed at universities and traditional institutions.

But they often fail to have an impact because all they do is fund the existing intellectual establishment in any particular field.

What the Infinity Foundation is doing is funding the creation of a new intellectual establishment. It's funding challenges to the intellectual establishment. It's funding high quality social sciences and humanity

research that is simply not being taken up by the existing power structures in American and western academia.

Krishnan Ramaswamy

- Scientist with a Background in psychometric research, co-author of Invading the Sacred



Rajiv's work started way before the present awakening that's happened in India. So, he was clearly one of the precursors of all of this happening. 100 years ago, Shri Aurobindo was writing about how the West gets India wrong. He showed us what the western distortions about India are. But did not show what are the mechanisms through which it's perpetuated, how it is set up, you know, how it works etc. Rajiv has done that. So, he has given you a much more detailed picture of what's happening.

What we see in the newspapers he says that this is at a retail level, at which all these things are being consumed by us and by other people. He says retailers can't just make up content of their own. I said who are the wholesalers?

He said, schools and colleges that teach the journalists, the western journalists to think this way and now I think the Indian

journalists are also thinking that way. And then he said, so, what's missing. I said, not sure. He said, well, R&D and manufacturing is missing. And he said that is the universities. When the universities send students and field workers out into India to gather data, to observe things etc. they are doing R&D and then they are, out of that R&D, they are manufacturing whatever they want, whatever their narrative is, and those are put into text books. And when the reporter has already read some of these things about India, he is framing India from a particular point of view. So, he had the whole thing figured out.

R Jagannathan

- Journalist and Chairman of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC)



Rajiv is... has been so deeply influential among people who are otherwise contributing their own thoughts and ideas. So, in a sense his influence has been in the area of determining the thoughts of people who generally are in the thought leadership space, writers, journalists or intellectuals.

I think that is where he has had maximum impact and the kind of impact he has had is

difficult to calculate because that is the spread effect. So, when we talk about Rajiv Malhotra's ideas to other people then it gets cascaded to 100s and 1000s of people again.

The word intellectual Kshatriya, which he invented is probably very vital because that helps you decide the contours of what kind of ideological stance make sense from an Indic and a dharmic perspective. You are in many ways my intellectual hero because I think a lot of my own thoughts got clarified by reading your books.

Pandit Satish Sharma

 Hindu philosopher, Dharmic intellectual, yog acharya and Dharma Sam-Rakshak (Custodian of Dharma) awardee by the Council Of Hindu Swami's & Saints in Rishikesh in March of 2018



Being Different is probably the one that I first encountered Rajivji's work. But more

importantly what I encountered was a framework, which allowed me to understand what the cacophony that was inside of us, what its roots were, where it came from.

And obviously, *Breaking India* is a natural consequence of discovering who you are and then, when I read through the book, suddenly the gaps that we were aware of were showed, one by one, and a complete picture appeared the way it was, who was responsible for the discord within us and also within the nation - the battle that Rajivji had been fighting and it was clear that it was a battle that was being fought.

Colonialist academia is a goliath and it's quite a frightening one and so for a lone person to be challenging this goliath was an inspirational... an example to all of us.

I often say that our tradition is a rishi tradition. And, you know, we have our shlokas, asato maa sat gamaya, you know, allow me to see into the depth of what satya is and his works stand as a testimony that here is a person who has been able to see in the depth of satya in many instances.

So, we organized an event that was in the British Parliament and the parliamentary event was a phenomenon, and it takes courage for people to go into the British Parliament and start the conversation about reparations. So, we had a wonderful event, full House and plenty of parliamentarians who came and it was a masterclass.

When I look at Rajivji's collection of books that he has produced, there is such a stockpile of raw material, which is available to help equip those people who are now engaged in bringing about the change. And genuinely, we have been in the presence of a modern-day rishi. He saw deeper than any of us have seen.

Dr. Sonal Mansingh

- Dancer and former Member of Rajya Sabha



Rajiv is one of his kind and I wish there were more. Rajiv's fearless arguments against those who run it down, who are always running things down and it's like that. And he is saying... thumbing the nose, take this, take this, take this.

So, his books, big, big, thick books, he is cutting arguments also of the so-called scholars and what's her name Doniger and Philip and Susan and whoever, whoever. I think nobody has given them back like Rajiv has. And people must read his books, his work to understand what Sanatana is. Very often gold has to go through fire so that the gross falls off and the ore comes shining.

That's how I see Rajiv's work, like, you know, Shankaracharya did in his own time.

