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## Sureśvara as a Commentator

Sureśvara was a direct student of Śaṅkara and a celebrated commentator of some of his works. He authored *Naiṣkarmya Siddhi*, an independent work, and two *vārttikas*: on Śaṅkara's *Bṛhad-āraṇyakopaniṣad-bhāṣya* and *Taittirīyopaniṣad-bhāṣya*. It appears from his works that he was a thorough and consistent Śaṅkarite who scarcely allowed diversion from the line of his master. Throughout his career Sureśvara debated with *Mīmāṃsakas*, both the *Bhāṭṭas* and the *Prābhākaras*. He also confronted the followers of Maṇḍana Miśra, a non-Śaṅkarite and famous *prasaṅkhyānavādin*. One of the major topics of debate that is found in each and every of his works is vindication of the insight into the nature of self (*jñāna*) as the sole means of achieving liberation. In his works, he proves himself to be a seasoned polemicist and a scholar of tremendous erudition. Sureśvara acts as a valuable link between Śaṅkara and the later Advaita tradition.