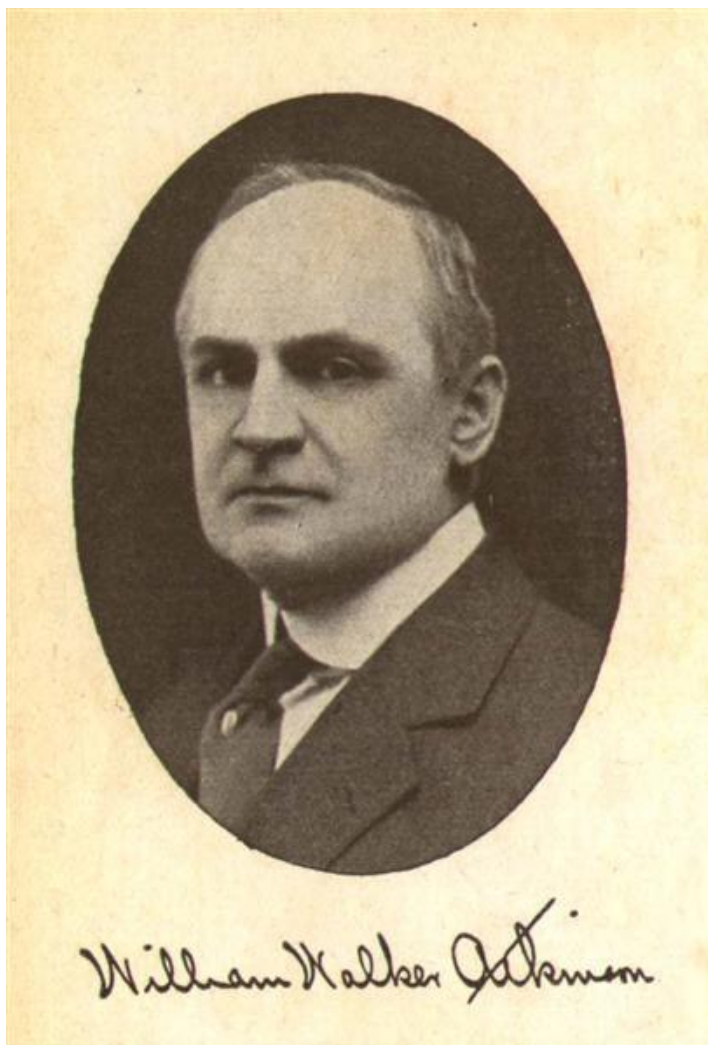


## Yogi Ramacharaka

Yogi Ramacharaka's books were among the first I ever bought and read from cover to cover. There was no reference to who this person actually was. One day, though, I somewhere read his real name was **Atkinson**, and it said he was **born in Hull, England**. That was it. I had to do with it. That was no real drama, of course, for I had bought the books because of their contents.

One day in late 1999, more than 29 years later, while surfing the Internet, I landed on the [Yoga Research and Education Center](#), where it was said that, according to Georg Feuerstein, "this Ramacharaka was not an actual person. The name was the pseudonym of two people—William Warren Atkinson, who had left his law practice in **Chicago** to practice Yoga, and his teacher Baba Bharata."

Now that intrigued me a bit, for now I had two kinds of information. I wrote an e-mail to him and asked him whether he had any knowledge about the possibility of Ramacharaka being born in Hull, England. He did not.



So I screwed up my courage a bit and on 9th December 1999 I wrote a letter to the City Council of Hull and asked them whether there was any reference to Atkinson in their files. According to [Mr J G Watkins](#), BA, the Genealogist & Publications Officer of the Hull Libraries, the correct name is **William Walker Atkinson**, and for this Mr Watkins refers to the British Museum Catalogue of Printed Books (see next page). According to the census, there was no-one called William W Atkinson born in Hull, England. The enclosed photocopy of the books William W Atkinson had published shows a publisher in **Chicago**.

## Family History Unit

Our Ref: FH852/1

17<sup>th</sup> January 2000

### WILLIAM WALKER ATKINSON

Your letter to the Hull Register Office dated 9th December 1999 has been passed to me.

