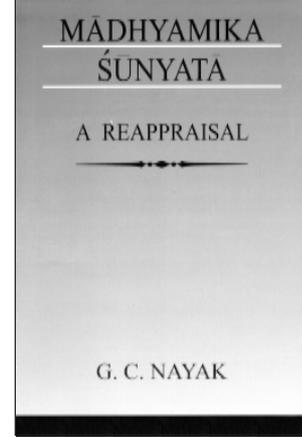


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A Reappraisal

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This volume is a reappraisal of the Mādhyamika thought with special reference to Nāgārjuna and Candrakīrti. Mādhyamika philosophy, specially the *Mādhyamika Śūnyatā*, has been subjected to much misunderstanding and misinterpretation through the ages. Śūnyatā traditional has been mistaken either as void in a literal sense or even as the transcendent absolute in certain quarters because of the *Tattva* here being regarded as *Catuṣkoṭivīnirmukta*. What this volume attempts at achieving is to arrive at an adequate understanding of the *Mādhyamika Śūnyatā*, as it is in its right perspective, by steering clear of the Scylla of nihilism on the one hand and the Charybdis of absolutism on the other. The author aims at giving a fair deal to what he considers to be a unique philosophical enterprise which has received an unfair treatment all along for no apparent fault of its own, and he has based his arguments on the original writings mainly of Nāgārjuna and Candrakīrti in support of his thesis.

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