

# **ASPECTS OF BHAKTI**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The three lectures which I have undertaken to deliver are devoted to the expotition of the philosophical bases of Bhakti, to he examination of the sadhana of Bhakti, and lastly to an historical study of the evolution of Bhakti in India. The field of study is, as everybody knows, well known and it is unlimited in onesense. I have restricted myself mainly to the Śrī Vaiṣṇava approach which is that of Viśṣṭādvaita as a Metaphysics of Yoga. In Yoga, however, the neat rational approach of any one mechanistic or mystical attitude cannot avail. The organic and integral conception of reality is most belpful. I am aware that not much new thought could be furnished in these lectures, and all that I have attempted is to throw some additional light on certain aspects of the problem and the path of devotion. I shall feel myself amply rewarded if have been able to do that much.

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