Appendix III
Chronology of Dayanand’s Life

1824 - Born at Tankara.
1829 - Teaching of home began.
1832 - Invested with sacred thread.
1837 - Observed Shivaratri fast; lost faith in idol worship.
1841 - Sister’s death; moved to unimaginable extent.
1842 - Death of uncle; resolved to seek means to conquer death.
1846 - Left home; wandered about in search of learned yogis.
        - Initiated in to brahmacharya at sayala and named shuddha chattanya.
July-Oct. - Visit to Kotangar, near Ahmedabad.
Oct.-Nov. - Went to Siddhapura to attend Kartika fair; caught by father, but again escaped.
Dec., 1846-47 - Visited Baroda and heard Vedanta discourses from Brahmanand and other; gained certainly that “I was a Brahma”; also had scientific and metaphysical discussion with Sachidanand Paramahansa.
1847 - Went to Chanod Kalyani (on the bank of the Narmada); met Chidasharma; studied Vedantasara; Arya
        - Harimode Totak Vedantaprikaha and other philosophical treatises form Parmanand Paramahansa.
        - Ordained into Sanyasa by Swami Parmanand Saraswati; named Dayanand Saraswati.
1847-48 - Went to Vyasa-ashrama; learned theory and practical modes of scientific yoga from Swami Yoganand.
1848-49 - Stayed at Sinoor; learnt a good deal of Sanskrit grammar under the guidance of Krishna Shastri.
1849-50 - Returned to Chanod Kalyani; met Jawalanand Puri and Shivananand Giri and practised yoga with them for some time.
1850-52 - Went to Dudheshwar (near Ahmedabad) where the two above-mentioned yogis had also settled after their coming from Chanoda; acquired from them the practical training in the science of yoga.
1852-54 - Visited Mount Abu in search of great yogis; met on the peak of Bhawanigir “those whom I so eagerly sought”; learnt from them various systems and modes of yoga.
1854
- Visit to Haridwar on the occasion of Kumbha fair; practiced yoga at Chandee across the Ganga during the fair days.
- Went to Rishikesh after the fair; studied and practiced yoga in the company of good yogis and sanyasis.
- Went to Tehri (Garhwal) along with a Brahmachari and two mountain ascetics; studied Tantra books.
- Went to Shrinagar (Garhwal) and stayed at kedarghat temple for two months; befriended Sadhu ganga Giri and discussed yoga and other sacred subjects; criticized the local panditas for having faith in 'nasty Tantras'.
- Visited Rudraprayaga and the other places; went to the shrine of Agastamuni.

Oct., 1854 to Feb, 1855
- Went to Shivpuri, and spent cold season there with three followers.

1855 Feb. on Dec.
- Visited Gupta Kashi (Short stay); went to Triyugi Narayana shrine, Gauri Kund Tank and the Cave of Bhima (Bhima-gupha).
- Came to Kedarnath, discussed different subjects with panditas and sanyasis.
- Went to Okhi-math via Gupta Kashi; declined to become the disciple of the wealthy Mahant.
- Went to Joshimath and enjoyed for a while the company of some Maharashtrian shastris, sanyasis and other yogis; learnt more of yoga-vidya.
- Visit to Badrinarayan; met the chief priest, Rawalj.
- Toured the mountain country along the banks of the Alkananda; reached the place of its rise, where hunger, thirst and freezing cold made him “more dead than alive”; passing through Visudhara, a sacred bathing place and Mana Village; reached Badrinarayan, stayed for a day and started downward journey.
- Visited Rampur; stayed with the celebrated Sanyasi Ramgiri.

Dec. 1855 to Feb 1856
- Went to Dronasagar (Nainital) and stayed there for the whole winter.
- Visited several places on the banks of the Ganga near Garhmukteshwar for some time; tested here theories of nervous system as given in Shivasandhya, Hathapradipika, Yoga-bijaka and Kesarni Sangita, by examining a corpse; finding the theories wrong,
come to the conclusion that with the exception of the Vedas, Upanishads, Patanjali and Sankhya all other works upon science and yoga were false.

- Visited Farrukhabad.

5 April, 1856 - Passed Via Shringirampur reached Kanpur.
- Visited several places between Kanpur and Allahabad.

August, 1856 - Visited Mirzapur and stayed at the shrine of Vindhyachal Asulji.

September - Came to Benaras and took up residence for 12 days in the cave at the confluence of Varuna and the Ganga with Bhavanand Saraswati; met Kaka Ram, Raja Ram and other Shastras.
- Wandered on the banks of the river Ganga.

September & October - Stayed for ten days at Chunar in the shrine of Durga Kund; Left eating rice altogether, lived on milk alone; practiced yoga night and day.