Vivekananda to some extent. The meaning of Rajiv is lotus, LOTUS. And lotus grows out of mud. So from all the muddy waters of anti-Sanatana, anti-Hindu, bla, bla, bla, he has come up like a lotus. And I am sure that lotus will have the sun, the sun of *gyan* shining on him for a long, long time.

Joel Finkelstein

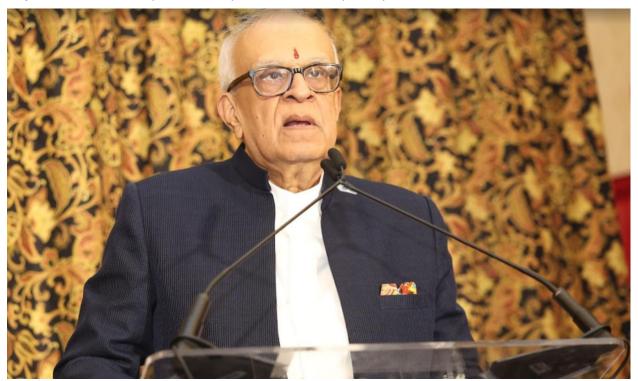
 AI Expert and cognitive scienctist who has done pioneering research on Hinduphobia.



I am a neuro scientist who really loves to think deeply about these issues. In meeting someone like Rajiv I met somebody who was doing this for years before I was born.

He has been able to raise a generation of leaders in his... that have come under his umbrella and has within his perception the kernel of a vision for the future of Hindu life that is more active, that is more action-oriented, and seeks Hindus and the rest of the world to take responsibility, to be handson about the problems they have to solve.

Rajiv Malhotra's important keynote address | Banyan Tree Initiative



Rajiv Malhotra started the discussion with his vision of establishing a Satvik Standard Board to compete with the existing halal industry. He said that nearly all Indian restaurants in New Jersey, Indian Railways, and Indian airlines serve only halal food due to community pressure, with no equivalent counter-pressure or standard from the Indian community. Even products from Indian brands like Patanjali often carry a halal certification. To address this, a Satvik Foundation has been launched in New Jersey, spun off from the India-based Akshay Patra food distribution program, which provides three million meals daily to schoolchildren. This foundation aims to serve satvik meals to American school and college children free of charge, with the ultimate goal of creating a formal satvik standard.

He moved on to talk about his background, having transitioned from a physicist to a computer scientist and then, a Dharma scholar. Explaining how his thinking evolved over the years, he said, "There are certain lifelong questions I have had, which are now culminating, which actually drove all the investigations I did, all the fights, all the arguments, they all came from a certain metaphysical foundation and I am developing a school of thought based on that."

He discussed the philosophical interplay of causation, algorithms and karma. Physics and science, in general, focus on causation, modeling how the universe operates through mathematical algorithms, which can be seen as "nature's algorithms" or "laws of physics." Computer science, similarly, is the study of algorithms.

"While causation is limited to things of our sensory perceptions", he said, "karma goes beyond causation and also has things in it that are not necessarily sensory, obvious, like reincarnation. Karma goes across life boundaries. So, karma is a metaphysics that goes... that takes all of causation and goes beyond it." Karma, therefore, is also a form of causation, but it extends beyond sensory perceptions to include non-sensory aspects like reincarnation, thus transcending life boundaries.

A core idea explored is the tension between algorithmic behavior and free will. The more algorithmically predictable an individual's behavior, the less free will they possess. Conversely, exercising more freedom makes algorithmic modeling more difficult. While the cosmos is largely algorithmic due to the laws of physics, there is also something beyond the material cosmos. Similarly, individuals are algorithmic to a large extent (e.g., bodily processes), which medical science leverages for treatments and predictions. However, there's also a nonalgorithmic, transcendental aspect to human beings, as taught by movements like the transcendental movement and Art of Living, which aim to move individuals beyond the bondage of predictive behavior.

He explained his approach to combating academic injustices, biases, Hinduphobia and Breaking India Forces, including various phobias such as Sanskrit phobia, guru phobia, swastika phobia, Brahmin phobia and Ram phobia. His 30 years of work in this area are summarized in recently published books. Rather than viewing these as separate battles, he spoke of these works as attempts to reverse-engineer the

opponent's algorithm. Understanding the underlying algorithms of Hinduphobia or other biases allows for the development of a more sophisticated response algorithm. This technique is likened to purva-paksha in traditional Indian thought, where one thoroughly understands the opponent's arguments and their underlying reasoning. The uttara-paksha is then the counterargument, or one's own algorithm to defeat the opponent. This approach has been used to identify the algorithms behind biases concerning issues like sati, dowry and misogyny, including their funding and reasoning. The goal is to train an army of Intellectual Kshatriyas who can understand and effectively counter these algorithms, not through insults, but through well-reasoned arguments.

