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We are glad to place the present work before scholars and interested readers. Jainism and Jaina writers are renowned for their unique writings in the realm of philosophy, poetry, grammar, Ācāradharmā, and a host of other subjects in which their contribution to knowledge is very great. The present work shows that their study of sciences is also unique in its own way.

The 'Preface' by the scholar - researcher - writer speaks for the value of the work. We do not therefore repeat it here.

It is sincerely hoped that the work will be welcomed by all interested.

—Editors

**Dedicated
To
Shrimati Parulk. Nawab.**

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Preface

Jaina Biology is a unified body of facts and theories, concerned with all the myriad facets of all kinds of living beings, and it is not simply a mixture of Botany and Zoology, Anatomy and Physiology heredity and evolution, or any other of the life sciences, for, the Jainācāryas studied the world of life from the religious and philosophical points of view on the basis of the concept of spiritual value of life.

To bring to the fore the biological principles which underlie the study of living things in 'Jaina Biology', some of the major generalizations of Jaina Biology are briefly discussed in the Introduction of the work. These, of course, cannot be fully appreciated at the first reading but they should be helpful in proving a frame of reference for the succeeding chapters.

The Introduction, the first chapter and the first section of the second chapter of 'Jaina Biology'—emphasize similarity of life-processes of all organisms, for many of the advances in Biology have been demonstrated first in experiments with micro-organisms as it is found in Jaina Biology that the study of life began with the concept of Nigodas (Micro-organisms).

Jaina Biology contains partial discussions of cell-structure, cell-metabolism, photosynthesis and genetics to some extent.

In writing a text of Jaina Biology it is difficult to steer a true course between the scylla of superficiality and the charybdis of over detail. This work attempts to present some facts and principles of Biology without superficiality, yet without undue emphasis on detail. It emphasizes the basic unity of life and the fundamental similarities of the problems, faced and solved by all living substances.

After the introductory part describing the biological sciences of scientific information on Jaina Biology, the scientific method and some generalizations, inter-relations of organism and environment, the first chapter describes and explains the fabric,

systems, particularly men, obtain biologically useful energy. The second chapter presents a discussion on the world-life : plants, biologic inter-relationship, the classification of living substances made of nutrition of plants and animals, habitat and ecologic niche, types of interactions between species of plants and animals, together with the general properties of green plant cell-respiration of plants, the skeletal system of plants, plant digestion, plant circulation, plant sap, plant excretion, plant co-ordination, transmission of impulses of plants and their sleep movement. The remainder of the second chapter describes the structures and functions of a seed plant – the functions of roots, stems and leaves, transpiration, the movement of water and the storage of food. It surveys the plant kingdom – types of plants : trees (vṛkṣas), shrubby plants (gucchas), shrubs (gulmas), creeping plants (valli), knotty plants (parvaga), grasses (tṛṇas), palms (valayas), herbs (haritas), cereals or annual plants (osahi), water plants (jalaruha), mushrooms (kuhana), gross plants having common body (sādhāraṇaśarīrabādhāvanaspatikāyikas), subtile plants (sūkṣma vanaspati), bacteria, micro-organism (nigodas), algae (sevāla) and fungi (panaga), the evolution of plant reproduction, germination of the seed and its embryonic development and the evolutionary trends in the plant kingdom.

A similar survey of the invertebrate (two-sensed to four-sensed animals), and vertebrate animals (five-sensed animals) and their structural and functional peculiarities is provided in the third chapter. It deals with a classification of animals based upon observation of similarities of structure, sense-organs, mode of origin and development and includes in it lower invertebrates – the phylum protozoa (the subtile undeveloped two-sensed animals), the life of two-sensed animals, the higher invertebrates (some of the two-sensed animals, three-sensed and four sensed animals), the phylum chordata (five-sensed animals) – the vertebrates, classes of the sub-phylum vertebrata – fish (matsya), amphibia (frog maṇḍūka), reptilia (parisarpas) – lizard, etc., aves (pakṣī) – birds and mammalia (all mammals up to man).

The organ system of the vertebrate human body are described in some details in the fourth chapter. The organization of the human body consists of the transport system of it, i.e. blood and blood vessels, and the circulatory system, the respiratory system, the digestive system, the excretory systems, the integumentary and skeletal systems, the muscular systems, the sense-organs and the endocrine system.

The features of the human reproductive process and of embryonic development are presented in the fifth chapter and some principles

of human are dealt with in the sixth chapter. Certain aspects of inheritance in man and a side-light on the development of genetics are discussed there.

The evolutionary and ecologic relationship of living organisms are treated in the seventh chapter. The principles of evolution, the evidence underlying it, the principles of ecology and the outcome of evolution : adaptation are explained in this chapter.

The concluding chapter contains a survey of plant and animal kingdoms as described in Jaina literature in the light of modern Biology. It should serve as a convenient reference and aid the readers in recognizing place in the plant and animal kingdoms of the organisms and the importance of the Jaina study of the world of life in the history of the biological sciences in India.

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15	25	know	known
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110	23	same	some
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1. Jaina Biology and the Scientific Method

Biology is the science of living substance (Jivadravya)¹ which is different from non-living substance (ajivadravya)². It is a very old science of living substances for solving the fascinating riddle of life. The survival of early men required a knowledge of such basic facts as which plants and which animals could be safely taken as food and medicine. In the Jaina Āgamic literature the word 'Jivatthikāya'³ is used to refer to any living substance, plant or animal, from nigoda⁴ (micro-organism) up to the pañcendriya manuṣya⁵ (five-sensed human beings), just as the word 'organism'⁶ in modern age is used to denote any living thing, plant or animal, from amoeba to man.

The study of Biology began with the Jainas on the basis of the doctrine of animism⁷ and ahimsā⁸ (non-violence) in the hoary past, besides the requirement of food to sustain life with a sense of spiritual value of life of all beings. They kept in view the concepts of living substance as contained in the Vedic⁹ and post-Vedic¹⁰ literature, describing the external and internal parts of plants and animals with their nomenclature, classifications, etc.

1. Bhagavati Sūtra, śataka 25, uddeśaka 2. sūtra 720; Sthānāṅga Sūtra. 2, 95. p. 86; Pañṇavaṇā Sutta 1.3, P, 4.
2. Bhagavati Sūtra, 25. 2. 720.; Pañṇavaṇā Sutta, 1. 3. p. 4.; Jivābhigama Sutta, P. 5.
3. Bhagavati Sūtra 20, 2. 665.
4. Ibid., 25. 5, 749.
5. Ibid, 33. 1. 844.
6. Biology, C. A. Viliee, p. 16.
7. "Se bemi saṁtime tasā pāṇa, taṁjahā-aṁdayā poyayā jñraua rasaā saṁseyayā/saṁmucchimā ubbhiyayā esa saṁsāretti pavuccai" Acārāṅga Sūtra, adhyayana 1, uddeśaka 6, sūtra 48, etc.
"Se hu muṇi poriaṇṇāyakamme" (54).. Ibid; See SBE Vol. XXII, Pt. I, p, 11, Book 1. Lecture 1. 6th lesson; Sūtrakṛtāṅga 1, Adhyayana 7.
Puḍhavi ya āu agañi ya vāu, taṇa rukkha biya ya tasā pāṇā/Je aṁḍvyā je ya jarāupāṇa, saṁseyayā je rasayābbhihāṇa (1)" etc....up to
"Nidhūya kammaṁ ṇa pavāṁcivei, akkhakkhae vā sagaḍaṁ ti bemi"-30.
See SBE XLV, Pt. II, pp. 293, 302, Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Book 1, Lecture 7.
8. Bhagavati Sūtra, 2. 1. 92, 95; 8. 5. 328; 11. 9. 417; 11. 22. 435.
9. See the Indian Journal of History of Science, Vol. 5, No. 1, 1970, Biology in Ancient and Medieval India, Dr. R. N. Kapil, pp. 125-132.
10. Ibid.