April, 1857 to 1859 - Toured the Narmada valley, meeting learned sanyasis, practising yoga.

1860 - Visited Hathras and Mursan.

1860, 14 Nov. to 1863 - Came to Mathura to study the Vedas, grammar, etc. at the ashrama of Swami Virjanand Saraswati; stayed here for about 3 years until 1863.

1863 May - Finished education and took a solemn vow to devote his life to spreading the Vedic faith and removing the superstitions prevailing in India; left Mathura,

May, 1863 to Oct, 1864 - Lived at Agra, Making preparations for the future life; practiced yoga studied Vidas etc.

1865 Janu. To June - Went to Gwalior; denounced Bhagwata there.
- Visited Karauli; stayed at the garden of Gopal Singh; met the Maharaja several times.

November - Visited Gangapur.

Nov., 1865 to March, 1866 - Visited Jaipur, discussed grammar problems with the panditas of the Sanskrit College and defeated them; preached Shaivism.

March - Visited Bagru, Dudu and finally Kishangarh; stayed for 5/6 days; denounced the Bhagwata and the Vaishnavism.
- Visited Ajmer; 4 days' stay.

March 23 to May 30 - Went to Pushkar; denounced idol worship and the Vaishnava faith; criticized the followers of Ramanuja.

May 30 –June - Visited Ajmer; disputation with Revs Grey, Robinson, and Maulvi Murad Ali (This was the first public
disputation of the *Swami* with the Christians and Muslims); met Col. Brook, Agent, English Government for cow protection.

October - Visit to Jaipur.

November - Come to Agra; wrote a pamphlet condemning the Bhagwata purana.
- Visited Mathura; presented two gold *mahars* to Swami Virajanand; had discussions with him (Virajanand) on several problems (the lost meeting with the Guru).

December, 1866 to April, 1867 - Going via Meerut reached Haridwar to attend the Kumbha fair; hoisted *Paughanda Khandan Pataka* on the hut; had 15/16 *Sanyasi* disciples with him; had discussion with famous Visudhanand; Swami Mehanand Converted to his faith.

April-May - Gave up everything in the possession to become a true sanyasi,
- Toured U.P., preaching his new ideology (i.e. condemning *Puranas*, *idol-worship*, false gods, *Tantra-mantra*, *liquor*, *Bhang*, adultery, stealing, cheating, etc.),
- Visited Kankhal, Landaura, Shuktal, Miranpur, Muhammadpur, Garh Mukteshwar, Chasi, Karanghat, Ramghat.

May- November - Visited Soron, Patiali, Kampil Kayamganj, Farrukhabad, Anupshahar and Karanavas; had discussion with Ambadatt parvati, a Sanskrit scholar from Anupshahar *pandita* defeated, many people became Swami's followers; visited Ahar, Chasi, Ramghat and Belun.

November, 1867 to February, 1868 - Visited Karnavas again and had *shastraratha* with Hiravallabh, a great scholar; defeated Hiravallabh became Dayananda's follower; Thakurani Hansa also become disciple.
- Gave Gayatri mantra to a woman - first time people saw a woman reciting the *Gayatri*.
- *Thakur* Karan Singh, a Vaishnava, quarrelled; the Swami broke his sword into two pieces.

1868, February- - Toured the countryside along the course of the Ganga.

September - Visited places like Ramghat, Gadiaghaut Ambagarh, Soron, Practised *yoga*.

14 September - Swami Virajanand died. Dayanand exclaimed: "Alas, the sun of *vyakarna has set".

October - Visited Saraval, Shahbazpur, Qadarganj, Nadauli.

November- December - Came back to Nadauli; Gosain Rampuri became a
follower.
- Visited Qayamganj' had discussions with missionaries and panditas over various issues— all defeated.
- Visited Kampil and Shukrulapur (Farrukhabad); had discussions with Gopal and Haldhar at the latter place.

1868, December-June - Stay at Farrukhabad.
- Visited Jalalabad, Kanauj, Sitapur and Nadarpur.

July - Reached Kanauj; Pt. Harishankar became his follower.
- Went to Bithur and Madarpur.
- Visit to Kanpur; had Shastrartha on 31 July with Pt. Haldhar Ojha on idol worship; Haldhar defeated; many persons became followers; attacked by a mob who were beaten back.

August-October - Visited, several places, like Shivrajpur, Allahabad, Ram Nagar,

October 2 to December - Visit to Benaras, Challenge thrown to the orthodox panditas to defend idol worship.
- Shastrartha held with 21 panditas on 16 November 1869 at Amadbagh in the presence of 50 thousand men on the theme of idol worship; the Shastrartha ended in a pandemonium created by the defeated panditas.

