

Brief Comments on the book's Bibliography (pp. 729 sqq.)

The bibliography is prepared very carelessly. Some texts or editions cited do not exist. For example: "Kaushitaki Brahmana. 3 vols. Calcutta: Bibliotheca Indica, 1903" is an incorrect reference.

Several other citations have serious spelling errors. For example: "Purva-mimamsa-sutra. Jaiminiya-mimamsa-bhashyam of Shabaraswamin. Hirayana: Ramlal Kapar, 1986." The correct place of publication is 'Sonapat, Haryana' (not 'Hirayana'), and the publisher's correct name is 'Ramlal Kapoor Trust'. This work came out in several volumes printed over several years whereas Doniger just lists the year of publication as '1986'.

Many journal article references are incorrect. For instance, "Shekhawat, V. "Origin and Structure of purushartha Theory: An attempt at Critical Appraisal." *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research* 7:1 (1900), 63-67." The correct issue and year of this journal issue are actually 8:2 and 1991.

The format of the bibliography is also inconsistent, to the point of being annoying. Some works have their editor's name listed, but others do not. No distinction is made between publication years that are per the Gregorian calendar versus those in Indian calendars. For example, Doniger gives the year of publication of a work published in Shaka Samvat 1860 as simply '1860' even though the two calendars are offset from each other.

A perusal of the sources relied upon by Doniger for the chapters of her book are an interesting study in their own way and explain why certain errors and biases pervade her work. More comments on this aspect should be seen under respective chapter reviews.