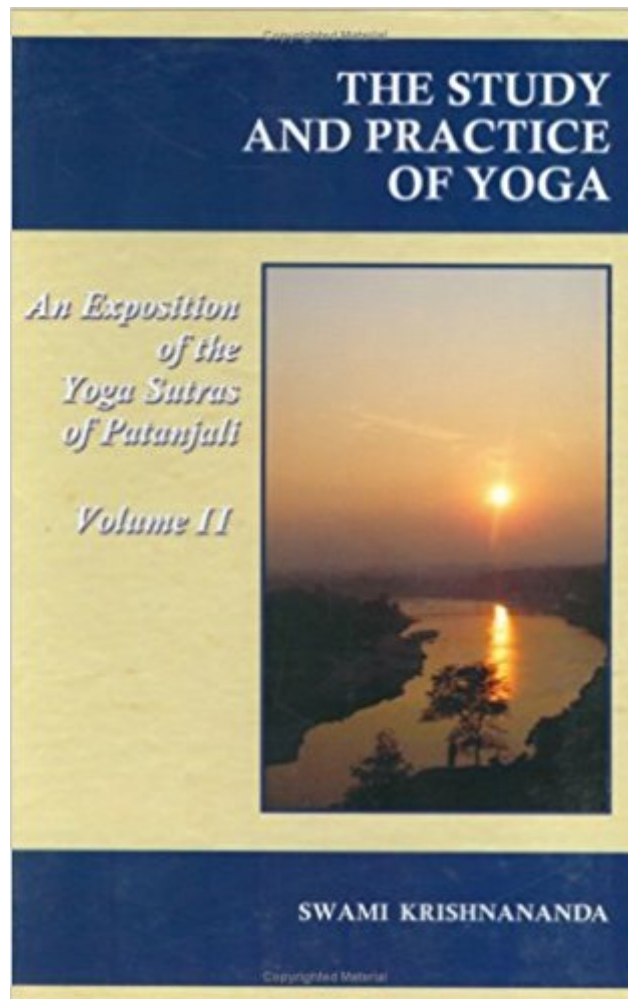


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This is some of the wisest, simplest, most practiced and experienced, astute, clear, humane, and

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