

**PARAMATA BHANGA**

**OF**

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**(THE BUDDHISTIC SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT<sup>1</sup>)**

Śrī Vedānta Desika traces the growth of Buddhistic thought as a critical outcome of the Materialistic school but which in doing so has not any the whit made philosophic understanding better. On the contrary, its several steps of nihilism, subjective idealism, representationalism and realism (presentationalism) have not been able to rescue it from the catastrophe of negation. The causal theory accepted by the schools is forsaken by the doctrine of momentatiness and that becomes a myth, and one finds that all the superb analyses made by buddhistic schools have been utterly pointless. Even orthodox schools that might accept these schools in one way or other, openly or otherwise, are subject to these criticisms. Śrī Vedānta Desika holds that thought that is untrue to ordinary consciousness is bound to lead to extravagant hypotheses. All faults and illusions arise from this fruitful source.