

Indian Philosophy

1 The Paper

This paper deals with the thought of major writers in the classical Indian theory. Most lived in the period 100 A.D. to 1600 A.D. In recent years, philosophers have begun to reassess the sophistication and richness of the philosophical literature of ancient and classical India. The analytical techniques of modern philosophy are being used to interpret the texts in fresh and original ways. This paper explains the key methods, concepts and devices of Indian philosophical theory, situating them in a proper historical context. It will not be a mere survey of thinkers and doctrines, but will seek new interpretations designed to bring out the richness and contemporary interest of the Indian theory. We will ask: what is the nature of their philosophical project? what are the methods of philosophical inquiry used in pursuit of those goals? We shall concentrate on those philosophers who worked within and explored the parameters of a specific philosophical method, the so-called *pramāṇa* method, a way of analysing the basis and grounds of rational belief. We will study the work of the philosophers belonging to the traditional schools of Nyāya, Vaiśeṣika, Buddhism and Jainism, who used this method in their philosophical theory. And we will look at several independent sceptical philosophers who were highly critical of the conception of rational inquiry this method sustains. Knowledge of Sanskrit is not a requirement for this paper since all the texts we discuss are available in translation. Most of the secondary literature is available in the University and College libraries. SOAS library has all the books that are needed for this paper and students who are not at SOAS are allowed access to books and journals there.

2 General Reading

There are a number of excellent introductions to Indian philosophical theory. For more advanced treatment of the theory, the work of Bimal Matilal is highly recommended.

Bimal Krishna Matilal, *Epistemology, Logic and Grammar in Indian Philosophical Analysis* (Oxford, 2005) A recently re-printed classic.

Jonardon Ganeri, *Philosophy in Classical India: The Proper Work of Reason* (Routledge, 2001). A study of rationality and analysis in Indian philosophical theory.

J. N. Mohanty, *Classical Indian Philosophy* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2002). A short but wide-ranging and engaging book.

The volumes of Karl Potter's *Encyclopaedia of Indian Philosophers* contain useful introductions and surveys of the primary literature. This is an ongoing project with different volumes being devoted to different philosophical schools. So far eight volumes have been published. Volume 1 is a comprehensive bibliography (it is available online at <http://faculty.washington.edu/kpotter/>).

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Bimal Krishna Matilal, *Perception*. The best single volume in Indian epistemology, scholarly and reliable.

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J.N. Mohanty, *Reason and Tradition in Indian Thought* (Oxford, 1998). Challenging interpretations of many key doctrines.

Stephen Phillips, *Classical Indian Metaphysics* (Open Court, 1995). Modern and engagingly written.

S.N. Dasgupta, *A History of Indian Philosophy* (Cambridge, 1922-55). An old and monumental classic, quite dated but still useful.

3 Texts

a. Nyāya

i. Early Nyāya

The principal interests of the philosophers of the Nyāya school are epistemology and philosophical method. These are the philosophers who most forcefully advocate the so-called *pramāṇa* method as a method for rational inquiry. The main philosophers and texts in early Nyāya are –

Gautama Akṣapāda c. AD 150. *Nyāyasūtra*

Vātsyāyana c. AD 450. *Nyāyabhāṣya* – commentary on *Nyāyasūtra*

Uddyotakara c. AD 600. *Nyāyavārttika* – commentary on *Nyāyabhāṣya*

Jayanta c. AD 875. *Nyāyamañjarī* – an independent work on Nyāya

Vācaspati c. AD 960. *Nyāyavārttikatātparyatīkā* – commentary on *Nyāyavārttika*

Udayana AD. 975–1050. *Ātmatattvaviveka*, *Lakṣaṇāvalī*, *Nyāyakusumāñjali*, and other treatises.

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Nyāyavārttika by Uddyotakara; Ganganatha Jha, *The Nyāyasūtras of Gautama with the Bhāṣya of Vātsyāyana and the Vārttika of Uddyotakara* (Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1984), vols. 1–4.

Nyāyamañjarī by Jayanta.; J. V. Bhattacharyya, *Nyāyamañjarī: The Compendium of Indian Speculative Logic* (Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1978).

Ātmatattvaviveka, by Udayana; Kisor Kumar Chakrabarti, *Classical Indian Philosophy of Mind: The Nyāya Dualist Tradition* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1999), pp.219–276. —, N. S. Dravid, *Ātmatattvaviveka of Udayanācārya* (Shimla: Indian Institute of Advanced Study, 1995).

Lakṣaṇāvalī, by Udayana; Musashi Tachikawa, *The Structure of the World in Udayana's Realism: A Study of the Lakṣaṇāvalī and the Kiraṇāvalī* (Dordrecht: Reidel Publishing Company, 1981).

Nyāyakusumāñjali, by Udayana; N. S. Dravid, *Nyāyakusumāñjali of Udayanācārya* (Delhi: Indian Council of Philosophical Research, 1996).

ii. Navya-Nyāya

Navya-Nyāya, the 'new' Nyāya is a philosophical system invented by Gaṅgeśa Upādhyāya c. AD 1325. It tries to find solutions to many of the criticisms that the early Nyāya conception of rational inquiry were confronted with by the sceptics. Raghunātha Śīromaṇi c. AD 1500 revolutionised the teachings and methods of the school. Both he and his great follower, Gadādhara Bhaṭṭācārya c. AD 1650, wrote short independent tracts on particular philosophical problems and concepts.

