

**RIVALRY AND RAPPROCHEMENT OF VAISHŅAVISM AND ŚAIVISM FROM NORTH
INDIA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO SIGILLOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE (CIRCA THIRD
CENTURY B. C. TO MID-SEVENTH CENTURY A.D.)**

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ABSTRACT

Religion has created much that is beautiful and sublime, and it is religion again that has often been responsible for its destruction. It has created feelings of love and oneness, but has also been responsible for factionalism, brutality, oppression and hatred. Some seals and sealings do throw light, in howsoever a scanty fashion, on these two aspects- sectarian rivalries and attempts at rapprochement. To specify the rivalry and rapprochement of Vaishᅇnavism and Śaivism with sigillographic evidences is the purpose of this research paper.

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