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Biology as an organized science can be said to have begun with the Greeks¹¹ in the West on the basis of the knowledge of such basic facts as which plants and which animals were useful as food and medicine. "They and the Romans described the many kinds of plants and animals known at the time."¹²

Galen (131-200 A. D.),¹³ the first experimental physiologist, made experiments to study the functions of nerves and blood vessels. Biology expanded and underwent alteration greatly in the nineteenth century, and it has continued this trend at an accelerated pace in the twentieth century due to the discoveries and techniques of physics and chemistry.

Sources of Scientific Information on Jaina Biology :

The ultimate source of each fact of Jaina Biology contained in the Jaina Āgamic and post-Āgamic works is in some carefully controlled observation made by the Jainācāryas. They have made a discovery in the world of life, plants and animals, by their critical observation on them; they have described their methods in details so that their followers can repeat them, have given the result of their observations, discussed the conclusions to be drawn from them, perhaps formulated a theory to explain them, and indicated the place of these biological facts in the present body of scientific knowledge contained in the Jaina Āgamas.

The Scientific Method :

The facts of Jaina Biology as embodied in the Jaina canons are gained by the application of the scientific method, yet it is difficult to reduce this method to a simple set of rules of modern Biology that can be applied to the Jaina biological science, because the sceptical scientists of modern age want confirmation of the statement by the independent observation of another in any scientific investigation.

"The basis of the scientific method and the ultimate source of all facts of science is careful, close observation and experiment, free of bias, with suitable controls and done as quantitatively as possible."¹⁴ The observations made by the Jainācāryas on the world of life, plants and animals, may be analyzed, or simplified into their constituent parts in the light of modern Biology, so that some sort of order can be brought into the observed phenomena. Then the parts can be synthesized or reassembled and their interaction and interrelations

11. Biology, p. 1.

12. Ibid.

13. Ibid., p. 3

14. Ibid, p. 3.

discovered on the scientific basis. A method has been followed by the Jainas to see through a mass of biological data and they suggest a reason for their interrelations, as science advances only by scientific investigations : hypothesis, observation, revised hypothesis, further observation and so on. In the words of Einstein “ In the whole history of science from Greek philosophy to modern physics, there has been constant attempts to reduce the apparent complexity of natural phenomena to some simple, fundamental ideas and relations.”¹⁵

Some of the practical uses of a knowledge of Jaina Biology will become apparent in the fields of medicine and public health, in agriculture and conservation, its basic importance to the social studies, and its contribution to the formulation of a philosophy of life, together with aesthetic values, as it is impossible to describe the forms of life without reference to their habitats, the places in which they live, in a given region, being closely interrelated with each other and with the environment in the closely interwoven tapestry of life.

2. Some Generalizations of Jaina Biological Science

The idea that living systems are distinguished from non-living ones by some mysterious vital force (paryāpti)¹⁶ has gained acceptance in Jaina Biology, while one of the basic tenets of modern Biology is that “ the phenomena of life can be explained in terms of chemistry and physics.”¹⁷ The idea that the living systems are not distinguished from non-living ones by some mysterious vital force has only recently gained ground in Biology, only 40 years ago, when the German embryologist, Hans Driesch, postulated the theory of “ the existence of transcendent regulative principles, entelechies, which control the phenomena of life and development.”¹⁸

There appear to be no exceptions to the generalization that all life comes only from living things. Like the experiments of Pasteur, Tyndal and others,¹⁹ just century ago finally, the Jainācāryas, provided convincing proof that micro-organism, such as, nigodas, earth quadrates, etc., i. e. bacteria, are also incapable of originating from non-living material by spontaneous generation. It seems clear that nigodas require

15. Ibid, p. 4.

16. Paryāpti (Vital force), Navatattva prakaraṇam, V. 6, p. 12; Lokaprakāśā, Vinayavijayaji, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, vv. 15 ff.

17. Biology, p. 9.

18. Biology, p. 9.

19. Ibid.

the presence of pre-existing nigodas,²⁰ just as the virus of modern Biology does so. Nigodas (micro-organisms) do not arise de novo from non-nigodas, just as viruses do not do so from non-viral material.²¹

Elements of the idea that all of the many kinds of plants and animals existing at the present time were not created de novo and were eternally existing and have descended from previously existing organisms are clearly expressed in the jaina texts,²² but they have their gradations.²³ The theory of organic evolution that all of the many kinds of plants and animals "have descended from previously existing simpler organisms by gradual modifications which have accumulated in successive generations has gained ground among the modern Biologists as one of the great unifying concepts of Biology. Elements of this were implicit in the writings of certain Greek philosophers before the Christian era, from Thales to Aristotle."²⁴

The Jaina studies of the development of many kinds of animals and plants from fertilized egg²⁵ or embryo²⁶ to adult leads to the generalization that organisms tend to repeat in the course of their embryonic development, some of the corresponding stages of their evolutionary ancestors. According to this theory of recapitulation, embryos recapitulate some of the embryonic forms of their ancestors,²⁷ while modern Biology goes a step forward and states that "the human being, at successive stages in development resembles in certain respects a fish embryo, then an amphibian embryo, then a reptilian embryo and so on."²⁸

20. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 25. 5. 749.

Nigodas are of two kinds, viz. Nigodakā and Nigodajīva (fine and gross nigodas). They are the collections of infinite number of beings, making minute group, having common breathing-in and out (respiration), sense-feeling. They, longing for development, continue evolution of life through the successive Jivaparyāyas (modes of beings of soul) and they provide the supply of beings in the place of those who have attained liberation. Thus the universe does not become and will not become empty of living beings (Bhagaveti, 12. 2. 443).

21. Biology, p. 9.

22. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 12. 2. 443; Tattvartha Sūtra, 5. 3. (Nityāvasthitanyarūpāni ca)

23. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 12. 2. 443.

24. Biology, p. 10.

See A History of Greek Philosophy, Vol. I, II and III, by W. K. C. Guthrie; Aristotle by Ross.

25. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 7. 5. 282.

26. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 7. 7. 283.

27. Ibid. 1. 7. 61.; Tandulaleyālya, 6. p. 10.

28. Biology, p. 11.

According to the Bhagavatī Sūtra (1. 7. 62), the foetus in the mother's womb remains like an umbrella or the side ribs of human body; the embryo appears to be like a humpbacked mango (ambakujjāe).

Inter-relations of Organism and Environment :

A careful study of communities of plants and animals in a given area as described in the Jaina Āgamas leads to the generalization that all living beings in a given region are closely interrelated with one another and with the environment.

It includes the idea that particular kinds of plants and animals are not found at random over the earth but occur in interdependent communities of producer, consumer and decomposer—organisms together with certain non-living components. These communities can be recognized and characterized by certain dominant members of the group, usually plants, which provide both food²⁹ and shelter for many other forms. This eco-system is one of the major unifying generalizations of Biology. These few biological principles given here are intended to emphasize the fundamental unity of Jaina biological science and the many ways in which living substances are interrelated and interdependent.

Like all ancient people, the Jainas lived in close association with nature and made a scientific study of the world of life, plants and animals, by careful observations on their lives, activities and properties, etc., over a long period of time. The result of their discoveries as embodied in the Āgamas is conducive to further studies of the problems and mysteries of the world of life on the basis of new information and further revisions of some of these principles.

29. Bhagavati Sūtra, 6. 7. 246; 6. 5. 330; 7. 3. 277; 8. 3. 324; 8. 5. 330; 21. 2. 691. 22. 6. 692; 23. 1. 993; etc.; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.

