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While Rajaji's books on *Marcus Aurelius*, the *Vedanta*, the *Bhagavad Gita* and the *Upanishads* are popular, he blazed a new trail in story-telling and delineating pathos and beauty by his best-sellers *Mahabharata* and *Ramayana*. The present book *Hinduism* is an expansion of the author's *Vedanta* and should be of special and even topical interest to scholars and statesmen of all countries. The troubles and difficulties of the present world can be overcome only by a more constructive examination and appreciation of the moral and philosophical background of the faiths and practices that have hitherto kept it in order and moving towards progress instead of self-destruction. The thesis of the book should put heart into those who are fighting the global battle for civilization governed by Moral Order.