

**A CRITICAL STUDY ON NON-DUALISTIC VEDANTA TRADITION AND ITS IMPACT ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL ECOSYSTEM**

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**ABSTRACT:** *Advaita Vedanta "is a non-dualistic arrangement of Vedanta clarified fundamentally by Sankara. It has been and keeps on being the most generally acknowledged arrangement of thought among philosophers in India". Advaita Vedanta belongs to a framework which is known as ontological. This ontological framework is known as optimism. This stated the situation of adoption of universe to be simply consciousness. Again the consciousness state of universe is known as Brahman. In this paper we will study about the Advaita Vedanta and its positive and negative impacts of Advaita Vedanta on ecology.*

**KEYWORDS:** *Advaita Vedanta, Ecology, meditation, Brahman etc.*

**I. INTRODUCTION**

For a superior man – nature relationship, Deep ecologists yearn for the rise of eco self. They investigate the human-centric thought that human creatures are the bosses over nature and nature has yet just subservient position and utilitarian esteem. Adopting a profound strategy nature, Deep ecologists yearn for development of human self to suit non human nature also. For development of

human self the parallel division amongst human and non human other should be risen above and human being ought to understand that nature is nevertheless constitutive piece of his self. For rise of eco self human needs to rise above his sense of self and understand that nature is a constitutive component of his self.

The focal position of the Advaita Vedanta convention is that in reality there is no contrast amongst consciousness and the universe, no genuine refinement between the individual, the whole universe and God, Brahman. Advaita (truly signifying "not two" or non-dual), proclaims that the universe is an appearance of one undifferentiated reality, communicated in Sanskrit as Brahman, fix in sexual orientation it actually signifies "development", "advancement", "swelling" or the "Incomparable extraordinary and intrinsic Reality or the One Godhead.

The term Advaita implies, not two, and alludes to the way that atman and Brahman are not isolated; in like manner, the made universe has no reality that is separate from that of the Vedantic Self. However the notions of Advaita Vedanta is unpretentiously not the

same as a reasoning of radical unity, since the made universe and the Vedantic source are distinctive as in one constitutes the full and just reality, and the other, however clear to the faculties, appreciates just an obtained reality.

*“With me, illusions are bound to be shattered. I am here to shatter all illusions. Yes, it will irritate you, it will annoy you - that's my way of functioning and working. I will sabotage you from your very roots! Unless you are totally destroyed as a mind, there is no hope for you.”*

- Osho

In spite of the fact that a portion of the ideas in this vision may appear to be unusual at first hearing, it is urgent to take note of that the language and thoughts are not paradoxical but rather clear, exact, and particular. Similarly essential to hold as a top priority is that Advaita Vedanta is heredity based profound convention, supposedly go down from teacher to student from Shan. karacarya in the eighth ninth hundreds of years CE to the present day.

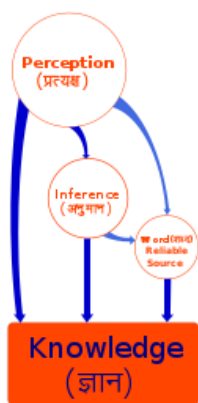
Nondual philosophical frameworks are not uncommon, different types of Buddhism are emphatically non-dual and one could recommend that a lot of the world's spiritualists talk about nondual, that a nondual experience of association with God, regardless of whether not bolstered by the

conventional perspective of their specific confidence. From various perspectives Advaita Vedanta is additionally an Eastern type of Idealism (think Plato, Plotinus, Kant or Hegel), proposing that psyche or consciousness, which at its root exudes from God, is the pith or significance of the exceptional reality.

Vedanta is neither recondite nor unfeasible. In the event that introduced legitimately, contemplated sincerely and comprehended with an unsophisticated heart, it can be a wellspring of motivation without a moment's hesitation. The all encompassing perspective of the universe that it offers, with its weight on the Divine pervading or controlling each viewpoint, can assist us with elevating our brain from the microcosm to the world, from the commonplace to the spiritualist levels.

Taken in their materiality, as "writing," the texts and images are definitely misjudged by the individuals who are not themselves in journey. No matter what, the metaphysical terms and images are the technical terms of the pursuit. They are never artistic decorations, and as Malinowski has so well said in another association, "Technical language, in issues of functional interest, gains its significance just through individual support in this kind of interest." That is the reason, the Indian feels; the Vedantic texts have been just verbally and linguistically and

never extremely comprehended by European researchers, whose strategies for think about are avowedly objective and noncommittal. The Vedanta can be known just to the degree that it has been lived. The Indian, in this manner, can't confide in a teacher whose convention isn't specifically reflected in his exceptionally being. Here is something extremely far expelled from the modern European idea of grant.



