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language and reality, also, or even primarily, between sentences and the situations they describe. This shared conviction was responsible for

a perceived problem. Different currents in Indian philosophy can be understood as different attempts to solve this problem; these include the satkryavda of the Skhyas, the anekntavda of the Jainas, the nyavda of the Buddhists, and many others. By bringing to light the shared problem underlying almost all schools of Indian philosophy, this book shows the interconnectedness of currents that had hitherto been thought of as quite independent of each other.