Every topic discussed in the book is corroborated by scriptural passages firmly establishing its authenticity. This English commentary faithfully follows the method adopted by Sri Vidyaranya Muni: 'I explain the meaning of the Sruti and refrain from saying anything based on mere speculative logic' (Panchadashi, Ch.-8-67).

The detailed contents and an exhaustive multiple index will help the reader to locate the topic easily whenever some point is to be clarified. For the benefit of those readers who are familiar with Sanskrit language the quoted original Sanskrit passages are given either in the body of the book or in the footnotes. The material is rounded off with a highly useful summary and an epilogue that highlights the essential constituents of Brahmajnana. This commentary is a very significant contribution from the author, who rises to the level of fulfilling Cardinal Newman's requirement -- 'An author is one who has got something to say and who knows how to say'.

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