PREFACE

The present work is an attempt to compare and co-relate the viewpoints of Sankaradeva's theism and the theism of the New Testament of the Bible. In Vaisnavism, much work has not yet been done by the Indian scholars as compared to the works done on the New Testament. I consider these two religions as the most perfect forms of faith, developed out of the crying need of the people to have a personal God, with whom a spiritual communion can be established.

Sankaradeva was the fountain head of Assamese life and culture. He had a genuine sympathy for all people belonging to different castes, sects and tribes and in return he was able to collect a rich harvest of sympathy from the common people. Sankaradeva's 'Satra' and Christian mission succeeded in reawakening the spiritual consciousness among the people of North East India. Both the faiths endeavoured to establish social equality and brotherhood among all sections of people and liberated them from ignorance and sufferings. This is also a step towards national and even international integration.

Moreover, in this thesis, I have tried to establish an underlying harmony and national integration among the people of hills and plains by the philosophy of love and devotion.

In order to make an intricate and comprehensive study, the proposed theme of this research work has been divided into five chapters preceded by an introduction and succeeded by a conclusion.

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