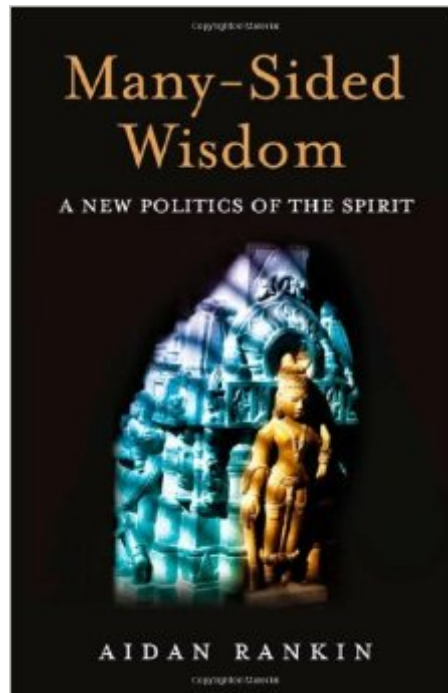


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Anekant is a new political philosophy with ancient spiritual roots. It derives from the teachings of the Jains in India, but is relevant to all cultures and all times. Anekant literally means 'Many-Sidedness'. It recognises that there are an infinite variety of paths towards the same truth and so the search for truth must be undertaken with humility. Practising Many-Sidedness is about realising that society means more than just humans, because it embraces all forms of life. We should learn to co-operate instead of competing with each other, and work with nature rather than pointlessly attempting to conquer it.

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