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About five years ago, I wrote in the preface of my work, Jaina Ethics: "the metaphysical Reality or Truth of logical coherence must remain merely a theoretical possibility unless it is translated into good of life through right living. In fact, the reality or truth is supra-logical and can be better realized by living it practically than by speculating on it intellectually."

Little did I know that I myself may have to write one day on the 'truth of logical coherence' from the Jaina point of view. I had an occasion to guide a *Jaina* nun in the intricacies of the *Jaina Tarka Bhāṣā* of *Acārya Yasovijaya*. I was attracted by the maturity and depth of the work. Therefore, when Dr. R. C. Pandey, Professor and Head of the Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi, suggested that I should take up the translation of this work and when M/S Moti Lal Banarasidass offered to publish my translation with annotations, I gladly took up the work.

This effort of mine is humble in more than one way. In the first place, I have had no opportunity to study the subject of Jaina logic at the feet of a qualified Guru and as Pt. Sukha Lala Ji in his introduction to Jaina Tarka Bhīṣā has observed,¹ "it is not possible to follow a work like Jaina Tarka Bhāṣā without having a certain back-ground of the subject" and as Dr. Satakari Mookerjee has made the same observation regarding the Pramāṇa Mīmāmsā,² my attempt to write a commentary on the Jaina Tarka Bhāṣā is indeed a courageous step. My only help, however, in this task have been the works of my predecessors. Though all such works have been noted in the bibliography, special mention, however, may be made of the works of Pt. Sukhalalji whom I have followed in my text and whose notes on the Pramāṇa Mīmāmsā have been my guide throughout

1. PP. 8-9.

2. Mookerjee, Pramāņamīmāmsā, preface, p. XI.

the work. In fact for the depth with which Pt. Sukhalal Ji has approached the problem of Jaina logic, it is very difficult for anybody to write anything on Jaina logic without being largely influenced by his works. No better compliments to Pt. Sukhlal Ji can be paid than that of Dr. Satakari Mookerjee: 'Pt. Sukhalala Ji is the most learned man in the Jaina community and one of the foremost scholars of India. His knowledge of the Buddhist, Jaina and Nyāya systems is astounding and this has enabled him to edit the master pieces of Jaina Philosophy with perfect mastery and accuracy. The world will remain indebted to him for his contributions. He is one of the few intellectual stalwarts in the traditional field of Sanskrit scholarship that still are left to us'.¹

The development of the art of logic is rather a late phenomenon. This art of logic in India is invariably connected with religion and spiritualism. Still it has been claimed that it is a separate branch of learning.² The fact the science of logic is claimed to be a source of equanimity in misery and pleasure³ brings in very near to spiritualism.⁴ though this fact has perhaps escaped the notice of the classical authors. The ancient people, however, were conscious of the desirability⁵ as well as non-desirability⁶ of logic. This contradiction can be solved by understanding that the Reality is supra-logical but not illogical. The orthodox authors have perhaps not mentioned clearly this point also. The logic can take us to a certain point and is, therefore, useful, but because it cannot take us beyond a certain point, it becomes useless and it also becomes harmful when we insist that it should lead us to the Ultimate Reality. It may be said in other words that from spiritual point of view the utility of logic consists in showing the futility of logic for realisation of the Ultimate.

- 1. Mookerjee, Pramānamimāmsā, preface. p. XIV.
- 2. Cf Nyāyabhāsya. 1.1.1.
- 3. Arthasastra, 1.2 व्यसनेऽभ्युदये च बुद्धिमवस्थापयति Also Nitivakyamrta, 5.56. व्यसनेषु न विषीदति नाभ्युदयेन विकार्यते ।
- 4. Gitā, 2.38.
- Rāmāyaņa (Ayodhyā kāņda), 100.39; and Mahābhāratā (Śāntīparva), 180.47.49. and Manusmrti 11.106.
- 6. Yājñavalkyasmīti, 1.3 and Artha'sāstra, chapter 2.

Whatever the position, it is a fact that there has been a a tussle between the two view-points—the pro-logic and the anti-logic. The Jainas, true to their philosophy of neutrality, kept themselves aloof from all tussles in the beginning, but ultimately they had also to develop a science of logic of their own. This became necessary to defend oneself from the attacks of the opponents, who had begun challenging the rationality of the Jaina viewpoint. Not only this but it might have been also felt that a creed needs to be presented in an appealing form so that it could become popular. All scholars of philosophy, therefore, devoted themselves to the science of logic.

As far as the Jainas are concerned, they could find the basis for their system of logic in their scriptures themselves. It is but natural, because any thinking is, after all, based on some logic; that it may not have been systematised, is a different question. The *Jaina* logicians rightly caught the spirit of *Jaina* scriptures when they said that the main theme of the Jainism is non-absolutism (anekāntavāda) and that every statement is to be accepted only relatively true ($sy\bar{a}dv\bar{a}da$).