CELL STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS

1. The Fabric of Life

As defined, Biology is the science of living substances (jivadravayas). The field of Jaina Biology differentiates the living from the non-living by using the word 'Jivatthikāya'¹ (organism) to refer to any living things, plant or animal, just as modern Biology does. So it is relatively easy to see that a man,² a Sāla tree,³ a creeper⁴ and an earthworm⁵ are living, whereas pieces of matter (pudgala),⁶ e.g. earth, stones, etc., are not so. But according to modern Biology, "it is more difficult to decide whether such things as viruses are alive."⁷

Jaina Biology, states that the fabric of life of all plants and animals is paryāpti⁸ (Śakti = Vital force) or Prāna⁹ (life force) in another way, i.e. paryāpti appears to be the actual living material of all plants and animals. There are stated to be six kinds of paryāpti¹⁰, viz. āhāraparyāpti (vital force by which beings take, digest, absorb and transform molecules of food particles into khala (waste products) and rasa (chyle = molecules of nutrients or energy)¹¹, śarīraparyāpti (vital force) by which chyle or molecules of nutrients (= rasibhūtamāhāram) are utilized by beings for the release of energy, the building of blood,

1. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 20. 2. 665.
2. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 33. 1. 844; Uttaraḍhyayana Sūtra, 155; Tattvartha Sūtra, II. 24.
3. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 22. 1. 692.
4. Ibid., 23. 4. 693.
5. Tattvartha Sūtra, II. 24.
6. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 2. 10. 118.
7. Biology, p. 16, Ville, c. 4.
8. Pajjatti = Paryāpti, Navatatta Prakaraṇa, v. 6; Dharmavijay, p. 12.; Gommaṭasāra Jivakāṇḍa, vv. 118-119; Lokaprakāśa, Vinayavijaya, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, vv. 15 ff.
9. Jivavicāra, vv. 42, 43; Gommaṭasāra, Jivakāṇḍa, v. 129.
10. Navatattvaparakaraṇa, v. 6.
Āhāra-sarīra-īmḍiya, pajjatti āṇapāṇa bhās-amaṇe /
Cau-panca-chappiya, iga-vigala asaṇṇi-sanninam //” 6,
Navatattva Prakaraṇam, Dharmavijaya and also see Lokaprakāś, Vinayavijaya,
Pt. 1, 3rd Sarga, vv. 15 ff; Gommaṭasāra, Jivakāṇḍa, 119.
11. Tatraiśāhāraparyāptirayādāya nijocitaṁ nayet /
Pṛthakkhālarasatvenāhāram pariṇatim nayet // Lokaprakāś, 1. 3. 17.

tissue, fat, bone, marrow, semen, etc.,¹² inbriyaparyāpti¹³ (vital force by which molecules of nutrients or chyles suitable for building senses are taken in and provided to the proper place so that beings can have the perceptual knowledge of the desired sense-objects by the sense-organs)¹⁴ acchvāsaparyāpti¹⁵ (Vital force by which particles of respiration are taken in, oxidized for energy and left out (as carbon dioxide and water), bhāsāparyāpti¹⁶ (vital force by which beings, having taken proper particles of speech, emit them as speech) and manaḥparyāpti¹⁷ (vital force by which beings, having taken particles [or dusts] of mind, transform them by the mental process and give vent to them as the mental force, i. e. thought).

It appears that this paryāpti (vital force) is not a single substance but varies considerably from organism to organism (i. e. one-sensed to five-sensed being), among the various parts of a single animal or plant, and from one time to another¹⁸ within a single organ or part of an animal or plant. There are six paryāptis, but they share certain fundamental physical and chemical characteristics.¹⁹

12. Vaikriyāhārā....yathocltam /
tam rasibhutamāharam yayā śaktyā punarbhavi /
Rasāṣṭmāmsamedosthimajjaṣukradidhatūtam /
nayediyathasambhayaṁ sā dehaparyāptirucyate // (19)
Lokaprakāśa, p. 65; Pt. I, 3rd Sarga.
13. Dhātutvena pariṇatādāhārādīndriyocitān /
Ādaya pudgalāṁstāni yathāsthānaṁ pravīdhāya // (20)
Iṣṭe tadviṣayajñaptau yayā śaktyā śarīraṁ
paryāptiḥ sendriyāhvāna darśitā sarvadarśibhiḥ (21) Ibid., pp. 65, 66.
14. According to the Prajñāpānā sūtra (Indriyapada), Jivābhigama Sūtra, Pravacanasaroddhāra (Com.) etc., the power by which the molecules of nutrients or chyles which are utilized for building of sense-organs are called indriyaparyāpti, Vide, Ibid., p. 66.
15. Yayocchvāsārhamādaya dalam pariṇamārya ca /
Tattayalambya muñcet so 'accvāsaparyāptirucyate // (22) Ibid., p. 66.
16. Bhāṣārham dalamādaya gīstvam nītvāvalambya ca /
yayā śaktya tyajet prāṇī bhāṣāparyāptiritpasau // (29) Ibid., p. 67.
17. Dalam lātva manoyogyaṁ tattām nītvāvalambya ca /
yayā mananaśaktaḥ syānmanāḥparyāptiratā sā // (30) Ibid.
18. 'Pajjattipaṭṭhavaṇaṁ jugavaṁ tu kameṇ hodi nīṭṭhavaṇaṁ / antomuhuttakaleṇa-
hiyakam ā tattiyālavā // Gommaṭasāra (Jivakāṇḍa), 120
The gaining of the capacities starts simultaneously, but the completion (of each of them) is effected gradually within the period of one antarmuhūrta, which increases in the case of each succeeding one. Yet their total period does not exceed one antarmuhūrta.
19. Ibid., 121.

It is stated that there are ten kinds of *prāṇa*²⁰ (living material or life force), viz. five *indriyaprāṇas* (life force of five senses), *ucchvāsa-prāṇa* (life force of respiration), *āyuprāṇa* (life force of length of life), *manovāk-kāyaprāṇas* (life forces of mind, speech and body).

Actually speaking, these ten *prāṇas* are almost contained in six *pariyāptis*, e. g. *indriyaparyāpti* contains five *indriyaprāṇas*, *ānaprāṇaparyāpti* = *ucchvasaprāṇa*, *śarīraparyāpti* = *kāyaprāṇa*, *bhāṣāparyāpti* = *Vākprāṇa*, *manahparyāpti* = *manahprāṇa*, only *āyuprāṇa* appears to be an addition.

Thus it is found that most of the *pariyāptis* and the *prāṇas* have common names. So the question is whether there is any difference between them. The *Gommaṭasāra* explains the difference in this way that *pariyāpti* is attainment of the capacity of developing body, mind, speech and five senses, while *prāṇa* is the activity of those functionaries.²¹

It is further explained that one-sensed beings possess four *prāṇas* or *balas* (life-forces), viz. sense of touch, respiration, length of life and body; two-sensed beings have six *prāṇas*, viz. senses of touch and taste, respiration, length of life, body and speech, three-sensed beings have seven *prāṇas*, viz. senses of touch, taste and smell, respiration, length of life, body and speech; four-sensed beings have eight *prāṇas* viz. senses of touch, taste, smell and sight, respiration length of life, body and speech. In *asmjñī pañcendriya jivas* (five-sensed beings having no physical mind) but psychical mind there are nine *prāṇas* viz. senses of touch, taste, smell, sight and hearing, respiration, length of life, body and speech, while there are ten *prāṇas* in *Samjñī pañcendriya Jivas* (five-sensed beings having physical mind and psychical mind). viz. senses of touch, taste, smell, sight and hearing, respiration, length of life, body, speech and mind.²²

According to the *Cārvākas*, life (as well as consciousness) is a result of peculiar chemical combinations of non-living matter or the

20. *Dasahā jivūṇa pāṇā imdiusāsaujogabalarūvā/ egiṃdiesu cauro, vīgalesu cha satta aṭṭheva // (42)*
Asaṇṇi-saṇṇi-paṃclirñciṃdiesu nava dasa kameṇa boddhavvā 43, Jivavicāra, Pañca vi imdiyapāṇā maṇavaeikāyesu tiāāi balapāṇā /

