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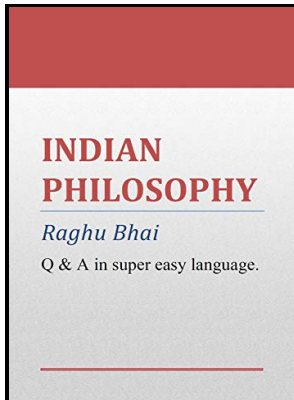
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Quest

Religions declare they have THE TRUTH and each religion flaunts its own set of truths.

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All unique particulars which are ultimately existent, are necessarily produced, since only those that are ultimately existent, insofar as Dharmakīrti is concerned, are able to perform a causal function—i. The case of the pretas hungry-ghosts account for intersubjective agreement as they look at water they alone, not other beings, see rivers of pus, urine, excrement, and collectively hallucinate demons as the hell guardians.

Quest

To put the matter straightforwardly, for the Sarvāstivādins, wholes and continua are only conventionally real, whereas the atoms and point-instant consciousness are only ultimately real.

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In that case we will have to grant emptiness as existing independently of conventionally real entities, as their underlying substratum. For they all have an ultimate nature representing ultimate status, just as they have conventional nature representing conventional status. According to them it serves as the mirror reflecting the core message of the Buddha's teachings and the massive philosophical literature it inspired.

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Dogma and ideology as a following are useless. Ofcourse he did not give us his intelligence, only a part of it and he gave us a soul, mind, intellect in a body.

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To sum up, though this entry provides just an overview of the theory of the two truths in Indian Buddhism discussed overview, it nevertheless offers us enough reasons to believe that there is no single theory of the two truths in Indian Buddhism. The original treaties of the Vedas and Upanishads were written in short sentences containing only key words, almost like prompters for students in a lecture. After all, that which is true should produce predictable consequences for us in our lives.

Lokayata/Carvaka

As argued, sometimes untruth may be more useful than truth. So far there has been no evidence of either heaven or hellfire.

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Hence it is only conventionally real.

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