Pandit Dalsukhbhai Malavaniya has shown how we can find the germs of non-absolutism in the Jaina scriptures¹ and we need not repeat it here. Similarly, he has also dealt with the seven-fold statement, as found in the Jaina scriptures² The theory of the partial point of view (*Text*, chapter II) has also its origin in the Jaina scriptures.³

The other topics discussed in our *text* are also mostly dealt with in the *Jaina* scriptures. The five types of knowledge (*Text*, pp. 2-8) are mentioned by the *Bhagavatīsūtra*⁴ and the *Sthānāngasūtra*,⁵ in addition to the *Nandīsūtra* which discusses only the varieties of knowledge in detail. Our author, *Yaśovijaya*, has mainly followed *Viseṣāvaśyakabhāṣya* in this context. As regards other topics, *Anuyogadvāra*⁶ mentions four types of

- 5. Sūtra, 77.
- 6. Sūtra, 59.

^{1.} Agamayuga kā Jaina Darśana, Agra, 1966, pp 51-91.

^{2.} Ibid, pp. 92-115.

^{3.} Ibid, pp. 114-124.

^{4. 88.2.317.}

organ of knowledge (Text. 1.3 and 1-24). The three types of the inference, mentioned in the Jaina scriptures1 are replaced by two varieties of our text (1.34). The same is the case with Hindu logic also where the Nyāyasūtra gives the same three varities² as given in the Jaina scriptures and the later books like Tarkasangraha mention the same two varieties as given in our Text. The Jaina scriptures also mention five types of causes³ (Cf text 1.52 and 1.54). The other tradition mentioned in the Sthānāngasūtra⁴ is nearer to the description of our text. Our text (1.50) has accepted only two parts of syllogism whereas Bhadrabāhu in his Daśavaikālikaniryukti⁵ has given a syllogism consisting of ten parts. The art of debate, which occupied an important place not only in the Jaina scriptures⁶ but in the ancient Hindu logic also7, was later on neglected in both the traditions. We, therefore, refrain from giving the details about this aspect.

The above account is based on the Jaina āgamas which assume their present form in 533 A.D. (according to the followers of Śkaņdila) or 466 A.D. (according to the followers of Nagārjuna).⁸ There are some authors, who are placed earlier than this period, and who have contributed to the development of Jaina logic. The first of such authors is Kundakundācārya who is generally placed in the middle of the 3rd century A.D.⁹

 $\bar{A}c\bar{a}rya\ Kundakunda\ justified^{10}$ the special meaning attributed to the term 'direct perception' by the Jaina logicians. (Text—1.3 and 1.4) As regards the concept of omniscience (Text 1.21) he made the remarkable statement that from real point of view the omniscient knows only the self.¹¹ As regards the seven-fold statement, Kundakundācārya agrees with

- 1. Agama Yuga Kā Jaina Darsana, p. 148.
- 2. Nyāyas tra. 1.1.5.
- 3. Agama Yuga Kā Jaina Darsana, p. 151-152.
- 4. See Ibid, p. 159.
- 5. Gāthā, 92 ff and also Gāthā, 137.
- 6. Āgama Yuga Kā Jaina Darsana, Chapter IV.
- 7. Cf. Nayasūtra, 1.1.1.
- 8. Bhargava, D., Jaina Ethics, p. 228. For detail see pp. 223-228.
- 9. 1bid, p. 247.
- 10. Pravacanasāra, 1.57,58.
- 11. Niyamasāra, 158.

out *text* (1.63) in placing the inexplicable mode of saying at the fourth place¹ but in the *Pravacanasāra*² he himself places it in the third place.

Next comes Umāsvāmī (known as Umāsvāti in the Švetāmbara tradition) who is placed in the third century A.D.³ He mentions along with the organs of knowledge the partial view point also.⁴ He, however, mentions only five view points⁵ in place of seven in our text (2.1). This is, of course according to the Śvetāmbara reading. The Digambara reading is different and gives all the seven view points. Umāsvāti, in his autocommentary on the Tattvārthasūtra, explains that the partial view points do not represent any Jaina subjects or non-Jaina schools but are only the different aspects of looking at an object.6 After Umāsvāti come Ācārya Siddhasena and Sāmantabhadra, both of whom could be placed near about fourth century A. D. Here we need not go into the controversy as to who of them preceded. It appears that this controversy has assumed a sectarian colour, as all the Svetambara scholars insist on the precedence of Siddhasena whereas the Digambara scholars insist on the precedence of Samantabhadra. The question is considered to be important because one, who preceded of the two, would be given the credit of laying the foundation of Jaina logic. We, however, do not enter this controversy.

The definition of the organ of knowledge in our Text (1. 1) was given by Siddhasena.⁷ He also gave the definition of cause⁸ which is substantially the same as given in our Text. (1. 35). He also made distinction between internal concomitance and external concomitance (Text; 1. 37). The distinction of the empirical and the transcendental perceptual cognition (Text, 1.4) was also made by him for the first time. Besides,

1. Pañcāstikāya, 14.

2. 2.23.

3. Bhargava, D., Jaina Ethics, p. 251.

4. Tattvārthas ūtra, 1.6.

- 5. Ibid, 1.34. नैगमसङ्ग्रहब्यवहारर्जुसूत्रशब्दनयाः ।
- 6. Auto-commentary, Ibid., 1.35.
- 7. Nyāyāvatāra, I
- 8. Ibid, 22.
- 9. 1bid, 20.