The correct name of this person is William Walker Atkinson; many of his publications are listed in the British Museum Catalogue of Printed Books (copy enclosed).

Beyond that, I'm sorry to say, I can not help you. We have a complete list of all the residents of the UK at the time of the 1881 census, but I'm sorry to have to tell you that, according to the census, there was no-one called William W Atkinson born in Hull. There were only two people called William W Atkinson born in the whole of the Yorkshire region: one who was born Leeds 1863 and was a Private in the 84<sup>th</sup> Regiment based at Tanshelf in 1881, and the other who was 7 years old and was born in Whitby, the son of a Whitby jet worker. I don't think that either of these can be your Yogi.

Please let me know if you do ever find out anything about his Hull origins. We would like to claim him!

Yours sincerely,

(signature)

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Apart from some books in Dutch, one of my books is called "Gnani Yoga", and at its back it advertises "*The Secret of Mental Magic*" by William W Atkinson. The list I got from Mr Watkins mentions that title. This means that besides publishing under the name "Yogi Ramacharaka", Atkinson also published under his own name. He has even co-operated with a man called Edward E. Beals ("*The Personal Power Books*", 12 vol., 1992)

My English Ramacharaka books are all published by L. N. Fowler & Co., London. All of them have a Publishers' Notice, written by The Yogic Publication Society. And that's it. Then, all of a sudden, I noticed I had one more Dutch title. It also mentions that Publishers' Notice. And at the bottom it says: **The Yogi Publication Society, Chicago**, April 1906.

So in all probability Mr Feuerstein's information seems to be almost correct. It might come down to this: "The name *Ramacharaka* was the pseudonym of two people—William Walker Atkinson, who had left his law practice in **Chicago** to practice Yoga, and his teacher Baba Bharata."

Nevertheless, I would be happy if some of my readers could tell me the present (e-mail) address of the Yogi Publication Society in Chicago. If they don't have any information on Yogi Ramacharaka, then who does?

23 May 2000, four months later. The answer to the previous question came in late at night - in fact, almost at midnight. Some nice person, called Bob and hailing from the south side of Chicago and now living in Switzerland, mentioned to me an URL that contained the missing information on Yogi Ramacharaka's life. And the owner of that site, Thorne Palmer, knew the snail mail address of the Yogi Publication Society: P.O. Box 600190 , Jacksonville, FL 32260. And no, no telephone and no e-mail. Just pen and paper. :-)

Now read the final conclusion of our story.

This information about the Ramacharaka/Atkinson connection was provided by Yoga Publications.

Dear Friend,

It is regrettable that no biographical works exist on Yogi Ramacharaka at all, and we find it most surprising that the two men who wrote the books attributed to him failed to write about the man himself.

Ramacharaka was born in India in about the year 1799. He set forth at an early age to educate himself and to seek a better philosophy for living. Travelling throughout the East almost always on foot, he visited the depositories of books available. The primary places where libraries were open to him were lamaseries and monasteries, although with the passing of time some private libraries of royalty and of wealthy families were also thrown open to him.

In about the year 1865, after many years of searching and many visits to the lonely high places where he could fast and meditate, Ramacharaka found a basis for his philosophy. At about this same time, he took as a pupil, Baba Bharata, who was the eight year old son of a Brahmin family. Together teacher and pupil retraced the steps of the teacher's earlier travels, while Ramacharaka indoctrinated the boy with his philosophy.

In 1893, feeling that his life was drawing to a close, Ramacharaka sent his pupil forth to carry their beliefs to the new world. Arriving in Chicago where the World Columbian Exposition was in progress, Baba Bharata was an instant success. He lectured before enthusiastic audiences from all parts of the world who were visiting the Fair, attracting a considerable following in the process. Many wished him to start a new religion - but he felt only the drive to write on the subject which he lectured on so effectively.

After the close of the Fair, Baba Bharata attempted to write on these subjects in the newspapers and magazines of the day. Having no talent for writing, he was not able to put into written word those thoughts which he could speak so clearly on.

In the closing years of the 1800's, Baba Bharata became acquainted with William Walker Atkinson, an English author who had written along similar lines and whose books had been published by ourselves and by our London connection, L.N. Fowler & Company Ltd.

