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Śrī Bhagavadgītā-Tattva-Vimarśa by Śrī Bhagavadācharya as an Attempt to Reintroduce Viśiṣṭādvaita in the XXth Century

ABSTRACT

Śrī Bhagavadācharya was one of the most fruitful XXth century's Viśiṣṭādvaitins. Not only had he written Sanskrit commentaries for the whole text corpus of Vedānta but also made an attempt to popularize Viśiṣṭādvaita among common people in North India through dozens of books in Hindi and Gujarati. Though well-known during his life-time, nowadays Śrī Bhagavadācharya has almost been forgotten even by scholars and never translated into non-Indian languages. In my paper I will analyze a few theses he puts forward in his Śrī Bhagavadgītā-Tattva-Vimarśa that are peculiar to his thought and differentiate him from his predecessors. All the materials including the book in question were found by me in archives of several Ayodhya based temples during my fieldwork in 2021-2022.