We should include, for the individuals who engage romantic thoughts of the "puzzling East," that the Vedanta has nothing to do with enchantment or with the activity of mysterious forces. Without a doubt the adequacy of supernatural system and the fact of mysterious forces are underestimated in India. In any case, the enchantment is viewed as a connected art of the basest kind; and while mysterious forces, for example, that of task "at a distance," are by chance gained over the span of pondering practice, the utilization of them—except if under the most

outstanding conditions—is viewed as a perilous deviation from the way.

Nor is the Vedanta a sort of psychology or Yoga a kind of therapeutics aside from coincidentally. Physical and moral healths are essentials to profound advance. A mental examination is utilized just to separate our affectionate faith in the solidarity and superfluity of the "spirit," and with a view to a superior recognizing of the soul from what isn't the soul however just a transitory psycho-physical indication of a standout amongst the most constrained of its modalities. Whoever, similar to Jung, demands deciphering the basics of Indian or Chinese mysticism into a psychology is just twisting the importance of the texts.

The Supreme Swan: In the foundation is an artistic rendering of a swan, with the Sanskrit sentence Brahmaivasatyam - Brahman is the main Truth. The swan theme is found in the seals of numerous Advaita associations. The figure seen here has been adjusted from the official seal of the Sringeri maTha, an ancient and a standout amongst the most essential focuses of Advaita Vedanta in India. The swan is an extremely prevalent theme in traditional Hindu symbolism. It can be found in oil-lights utilized as a part of temples and at sanctuaries in individuals' homes.

Advaita Vedanta and Swan have very close relationship with each other. In the Sanskrit

language, the Swan is known as “Hamsa”. Hamsa has also a unique kind of variety which belongs to Soham. It means the superior relationship like “I am He”. There has been seen that advaitin and Swan has not similar which means they have differently equivalent with each other. Swan belongs to water along with the feather which remains dry. On the other hand advaitin keeps separated with Atman from the non-dual world. The Atman that is Brahman is impending in the world, much the same as milk is apparently indistinguishably blended with water, however It can never be genuinely acknowledged without the nitya-anitya-vastuviveka - right discrimination between the endless and fleeting - that is fundamental for the advaitin. The swan is accordingly a symbol for the jivanmukta, who is freed while still alive in this world, by virtue of having acknowledged Brahman [4].

*“Feel nothing, know nothing, do nothing, have nothing, give up all to God, and say utterly, 'Thy will be done.' We only dream this bondage. Wake up and let it go.”*

**- Swami Vivekananda**

## **II. RELATIONSHIPS WITH BUDDHISM**

Advaita Vedanta and Mahayana Buddhism share similarities and have differences, their relationship a subject of dispute among scholars. The similarities amongst Advaita and Buddhism have pulled in Indian and Western

scholars' consideration, and have additionally been scrutinized by agreeing schools. The similarities have been deciphered as Buddhist impacts on Advaita Vedanta, while others deny such impacts, or consider them to be variation articulations. As indicated by Daniel Ingalls, the Japanese Buddhist scholarship has contended that Adi-Shankara did not comprehend Buddhism.

Some Hindu scholars condemned Advaita for its Maya and non-mystical doctrinal similarities with Buddhism. Ramanuja, the originator of Vishisht-advaita Vedanta, blamed Adi-Shankara for being a PrachannaBuddha, that is, a "crypto-Buddhist", and somebody who was undermining mystical Bhakti devotionism. The non-Advaita researcher Bhaskara of the Bhedabheda Vedanta tradition, correspondingly around 800 CE, blamed Shankara's Advaita as "this disgusting separated Mayavada that has been droned by the Mahayana Buddhists", and a school that is undermining the ritual duties set in Vedic orthodoxy [6].

A couple of Buddhist scholars made the contrary feedback in the medieval time toward their Buddhist rivals. In the 6th century CE, for instance, the Mahayana Buddhist researcher Bhavivek are characterized Vedantic ideas to indicate how they fit into Madhyamaka ideas, and

"equate[d] the Buddha's Dharma body with Brahman, a definitive reality of the Upanishads." In his Madhyamakahṛdayakarikaḥ, Bhaviveka stages a Hinayana (Theravada) interlocutor, who blames Mahayana Buddhists for being "crypto-Vedantins". Medieval period Tibetan Gelugpa scholars blamed the Jonang School for being "crypto-Vedantist." Contemporary researcher David Kalupahana called the seventh century Buddhist researcher Chandrakirti a "crypto-Vedantist", a view dismissed by scholars of Madhyamika Buddhism.

The Advaita Vedanta tradition has verifiably dismissed allegations of crypto-Buddhism featuring their particular perspectives on Atman, Anatta and Brahman.

