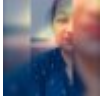


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ADI SHANKAR AND SRI SURESHWARACHARYA

In the town of Mahishmatipura, there lived Mandana Mishra. He was the disciple of Kumarila Bhatta who lead the Poorva Mimamsa school of philosophy.

Kumarila Bhatta, once, asked Adi Shankara to have a debate with Mandana Mishra.

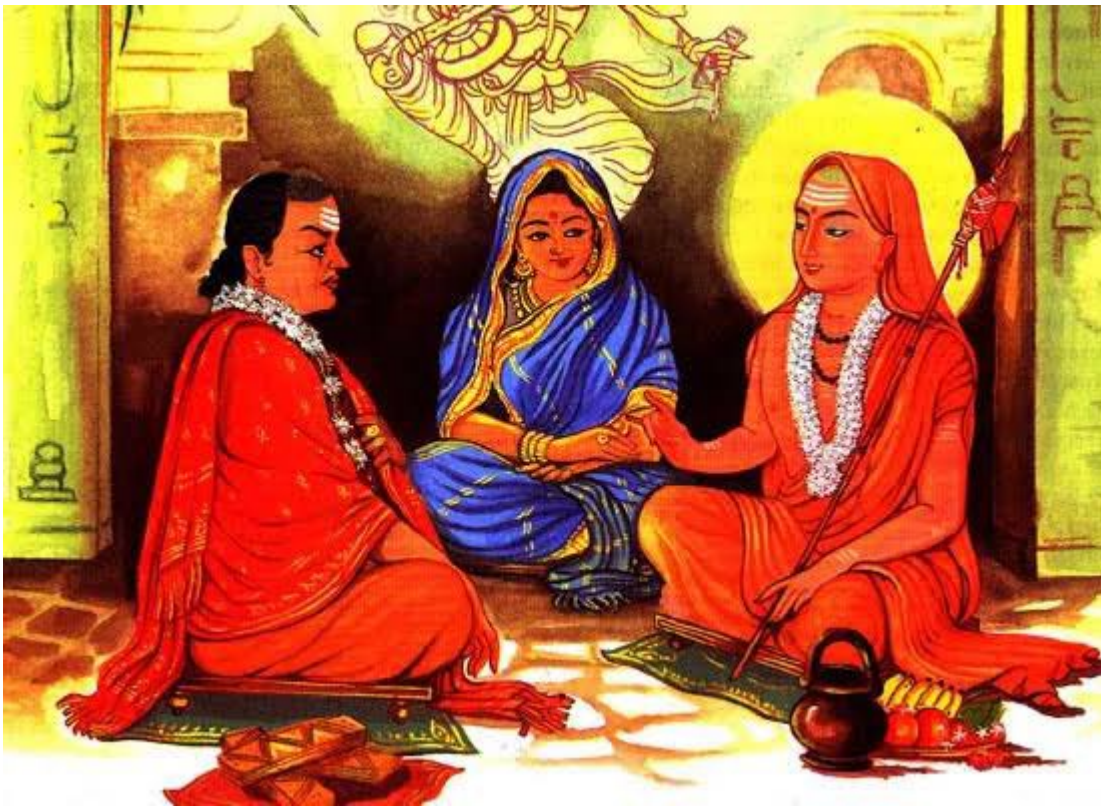


When Adi Shankara arrived at Mandana Mishra's house, the doors were closed as he was performing some rituals. Despite this, Adi Shankara went in. This was disliked by Mandana. A debate started between them where in Adi Shankara questioned the need for rituals.

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Ubhaya Bharti, wife of Mandana Mishra, was made the judge as she herself was extremely learned. It was decided that both men would wear a garland. The person whose garland would fade first, would be the loser. Adi Shankara won the debate. Mandana became disciple of Adi Shankar.



He was given the name Sureshwaracharya and he went on to head Sringeri Sri Sharada Peetham.

Metrical commentaries/ vartikas by him gave him the name Vartika-kara. His other works include commentary Manasollasa on Sri Shankara's Dakshinamurthi-stotra and Panchikarana-vartika.

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