The men collaborated and with Bharata providing the material and Atkinson the writing talent, they wrote the books which they attributed to Yogi Ramacharaka as a measure of their respect. The very fact that after all these years their books are well known around the world and sell better with every passing year is a credit, too, to the two men who wrote the books.

- Yoga Publication Society

16 June 2000 - Well, I thought this was the final conclusion. I was wrong. The more information I added to this "investigation", the more replies I got. I already mentioned Bob from Switzerland and Thorne Palmer (see above). There was also Mr Allister Hardiman from Australia, who sent me Atkinson's photo. And now there is [Mr Khalil Abdullah](#) from California. E-mail, what a wonderful invention! It resulted in his sending me seven photocopies. Though I now can elaborate on the person of Atkinson, the information throws another veil of mystery on Ramacharaka himself at the same time.

Let me first tell you about the biographical/critical sources of these photocopies:

1. [Certification of Death of Mr William Walker Atkinson](#) (see last page)  
This is a true copy of the official record filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County/Clerk.  
Now we are sure he was American. But it also proves that the information from the Yoga Publication Society is not that accurate... So, what are we actually dealing with?
2. *Encyclopedia of Occultism and Parapsychology*, 2nd edition, Detroit, Gale Research Co., 1984-1985.
3. *Who was Who in America*, Volume I: 1897-1942, Marquis, 1973.
4. *Religious Leaders of America*, First Edition, Gordon Melton, 1991- ISBN0-8103-4921-3.
5. *New Age Encyclopedia*, First Edition, Melton/Clark/Kelly, 1990 - ISBN 0-8103-7159-6.
6. *Contemporary Authors*, Volume 120, Gale Research Company, 1987 - ISBN 0-8103-1920-9.

The story goes like this...

William Walker Atkinson was born December 5, 1862, in Baltimore, Maryland. He died November 22, 1932, in California. For the causes of his death, see the death certificate.

In October 1889 he married Margaret Foster Black of Beverley, New Jersey. They had two children.

He pursued a business career from 1882 to 1894. In 1894 he was admitted as an attorney to the Bars of Pennsylvania. His profession as a lawyer was not easy and the stress soon took its toll. After some years he experienced a nervous breakdown. He looked for healing and around 1900 he found it with *New Thought*, with its major centre in Chicago. He moved to Chicago and became as well an active promoter of the movement as an editor and author. In 1900 he worked as an associate editor of *Suggestion*, a New Thought journal. He then met Sydney Flowers, the well-known New Thought publisher and businessman and teamed up with him. From 1901 to 1905 he edited Flowers' *New Thought* magazine. Meanwhile he also founded his own Psychic Club and the so-called Atkinson School of Mental Science. Both were located in the same building as Flowers' Psychic Research Company and New Thought Publishing Company. [ Atkinson is also said to have been a former "Golden Dawn" chief and the author (or one of three) of the so-called *Kybalion* (1908). Due to lack of information, I cannot elaborate on this - and besides, it would be a bit too far off-track. ]

As an editor and author Atkinson wrote two comprehensive libraries of metaphysical books. One was published under his own name and treated New Thought subjects. These books became very popular and influential among New Thought devotees and practitioners. The other one was published under his pen name Yogi Ramacharaka - though some sources mention Swami Ramacharaka, which I assume as wrong, since none of the books I have bears that name. While performing his New Thought editor job, Atkinson got interested in Hinduism. The cause of this interest must have come from somewhere. We will discuss this in a few moments. He started writing these books in 1903. In that year, he was also admitted to the Bars of Illinois, which means he did not leave that part of his life aside. If we assume that he also practised himself what he preached, then that must have helped him quite a lot to strengthen his nervous system. He wrote about 13 books under this pseudonym. They were published by the Yogi Publication Society in Chicago and reached more people than his New Thought works did. In fact, all his books on yoga are still reprinted today.

Beginning 1916 he started writing articles for Elizabeth Towne's magazine *The Nautilus*, and from 1916 to 1919 he edited the journal *Advanced Thought*.

In addition to all this, he wrote several books on psychology-related topics such as mind power, self-healing, mental fascination, and popular occultism.

