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ADVAITAVEDĀNTA – THE VIEW OF MAṆḌANA

Summary

In the past centuries Maṇḍana Miśra was regarded as the most prominent figure of the *advaita* school of philosophy, to the extent that the whole system of *advaita* was frequently described by his name as '*maṇḍana-matam*' ('the view of Maṇḍana'). Nowadays *advaita* is almost exclusively associated, if not identified, with the name of Maṇḍana's contemporary Śaṅkara. Both thinkers philosophised along *advaita* lines, their views on the ultimate being, the highest bliss, ignorance etc. were substantially different. The present paper is intended as a bird's eye view on the whole of Maṇḍana's legacy, including his *Sphoṭasiddhi*, being his contribution to the grammatical tradition of Bhartṛhari. It is also aimed at finding the reason why in the hierarchy of eminent *advaita* thinkers Maṇḍana was eventually supplanted by Śaṅkara and his œuvre unacknowledged.

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