A P J Abdul Kalam, former President of India, is a visionary scientist who occupies an important place in the history of Indian science and society. He is well-known for his inspirational and motivational writings and speeches. He portrays his life in his autobiographies *Wings of Fire: An Autobiography* (1999) and *Turning Points: A Journey through Challenges* (2012). Arun Tiwari brings out the autobiographical aspects of Kalam’s life in dialogue form in two of his collaborative works. Tiwari, the Secretary of the CARE Foundation, Hyderabad, has had close association with Kalam for more than 25 years. Kalam and Tiwari have similar thoughts in *Guiding Souls: A Dialogue on the Purpose of Life* (2005) and *You are Born to Blossom: Take my Journey Beyond* (2008). Ramanathan and P M Nair comment on the life of Kalam in their biographies of Kalam. Ramanathan served as the Financial Advisor to Kalam for more than seven years in Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), when Kalam was the Director of DRDO and Scientific Advisor to the Prime Minister of India. He observes the humanistic aspects of Kalam in *Who is Kalam?: A Good Human Being* (2004). Nair, who worked as the Personal Secretary to Kalam, when Kalam was the President of India, portrays Kalam from his point of view in *The Kalam Effect: My Years with the President* (2008). Kalam and his biographers record Kalam’s attitudes, characters, manners, habits, nature, philosophies, ideologies, achievements, etc., observed at different times of Kalam’s life. Thus, this work attempts to draw a holistic picture of Kalam’s personality from the auto/biographies of and on Kalam with reference to the
elements of autobiography, biography, collaborative autobiography and conversational strategies.

In *Wings of Fire* and *Turning Points*, Kalam, records various aspects of his personality and his personal philosophies that helped him achieve success to motivate his fellow human beings to dream and achieve extraordinary things for personal and national growth. Tiwari plays the role of a psychologist, an editor and a writer to support Kalam in writing his auto/biographies. Ramanathan notices the humanism and positive attitude in Kalam’s research works like using composite materials as a spin-off technology for the benefit of the suffering humanity. Nair uses his investigative mind to describe Kalam. This psychological, sociological and scientific outlook on Kalam also reflects the multi-dimensional aspects of Kalam’s holistic personality.

This study finds Kalam as a secularist, humanist, scientist, educationist, hard worker, optimist, nation builder and universalist through an analysis of the strategies, ideologies and philosophies that Kalam used for his achievement. This study also reveals autobiographical elements in *Wings of Fire* and *Turing Points*, biographical elements in *Who is Kalam?* and *The Kalam Effect*, auto/biographical and conversational elements in *Guiding Souls* and autobiographical elements in *You are Born to Blossom*. Finally, this study proves that Kalam is an auto/biographer par excellence.