Atkinson's books on yoga were so well written that even people in India started

quoting Ramacharaka as an authority on the subject. Our sources, however, tell us that, despite it, this is not the case: they are, so we read, but ingenious and skilfully assembled compilations from other works. [ Nothing new under the sun. Just compare Hathapradipika, Shiva Samhita, Gheranda Samhita, and Goraksha Shatakam with one another... ] Despite his being a so-called authority, he never founded a yoga centre or a Hindu movement or group. Perhaps that was a way to retain his anonymity as an American...

Now, how about this Ramacharaka person? Did he really exist? I can't tell for sure. But it is a bit strange that only the Yoga Publication Society in Chicago mentions the story of Yogi Ramacharaka and Baba Bharata. None of the sources mentioned above do - despite the fact they do know quite a lot about Atkinson. While searching the Internet, however, I found one book that mentions his name, but I do not have enough information to draw any conclusions. His name is mentioned together with some of the well-know names of the Theosophical Society. I wonder what - if anything at all - is in their archives...

At the time the above mentioned World Columbian Exposition took place, Swami Vivekananda arrived to attend the World Parliament of Religions (1893). He stayed in the United States to lecture and tour the country, and it would stand to reason that our friend Atkinson attended his lectures, for after all, Vivekananda was *the* source for Hinduism and yoga. Baba Bharata was visiting the Fair too. Mere coincidence?

I cannot say whether Yogi Ramacharaka was a real person or just a figment of someone's creative imagination - and in the latter case, quite probably Atkinson's. Or was it the Yoga Society's, so as to make things look a bit more exotic and attractive? After all, they were/are a publishing society...

If it was Atkinson's, then I for one wonder why someone, writing so well on the topic of yoga, does not honour the virtue of Satya or truthfulness, and leaves people from all over the globe, but especially those from India, under the impression that this Ramacharaka was a real person. You can call me a hair-splitter, but then I'd like to kindly advise you to (re)study the Yamas and ponder on the concept of Maha-Vrata, the Great Vow (Yogasutras, Sadhana Pada 31)...

You must admit it is both hard to believe and to swallow. But who can tell? Atkinson had a family, he had relatives, friends,... someone, on this globe, must know....

27 June 2000 - I had sent a letter to the Yoga Publication Society. Thorne Palmer [see above] proved to be wrong: they do have an e-mail address nowadays. Quite by surprise an e-mail dropped into my box. I invited the person in question to go and read this webpage. He/she did and wrote me a second e-mail. Here is what it said:

"I read your sight with great interest. You have decidedly more information than we do, and I congratulate your persistence in digging for and obtaining it.

We have been operating this business for the past 14 years, and the people before us operated it for approximately 20 years before that. Although this has remained in our family since its inception, we can't account for archives and record-keeping dating back to the early years when the authors were living and collaborating -- or so we've been told. What information we offer was put together some years ago from bits and pieces of stories told to us. Therefore we are not able to vouch for its authenticity. The writer was making an attempt to satisfy readers who were seeking some of the information that you have been able to obtain through the internet."

From: Joholland@aol.com  
Message-ID: <d9.6096450.268a2b26@aol.com>  
Date: Tue, 27 Jun 2000 12:07:02 EDT

KhaliI and I exchanged some ideas on all we had gathered...

- Atkinson played a part in *New Thought* history. I have never heard of this *New Thought*, but it stands to reason to suppose this was about concepts somewhat in the Indian concept style.

Exactly. *New Thought* is simply a restatement of traditional Indian concepts and philosophy minus the focus on the Hindu pantheon of deities. It also "softens" the Hindu cultural aspect and tailors it for a mostly Christian audience. An example of this can be found in Ramacharaka's "Advanced Course...." where he mentions what the attributes of a true lover of God are. In this beautiful exposition he mentions, and I quote: " In the darkness of the night he (i.e. the true lover of God) has felt his Father's presence, by the glare of the flash of illumination he has seen His form for a moment, and that memory is burned into his mind". In other parts therein Ramacharaka also refers to God as "Father." Obviously, no true Hindu would refer to God as 'father'.

- Atkinson played a (small) part in "The Golden Dawn". Occult matters.