The Infinity Foundation's 30-year history approximately 400 different includes activities related to school system issues, academic issues and government policy, of which 100 significant ones have been summarized in five volumes that were being offered for free at the event. He contrasted this work with that of most philanthropists who fund existing academic narratives and institutions, arguing that such funding merely perpetuates the status quo without making a real impact. The Infinity Foundation, instead, challenges existing narratives and creates counter-arguments, often facing cancellation for promoting genuine freedom of speech and thought. Its success lies in building a critical mass of followers trained in its algorithms and frameworks.

Rajiv highlighted several areas of significant impact, including on gurus, which could be

considered IF's number one success. Thirty years ago, many Hindu temples and gurus in the US were reluctant to engage with controversial topics, preferring to avoid criticism. But Rajiv has always been highly vocal about the need to engage for the purpose of dharma. "The itihas, the Mahabharata and Ramayana is all God himself coming and engaging social, political issues and fighting. So, if you don't want to do that then what is the Mahabharata for? And the whole...all these shastras, all these, different you know, treatises, Dharmashastras, they are all about this. So, arthashastras, they are about social, political issues and that was the Indian social sciences. That was the Indian social sciences in those days. Indian social science and humanities."

So, as parents sought help for problems their children faced in schools related to, for example, the negative stereotypes about Hindu practices, gurus gradually realized the need to address modern narratives. He recounted how his involvement, initially requested by followers, led to many gurus, suspicious, becoming understanding that his work aligns with the traditional role of Dharma in addressing social and political issues, as seen in texts like the Mahabharata and the Dharmashastras. Swami Dayananda Saraswati was specifically acknowledged as an early and consistent supporter of this engaged approach.

He also spoke of the impact IF has had on the government, noting a shift from the earlier reluctance of the Indian embassy to engage with his work to the current scenario where figures like Ajit Doval (National Security Advisor), even before his current position,

publicly launching his books and recognizing the importance of such work for national security.

The third area of impact is on other intellectuals, many of whom are now aligned with his work, forming a large community of scholars. Finally, and most importantly for him, is the impact on youth, with hundreds of thousands organizing activities based on his work.

He then paid tribute to various groups present, embodying the "Banyan Tree" metaphor – different organizations with their unique roots and histories, yet interconnected, sharing, nurturing and collectively becoming stronger. Forty-five groups are mentioned, including:

- Sudhatmaji and others from the Arsha
 Vidya Gurukulam (from Swami
 Dayananda Saraswati's ashram)
- Guru Vayurappan, the official representative of the Shankaracharya of Kanchi
- Rama Shankar, close to the Sringeri Maththa, who facilitated intervention to prevent Columbia University from misrepresenting Adi Shankara's legacy. Signing an MOU with Columbia before doing purvapaksha or due diligence on it would have been a costly mistake, but this was averted when he convinced the Shankaracharya to cancel the deal. \$4 million dollars had been raised for the project, similar to other such programs where rich Indians funded India studies in America without due diligence, resulting in continued misrepresentation of the religions and

- culture of India by American academics.
- Maharishi organization (for Transcendental Meditation practice)
- Art of Living, represented by long-time friend Ruby (Rajiv has been a practitioner of Sudarshan Kriya and Shri Shri has been a strong ally)
- Shri Aurobindo Yoga Foundation (Rajiv recently co-authored a book defending Shri Aurobindo against Ken Wilber's misrepresentation)
- Radha Goswami Hare Krishna temple and their Satvik Foundation, with leader and strong ally Madhu Pandit Das, who is building the world's tallest statue (of Shri Krishna)
- ISKCON (represented by Madan Gopal Das) was mentioned, with Rajiv recalling his past visits for Prasad and Prabhupada's witty responses regarding brainwashing and the caste system, emphasizing competence over birth within the movement).
- BAPS, whose overwhelming support has often led to space constraints at events.
- Tibetan Buddhists
- Jain temple (represented by Mihir Bhai and facilitated by Sampat)
- Khalsa group (represented by Sukhi Chahal, who promotes Hindu-Sikh unity)
- Hindu Jewish coalition (represented by Raghu Rao and Michael Feldstein)