21. *Gommaṭasāra, Jivakāṇḍa, p. 90.*

22. *Jivavicāra, vv. 42-43.*

“*Ekendriyeṣu-pṛthivyādiṣu catvāraḥ prāṇāḥ sparśanendriyocchvāsayuḥkāyabalarūpaḥ dvindriyeṣu catvāraṣṭa eva vāgbalarasanendriyayutaḥ ṣaṭ prāṇā bhavanti/ tathā trīndriyeṣu ṣaṭ prāṇāḥ eva ghrāṇendriyānvitāḥ sapta bhavanti tathā caturindriyeṣu saptaiva cakṣurindriyasahitā aṣṭau prāṇā bhavanti/tathā asaṃjñīpañcendriyeṣu aṣṭau ta eva śrotrendriyayutā nava prāṇā bhavanti/thā samjñīpañcendriyeṣu ngvata eva manoyuktā daśa prāṇā bhavanti/”*

Ibid., (Commentary), p. 27.

four elements, in organic forms just as the intoxicating property of spirituous liquor is the result of the fermentation of un-intoxicating rice and molasses.²³ Similarly, the instinctive movements and expression of new born babies (sucking, joy, grief, fear, etc.) take place mechanically a result of external stimuli as much as the opening and closing of the lotus and other flowers at different times of the day or night²⁴, or the movement of iron under the influence of loadstone.²⁵ In the same way, the spontaneous reproduction of living organisms frequently occurs, e.g. animalcules develop “in moisture or infusions, especially under the influence of gentle warmth (Svedaja, Uṣṇaja, daṁśamaśakādayaḥ)”²⁶ or the maggots or other worms originate in the rainy season due to the atmospheric moisture in the constituent particles of curds and the like and begin to live and move in so short a time.²⁷

Āchārya Haribhadra Sūri has refuted Bhūtacaitanyavāda of the Materialists long before the Sāṁkhya in the following manner. It is the doctrine of the Materialists that this world is formed of only five great elements (mahābhūtas), viz. earth, etc. and there is no existence of soul nor the unseen force anywhere in the world.²⁸

The other Materialists maintain the view on the contrary that elements are non-conscious (acetana). Consciousness is not the character of elements nor the result of elements, while soul is the name of that tattva (reality) with which (soul) consciousness is related (as character or result).²⁹

If consciousness would have been the character (quality) of elements, then it should have been found in all elements at all times, just like

23. “Madaśaktivat vijñānam / pṛthivyādīni bhūtāni catvāri tatvāni / tebhya eva dehākārapariṇatebhyaḥ madaśaktivat caitanyamupajayate/” Nyāyamānjari, Jayanta, Āhnika, 7. p. 437 ff.
24. “Padmādiṣu prabodhasammīlanavat tadvikārah /” Sūtra 19, Āhnika I; Chapter III, Gautama’s Nyāya Sūtra, p. 169.
25. “Ayaso ayaskāntābhigamanavat tadupasarpaṇam,” Ibid., Sūtra 22, p. 171.
26. Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus, Dr. B. N. Seal, p. 239.
27. “Varṣāsu ca svedādīnā anatidavīyasaiva kālena dadhyādyavayavā eva calantaḥ pūtanādīkṛmīrūpā upalabhyante/”, Nyāyamānjari, Āhnika 7, Bhūta-Caitanyapakṣa, p. 440; The positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus, p. 240.
28. Pṛthivyādimahābhūtakāryamātramidaṁ jagat /
Na cātmadīṅṅtasadbhāvam manyante Bhūtavadīnaḥ // Śāstra-Vartāsamuccaya,
Haribhadrasūri, 1st stabaka, v. 30.
29. “Acetanāni bhūtāni na taddharmo na tatphalaṁ /
Cetanā asti ca yasyeyam sa evātmēti capare //”, Ibid., v. 31.

that the existence (existentiality), etc. (general character) and hardness, etc. (particular character) are found in the elements at all times in which they are found.³⁰

Now Haribhadra Sūri refutes Bhūtacaitanyavāda in this way that consciousness exists in elements as force (śakti), for this reason it is not perceptible, but consciousness existing in elements as force cannot be said to be non-existing in elements.³¹

This force (śakti) and consciousness are either non-different by all means from each other or different by all means from each other. If they are non-different, then this force becomes consciousness and if they are different, consciousness should be related with something else.³²

Again, the point of non-manifestation of cetanā (consciousness) does not seem to be logical, because there is no other entity (Vastu), covering consciousness and it is for this reason that the number of realities will go against the doctrine of the Materialists on the admission of the existence of such an entity.³³

Haribhadra Sūri further advances the argument to refute the contention of the Materialists that this thing is directly proved that the element has got the nature of these two qualities or characters – hardness and non-livingness and when consciousness is not of the nature of these two characters (i. e., cannot exist with these two), then how can it be accepted that it was born out of elements?³⁴

If consciousness does not exist in individual (i. e. uncombined elements), then it cannot exist in the combined elements just as (like that) oil cannot exist in sand particle. And if consciousness exists in the combined elements, then it should exist also in individual elements³⁵ and so on.

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30. Yadiyam bhūtadharmāḥ syāt pratyekam teṣu sarvadā /
upalabhyeta sattvādikaḥhinatvādayo yathā // Ibid., v. 32.
31. Śaktirūpeṇa sā teṣu sadā'to nopalabhyate /
Na ca tenāpi rūpeṇa satyasatyeva cenna tat // Ibid., v. 33.
32. Śakticetanayoraikyam nanātvaṁ vā'tha sarvathā /
Aikye sā cetanaiveti nanātve anyasya sā yutaḥ // Ibid., v. 34.
33. Anabhiviyaktirapyasyā nyāyato nopapadyate /
Ābṭirna yadanyena tattvasamkhyāvirodhataḥ / Ibid. V. 35.
34. Kāṭhinyābodharūpāni bhūtanāyadhyakṣasiddhitāḥ /
Ceṭanā tu na tadrūpā sā khtham tatphalam bhavet // Ibid., v. 43.
35. Pratyekamasati teṣu na syād reṇutailavat /
sati cedupalabhyeta bhinnarūpeṣu sarvadā // Ibid., v. 44

In conclusion Haribhadra Sūri maintains the view after refuting the doctrine of Bhūtacaitanyavāda of the Materialists with his cogent arguments that the existence of force (Sakti), etc. in soul and of the unseen force (adr̥ṣṭa), which makes the possibility of śakti etc. in soul, should be accepted and this unseen force (adr̥ṣṭa), which is different from soul, is real and of many kinds and comes into relation with soul.³⁶

The Sāṃkhya makes the reply to the materialists' view on caitanya in the following manner that "the intoxicating power in liquor is a force, i. e., a tendency to motion. This force is the resultant of the subtle motions present in the particles of the fermented rice, molasses, etc. A motion or a tendency to motion, can in this way be the resultant of several other motions or tendencies."³⁷ "But caitanya (consciousness) is not a motion, and cannot be the resultant of (unconscious) natural forces or motions. Neither can the consciousness of the Self, or of the organism as a whole, be supposed to be the resultant of innumerable constituent particles of the body. One central abiding intelligence is simpler and therefore more legitimate hypothesis than an assemblage of consciousness latent in different bhūtas or particles."³⁸

The Sāṃkhya philosophy maintains the view that Prāṇa (life) is not Vāyu (biomechanical force) nor it is mere mechanical motion generated from the impulsion of Vāyu.³⁸