Yes, apparently. Fortunately -to his credit- it seems he did not have any extensive connection to this org.

- Atkinson knew people from the Theosophical Society. That's straight to the Indian concepts.

Yes, again... ditto the Golden Dawn connection.

- Atkinson lived in a time Yoga Vedanta itself came to America, got more interested in Hinduism, finally chose a pseudonym and started telling his message. Nothing wrong with choosing a pseudonym, and since he is talking about

## Hinduism, why not an Indian name?

I agree. The World Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893 included the World Parliament of Religions as one of its "attractions". Although the WPR's itself passed more or less unnoticed by the mass of crowds (who went to see and participate in the more "exciting" parts of the Expo), it was a very successful 'showcase' venue for the "Hindu" religions especially - that being a 'first time' introduction of Vedanta doctrines among a predominant presence of Christian church groups and to the presentation made of them by Swami Vivekananda. The event was talked about for the following 20 years.

This is very interesting, considering that Atkinson was in Chicago in 1893. I understand that in the wake of Vivekananda's success in America, many insightful Yogi's back in India sent English speaking students over, so Bharata's existence is a great probability. Atkinson's most productive years were from 1900-1922, launching two series of writings simultaneously, the New Thought material and aka Ramacharaka.

- All paper sources tell us about Atkinson writing under the pseudonym of Ramacharaka. None of them mentions Baba Bharata. Why not? How come? Is it not a bit odd all paper sources know about Atkinson's social life, and about Ramacharaka, but do not know anything about Atkinson working together with Baba Bharata? There is only one so-called message that does: the one from the YPS [see above]. How come the paper sources do not know this? Nothing from, note very well, the YOGA Publishing Society?

Correct me if I'm wrong, but these are the options as I see them:

- Atkinson wrote alone, compiling from different sources.
- Atkinson met someone knowledgeable in 'Hinduism' (BB? Vivekananda? others ?) and wrote in cooperation or inspired by that person.

The question of Baba Bharata's existence in and of itself opens another question, i.e. did the original Ramacharaka exist and was Baba Bharata the student of Ramacharaka?

- It was not Atkinson who invented Baba Bharata. The YPS person says: "We can't account for archives and record-keeping dating back to the early years when the authors were living and collaborating -- or so we've been told. What information we offer was put together some years ago from bits and pieces of stories told to us."

So it's all from hearsay. And you can be sure the ones they heard it from had not memorized their tales like the writers of the Indian Shastras or the Tora did. Inventing a name like Baba Bharata (Bharata = India), Mr India, is not that difficult. YPS also said in that letter Atkinson was an Englishman. He was not. How can we trust a source that gives incorrect information? Neti, neti.

That's why YPS is number 459.342 on my list of credible witnesses.



- The YPS person also says: "What information we offer was put together some years ago from bits and pieces of stories told to us. Therefore we are not able to vouch for its authenticity. The writer was making an attempt to satisfy readers who were seeking some of the information." Did you read that well, Khalil? "making an attempt to satisfy readers". I'd say, that puts the lid on it.

Yes,... unfortunately...

There is one more thing to mention. My friend Khalil has found out there is also a so-called [Baba Premananda Bharati](#). Mind the last letter of *Bharati*. It's the name of one of the ten Swami orders of religious mendicants traced back to pupils of Shankaracharya, the members of which add this word to their names. *Baba* means 'ascetic'. Despite the word *Bharati*, Baba Premananda Bharati was not the follower of Shankaracharya, but of Sri Chaitanya, the preacher of Vaisnava philosophy (Bhakti Yoga). This philosophy was later carried on in the Western world by Bhaktivedanta Swami and ISKCON (International Society for Krsna Consciousness).

Khalil has found the following information on this person:

I found 2 entries in "Encycl. of American Religions, 3rd Ed. 1989 Gale Research ISBN 0-8103-2841-0" on Baba Premanand Bharati

Here it goes:

Surendranath Mukerji (died 1914) better known by his religious name -Baba Premanand Bharati- was among the first Hindu teachers to come to America, arriving around 1902 from Bengal. He was a student of Swami Brahmanand Bharati and a follower of the Krishna Consciousness Movement (ultimately more well known thanks to 'Hare Krishna' movement of the '70's) and founded the "Krishna Samaj" (now defunct).

