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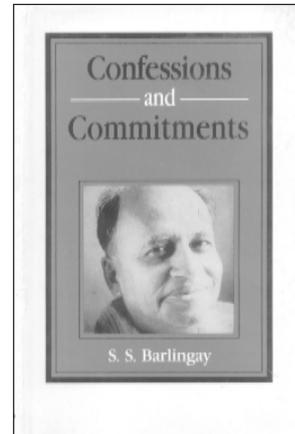
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Surendra S. Barlingay: Teacher, educationist, journalist, social reformer, political activist and philosopher rolled in one. Professor S.S. Barlingay is known for his markedly unorthodox views on different fields ranging from epistemology and logic to aesthetics and social philosophy. As a freedom fighter, he was closely associated with the mainstream of our national life.

Born on 20 July 1919, at Nagpur, and educated in Nagpur University, Professor Barlingay was appointed as a Fellow at the Indian Institute of Philosophy, Amalner, Maharashtra, in 1942, where he met and was inspired by eminent philosophers such as G.R. Malkani, Rasbihari Das and others. He has taught at several Indian and foreign universities, including S.V. University, Tirupati, Delhi University, Poona University and University of Zagreb, Yugoslavia. He also taught in the University of Western Australia. As a Post-Doctoral Fellow at Oxford, he came in close contact with Professor Gilbert Ryle, Professor Hao Wang, Professor Lemomon and Professor H.H. Price.

Widely travelled, Professor Barlingay has visited several places in Europe, America and the Far East. He has lectured at the Universities of Japan, Oslo, Manchester, Belgrade and Beijing. In 1985 he led a cultural delegation to Mauritius. Professor Barlingay is widely acclaimed for his role in reviving the famed Indian Institute of Philosophy at Amalner. He also founded and established three philosophical journals, *Indian Philosophical Quarterly*, *Paramarsha* and *Paramarsha* (Hindi). He is Founder-Chairman of Thinkers' Academy, Mumbai, and Editor of its journal.

Just as the many-faceted Barlingay is both stimulating and suggestive in his *lectures* and conversation, even so his *Confessions and Commitments* must be read and enjoyed.