The five vital forces, viz. Prāṇa, apāṇa, samāna, udāna and vyāna³⁹

36. Tasmāt tadātmano bhinnam saccitram cātmayogi ca /
Adṛṣṭamavagantavyam tasya śaktyādisādhakam // Ibid., v. 106.
37. "Madaśaktivat cet pratyekaparidṛṣṭe sāmhatye tadubbhavaḥ" Sāṃkhya Sūtra 22, Chapter III. "Nanu yathā madakataśaktiḥ pratyekadravyavṛttirapi militadravye varttate, evam caitanyamapi syāditi cenna pratyekaparidṛṣṭe sati sāmhatye tadubbhavaḥ sambhavet / Prakṛte tu pratyekaparidṛṣṭatvam nāsti /nanu samuccite caitanyadarśanena pratyekabhūte sūkṣmacaitanyaśaktiranumeyā iti cenna anekabhūteṣu anekacaitanyaśaktikalpanāyām gauraveṇa lāghayādekasyaiva nityacitsvarūpasya kalpanaucityāt /" Sāṃkhyapravacanabhāṣya, Vijñānabhikṣu, p. 18. cf. also "Bhūtagataviśeṣaguṇānām sajātiyakaraṇaguṇajanyatayā karaṇe caitanyam vinā dehe caitanyāsambhavāt /" Ibid.
- Madye madaśaktirna guṇaḥ madyārambhakānām piṣṭaguḍamadhvādīnām yat yasya karma tat karmabhirārabdham svasvakarmavirodhikarma yaducyate prabhāva iti / Caitanyādikam na karma // Gaṅgādhara's Jalpakalpataru, 1867, Calcutta, Vide Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus. Dr. B. N. Seal, p. 241.
38. Vāyuvat sañcārāt vāyavaḥ prasiddhāḥ / asmākam nāyam niyamaḥ yadindriyavṛttiḥ krameṇaiva bhavati naikadā jātisāṅkaryasya asmākam adoṣatvāt / sāmāgrīsama-vadhāne sati anekairapīndriyaiḥ ekadaikavṛttyutpadane bādhakam nāsti", Pravacanabhāṣya. Ch. II, sūtra 31. 32, p. 88.; Manodharmasya kāmādeḥ, prāṇakṣobhatayā samānādhikarāṇenaiva aucityāt", Ibid.

are stated to be Vāyu in metaphorical way. Prāṇa (life) is in reality a reflex activity, a resultant force of the various concurrent activities of the Antaḥkaraṇa, i. e. “of the sensorimotor (Jñānedriya–Karmendriya), the emotive (mānaḥ) and the apperceptive reactions of the organism.”⁴⁰

According to Vijnānabhikṣu, this explains the disturbing effect on the vitality of pleasurable or painful emotions (like love = kāma) of mind (manas), one of the internal senses involved in the reactions of the living organism.⁴¹

Thus Prāṇa of the Sāṃkhya is not a Vāyu nor is it evolved from the inorganic matters (Bhūtas), “but it is only a complex reflex activity (Sambhūyaikā vṛtti) generated from the operations of the psycho-physical forces in the organism.”⁴²

In agreement with the Sāṃkhya the Vedāntists hold the view that “Prāṇa is neither a vāyu nor the operation of a vāyu.”⁴³ But they differ from the former’s view that Prāṇa is a more reflex or resultant

39. *Sāmānyakaraṇavṛttih prāṇādya vāyavaḥ pañca / Sāṃkhyadarśana*, chapter II, Sūtra 31; *Sāṃkhyakārikā*, 29.

Prāṇa, breath, the ordinary inspiration and expiration; apāna, downward breath, the air or vital force acting in the lower parts of the body; samāna, collective breath, so named from conducting equally the food, etc. through the body; udāna ascending breath, the vital force that causes the pulsations of the arteries in the upper portions of the body from the navel to the head, and vyāna separate breath, “by which internal division and diffusion through the body are effected” (Gauḍapāda, Wilson, p. 105).

This is not very intelligible, but as vyāna is connected in the Sāṃkhya-Tattva-Kaumudī with the skin, the subtle nerve-force by which sensibility is given to the skin or outer surface of the body is probably meant. It is also connected with the circulation of the blood along the surface, the great arteries being under the action of udāna (71) (In the Ātmabodha “Knowledge of the soul”, a Vedic poem as assigned to the great commentator Śaṅkarāchārya, the soul is said to be enwrapped “in five investing sheaths or coverings” (Kosh cf. Fr. Cosse, *Ir Gael Coch-al*, a pod or husk). The third of these is called prāṇamaya, i. e. “the sheath composed of breath, and the other vital airs associated with the organs of action” (Indian Wisdom, p. 123), Vide the *Sāṃkhyakārikā* of Iśvara Kṛṣṇa, ed. by John Davies, p. 46.

40. *Positive Science of Ancient Hindus*. p. 241.

41. “Mano dharmasya kāmādeḥ / prāṇakṣobhakatayā sāmānyādhikaranyenaiva auctiyat,” *Sāṃkhya Pravacanabhāṣya*, Chapter II, 31, p. 88.

42. “Karaṇāṇi niyatavṛttayaḥ santaḥ sambhūyaikāṃ prāṇakhyāṃ vṛttim pratipadyante (pratilapsyante), Śaṅkarabhāṣya on Brahmasūtra, Ch. II. Pāda 4, Sūtra 9. “Sāmānyakaraṇavṛttih prāṇādya vāyavaḥ pañca /” *Sāṃkhyakārikā*, Iśvaraḥ Kṛṣṇa, 29; see also *Sāṃkhyapravacanabhāṣya*, chapter II, Sūtras 31,32.

43. “Na vāyukriye pṛthagupadeṣāt /” *Brahmasūtra*, chapter II. pāda 4, Sūtra 9; see its *Bhāṣya*,

of concurrent sensori-motor, emotive and apperceptive reactions of the organism. If eleven birds, put in a cage, concurrently and continually strike against the bars of it in the same direction, it may move on under the impact of concerted action. But the sensory and motor activities cannot in this way produce the vital activity of the organism, because the loss of one or more of the senses does not result in the loss of life. This is above all the radical distinction between them. There is the sameness of kind (Samajātiyatva) between the motions of the individual birds and the resultant motion of the cage, but Prāṇa is not explained by sensations, but it is a separate principle (or force), just as the mind and antaḥkaraṇas generally are regarded in the Sāṃkhya. It is a sort of subtle "ether-principle" (adhyātma-vāyu) pervasive of the organism, not gross vāyu, all the same subtilized matter like the mind itself, as everything other than the soul (ātmā), according to the Vedānta, is material (jāḍa). Prāṇa is prior to the senses, for it regulates the development of the fertilized egg, "which would putrefy, if it were not living, and the senses with their apparatus originate subsequently from the fertilized egg."⁴⁴

Caraka⁴⁵ explains vāyu as the impelling force, the prime-mover, which sets in motion the organism, the organs (including the senses and the mind), arranges the cells and tissues, unfolds or develops the foetal structure out of the fertilized ovum. According to Caraka and Śuśruta,⁴⁶ there are five chief vāyus with different functions for the

44. Also Vācaspati Miśra, Bhāmati Tīkā as follows :

"Siddhāntastu na samānendriyavṛttih prāṇaḥ // Sa hi militānām vā vṛttirbhavet pratyekām vā / na tavat millitānām ekadvitricaturindriyābhāve tadabhāvaprasāṅgāt / na khalu cūrṇahridrasāmyogajānmā, aruṇaguṇastayoranyatarābhāve bhavitumarhati / na ca bahuviṣṭisādhyāṃ śībikodvahanāṃ dvitriṣṭisādhyāṃ bhavati / na ca tvagekasādhyāṃ / tathā sati sāmānyavṛttivānupapatteḥ / api ca yat sambhūya karakāṇi niṣpādayanti tat pradhānavyāpāranugūṇavāntaravyāpāreṇaiva / yathā vayasāṃ prāṇisviko vyāpāraḥ piñjaracālanānugūṇaḥ / iha tu śravaṇādyavāntaravyāpāropetaḥ prāṇaḥ na sambhūya Prānyuriti yuktāṃ pramāṇābhāvādātvyantavijātiyatvācca śravaṇādibhyaḥ prāṇānasya / tasmādanyo vāyukriyābhāṃ prāṇaḥ / Vāyurevāyamādhyātmapānnaḥ mukhyo, api prāṇaḥ //". Ibid (Śāṅkarabhāṣya). cf. also Jyēṣṭhaśca prāṇaḥ śukranīṣekakaladarabhyā tasya vṛttilābhāt / na cet tasya tadānīm vṛttilābhāḥ syāt yonau niṣiktaṃ śukrāṃ pūyeta na sambhaved vā / śrotādināntu karṇaśaṅkulyādisthānavibhāganīṣpattau vṛttilābhāṇa jyēṣṭhatvām /". Śāṅkarabhāṣya, Chapter II, pāda 4, Sūtra 9.

