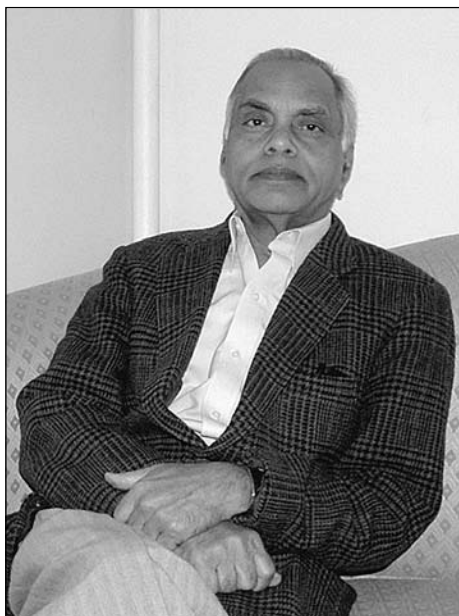


Happy Birthday Seshagiri Rao

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Readers of *Interreligious Insight* will want to join with me in wishing Professor Seshagiri Rao a happy eightieth birthday. Seshagiri was already editor of the Temple of Understanding's journal *Insight*, when, in 1980, perhaps the first interfaith marriage took place, whereby *Insight* was united with *World Faiths*, the journal of the World Congress of Faiths. It has certainly proved to be a long and fruitful marriage. For a time the journal (from 1992) was called *World Faiths Encounter* and in 2003, it was transformed to become the beautiful *Interreligious Insight*, which is appreciated by many throughout the world. Through all these reincarnations, Seshagiri has remained a thoughtful and encouraging co-editor and we are immensely grateful to him.



Dr. Seshagiri Rao; photo, courtesy of Dr. Rao

The lineage of the journal can be traced back well before 1980 to *Forum*, which was edited by Heather McConnell and which first appeared in 1949, and even before that to Sir Francis Younghusband's "Chairman's Letters".

We hope that under whatever name the journal appears, Seshagiri will long continue to be one of the editors. As was said several years ago the pages of the journal have been "enriched by the thoughts of many people whose lives have been dedicated to the search for Truth and to building bridges of interfaith unity".

As a birthday present to Seshagiri, why don't you give a subscription to *Interreligious Insight* to a friend, who will soon become addicted to it?

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