

ELECTIVE COURSE I - VISISTIDAVAITA

UNIT - I :

The origin and development of Vaishnavisms The importance of Vaishnavism in Tamilnadu - Vaishnavism in Vedas, Upanisada, Mahanarayana Upanisads, Brahmasutra and Bhagavat Gita.

UNIT - II :

Traces of Vaishnavism in Puranas, Epics and Agamas Vishnupurnam and Bagavathapuram - Ramayanam and Mahabharatham - Vaishnava Agamas - pancharatram Vaikanasam.

UNIT - III : Alvars –

The contribution of Alvars to the development of Bhakti - Nalayiradivya Prabandam - The contribution of Acharyas : Nathamuni, Yamunachariyar, Ramanujar, Vedaanta Desikar, Pillai Lokaachariya, Upaya Vedanta - Srivaishnavism.

UNIT - IV: Philosophy of Visistadvaita : Meaning of Visistadvaita - Philosophical doctrines - Nature of Brahman - Jiva - World Sarira sariri - Sesa sesi sambanda.

UNIT - V:

Ethics of Vaishnavism Nishkama Karma, Karma, Jnana, Bhakti and Prapatti - The Nature of Mukti.

BOOKS FOR REFERENCE

1. P.N. Srinivasachari - The Philosophy of Visistadvaita.
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3. S.M. Srinivasa Chari - Vaisnavism - Its Philosophy, Theology and Religious Discipline.
4. K.G. Goswami - A study of Vaisnavism
5. G.N. Mallik - The Philosophy of Vaisnava Religion
6. K.D. Bharadwaj - The Philosophy of Ramanuja
7. P.N. Srinivasa ghari - Ramajuja's Idea of the Finite Self
8. Anima Sen Gupta - A Critical study of the Philosophy of Ramanuja
9. Sir subramanya Ayyar - Lectures on the History of Sri Vaisnavas
10. R.G. Bhandarkar - Vainavism, Shaivism and minor religious sects.