

NYĀYABHĀṢYAVĀRTTIKA
of Bhāradvāja Uddyotakara

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Between Vātsyāyana and Vācaspati, the *Nyāyabhāṣyavārttika* reigns supreme as the only work by Uddyotakara. It explains, true to the definition of *vārttika*, nearly every word of the *Nyāyabhāṣya*, adds fresh elements and sometimes criticizes the earlier position. In this work, it is claimed, the original views of Akṣapāda, the father of Nyāya, have been rescued from the onslaught of 'bad logicians'. Vācaspati subsequently identifies these 'bad logicians' with Nāgārjuna, Vasubandhu and Dignāga. Concerning doubt, liberation, fallacies, refutation of the Buddhist theories of momentariness, difference theory of meaning of general words, relation of part and whole, etc., clear philosophical advancement is evinced in the *Vārttika*. As the second volume of the vast Nyāya-Caturgranthikā project, this edition is unique in providing a critical text based on hitherto undiscovered source material, as well as giving all the variants in the footnotes. These sources have for the first time enabled the editor to reconstruct an unmutilated version of the *Vārttika* on I.i.9 which was hopelessly fragmented before.