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Consciousness in Advaita Vedanta

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Some of the rich concepts of Indian Philosophical traditions are seldom translated very satisfactorily into western languages without sacrificing their profound and precise meanings. “Consciousness” is the translation for the Advaitic term *Cit*, which means more than simple “awareness” or “awakening”, concepts which are usually substituted for “consciousness”. Fortunately, William M. Indich is very cautious in using the term “consciousness” in his book *Consciousness in Advaita Vedanta*, and he keeps the rich content of the term *Cit* almost entirely when he applied it to the description of the levels of