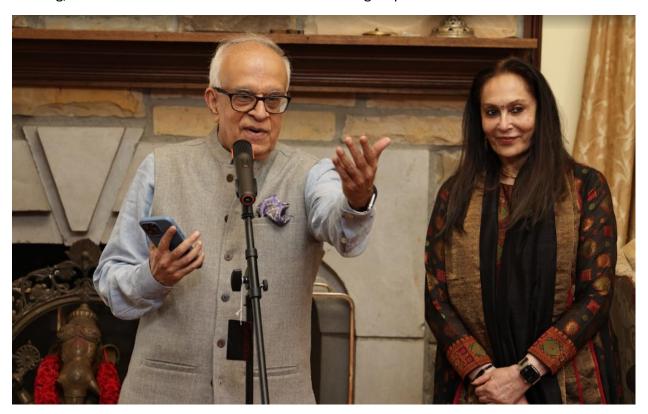
- Nagesh Bhandariji, head of Indus University and a top sponsor of the Infinity Foundation, with whom Rajiv is discussing a joint center to create a Dharma Index. This index aims to evaluate companies, products, institutions and individuals based on a Dharma framework, allowing selfevaluation according to indigenous criteria rather than solely Western ones.
- Rishihood University, with whom discussions are underway to create a center for the speaker's emerging school of thought, turning their accumulated knowledge and frameworks into a formal curriculum (MA or undergraduate level).
- Sunil Shoren and Bharati, who plan to turn the Intellectual Kshatriya workshops into a marketable course.
- Professor Varakedi, Vice Chancellor of Sanskrit University, who helped translate Rajiv's book, The Battle for Sanskrit, into Sanskrit, enabling a critique of Western Sanskrit studies in the language itself.

He also mentioned many other friends, allies and well-wishers, thanking them all for their support.

<u>Video</u>.

Princeton, US Event: Featuring 20 Intellectual Kshatriyas

Rajiv Malhotra greets the guests he is hosting at his house. Over the years, his work has inspired and encouraged many intellectual kshatriyas across the world, working in various capacities. This evening, he asks them to introduce themselves to the group.



Tahir Gora Chawla, a Pakistani Hindu from Muslim family, explains how liberal Muslims are far worse than mullas because of their duplicity. He is working to awaken desi Muslims about their Hindu ancestry.

Dr Omendra Ratnu has done path-breaking work overseeing the immigration of 15,000 Pakistani Hindus into India. He described how these families were subject to random unceasing low-level scattered violence (RULLS) and how underage Hindu girls were routinely picked up by jihadis for conversion and worse.

Rahul Sur, retired from the UN, filed, along with 60 other complainants including

Muslims, ex-Muslims, Christians and Sikhs, a petition before the UN human rights council about the genocide of Hindus Christians and Sikhs in Pakistan under Article 2 of genocide commission. This genocide has been described as a drip-drip genocide, continued over many years. What they are asking for is an international criminal tribunal like in the case of Rwanda and former Yugoslavia.

Sukhi Chahal, gave up his career to pursue Hindu Sikh unity, against khalistanis who are actually harming Sikhs. He expressed great concern about the rampant conversion in Punjab. Richa Sinha is a dentist in Scotland, and the Hindu representative in the Scottish government. She has done very good work in preparing and bringing a Hinduphobia bill in the country.

Pandit Satish Sharma talked about the importance of the narrative warfare that

Rajiv exposed and tried to fight that we must continue. American diaspora is the best positioned to take the fight forward. He made a request to all present to join the fight directly, and if unable to stick their neck out, to support those who are doing it. Because this will come back to hurt us all and nobody will be spared.



Mohinder Gulati has done important work in tracking the woke movement in the World Bank. Based on the red flag raised by Rajiv Malhotra and fearing that the DEI criteria may include all kinds of prejudices in regular activities of the bank, particularly making caste sensitivity a criterion for advancing he took up the issue with loans, representatives of all 192 countries. Ultimately, Equality Labs' training program for the World Bank was killed. He is also doing very important work on Hindu temples by creating a global Hindu temples network to be able to immediately share credible information, create awareness and create a platform for collective coordinated action. The goal is to create a micro level ecosystem of temple volunteers and also giving them an intellectual foundation. So, when the jihad starts anywhere, the first response will be from the concerned local community and they will be equipped to stand up and fight before the state intervenes, which it doesn't always do because it is unwilling, unable or complicit.

Shree Aiyar is a scientist and innovator, now serving dharma full time. He has a popular YouTube channel that he is expanding into several languages with the goal of showcasing current affairs and other issues that affect Hindus.

Kundan Singh is a college professor fighting school system biases and colonization, he has been nurtured and inspired by Rajiv Malhotra. One of the first people he took on was Angana Chatterjee, professor at the California Institute of Integral studies. Along with Krishna Maheshwari, he wrote a book called Making Children Hinduphobic, which takes issues to the parents of Indian American children. The book was published by Infinity Foundation. An academically researched book Colonial Discourse and the Suffering of Indian American Children came after that.