45. "Vāyuh tantrāyantradharaḥ, prāṇāpanodānasamānavyānatmā pravartakaḥ ceṣṭānām, praṇeta māhasaḥ sarvendriyānām udyotakaḥ, sarvasarīradhātuvyūhakarāḥ, sandhānakaraḥ śarīrasya, pravartako vācaḥ, harṣotsāhayoryonih. kṣēptā bahirmalānām. karta garbhākṛtīnām prāṇāpanodānasamānavyānatmā /" Caraka. Sūtrasthāna, ch. XII.

46. Caraka, Sūtrasthāna, chapter XII and Suśruta, Nidānasthāna, chapter I.

maintenance of the animal life, viz. *prāṇa*, *udāna*, *samāna*, *vyāna* and *apāna*, as mentioned in the *Sāṃkhya*. *Śuśruta*⁴⁷ describes *prāṇa* as having its course in the mouth and function in deglutition, hiccough, respiration, etc., *udāna* in articulation and singing, *samāna* as digesting the food substance in the stomach in conjunction with the animal heat, *vyāna* as causing the flow of blood and sweat, and *apāna* with its seat in the intestinal region as throwing out the urinogenital secretions.⁴⁸

In the mediaeval philosophy⁴⁹ there is mention of forty nine *vāyus* among which there are ten chief *Vāyus*, viz. (1) *Prāṇa*, (2) *Apāna*, (3) *Vyāna*, (4) *Samāna*, (5) *Udāna*, (6) *Nāga*, (7) *Kūrma*, (8) *Kṛkara* or *Krakaro*, (9) *Devadatta* and (10) *Dhanañjaya*.⁵⁰

Prāṇa has the function in the ideo-motor verbal mechanism and vocal apparatus, the respiratory system, the muscles in coughing, singing, etc., *apāna* in ejecting the excretions and wastes, the urine, the faeces, the sperm and germ-cells etc., *vyāna* in extension, contraction, and flexion of the muscles, tendons, and ligaments, the stored up energy of the muscles, *udāna* in maintaining the erect posture of the body, *nāga* in involuntary retching and vomiting, *kūrma* in the automatic movement of the eyelids, winking, etc., *kṛkara* in the appetites, hunger and thirst, *devadatta* in bringing about yawning, dozing, etc. and *dhanañjaya* in causing coma, swooning and trance.⁵¹

47. *Suśruta-Nidānasthāna*, chapter I.

“*Teṣāṃ mukhyatamaḥ prāṇaḥ .../śabdoccāraṇāniḥśvāsocchvāsakāśādikāraṇāṃt apānaḥ asya mūtrapuriṣādivisargaḥ karma kirttitaṃ/vyānaḥ ... prāṇāpanadhṛtityāgrahaṇādyasya karma ca/samāno’pi vyāpya nikhilāṃ śarīram vahninā saha / dvisaptati sahasreṣu nādirandhreṣu saṃcāraṇa bhuktāpitārasān samyaganāyan dehapūṣṭikṛt / udānaḥ karmāsya dehonnayanotkramaṇādi prakīrttitaṃ // tvagādidhatunāsruya pañcanāgadayah sthitāḥ udgarādi nimeṣādi ksutpipāsādikāṃ kramāt / tandraṇprabhṛti mohādi (sophādi) teṣāṃ karma prakīrttitaṃ /”* *Saṅgitaratnākara*, *Sāraṅgedava*, vv. 60-67, chapter I. Vol. I. pp. 41-42.

cf. the summary in *Raja Sourindra Mohan Tagore's* edition of the *Saṅgītadarpaṇa*, See also *Kalyāṇakāra*. 3. 3. p. 32.

48. *Vide the Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus*, p. 230.

49. *Unapañcādaśadvāyurudite putraḥ / te sarve apajāḥ indreṇa devatvaṃ prānitāḥ śarīrāntarbhāhyabhedena daśadhā’/”* *Bhāgavataṭīkāyām Śrīdharasvāmīn*, *Vide Śabdakalpadruma*, 4th *Kāṇḍa*, p. 342.

50. *Prāṇāpanau tathā vyānasamānodānasamjñakān / Nāgaṃ Kūrmaṃ ca Kṛkaraṃ Devadattaṃ Dhanañjayaṃ // Saṅgitaratnākara*, Ch. I, V. 9, p. 41, Vol. I.

“*Prāṇāpanau tathā vyānasamānodānasamjñakāḥ / Nāgaḥ Kūrmśca Kṛkaro Devadattadhanañjayau //”* *Saṅgītadarpaṇam* of *Catura Dāmodara*, Ch. I, V. 50.

51. *Saṅgitaratnākara*. Vol. I, ch. 1, vv. 60-67, pp. 41-42,

“*Śabdoccāraṇāṃ (vāñnispatikāraṇāṃ) niḥśvāsaḥ ucchvāsaḥ (antarmukhaśvāsaḥ) tandraṇināṃ kāraṇāṃ (sādhanam) prāṇavāyuh, / Vinmūtraśukrādivahatvamāpanāsya karma, ākuñcanaprasāraṇādi vyānasya karma jneyaṃ / aśītapīḍādināṃ samatānayanadvatā śarīrasya poṣaṇāṃ samānasya karma / udānavāyuh ūrdhvanāyanameva*

The study of the different views on Prāṇa or Vāyu shows that Jaina paryāpti or prāṇa is neither a result of peculiar chemical combinations of non-living matter as advocated by the Cārvākas nor a complex activity of the Sāṃkhya but a sort of separate principle (adhyātma vāyu) pervasive of the organism as defined by the Vedānta, an impelling force, the prime-mover of Caraka and Śuśruta. It appears to be the actual living material of all plants and animals like protoplasm of modern Biology. Jaina paryāpti and prāṇa, the two unique forces, not explainable in terms of Physics and Chemistry, are associated with and control life. The concept of these forces may be called vitalism which contains the view that living and non-living systems are basically different and obey different laws. Many of the phenomena of life that appear to be so mysterious in Jaina Biology may be explained by physical and chemical principles with the discovery of future research in this field. So it is reasonable to suppose that paryāpti, a mysterious aspect of life, although not identifiable with protoplasm, comes nearer to the latter because of its unique functions in the organisms.

According to modern Biology, "protoplasm is the actual living material of all plants and animals. This is not a single substance but varies considerably from organism to organism, among the various parts of a single animal or plant. and from one time to another with a single organ or part of an animal or plant. There are many kinds of protoplasm, but they share certain fundamental physical and chemical characteristics."⁵²

"The protoplasm of the human body and of all plants and animals exists in discrete portions know as cells. these are the microscopic unit of structure of the body, each of them is an independent, functional unit, and the processes of the body are the sum of the co-ordinated functions of its cells. These cellular units vary considerably in size, shape and function. Some of the smallest animals have bodies made of a single cell; others such as, a man or an Oak tree are made of countless billions of cells fitted together."⁵³

"The major types of organic substances found in protoplasm are

asya karma. nāgādayaḥ paṅakūrmakṛkara-devadattadhanañjayarūpaḥ pañcavāyavaḥ / cteṣāṃ karmāṇi ca yathākramaṃ udgāronmīlanakṣudhājānanaviḥmbhaṇamoharūpāṇi /" Saṅgītarpaṇa, chapter I, śloka 43-48.

cf. "Prāṇaḥ prāgvṛttirucchvāsādikarmā / Apānaḥ avāgvṛttirutsargāpikarmā / Vyānaḥ tayoh sandhau vartamānaḥ vīryavat karmahetuḥ / Udānaḥ ūrdhvavṛttiḥ ūtkrāntyaḍi hetuḥ / samānaḥ samāṃ sarveṣu aṅgeṣu yaḥ annarasaṃ nayati / iti /". Śāṅkarabhāṣya, chapter II, pāda 4, sūtra 2. Vide Positive Science of the Ancient Hindus, p. 230-31.

