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After reading the book, *The Battle For Sanskrit*, the AkhadaParishad realizes the importance of training our sadhus in the modern academic discourse concerning our sanskriti. Only then can we participate and give our responses. It is clear to me that the academic interpretation of our sacred texts has been taken over by scholars who are not properly experienced in the Vedic tradition. We the akhadas are the true insiders of the tradition, and our adhikara should not be replaced by the views of outsiders especially those living a non-Vedic lifestyle.

As the book advocates, we respect the freedom of speech of everyone, including the outsiders. It is up to us as the traditional adhikaristo rise to the challenge being posed by the outsiders. We must respond by presenting the traditional understanding with mutual respect, as the author of the book proposes. I am calling upon our scholars to properly study the writings of Westerners, to have open and fair debates with them on key issues, and to take back the study of Hinduism for the well being of our samaj.

Shri Rajiv Malhotra rightfully provokes us to start our own university of Indology, where we will teach how to do purva-paksha and uttara-paksha on Western Indologists. We cannot necessarily change the thinking of outsiders, but we must protect our samaj from becoming intellectually hijacked and infiltrated by harmful lifestyles and values.

I wish the book great success and recommend our akhadas to invite the author and understand his work.

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