Bharati, the nephew of a prominent Bengali judge, formed the Krishna Samaj in N.Y.C. and lectured to popular audiences in other eastern cities. He eventually moved to L.A. where a temple was constructed and he had his greatest following. In 1909 he returned to India where, with a few of his American disciples, he opened a mission in Calcutta. The mission failed for lack of financial support and he & his followers returned to America. He died in Calcutta in 1914. The temple dissolved in America soon after Bharati's death.

In the years immediately after his death, Bharati was attacked by people opposed to the growth of Hinduism in America, such as Elizabeth A. Reed, whose study of Bharati and the other early gurus was a significant factor in building public support for the Asian Exclusion Act passed in 1917. The strength and devotion of Bharati's disciples, however, kept his memory alive over the years.

In the 30's, members of the Order of Loving Service (a California mystical group) dedicated the book "Square" as follows: " To Baba Premanand Bharati, who by his love, patience, and continued watchfulness has led me out of darkness into Light, out of out of weariness into Rest, out of confusion into Understanding, out of continuous striving into Perfect Peace."

In the 70's, members of AUM Temple of Universal Truth (founded in the 20's)

were reprinting Bharati's writings in their periodical and selling pictures of "Our Beloved Baba Bharati".

sources:

Baba Premanand Bharati, Krishan. New York: Krishna Samaj, 1904

Baba Premanand Bharati, American Lectures. Calcutta: Indo-American Press, no date [1910?]

J. N. Farquhar, Modern Religious Movements in India. New York: Macmillan, 1915

Elizabeth A. Reed, Hinduism in Europe and America. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons 1914

Lalita {Maude Lalita Johnson}, Square. Laguna Beach, CA: Order of Loving Service, 1934

Baba Premananda Bharati was known in India, but not in connection with Atkinson. Unlike Baba Bharata's - if indeed he ever existed as a man of flesh and blood -, his guru's name was not Ramacharaka. There is not one word about Ramacharaka in Baba Premananda Bharati's curriculum vitae, either.

Perhaps the YPS "composer" had heard of or met this Baba Premananda Bharati and has changed his name when he wrote his piece of information, or perhaps Atkinson himself had met him and got all his information from him. It remains a "perhaps", for we do not have any written source that explicitly says the YPS or Atkinson knew this person. I'm afraid we will never know for sure. It might even be so that all of it is indeed a mere figment of Atkinson's creative Ramacharaka imagination.... And by the by, Ramacharaka = Rama + charaka or wandering ascetic. So Ramacharaka = the wandering ascetic Rama.

19 October 2003 - I got an e-mail from [Philip G. Davis](#), Ph.D., Professor of Religious Studies, University of Prince Edward Island, Canada. He wrote:

I have recently come into possession of quite a number of old books on religious and mystical subjects. I found your page while trying to find out about "Yogi Ramacharaka"; it was very helpful.

This collection also contains two issues of a magazine called "The Light of India" (March and May 1907) which claims to be edited by Baba Bharati, contains articles attributed to him as well as to Rose Reinhardt Anthon, Elsa Barker, and E. H. Clement, and apparently sports his picture on the cover. Does that add anything useful to your information?

It's intriguing, but still, I'm not really sure whether we are talking about the same Baba here. Quite often we are told to read the small print in contracts, licences and the like, and in our case we should have a good look at the spelling of the name Bharati. It ends in an i, not in an a. Which takes us back to Baba Premananda Bharati, who was also called "our beloved Baba Bharati" (see the table in red above and my comment).

One can argue the i is a spelling mistake, but I do not think so. The people from the Yoga Publication Society called him Baba Bharata, and in their letter they used his name

several times - with an a at the end. If I spell my own surname omitting one s, I get a full list in the White Pages... Shakespeare was right when he asked "What's in a name?", but nevertheless there is a difference between names and names. And according to Voltaire synonyms do not exist...