52. Biology, p. 16.

53. Ibid.

carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, nucleic acids and steroids.”⁵⁴ Some of these are required for the structural integrity of the cell, others to supply energy for its functioning and still others are of prime importance in regulating metabolism within the cell.”⁵⁵

“Carbohydrates and fats (lipids) have only a small role in the structure of protoplasm but are important as sources of fuel; Carbohydrates are readily available fuel, fats are more permanently stored supplies of energy. Nucleic acids have a primary role in storing and transmitting information. Proteins are structural and functional constituents of protoplasm, but may serve as fuel after deanimation. The body can convert each of these substances into others to some extent, Protoplasm in a colloidal system, with protein molecules and water forming the two phases, and many of the properties of protoplasm—muscle contraction, ameboid motion, and so on—depend on the repaid change from sol (liquid condition) to gel (solid or semi-solid) state and back.”⁵⁶

54. Ibid, pp. 25-26.

55. Ibid.

56. Ibid., p. 33.

(Second Section)

Characteristics of Living Substances (Jivadravyas)

All living substances have, to a greater or lesser extent, the properties of specific size¹ and shape,² metabolism,³ movement,⁴ irritability,⁵ growth,⁶ reproduction⁷ and adaptation.⁸ This list of their properties seems to be specific and definite, but the line between the living and

1. Bhagavati Sūtra, 19.3.652-53; 25. 1. 717; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36-70 (Sūkṣma-bādara etc.). Paṇṇavaṇā (Sūkṣma-bādara, etc.); Gommaṣasāra (Jivakāṇḍa). V. 177, V. 183.
2. Paṇṇavaṇā Saṁsthānāidāracchakam 983-989. p. 241; " Samacauramaṣa, naggoḥa, sāi, vāmaṇa ya khujja huṁḍa ya / Jivāna cha saṁsthāna / " Bṛhatsaṁgrahaṇi, Candrasūri, VV. 243-5.
" Samacauramaṣaṅgoḥasādiya khujjayavāmanāhuṁḍā / ", Paryāptyadhikāra, Mūlacāra, Pt II, 12 V. 49, Sri Vasunandisiddhānta Cakravartin, p. 207; Lokaprakāśa, Vina-yavijaya, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, vv. 205-10, pp. 98-99; Gommaṣasāra (Jivakāṇḍa), 201.
3. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3, Āhāranikṣepa varṇana; Bhagavati Sūtra, 1.7.61-62, 7-3. 275-6; Paṇṇavaṇā, Āhārapadam, pajjattidāram, 2nd uddeśaka p. 406.
Taṇḍula Veyāliyaṁ pp. 3-10; Navatattva Prakaraṇam, Dharmavijaya, v. 6, p. 12; Lokaprakāśa Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, vv. 15-21 ff; Gommaṣasāra (Jivakāṇḍa). chapter III, vv. 119-121; Mūlacāra II. 12-4; Tarkarahasyadīpikā on Śaḍdarśanuśamuccava Guṇaratna. (Jainamataṁ); V. 49.
4. Ācārāṅga Sūtra, Book I, 9.1.4 (Adu thāvarā ya tasattāe, tasā ya thāvarattāe); Sūtrakṛtāṅga, śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 2, Sūtra 18, Sūtra 60; Sthānāṅga. 2. 4. 100; Bhagavati Sūtra 25.4.789; Uttarādhyayanasūtra, 36.68; Jivābhigama sūtra. p. 12; Mūlacāra, Pt. I, 30 (226), p. 295, Tattvārtha Sūtra, Umāsvāti, 2.12-14; Tarkarahasyadīpikā, Guṇaratna, V. 49
5. Bhagavati Sūtra 3.9.170; 2.4.99; Paṇṇavaṇāsūtra, Indriyapadam 15, puṭṭhadharaṁ, etc, Jivābhigamasūtra, Jyotiṣka Uddeśaka; Tarkarahasyadīpikā, V. 49.
6. " Ahāvaram purakkhāyam ihēgaiyā satta rukkhajoniyā rukkhasaṁbhavā . . biyattāe viuttaṁti, etc." upto " nānavihasaṁbhava . . . satirasambhavai." Sūtrakṛtāṅga Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3, Sūtra 55-62.
Bhagavati, 1.7.61-2; 7.3.276; Taṇḍula Veyāliya, vv. 2,3,4 5,6; Tarkarahasyadīpikā, V. 49.
7. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha, II, Adhyayana 3; Bhagavati Sūtra, 7.5.282; Sthānāṅga Sūtra 2. 4. 119; 7.3.543; Uttarādhyayanasūtra, 36.70; Jivābhigamasūtra 3.1.96 : 1-33; Paṇṇavaṇā sūtra, 1. 58; 68; Mūlacāra II, 12. 43, 44, 45; Tattvārthasūtra 2. 32; Tarkarahasyadīpikā, v. 49,
8. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha, II, Adhyayana 3; Bhagavati Sūtra, 7.3.275; Paṇṇavaṇā, Sthānapadam; Jivābhigamasūtra, 1.34, 35, 36; Tarkarahasyadīpikā, 28, V. 49.
9. Biology, p. 17.

non-living, according to modern Biology, is tenuous, as “non-living objects may show one or more of these properties, but not all of them.”¹⁰ Many of the phenomena of life that appear to be so mysterious, as discovered by the Jainācāryas, such as, ucchvāsa (respiration), saṃjñā (instinct), bhāṣā (speech), Kaṣāya (passion), indriyas (senses), leśyā (condition of soul or psychic condition), Vedanā (feeling), etc. of the living substances, have proved to be understandable by invoking a unique life-force, while other aspects of life can be explained by physical and chemical principles in the light of future research in the field of Biology.

Specific Organization :

Each kind of living organism is recognized by its characteristic shape and appearance,¹¹ the adult of each kind of organism typically have much more variable shapes and sizes.¹² Living substances are not homogeneous, but are made of different parts,¹³ each with special functions, thus the bodies of living things are characterized by a specific

10. Ibid.

11. Samacauramṣa naggoha, sāi vāmana ya khujja huṃda ya / Jivāna ca saṃjñā /” Bṛhatsaṃgrahaṇī, Candrasūri, vv. 243-5; See Paṇṇavaṇā, saṃjñānadaracchakam 983-984. P. 241. Mūlacāra, Pt. II, 12. V. 49. P. 207; Lokaprakāśa Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, vv. 205-210, pp. 98-99; Gommaṣāra (Jivakāṇḍa), 201.
12. Bhāgavati Sūtra, 19.3.652-53; 25.1.717; Uttarādhyayana sūtra 36. 70 ff; paṇṇavaṇā sūtra, 29.25 (Sūkṣma-bādāra, etc.) Gommaṣāra (Jivakāṇḍa) V. 177, V. 183.
13. “Rukkhesu mūlattāe khaṃdattāe khaṃdhattāe tayattāe sālattāe pavālattāe pattattāe pupphaṭṭāe phalattāe biyattāe viṭṭvṃti” Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3, Sūtra 46; Blood (Soṇita) Ācārāṅgasūtra, Baok II, 10 (Soṇiyāe)”; Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3.18; Bhāgavati 1.7.61; Tandulaveyāliya, 2, p. 6. dhamanī and sīrā = arteries and veins; Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha 2, Adhyayana 2, Sūtra 18 (hiyayāe = heart); Bhāgavati. 1. 7. 61: Tandulaveyāliya, pp. 8-9 (Skin, bone, marrow, hair, beard, hair or body and nail); Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 2. 18 (accā-body, ajina (skin), maṃsa (flesh), soṇiya = (Blood), hiyaya (heart), pitta (bile).
 Bhāgavati 1. 7. 61 (The respiratory system)
 Bhāgavati 1. 7. 61 (Digestive system)
 Bhāgavati 1. 7. 61-2 (Excretory system)
 Bhāgavati 1. 7. 61: Tandulaveyāliya 2, p. 6. (The Integumentary and Skeletal systems)
 Bhāgavati 1. 7. 61 (Out growth of the skin-hair and nail)
 Tandulaveyāliya 2, p. 6 (Peśi = muscular system)
 Tandulaveyāliya 2, p. 6 (Nervous system)
 Tandulaveyāliya, p. 7. sūtra 3 (The sense organs)
 Paṇṇavaṇā, Indriyapadaṃ, Bhāgavati sūtra 16. 1. 566,
 2. 4. 99, (Sense organs) Bhāgavati 3. 9. 170.
 Paṇṇavaṇā, Indriyapadaṃ, puṭṭhadāra (Tactile senses) Organs of taste and smell, eye, ear).

