

APPRECIATION & COMMENTS

“But *On the Loom of Time* is not an ordinary biography. It does not merely give an account of the life of the autobiographer. It is a source of great learning. While taking the reader down the memory lane and giving hindsight [account] of the place & the people and the events of life, the book enlightens him about many contemporary issues like unearthing of black money, tax administration & reforms, corruption, good governance, abuse of international treaties, judicial system, public interest litigation and so on. The book also gives an insight into the working of the government departments and breakdown of constitutional institutions. Shri Jha held important positions in his illustrious official career and had first-hand experience of their working. He has expressed his views on these issues frankly and boldly.

Above all, as we turn over the pages we find an undercurrent of ethics and spirituality which reflects the author’s character and philosophy of life.”

Justice S. N. Jha

*Former Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir and Rajasthan High Courts,
and Chairperson, Bihar Human Rights Commission*

“I have had the pleasure of reading the first edition of ‘*On the Loom of Time*’ and I must admit that I am eagerly awaiting Shiva Kant Jha’s additions to the riveting book. While writing is not a daunting task by itself, writing well requires skill. Shiva Kant Jha has mastered this skill in his autobiographical memoirs, succeeding in his endeavour to keep the reader engaged. I have had the privilege of seeing the author address arguments in a Court of law, reading his articles, and witnessing his views on the vexed subjects of economic investment. I would, however, be giving you an incomplete picture of the man he is, if I did not mention his deep understanding of spirituality.

Mr. Jha is imbued with a deep spiritual background, powerful values and profound learning which is characteristic of the *kshetra* called *Mithila*. The teachings of the Bhagavad Gita have been his guide and he has led his life on the principles imbibed in the holy treatise. In the modern world, conflict is bound to arise between a spiritual mind in the loom of its pursuits and the abstruse and opaque reality typifying human greed and selfishness. But to be a voice of reason and intellect, to speak fearlessly, to confront authority and to stand up with honesty, are values which symbolize a rare component of human courage.

This book is a beautiful amalgam of words that stay with you long after you set it down. Not only does it give a first-hand account of one of the biggest Income-tax departments, it also elegantly ties in spirituality with life and the law. From *Mithila* to the *Bhagwad Gita*; from his birth to his joining the civil services; from the *ought* to the *is* of income tax law and administration; from the *Mahabharata* to the Indo-Mauritius Tax Treaty; the author takes you on a unique journey that gives you both joy and hope alongside glimpses of the past, present and future.”

*Shri Gopal Subramaniam, Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of India,
& former Solicitor-General of India*

“‘*On the Loom of Time*’ is not a mere autobiography, but is a reflective & critical treatise presenting not only the portrait of author’s life but also provides a deep study of his times. The book is a great monument of human intelligence that captures the key problems of our days, and provides insightful solution which deserves consideration.

I am highly impressed and enlightened by going through the treatise. His style is lively. If you start reading it you cannot leave it until you come to the last. It is a story told by an honest and sincere officer of his experience, delights and woes of his life. He is true Indian. He has his legs in our proud heritage. His mind is full of love for the country. He has not only realized the problems of the country but has own practical solutions for the same. His sincere wish is India should come out as a model before the entire world in financial field also as it has been in spiritual and religious matter.”

*Justice P. C. Agarwal, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India;
Former Judge of Madhya Pradesh High Court*

“Shri Shivakant Jha has honoured me by inviting me to write about his memorable autobiography “ON THE LOOM OF TIME” (which for reasons I do not deem valid at all he calls only an autobiographical memoir), when its Second edition is almost to be launched. I am not being modest when I say I am honoured by his invitation.

First of all the autobiography is of an intellectual and moral giant not because of its excellent diction but the contents relating to what he has done, what dilemma he encountered, how he resolved them and how he kept away from solutions that could have compromised his morals, integrity or commitment to the good of the nation.....”

*Shri Ram Jethmalani, Member of Parliament; Senior Advocate,
Supreme Court of India; Professor Emeritus,
Symbiosis College of Law, Pune*

“For all those who have experienced the joy of river-rafting, this compilation promises a similar joyful ‘flow’, riding the currents of the real-life river of experiences. Although, for serious readers, its heavy size is a joy for many weeks but for some, it may demand an additional ounce of patience to finish it. I personally find it a bundle of precious experiences which would continue to enlighten many generations to come. It is indeed a must read for the students of history, politics and law of all age groups who can extend their support to his Charitable Trust which retains the copyright of this book.”

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