Ragini Sharma said how Rajiv Malhotra has provided the tools, frameworks and vocabulary to defend dharma on our own terms and also provided the inspiration with everything that he has done and achieved over the last few decades.

Aditi Banerjee is a legal student from Yale, currently a trustee of the Infinity Foundation. She explained the role Rajiv Malhotra played in understanding youth issues and dealing with them.

Sankrant Sanu was a top Microsoft techie who quit because he wanted to do something more. He moved on to found Garuda Publications so Hindus would have greater options to disseminate their viewpoint.

Suhag Shukla was concerned about Hindus in America and inspired by Rajiv Malhotra, she launched the education and advocacy organization Hindu American Foundation (HAF) 23 years ago. Its education efforts include improving K through 12 curricula, with impact in 8 states. They have a training program where they educate public school education teachers and administrators on how to teach about Hinduism in a more accurate and representative manner. Advocacy efforts deal with issues people are facing as Hindu Americans. She said clearly that while the woke issue is one side of it,

Christian nationalism is also an issue, which they have taken on, including fighting inimical legislation, such as Christian indoctrination and the institutionalization of caste.

Sunil Sheoran, a management consultant, talked about developing an intellectual kshatriya course in Toronto that can then be scaled up through a course and certification. He fondly recalled the many spiritual discussions with Rajiv Malhotra.

Rahul Dewan, founder of Sangam Talks, is a very successful entrepreneur, now fully into dharma. He finances many organizations in India through his Hindu Network Foundation, including ex-Muslim YouTube channels, *ghar wapasi* movements and other organizations.

Doctor Nagesh Bhandari: Surgeon by profession, founded the Indus University 19 years ago, which is run by his wife. They employ 15 full timer people for Indic studies. He has been one of the largest, most consistent donors, and is a big part of the IF story. He has made a 1-hour documentary on Kumbh Mela.



Manogna Sastry said that controversy can at times be a good thing, as she finds in the work she is doing at Infinity Foundation: choosing non-trivial projects with ground-breaking impact. The research at IF

generates the frameworks that are instrumental in analyzing the kurukshetra and the toolkits that others can use.

Shalini P.V. talked about the absence of thinktanks for modern times, studying the western terminology and institutions with a Hindu or Dharmic lens. She explained how Infinity Foundation has been built to do just that. It is engaged in studying the kurukshetra, developing the vocabulary and understanding the opponents of dharma to determine what we can do to counter them.



Vandana Mishra said how Rajiv Malhotra helped her discover her swadharma. She is currently picking each idea in his Sanskrit non-translatables and finding the context in the kathas related to Ramayana, puranas or Vedas. The first course she developed along these lines was taught to Hindu teenagers and their parents in the U.S., and much appreciated by them.

Anurag Sharma introduced himself as a graduate from IIT Bombay with a job in

British Petroleum and studying to become an IAS officer. Coming from a traditional acharya family, he had issues with the history being taught. And in his quest to find like-minded people, he discovered a YouTube video where Rajiv Malhotra was arguing with a history professor. This ultimately led him to quit his job to join Infinity Foundation, where he is currently looking after the translations of Rajiv's work into Hindi and Sanskrit.





Subhodeep Mukhopadhyay explained how he grew up thinking of himself as an atheist, but the definition changed when he started reading *Being Different*. There he discovered that God is not the same as Ishwara and dharma is not the same as religion, ultimately leading him to change the way he describes himself as who rejects the idea of God and religion but accepts the Vedas as Shabda Pramana. As an engineer and MBA, he could appreciate the data, frameworks and vocabulary in both *Being Different* and *Breaking India* to understand the world around us. Video.

Way Forward

For three decades, Infinity Foundation has stood at the forefront of civilizational studies, steadfastly applying the Dharma lens to examine a wide spectrum of subjects—from philosophy and education to geopolitics and culture.

Under the visionary guidance of Rajiv Malhotra who single-handedly spearheaded this movement when none existed, the Foundation has blazed a trail of intellectual and cultural renaissance. Rajiv has, over the years, essayed many distinguished roles — as an award-winning public intellectual, pioneering author, acclaimed scholar, and thought leader, shaping discourse across continents.





This celebration marks not only the recognition of Infinity Foundation's many achievements—some of which are captured in the five commemorative volumes—but also the enduring vitality of its mission under the guidance of Rajiv.

IF's initiatives have inspired numerous movements, countered global misrepresentations of Hinduism, addressed Hinduphobia, and emphasized the necessity of challenging Western universalism through a Dharmic framework. Yet, this is only the beginning. We do not rest on past laurels—the journey continues, with greater resolve and vision for the years and decades ahead.