5 December, 1869, to February, 1870 - Stay at Mirzapur.

February - Arrived at Allahabad on the occasion of Kumbha fair; met Debendranath tagore; invited by Tagore to Calcutta; attacked by some Muslims.

February-December - Visit to Mirzapur; disputation with Govind Bhatt.
- Started a seminary for the Vedic studies under Yugal Kishore (June 1870)
- Toured the Ganga valley; stayed for sometime at Benaras; wrote a book denouncing non-duality of Shankara's Advaita.
- Visited Soron- Kasganj where a Vedic Seminary was opened.
- Visited Balram, Chakeri, Harnot, Ramghat, reached Anupshahar; condemned idol-worship, propagated cow protection; advocated formation of panchayats.

December, 1871 to March, 1872 - Stayed at Soron.

March- April - Visited Kasganj.

May, 1872 to February, 1873 - Visited Ramghat Karanwas, Anupshahar, and Farrukhabad; toured the Ganga Valley.
February-April - Visited Benaras; challenge thrown to the panditas for Shastraths; but none came forward.
April-August - Visited Mughal serai; had a discussion with a missionary named Dey; stayed for 10 days.
- Visited Dumraon and stayed with the Maharaja of that place; discussions with the panditas, gave two public lectures on the Vedic Dharma.
September 6-9 to October 2 - Visited Patna; threw challenge to the Panditas for shastrartha, but none came forward.
October 3-18 - Visited Mongheyar.
October 15 to December - Visited Bhagalpur; gave public lecture on the Vedic Dharma; Maharaja of Burdwan called on him and discussed certain ideological aspects of his teachings.
December 16, 1873 to April 1 - Visited Culcutta; discussions held with Keshub Chandra Sen, Debendranath, Tagore Dvijendranath, Taranath Tarkabachaspatti, etc.
April 1-10 - Visited Hoogly; gave public lectures.
April 11 - Visited Burdwan.
April 17 - Visited Bhagalpur; delivered several public lectures.
May - Visit to Patna; issued public notice for discussion and debates; delivered two public lectures on idol-worship etc.
May 25 - Visited Chhapra; discussion held with panditas led by Jagannath; Pandemonium created by the defeated panditas.
June 11 - Reached Arrah; stayed with the Maharaja of Dumraon; discussions held with Rudra Datta who was defeated.
August 8 - Visited Mirzapur; closed the old pathashala and opened a new one in its place.
August - Visited Allahabad.
October 20 to November 6 - Visited Kanpur, where several lectures were delivered.
November - Visited Lucknow; had shastrartha with the panditas on 18 November; delivered several lectures.
November 21 - Reached Farrukhabad; met British officials and advocated ban on cow-slaughter.
December 10-20 - Stay at Kashgar; lectures delivered.
December 26, 1873 to January 22, 1874 - Visited Aligarh on invitation from Raja Jaikishan Dass. C.S.I., Collector of Aligarh; gave lectures; met Sir Sayyid Ahmed Khan.
- Raja Jaikishan Dass requested the swami to publish his
teachings in a book form; the result was Satyaratha Prakasha.

January-February - Visited Hathras; condemned idol-worship.

February 26-March - Visited Brindavan to hold a shastrartha with Rangachari who did not come; delivered ten lectures.

March 14 - Came to Mathura; delivered lectures condemning idol-worship.

March-May - Went to Mursan and then to Allahabad.

May-June - Visited Benaras; delivered his first lecture in hindi; gave a lecture at the residence of sir Sayyid Ahmed khan.

June - Dictation of Satyaratha-Prakasha began.

July - Allahabad; gave several lectures.

October - Went to Jabbalpur; gave learned exposition of his ideologies; photographed.

- Visited Nasik; stayed for four days; delivered public lectures; had Shastrartha that with the panditas.

October 26, 1874 - Visited Bombay; denounced the Vaishanava sect and the Vallabhacharis.

November - Pt. Vishnu Parashuram and Dr. R.G. Bhandarkar called upon the Swami.

November 25 - First lecture delivered on idol-worship at Bombay.

November 28 - Second lecture on the history of the Aryas; Wrote Vedanta Dhavanta Niwarna; denounced the Advaita philosophy and published a commentary of the first suktas of the Rigveda as a sample; wrote Vallabhacharya Mata khanadana; several attempts made on his life.

December - Visited Surat, Baroda, Ahmedabad, Nadiad and Rajkot and gave lectures.

January 29 - Visited Bombay again.

April 10 - Founded Arya Samaj.

June - Satyaratha-Prakasha published at Benaras.

June-September - Visited Poona on the invitation of Mahadev Govind Ranade; delivered 15 lectures.

September - Visited Satara; had discussions with learned men.

