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Spiritual Humanism: A Vital Aspect in the Modern Indian Thought

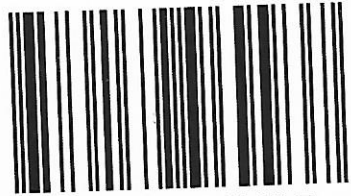
An exposition of Spiritual Humanism in the
philosophy of Modern Indian thinkers

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The Contemporary Indian thinkers dealt here were following the traditions of Advaita Vedanta in one way or another. They tried to expound Advaita in various ways and in this sense, they were all spiritualists. They were all concerned about the world in which they lived and not about their selfish interests. They held that Advaita has solutions for sustainable material progress as well as attaining spiritual goals. They aimed at overcoming selfishness and tried for individual perfection which will lead to social welfare. Here they were highlighting humanism in terms of the role of the individual in society where the interest of the individual completely merges with that of the society. They suggested self-denial and self-sacrifice as the abiding spirit for the cause of humanism because the seeds of humanism ought to be grown and developed through the concept of socialization. This is the message we get from the life and ideals of all these great thinkers of contemporary India and it highlights spiritual humanism which is a dominant aspect of their philosophy.



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