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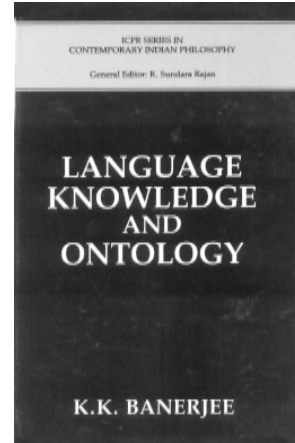
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These essays, while manifesting the depth of scholarship of Professor Kali Krishna Banerjee and his familiarity with both Indian and Western philosophies, reveal his dexterity in dealing with the intricate problems of both the systems of philosophies in an original and creative manner. In these essays, he recognizes the importance of language in philosophy, but holds that language can be made to signify a transcendent reality. The categorial scheme of metaphysical systems, however, is to be gleaned not from language alone but from experience and commonsense as well.

Professor Banerjee suggests that some powerful theses of Indian philosophical systems are without a strong foundation. An Indian *Darśana*, he points out, is to a large extent, grounded in pre-logical insight into reality—a conception of a philosophical system which is totally absent in Western philosophy. A metaphysical system must be creative and grounded in one's deeper quest for identity. Philosophy is a personal and a historical search for Being and not merely theoretical and abstract rationalization.

Kali Krishna Banerjee (1919–83) was one of the leading contemporary philosophers of India. In him one finds a rare combination of classical scholarship and thorough familiarity with contemporary philosophical trends in the West.