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What is Advaita Vedānta?

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The word 'Advaita' (■■■■■■) means non-duality. It is a philosophy which describes that there is only one reality and one truth i.e. Brahm■na. All else is not real, not eternal and is of transient nature.

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Brahm■n is changeless, formless, indivisible, unchanging, immutable, beyond guna-s (attributes), beyond the reach of 5 senses, mind and beyond the realms of M■y■.

Ved■nta means the Conclusion (Anta) of Vedas, hence the one which contains the essence of Vedas.

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Hence, Advaita Vedanta can be defined as a M■rga which teaches the essence of vedas that there is one supreme reality (non dual) Nirguna Brahman (■■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■■).

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Advaita Vedanta teaches that this world is transient, temporary, and hence a Mithy■. It is due to the power of M■y■ (illusion) that this world looks different than Brahm■n. Brahm■n alone is reality.

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Advaita asks one to raise from Shar■ra Bh■va to J■va Bh■va to ■tman Bh■va . According to Advaita, J■va and Brahm■n aren't dual. Entire Advaita Ved■nta can be summed up in an Ardha Shloka as:

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Brahma Satyam Jagan Mithya JIvo Brahmaiva Niparah"

~ Brahma Jnanaval M (20)

Brahman alone is the reality and this Transient World is merely an illusion. The JIva is therefore non dual from Brahma.

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This Concept of refering the Transient World as an "Illusion" must not be understood as being "Unreal". Bhagwana Adi Shankaracharya explained it further as follows,

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~Brahma Jnanaval M (20)

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The Transient World is Mithya, Hence it cannot be categorised either as "Real" or "Unreal". This should be understood as the correct Shstra. This is proclaimed by Vedanta.

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Now the seekers of the Immortal Bliss mustn't assume this Mah Vky of Advaita Vednta to be "created" by Bhagwana Adi Shankaracharya. It's actually asserted by Shrutis themselves and was only quoted by Mahabhga Shankaracharya.

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~ Nirambala Upanishada (28)

Brahma is alone real.

Glories to Bhagwana Adi Shankaracharya!!!

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