

VĀSUDEVĀŚRAMA YATIDHARMAPRAKĀŚA, 'a treatise on world renunciation.' Critically edited with introduction, annotated translation and appendices by PATRICK OLIVELLE, Part I: Text. Vienna, 1976. Agents: E.J. Brill, Leiden; Gerold and Co., Vienna; Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi. Pages 139. Price not given.

This is volume 3 in the Series 'Publications of the de Nobili Research Library' under the editorship of Prof. G. Oberhammer of Vienna University. The *Yatidharmaprakāśikā* by Vāsudevāśrama, pupil of Govindāśrama and grandpupil of Rāmakṛṣṇāśrama, is an Advaitic work on Yatidharma, and is critically edited on the basis of six manuscripts. The introduction explains in detail the principles of textual criticism adopted. Appendix I gives an alphabetical list of all ritual formulae together with their identification and references. Appendix II gives an alphabetical list of all the half-verses, *sūtra-s* and prose passages. Appendix III contains a systematic index of the quotations. This is followed by a general index. The text is edited with meticulous care, and the Roman script is used.

On p. 28 *jānum* in the masculine is said to be an epic usage. But see the *Kundamālā* usage:

*vāmena vānīrataruṃ kareṇa jānuṃ samālambya ca dakṣiṇena,
pade pede me padam ādadhānā śanaiḥ śanair etu muhūrtam āryā.*

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