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Topic: Vaisheshika Darshan

Vaisheshika Darshana

- ✚ This Darshana was written by ***Kanaada***.
- ✚ Kanaada was the son of Aulukya Maharshi of Kashyapa Gotra.
- ✚ Hence Kanaada was called '***Aulukya***', so also the Vaisheshika Darshana is also known as ***Aulukya Darshana***.
- ✚ **Kanaada** :- As Kanaada satisfied Maheshwara by eating Kanas (Paramanus/Atoms), he was popularly known as Kanaada.

- ✚ **Aulukya Darshana:-** All can recognize all the Padarthas in the Daylight and differentiate between the things. But owl or Uluka recognizes and differentiates the Padarthas in the Night or Darkness. Hence it is also known as Aulukya Darshana.
- ✚ **Vaisheshika Darshana :-** Vishesha Padartha was described specially and specifically. Hence it is called Vaisheshika Darshana.
- ✚ **Prashasta Paada** wrote a commentary.
- ✚ **Jagadisha Bhattacharya** has written a Vartika,
- ✚ Vaisheshika Darshana contains 10 Adhyayas, 20 Ahnikas and 370 Sutras are present.
- ✚ Vaisheshika Darshana accepts **Two Pramanas**, viz. Pratyaksha and Anumana.

- ✚ Kanaada describes **6 Padarthas**, i.e. Dravya (substance), Guna (attribute/quality), Karma (action), Samanya (generality), Vishesha (variability) and Samavaya (inseperable factor).
- ✚ Later on **Abhava** (Non-existence) was added as the seventh Padartha.
- ✚ In Vaisheshika Darshana it is proposed that the entire universe was created with atoms or **Paramanus**.
- ✚ When Paramanus intended to create universe, with his intension action took place in the atoms themselves.

- ✚ When 2 atoms are combined then a Dwyanuka is formed. Such 3 Dwyanukas combine to form Tryanuka or Trasarenu, is manifested which is visible. From Tryanukas, Chaturanuka, from Chaturanukas Panchanuka, from Panchanuka Mahanuka are created. From Mahanukas Sthulatara Dravyas and Sthulatama Dravyas are manifested respectively.
- ✚ Each Atom has some special properties and the properties of a substance which is constituted of these atoms would develop the same properties as contained in the Atoms. There are two theories, i.e.

- ✚ ***Peelupaka Vaada***

- ✚ ***Pitharapaka Vaada***

✚ ***Peelupaaka Vaada (Chemical Theory):-***

- ✚ Peelu means an atom (Paramaanu). Paku means transformation in the objects due to application of specific temperature of heat. According to Peelupaka transformation takes place at the Paramanu level also, when specific temperature of heat is applied.

✚ ***Pittharapaaka (Physical change):-***

- ✚ Transformation takes place in the Pithara (molecule) only.

- ✚ ***Vaisheshika Darshana*** accepted the Peelupaka Vaada (Paramanu Vaada).

- ✚ ***Nyaya Darshana*** accepted the Pitharapaka Vaada.

Relation/similarities between Vaisheshika Darshana and Ayurveda:-

- ✚ **Padarthas:-** The Vaisheshika Darshana first of all described the Padarthas in detail. Significantly the Vishesha Padartha was described in an exclusive way. Hence known as Vaisheshika Darshana.
- ✚ **Shad Padartha:-** Ayurveda also described the six Padarthas as in Vaisheshika Darshana, but classification of the Padarthas and their order is entirely different from Vaisheshika Darshana.

Vaisheshika Darshana	Ayurveda
Dravya	Samanya
Guna	Vishesha
Karma	Guna
Samanya	Dravya
Vishesha	Karma
Samavaya	Samavaya

Relation/similarities between Vaisheshika Darshana and Ayurveda:-

✚ Paramanu Vaada (Atomic Theory):-

- ✚ It is one of the eminent theories of Vaisheshika Darshana. According to this theory the component or constituent part of every Padartha exists with invariable concomitance.
- ✚ Charaka also accepted the existence of 'Paramanus' in the body. He stated that the minute parts of body are innumerable and invisible, as they are in Paramanu form.
- ✚ **Atma:-** Both Ayurveda and Vaisheshika Darshana believe the existence of Atma.
- ✚ **Gunas:-** Though Gunas or attributes are taken from Vaisheshika Darshana, Charaka added 17 more Gunas and mentioned them as 41 Gunas.

Vaisheshika Darshana

Vaisheshika means	Vishesha Padartha
Synonyms	Aulukya Drashana
Upadeshta	Kanaada
Vartika Karta	Jagadisha Bhattacharya
Bhashya Karta	Prashasta Paada
No. of chapters & Shlokas	10 Adhyayas, 20 Ahnikas & 370 Sutras
Postulated the theories	Peelupaka Vaada or Paramanu Vaada
Pramanas	2 - Pratyaksha and Anumana.
Padarthas	6+1 Dravya, Guna, Karma, Samanya, Vishesha, Samavaya & Abhava.

