

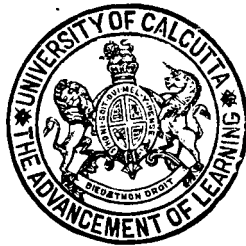
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To
The Memory of my Father.

PREFACE

In the following pages I have made an humble attempt to present the system of *Advaita Vedantism* both in its theoretical conception and practical bearing. Vedantism is an integral system and in writing these pages the end in view has been to present the system in as complete a form as possible.

I have not confined myself to the philosophy of the Upaniṣads. Nor have I limited my search to Gauḍapada and Śankara. I have also brought in the evolution of the Neo-Vedantic thought after Śankara.

Philosophy in India has never been solely an intellectual discipline. It has ever been the highest art of life. This is certainly true of ancient Vedantism. Though in later Vedantism the demand of conceptual thinking has been satisfied, still Vedantism has never cut itself adrift from its ancient mooring, the art of realising transcendent bliss.

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33	19	"reveal"	"revea."
61	18	read the last word as	"yonder."
71	10	read the first word as	"Identity."
71	10	read the last word as	"conceive."
71	12	"like"	"ike."
72	1	"the outer and the inner"	"outer and inner."
101	12	"is"	"ie."
101	10	read "although all divisions"	"although and the whole all divisions."
106	16	"Epistemological"	"Epistonological."
109	18	"theory"	"the ry."
112	8	"known"	"knowing."
121	1	"originate"	"originates."
126	3	"maintain"	"maintains."
153	1	"Prajña"	"Pragna."
173	4	"are"	"arc."
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191	17	"covering"	"cov ing."
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260	22	"object"	"objset."
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