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Synopsis

MAY my mind be filled with devotion towards the highest Brahman, the abode of Lakshmi who is luminously revealed in the Upanishads; who in sport produces, sustains, and reabsorbs the entire Universe; whose only aim is to foster the manifold classes of beings that humbly worship him. The nectar of the teaching of Parâsara's son (Vyâsa),â "which was brought up from the middle of the milk-ocean of the Upanishadsâ "which restores to life the souls whose vital strength had departed owing to the heat of the fire of transmigratory existenceâ "which was well guarded by the teachers of oldâ "which was obscured by the mutual conflict of manifold opinions,â "may intelligent men daily enjoy that as it is now presented to them in my words.

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This book is really a great read. I enjoyed each and every bit of it. Ramanujacharya has completely integrated knowledge, works and devotion. He out of compassion, has driven in the point as if spoon-feeding as to how the paramatman(GOD) being the inner ruler, supremely powerful, wise, ever-perfect and infinitely compassionate is the only logical resort for the soul, rather than its own efforts to find happiness by its dull and weak understanding.Upanishads and Gita make much more sense now! How is our free will compatible with God's infinite powers and knowledge? What is the way out? Who is the performer of actions? Who is dispeller of fruits of actions? All clear!George has faithfully translated every word of Ramanujacharya, nothing more nothing less, which is something very rare in these days. So many authors out there cover the original works by their interpretations which are bound to have some flaws. How many flawed notions about Hinduism is floating in the internet!This book has changed my life and thinking. Now I understand why Ramanuja is considered

a Jagad Guru (Guru of the world)

As I mentioned in my review for Dr Thibaut's earlier book "The Vedanta Sutras Part I", he has done great justice in translating the authors' works into English. This book does not have a detailed foreword as the other book had, so I would suggest the readers to read "The Vedanta Sutras Part I" to get an idea of what Brahma Sutras are, and what were Shankara's and Ramanuja's points of view.

"Light" is not a poetical expression, but interior light is generated by the intestinal heat of living beings gut seeing (on Page 162). Ramanuja was able to challenge the intellectual status quo in the 12th century as he still does today.

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