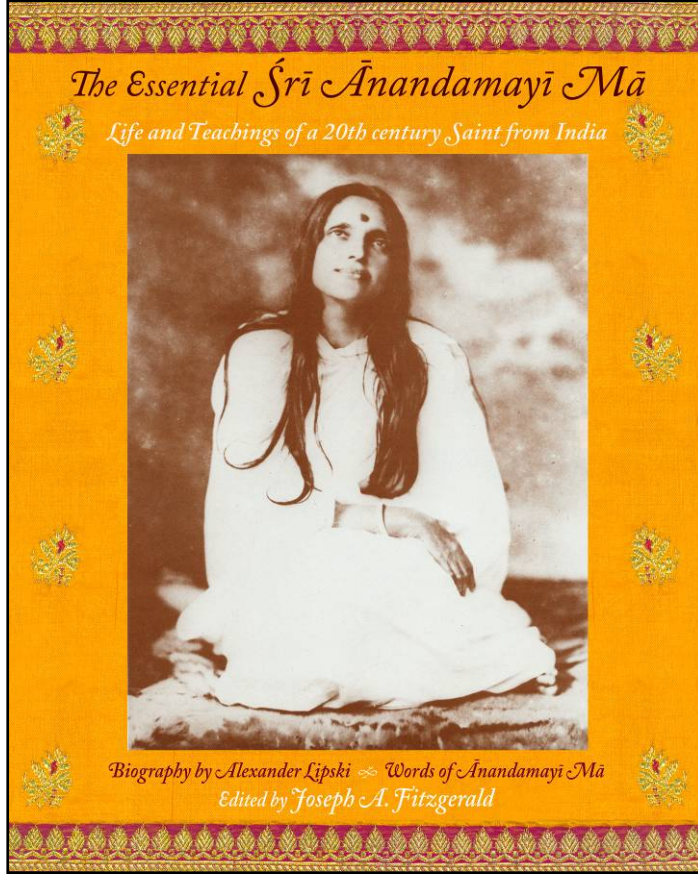


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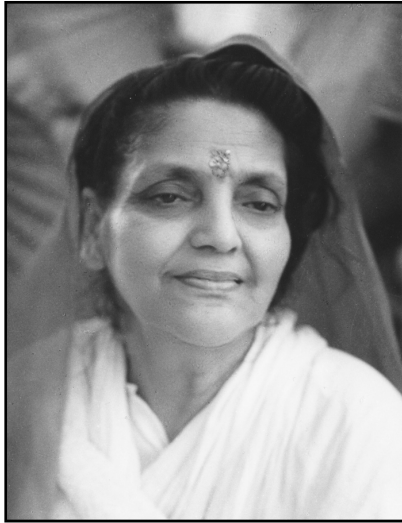
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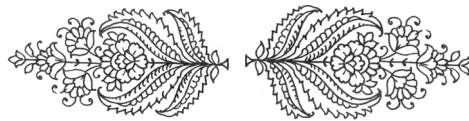
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## *About Sri Anandamayi Ma*



Anandamayi Ma (1896-1982) was one of the great Hindu saints of the 20th century. She was born in present-day Bangladesh. As a person of remarkable piety, sanctity, and wisdom, she came to the notice of both simple people and famous figures of India. During her long life, Anandamayi Ma traveled a great deal and assisted in the building or establishment of numerous *ashrams* and places of worship. Although born into a family that worshiped Vishnu, she became a devotee of Shiva. Her beatific presence and words of wisdom won her many followers and spread her renown. Many of Anandamayi Ma's sayings were written down and recorded in books.



### *Extract from the Text on the Life of Anandamayi Ma*

"How is one to deal with the personality of someone who defies all categorization, so dear to the western analytic mind? Her devotees to this day wonder who She really is. Learned disquisitions have been written analyzing various possibilities. Is She a God-intoxicated mystic? Is She an *avatara*? Is She the Absolute Itself? . . . Is She a manifestation of the Divine Mother? The Italian devotee Miriam Orr, concludes: 'Mother is not a human being like all the others. She is Divine Light clad in a human form.'"

### *About the Author of the Biography*

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## *Praise for Anandamayi Ma*

“Sri Ma Anandamayi today is widely recognized as a personality of great spiritual eminence. She was the embodiment of a joyous self-sufficiency, which enraptured the hearts of all who came near her.”

— **Bithika Mukerji**, Co-author of *My Days with Ma Anandamayi*

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“She is like the Ganges -Her very touch purifies.”

— **Swami Vijayananda**

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