### **III. NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS OF ADVAITA VEDANTA REGARDING ECOLOGICAL ACTIVISM AND AWARENESS**

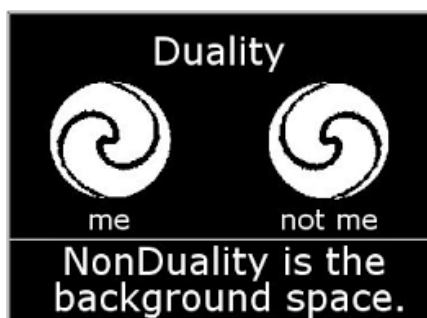
Similarly as with any religious and philosophical system, which is a few thousand years of age, Advaita Vedanta does not specifically address contemporary issues, for example, the approaching ecological debacle that mankind currently faces. Rather, Advaita Vedanta and other such systems proffer a world view by which the two people and whole social orders may base their everyday lives and presence. Thus, this world view may have both positive and negative ramifications

as far as how it impacts the conduct of the two people and different cooperatives. In the instances of ecological activism and awareness as observed through the focal points of Deep Ecology and Social Ecology, Advaita Vedanta is to a great extent positive. There are, be that as it may, a few parts of Advaita, which are negative with respect to issues of ecological concern. As the great qualities of Advaita Vedanta have just been talked about in the second and third sections, the spotlight here will be on those qualities that are negative to issues of ecological concern. Boss among these qualities are sure religious fundamentals, which have served to advance a propelled at monism or outrageous individualism in Indian society [7].

#### ***A) Interpreted Literally Sacred Texts Sometimes Demean Nature and its Creatures***

The colossal religious texts of the world are loaded with anecdotes and comparative literary gadgets, which are used by writers for the motivations behind giving readers lessons that have layered meanings. Also, the different meanings that an anecdote or comparable gadget may have are not generally unequivocal or literal. Ordinarily the "deeper" layers of the lesson must be gotten a handle on through exceptional investigation and dedication and the literal meanings of the illustrations or comparative gadgets are insignificant. This is the situation with the

religious texts of Advaita Vedanta. In any case, on the grounds that an individual just handles the "shallowest" or literal of the different meanings from a given lesson does not at all lessen the degree to which they might be affected by that lesson. As to different consecrated texts of Advaita, this is a reason for concern in issues of ecology, particularly since a considerable lot of the hallowed texts of Advaita include criticalness inside other Hindu traditions and among non-Hindus [8].



#### **IV. ADVAITA VEDANTA AND ECOLOGY**

Those people and gatherings who work and live in India and are focused on ending and turning around the ecological genocide in the subcontinent should seek Advaita Vedanta for understanding and direction with regards to the idea of the issue and its answer. Thusly, they will locate a rich and huge ontological tradition, which overwhelms India simply like the Judeo-Christian ontological tradition commands the West. Without a doubt, Sankara's system of non-dualism has been dominant for over a thousand years in India and is at the bleeding edge of the modern Hindu Renaissance (1998). It is significant to

understand that a society's activities will dependably be governed, at any rate to a limited extent, by the dominant supernatural belief system of that society [9].

James (2000), an American Philosopher, in *The Theory of Human Culture*, contends that rationalities are normally effective in the arrangement of human societies. As per his hypotheses, theoretical systems, for example, Advaita Vedanta, shape, alongside different impacts, the improvement of human society. Inside any society, Feibleman states, is an "implicit dominant ontology," which controls activity on both an individual and aggregate level. He bases his cases, as do others, on the possibility that the way in which individuals see themselves and their place inside the world effects extraordinarily the way by which individuals carry on and how they see their conduct. Feibleman (1946) infers that in the midst of social change and inconvenience, it is the errand of the scholar to make express these implicit dominant ontologies for the motivations behind feedback and reproduction. To survive the ecological dangers that Indian society faces, it is foremost to notice Feibleman's contention to make express the implicit dominant ontology in Indian society for the motivations behind reproduction and feedback. Along these lines, the two people and gatherings dynamic in the battle to invert the wild demolition of the

subcontinent's extraordinary ecosystems can draw upon the beliefs and customs of India's kin keeping in mind the end goal to teach and advance change [10].

#### **V. CONCLUSION**

Advaita Vedanta incorporates a religious measurement, which is indigenous to India, to the moral goals of both Deep Ecology and Social Ecology. The moral position of the solidarity of all life and populism between species in Deep Ecology has a firm supporting in Advaitin supernatural quality. Social Ecologists can in like manner point to the route that there is the wrong spot for the mentalities that provoke hierarchy of leadership inside the Advaitin way of life and conviction framework. By perceiving and drawing in the all-inclusive community's own specific sentiment of place and reason in the World the natural development in India can find accomplishment. The components of the connections that shape the participation between the natural and manufactured world in India must be changed if the subcontinent is to remain a sincere space. It is basic to these end activists, educators, and approach makers comprehend the advantage that Advaita Vedanta is in the fight to save India from natural devastation.

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