



The liberation doctrine in *Brahmasiddhi* of Maṇḍanamīśra

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ABSTRACT

The issue of liberation is a recurrent theme in all schools of Indian classical thought. In case of *advaita-vedānta* it is deeply rooted in ontology. The problem of ontological status of the world was the bone of contention for two competing non-dualist schools of *vedānta* — *vivarāṇa* and *bhāmatī*. Maṇḍana's *Brahmasiddhi* can be regarded as an important source of inspiration for the latter. The present paper is an analysis of Maṇḍana's statements pertaining to the issue of *mukti* (or *mokṣa*) in contrast with those of Śankara, the exponent of *advaita* commonly (though erroneously) considered the creator and the most prominent representative of the school.

KEYWORDS

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