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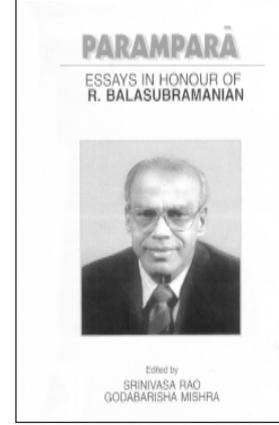
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Among the older generation philosophers hailing from South India, R. Balasubramanian is a leading figure who has inspired generations of students by his brilliant teaching and writings. He is well acquainted with both the Indian and the Western traditions of philosophy. Besides working very extensively in Advaita Vedānta, he has also contributed significantly to comparative philosophy involving Phenomenology, Existentialism and the philosophy of Wittgenstein. He has been a life-long enquirer and expounder of Advaita and therefore this volume brought out in his honour fittingly contains a good number of essays that extend the range and the level of enquiries in that field—a kind of activity in which he himself has been engaged in his own way throughout his career as a teacher and even after retirement. Besides his views on Advaita, his approaches to Existentialism and Analytic Philosophy also receive close attention in some of the essays. There are also a few attempts to give a bird's-eye view of his extensive work. In brief, this volume is an attempt at showing the vibrancy and vitality of the great philosophical tradition—the *darśana paramparā*—to which we all belong.

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