Mr. Davis was so kind as to attach g a scan of the front cover of "Light of India" magazine, May and March 1907. You can see one of them [here](#) [graphic 294 KB]. Now, if you have a close look at that scan, you will notice in the left hand top corner "Volumn 1, No. 6". That implies the magazine must have been founded in October 1906. Comparing this to the dates given by the Yoga Publication Society, Baba Bharata must have been 49 or 50 by that time. However, the YPS letter says Baba Bharata "had no talent for writing"... and so Atkinson did this for him. (Quite a number of Ramacharaka's books were published before 1907.) Why should Baba Bharata all of a sudden change his name into Baba Bharati? As I said before, I'm afraid we will never know for sure.

If you search the internet for the names of 'Rose Reinhardt Anthon' and 'Elsa Barker', you will get some results, but no mentioning of Baba Bharati or Baba Bharata for that matter.

20 August 2004 - I got an e-mail from [Magdalena Johal](#), Australia. She is a member of the [Rosicrucians](#). She wrote:

Currently I am reading "History of Rosicrucianism" by Christian Rebis. To my amazement he writes:

"The Kybalion - The New Thought movement in the United States produced a whole range of literature, with its most highly regarded authors being Ralph Waldo Trine, Henry Wood, Ella Adelia Fletcher, Oliver C Sabin, Victor Turnbull, Emma Hopkins, Prentice Mulford and WILLIAM ARTHUR ATKINSON. Atkinson, a freemason, theosophist, member of the bar in Pennsylvania and teacher of magnetism warrants special attention. Between 1902 and 1915, he published about 20 works under his own name or as Yogi Ramacharaka, including The Law of New Thought (1902) and the Hindu Yogi Science of Breath. The originality of this author in comparison with those who preceded him was to include in his theory and practices the relevant elements of Hinduism and Yoga. This innovation came from his association with the Theosophical society and in particular with Swami Vivekananda who came to Chicago in 1893 to participate in the Parliament of Religions. He gave seminars in a number of cities before establishing the Vedanta Society in New York in 1894. In his books William Atkinson discusses health through magnetism, mystical breathing, karma, vibrations, polarity, projection of thought or visualisation. He was probably the author of the famous The Kybalion, a study of the Hermetic philosophy of Ancient Egypt and Greece. The cover shows that the work was of "three initiates" scarcely a veiled allusion to Hermes Tresmagistus, the author claiming book revealed the royal art of the Egyptians, a synthesis of all the sciences, with sources from India, Persia and China. It revealed seven hermetic laws allegedly coming from Hermes. Amongst these laws are the laws of correspondence, the vibrations of life, polarity, rhythm, causality(karma) etc."

Very interesting indeed, but, once again, no mentioning of Baba Bharati or Baba Bharata. Perhaps what [Khalil](#) and [I](#) said (27 June 2000) may be quite correct:

- It was not Atkinson who invented Baba Bharata. The YPS person says: "We can't account for archives and record-keeping dating back to the early years when the authors were living and collaborating -- or so we've been told. What information we offer was put together some years ago from bits and pieces of stories told to us."

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Again I agree. That's why YPS is number 459.342 on my list of credible witnesses.

**With this final addition I consider this search finished. I started with a name and ended with quite a few pages ( $\pm$  11 size A4, if you print them out). Whatever one may think of these results, bear in mind I wrote at the beginning of this page "I had bought the books because of their contents". And if someone may think those contents do sound a bit familiar, as long as your soul feels pleased by them, I do not think that is a great problem. And if you feel satisfied with the results of this search, then I feel pleased, too. :-)**

#### Some of Ramacharaka's books:

- *The Science of Breath* (1903)
- *Fourteen Lessons in Yogi Philosophy and Oriental Occultism* (1903)
- *Advanced Course in Yogi Philosophy and Oriental Occultism* (1904)
- *Hatha Yoga, or The Yogi Philosophy of Physical Well-being* (1904)
- *A Series of Lessons in Raja Yoga* (1905)
- *The Science of Psychic Healing* (1906)
- *Lessons in Gnani Yoga, the Yoga of Wisdom* (1906)
- *The Bhagavad Gita* (compilation) (1907)
- *Spirit of the Upanishads* (compilation) (1907)

When searching ('googling') the Internet for "Ramacharaka" you will certainly find a site where you can get them.



