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Agenda for Research

1. There is a controversy regarding the authorship of "Vivekacūdāmaṇi." Though Śankara is said to be the author of this great work, it seems unreasonable to accept such a view as Vivekacūdāmaṇi highlights the importance of 'Samādhi' (Nirvikalpaka Samādhi), which is rarely expressed in Śankara's other prolific works. The concept of Samādhi is an addition of later advaitins. Also, the poetic style of Vivekacūdāmaṇi is significantly different from that other works like Upadeśasāhasri. The authorship is probably attributed to Sri Śankara Bhārati, a discple of Abhinava NrsimhaBhārati of Śivaganga who belongs to the 17th Century A. D. It has therefore been required to investigate the correctness of the authorship.
2. A Bhartrharian approach to cognition by language is a debatable philosophical proposition. As language represents universality, how can there be sublation of the substratum of the universality through language?

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