Tattvacintāmaṇi, by Gaṅgeśa; Chapter I (epistemology) – Stephen Phillips and N. S. R. Tatacharya, *Gaṅgeśa's 'Jewel of Reflection on the Truth (about Epistemology),' the Perception Chapter* (Columbia University Press, 2005). Chapter II (logic) – Cornelius Goekoop, *The Logic of Invariable Concomitance in the Tattvacintāmaṇi* (Dordrecht: Reidel Publishing Co., 1967), pp. 55–154. Daniel H. H. Ingalls, *Materials for the Study of Navya-Nyāya Logic* (Harvard: Harvard University Press, 1951). B. K. Matilal, *The Navya-Nyāya Doctrine of Negation* (Harvard: Harvard University Press, 1968). There is a very thorough précis of the whole book in Karl Potter and Sibajiban Bhattacharyya eds. *Indian Philosophical Analysis – Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika from Gaṅgeśa to Raghunātha Śīromaṇi* Encyclopedia of Indian Philosophies, vol. 6 (Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1993), pp. 85–311.

Padārthatattvanirūpana, by Raghunātha; Karl H. Potter, *The Padārthatattvanirūpaṇam of Raghunātha Śiromaṇi* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, Harvard Yen-ching Institute Studies, vol. 17, 1957).

Viśayatāvāda, by Gadādhara; Sibajiban Bhattacharya, *Gadādhara's Theory of Objectivity* (Delhi: Indian Council of Philosophical Research, 1990), vol. 2.

b. Vaiśeṣika

Vaiśeṣika is an ancient school of metaphysics, known especially for its theory of categories and attempts to offer philosophical explanations for a variety of natural phenomena. Its generally naturalistic outlook complemented the heuristic methods of the Nyāya school, and with Udayana the two schools virtually merged into one. Important philosophers and texts in Vaiśeṣika include –

Kaṇāda c. AD 100. *Vaiśeṣikasūtra*.

Praśastapāda c. 575. *Padārthatadarmasaṃgraha*.

Śrīdhara c. 990. *Nyāyakandalī*.

Śaṅkara Miśra c. 1425. *Upaskāra*.

Vaiśeṣikasūtra, by Kaṇāda; Nandalal Sinha, *The Vaiśeṣikasūtras of Kaṇāda, with the Upaskāra commentary of Śaṅkara Miśra* (Allahabad: The Panini Office, Bhuvanewari Asrama, 1911).

Padārthatadarmasaṃgraha, by Praśastapāda; Ganganatha Jha, *Padārthatadarmasaṃgraha with Śrīdhara's Nyāyakandalī, The Pandit*, n.s. vols. 25–37 (1903–15). Reprinted as a single volume.

c. The Buddhists

i. Nāgārjuna and the Madhyamaka School

Nāgārjuna's c. AD 150 interpretation of the teachings of the Buddha was called the Doctrine of the Middle Way. He argues that all philosophical and scientific theories are empty of content. He is a severe critic of the *pramāṇa* method for conducting rational inquiry, and he claims instead that the only way to reason is by exposing incoherences within the fabric of one's conceptions. Candrakīrti c. AD 600 is an influential exponent and interpreter of Nāgārjuna.

Mūlamadhyamakakārikā (The Middle Stanzas), by Nāgārjuna; Jay L. Garfield, *The Fundamental Wisdom of the Middle Way* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995).

—, David Kalupahana, *Nāgārjuna: The Philosophy of the Middle Way* (Albany: SUNY Press 1986). —, Kenneth Inada, *Nāgārjuna: A Translation of his Mūlamadhyamakakārikā* (Tokyo: Hokuseido Press, 1970). —, Frederick Streng, *Emptiness: A Study in Religious Meaning* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1967), pp. 183–220.

Vigrahavyāvartanī (Reply to Critics), by Nāgārjuna; K. Bhattacharya, E. H. Johnston and A. Kunst in *The Dialectical Method of Nāgārjuna: Vigrahavyāvartanī* (Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1986).

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ii. Dīnnāga and Yogācāra Buddhism

Dīnnāga c. AD 500 and his great follower Dharmakīrti c. AD 625 interpreted the teachings of the Buddha in a very different direction, as a kind of idealism. The members of this school were brilliant logicians and made many important advances in philosophical theory. Although they are idealists, they are also advocates of the *pramāṇa* method as the correct way of investigating and resolving philosophical problems. They disagree with the Nyāya about almost every matter of philosophical substance, but because they share a common approach

to the rational resolution of philosophical dilemmas, the encounter between the two schools is fascinating and is an important axis in the evolution of Indian philosophical thought.

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Vādanyāya, by Dharmakīrti; Pradeep P. Gokhale, *Vādanyāya of Dharmakīrti: The Logic of Debate* (Delhi: Sri Satguru Publications, 1993).

d. Others

i. The Jains

Important Jaina philosophers include Siddhasena Divākara c. AD 700, Haribhadra Sūri c. AD 750, Hemacandra c. AD 1150 and Malliṣena c. AD 1290. Their belief in the principles of tolerance, harmony and rapprochement lead them to a philosophy of pluralism in metaphysics and ethics and to perspectivalism in epistemology and semantics.

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Satkari Mookerjee, “A Critical and Comparative Study of Jaina Logic and Epistemology on the Basis of the *Nyāyāvātāra* of Siddhasena Divākara”, *Vaishali Institute Research Bulletin* 1 (1971), pp. 1–144.

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Two important sceptical thinkers are Jayarāśi c. AD 750, and Śrīharṣa c. AD 1150. They are critics of the epistemological and metaphysical theories of the Nyāya, Vaiśeṣika, Buddhist and Jaina philosophers, and their criticisms were often the spur for philosophical progress in those systems.

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4 Topics

a. Early Nyāya — Methods of Rationality Inquiry (the *pramāṇa* method)

i. *Rationality and philosophical method in India*

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