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3. SEX <u>Male</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED? (WRITE THE WORD) <u>Married</u>	22. DATE OF DEATH <u>November 22, 1932</u>		
5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED, NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE <u>Margaret C. Atkinson</u>			23. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH I HEREBY CERTIFY, THAT I ATTENDED DECEASED <u>Oct. 31, 1932</u> <u>November 22, 1932</u>		
6. DATE OF BIRTH <u>December 5, 1862</u>			24. CORONER'S CERTIFICATE OF DEATH I HEREBY CERTIFY, THAT I TOOK CHARGE OF THE REMAINS DESCRIBED ABOVE, HELD INQUEST, ANATOMY OR INQUIRY THEREON, AND FROM SUCH ACTION FIND THAT SAID DECEASED CAME TO HIS DEATH ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.		
7. <u>169</u> <u>31</u> <u>17</u> DAYS, IF LESS THAN MONTH DAY HRS MIN 8. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE AS SPINNER, SARTER, BOOKKEEPER, ETC. <u>Author,</u>			THAT I LAST SAW HIM ALIVE <u>November 22, 1932</u>		
9. IN INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH WORK WAS DONE, AS SICKMILL, SAWMILL, BANK, ETC. <u>Writing</u>			AND THE DEATH OCCURRED ON THE ABOVE STATED DATE AT THE HOUR OF <u>10:30 P</u>		
10. DATE DECEASED LAST WORKED AT THIS OCCUPATION (MONTH AND DAY) <u>6/30</u>			11. TOTAL YEARS SPENT IN THIS OCCUPATION <u>32</u>		
12. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) <u>Baltimore</u>			THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF DEATH AND RELATED CAUSES OF IMPORTANCE, IN ORDER OF ONSET, WERE AS FOLLOWS: <u>Arteriosclerosis</u> <u>3 yrs. ago</u>		
STATE OR COUNTRY <u>Maryland</u>			<u>Cerebral Embolism</u> <u>466 Dec. 23/31</u>		
13. NAME <u>William C. Atkinson</u>			OTHER CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES OF IMPORTANCE: <u>Cardiac Dilatation</u> <u>Oct. 31/32</u>		
14. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) <u>Baltimore</u>			IF OPERATION, DATE OF _____ WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? <u>No</u>		
STATE OR COUNTRY <u>Maryland</u>			CONDITION FOR WHICH PERFORMED: NAME LABORATORY TEST CONFIRMING DIAGNOSIS _____		
15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Emma L. Mittenacht</u>			25. IF DEATH WAS DUE TO EXTERNAL CAUSES (VIOLENCE) FILL IN THE FOLLOWING: ACCIDENT, SUICIDE OR HOMICIDE _____ DATE OF INJURY _____		
16. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) <u>Arlington</u>			INJURED AT _____ CITY OR TOWN OF _____ AT _____ COUNTY AND STATE OF _____ DID INJURY OCCUR IN HOME, INDUSTRY, OR PUBLIC PLACE? MARKER OF INJURY _____ NATURE OF INJURY _____		
STATE OR COUNTRY <u>Maryland</u>			26. IF DISEASE/INJURY RELATED TO OCCUPATION, SPECIFY _____		
18. INFORMANT (SIGNATURE) <u>W. C. Atkinson</u>			27. SIGNATURE <u>Henry M. Gray</u> M. D. ADDRESS <u>65 No Madison Ave - Pasadena</u>		
ADDRESS <u>973 E. Del Mar St.</u>			28. WHEN REQUIRED BY LAW _____ CORONER COUNTY OF _____		
19. BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL <u>Cremation</u>			20. EMBALMER (LICENSE NO. <u>17</u> ) SIGNATURE <u>C. K. Warren</u> FURNERAL DIRECTOR <u>Ives &amp; Warren Co.</u> ADDRESS <u>100 N Hill Ave - Pasadena</u>		
PLACE <u>Mt. View Crematory</u> DATE <u>11/25/32</u>			21. FILED <u>Nov 25 1932</u> DATE <u>J. D. DUNSHIEE MD</u>		

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