

What is Neo- Advaita?

A Scholarly Definition

Neo-Advaita is when:
someone says they are teaching “Nonduality”

and their “teaching” is:
in opposition to
criticizes
and
offers a fundamentally different message then:

the 3 main texts of Vedanta:

The Bhagavad Gita

The Upanishads

The Brahma Sutras.

And the central text of Advaita Vedanta:

The Crescent Jewel of Discrimination by Adi Shankara- a synthesis of the above three scriptures.

Ramana Maharishi said The Crescent Jewel contained the essential knowledge of “The Direct Path” which anyone who was interested in the Nondual path “had to understand.”

Some of the major ways Neo-Advaita contradicts the above four texts, is listed in:
What is Neo-Advaita, a literal definition.

In any given tradition there will be slight disagreements, slightly different interpretations or emphasis.

This is not the case with Neo-Advaita and Advaita Vedanta- they are
FUNDAMENTALLY different.

You cannot follow a Neo-Advaita teachers AND
Ramana Maharshi
The Bhagavad Gita
Adi Shankara
Actual Nonduality as a whole.

They offer fundamentally different teachings.

Wikipedia has a great article on it:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neo-Advaita>