October 16 - Visited Bombay again.

- Went to Baroda; delivered lectures.

1876 - Went to Ahmedabad, Baroch, Surat; met Dr. Von Buhler, a great scholar of Sanskrit institute.

- Visited Bulsar; gave lectures.
- Visited Basin Road; gave two lectures.
- Visited Bombay; gave lectures; Sir Monier Williams of Oxford attended lectures.

May, 1876
- Visit to Farrukhabad; delivered 4 lectures.

May 27
- Visited Benaras.

August-September
- Visited Jaunpur, Ayodhya, Lucknow; started writing the Rigvedadi Bhashya Bhumika.

November
- Visited Shahjahanpur, Bareilly, decision to learn English taken.

November-December
- Visited Moradabad, Karanwas, Chhalessar, Raigbat, Aligarh.

January, 1877
- Visited Delhi at the time of Imperial Darbar held by Lord Lytton; convened a meeting of the leaders of the different faiths to exhort them to work unjedly failed.
- Visit to Meerut, Saharanpur, Shahjahanpur.

February
- Visited Saharanpur; delivered lectures.

March
- Visited Chandapur fair of all religion, had shastrartha with the men of different religions.

March 31-April 19
- visited Ludhiana (Punjab); delivered lectures.

April 19
- Visited Lahore; delivered lectures.

June 24
- Arya Samaj, Lahore, founded; Sanskrit school opened.

July 5
- Visited Amritsar, delivered lectures; Arya Samaj established.

August 11
- published Aryoddeshyaratnamala at Amritsar.

August 17-August 24
- Visited Gurdaspur; gave several lectures; Arya Samaj established.

September 13
- Reached Jullundur; gave 35 lectures.

October 17
- Visited Lahore again.

October 26
- Visited Ferozepur; gave 38 lectures.

November 5
- Visited Lahore again; byelaws of Arya Samaj Lahore framed.

November 7-December 26
- Visited rawalpindi; Arya Samaj established; published Vedanga Prakasha.

December 27
- Visited Jhelum; gave lectures; Arya Samaj established.

January, 1878
- Visited Gujarat; delivered lectures; Shastrartha with Kashmiri panditas.

February 2
- Went to Wazirabad.
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<td>Visited Rewari on the invitation of Rao Yudhistra Singh; gave lectures; founded the first Gaushala.</td>
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<td>Went to Mathura, via Saharanpur, Rewari, Jwalapur.</td>
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<td>Attended Kumbha fair at Haridwar; discourses given: Taken ill of diarrhoea; left Haridwar.</td>
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<td>Visit to chhalesar; treatment, got some relief.</td>
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<td>Visited moradabad; gave 3 lectures only owing to poor health; Civil Surgeon Dr. Deane treated; Arya Samaj established (20 July 1879).</td>
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<td>Vedic Yantrakaya set up at Benaras; 14 lectures delivered.</td>
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<td>Made his will; established Paropkarini Sabha.</td>
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<td>Visited Meerut; stayed for five days; gave 25 lectures; Arya Samaj established.</td>
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<td>Visited Bharatpur; stayed for 10 days; no lectures.</td>
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August 18 – September 18 - Went to Raipur; gave lectures.

September 8–21 - Visited Rewari again; gave lectures.

September 21–October 6 - Went to Masuda and stayed there for 25 days.

October 26 - Reached Banera (Mewar).

October 27 - Visit to Udaipur, Maharana H.H. Sajjan Singh called on him.

December 14 - Visit to Indore; stayed for a few days; went to Bombay.

December 3 - Reached Bombay; gave lectures.

March 28, 1882 - Severed all connection with the Theosophists.

- Decided to present a memorial to Queen Empress and the Viceroy, signed by two crore people to prohibit cow slaughter.

June 25 - Reached Khandwa; gave lectures.

June 3 - Visited Indore; stayed for two days.

July 25 - Visited Chittor; Nimbahera and finally Udaipur.

August 11 - Visit to Udaipur; Maharana Sajjan Singh called on the Swami.

February 27, 1883 - Revised will again, registered at Udaipur.

March 1 - Visited Nimbaher, Chittor.

March 9 - Visited Shahpura; gave several lectures; Raja Nahar Singh called on the Swami.

May 31 - Visited Jodhpur; gave lectures; Maharaja Jaswant Singh called on him thrice during his stay.

September 29–October 16 - The Swami poisoned; treated by Alimardan Khèn until 16 October, deterioration in the condition. Left for Abu for a change.

October 21 - Reached Abu; condition further deteriorated.

October 26 - Came to Ajmer; developed pneumonia.

October 30 - Breathed his last (6 P.M.)

October 31 - Cremated Malasar cremation grounds at Ajmer.