complex organization,¹⁴ for each type of cell-body (Abbuya¹⁵) has a characteristic size and shape, it has a unique vital force¹⁶ which distinguishes (or separates) the living substance from the surroundings and it contains a life-force,¹⁷ plans a major role in controlling and regulating the activities of the cell-body. The bodies of the higher animals and plants are organized in a series of increasing complex levels.¹⁸ It appears that cells are organized into tissues, tissues into organs and organs into organ-systems.¹⁹

According to modern Biology, “The structural and functional unit of both plants and animals is the cell, the simplest bit of living matter that can exist independently. The cell itself has specific organization, for each type of cell has a characteristic size and shape, it has a plasma membrane which separates the living substance from the surroundings, and it contains a nucleus, a specialized part of the cell separated from the rest by a nuclear membrane. The nucleus, plays a major role in controlling and regulating the activities of the cell. The bodies of the higher animals and plants are organized in a series of increasingly complex levels. Cells are organized into tissues, tissues into organs, and organs into organs system.”²⁰

Metabolism :

According to Jaina Biology, metabolism is the sum of all the chemical activities of paryāpti (Vital force)²¹ which provide the energy for the growth, maintenance and repair of the organic system as well as its own growth with intensity. Paryāpti of all cell-bodies is constantly

14. Ibid.

15. Taṇḍulaveyāliya, 2. p. 6. Cell = arbuda ?

16. Paryāpti

17. Prāṇa

18. Bhagavati Sūtra 19. 3. 6. 52-53; 25. 1. 717.
Uttarādhyana Sūtra 36.70 ff.
Paṇṇavanā 29.25. (Sūksma-bādhara, etc.)
Gommaṭasāra (Jīva), VV. 177, 183.

19. Tandulaveyāliya, 2, p. 6.

“Abbuyā jāyae pesī, pesīo ya ghaṇam bhavē... pindiyāo pāni, pāyam siram ceva nivvaṭṭei. pittasoniyam uvacine satta sirasayāim pañca pesīsayāim upto romaku-vakoḍiya nivvaṭṭei I”

20. Biology Villel. A. p. 17.

21. Paṇṇavanā, Āhārapada, 2nd Uddeśaka, pajjattidā-a, p. 406.

Jīvābhigama, p. 23; Navatattva Prakaraṇam, V. 6, p. 12, etc.

Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sargā, vv. 15, ff; Gommaṭasāra (Jīvakāṇḍa). Paryāpti, 3rd chapter, v. 119, etc.. Mūlacāra, Pt. II, paryāptyadhikāra, 12, v. 4 etc. ;

Bṛnatsangrahaṇi, 363.

changing²² by taking in new substances, altering them chemically in a variety of ways, building new vital force or energy²³ and transforming²⁴ the potential energy contained in large molecules of nutrients or chyle (rasa)²⁵ into kinetic energy (śakti) including heat as these substances are converted into other simpler substances. This constant expenditure of energy is one of the unique characteristics of living substances.

Both plants and animals have anabolic²⁶ and catabolic²⁷ phases of metabolism. They occur continuously and simultaneously.²⁸ Plants,²⁹ however, (with some exceptions),³⁰ have the ability to manufacture their organic compounds³¹ out of inorganic materials in the soil and air, animals must depend on plants, for their food. "Plant cells are simply better chemists than animal cells."³²

Movement:

The ability to move³³ is the third characteristic of living substances.

22. Ibid. Mālayagiri

"Ahārasarīra im̐diya, usāsa vao maṇo abhinivatti,

hoi jao daliyāo Karaṇam̐ Pai sa u pajjatti" (Bṛhatsaṅgrahaṇī, p. 130)

"Ahāreśarīrendraiyocchvasava.comanasambhīnirvṛtirbhīṇiṣattiryato dalikaddalabh-
ūtāt pudgalasamuhattasya dalikasya śaktirūpaṁ sa paryāptih̐, vide Navatattva
Prakaraṇam̐, Tika, p. 13.

23. "Tatra Jivāḥ pudgalopacayaḥ lambanena; samutpannāyā yāyā śaktyā nānamahāra- mādāya khalarāsarūpatayā pariṇamayati sa āharāparāptih̐ .. Jivāḥ pudgalonicaya- jatayā yāyā śaktyā Punaramanoyapudgaladraṅyamādāya manastvena pariṇamayya ālambya ca viśjati sa manāḥparyāpti" I Ibid, pp. 13-4, etc.

24. Ibid.

25. Ibid.

26. "Anabolism refers to those chemical processes in which simpler substances are combined to form more complex substances, resulting in the storage of energy and the production of new protoplasm and growth." Biology, p. 17.

27. "Catabolism refers to the breaking down of these complex substances, resulting in the release of energy and the wearing out and using up of protoplasm," whose place is taken by paryāpti in Jain Biology." Biology, p. 17.

28. Pajjattipaṭṭhavaṇam̐ jugavaṁ tu kameṇa hodi niṭṭhavaṇam̐ / aṁtamuhuttakāleṇa- hiyakamā tattiyālavā" 120., Gommaṣasāra (Jīva), 120; Biology, p. 18.

29. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 7.3.275-6., Biology, p. 18.

30. Prastitic plants which are born on trees have no ability to manufacture their organic compounds, but they feed on the sap of the supporting plants. See Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha 2, Adhyayana 3, Biology, p. 18.

31. Bhagavatī, 7.3.275-6; Tarkarahasyadīpikā 49; Biology, p. 17; Guṇaratna, p. 157.

32. Biology p. 18.

33. Ācarāṅga Sūtra, Book I, p. 1.14; Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 2, Sūtra 18; Sthānāṅga Sūtra 2.4.100; Bhagavatī Sūtra, 25.4.739; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.68; Jīvabhogama Sūtra, p. 12; Tattvārtha Sūtra II, 12.14; Mūlācāra, Pt. I, 30 (226); Jivavicāra, 2; Tarkarahasyadīpikā v. 49; Gommaṣasāra (Jīva) 3', Paṇṇavanā, Kāyadāra, 4.232, p. 86.

The movement of animals³⁴ is quite obvious. According to Jain Biology, all the five one-sensed beings, viz. four earth quadrates and plant are sthāvara (immobile)³⁵ as they cannot move from place to place. There is one view that the earth-bodied being, the water-bodied being and plant are sthāvara (immobile)³⁶ but the fire-bodied being (agnikāyikājīva) and the wind-bodied being (vāyukāyikājīva) are trasa (mobile)³⁷ from the point of view the movement of fire and wind. According to Guṇaratna,³⁸ plant-life also has various kinds of movement or action connected with sleep, waking, expansion and contraction in response to touch, also movement towards a support or prop. That is to say, the movement of plants is much slower and less obvious but is present nonetheless, as explained in modern Biology,³⁹ although they are called sthāvara (immobile).⁴⁰

According to modern Biology, “A few animals-sponges, corals, oysters, certain parasites—do not move from place to place, but most of these have cilia or flagell to meet their surroundings past their bodies and thus bring food and other necessities of life to themselves. Movement may be the result of muscular contraction, of the beating of the microscopic protoplasmic hairs called cilia or flagella, or of slow oozing of a mass of protoplasm (ameboid motion). The streaming motion of the protoplasm in the cells of the leaves of plants is known as cyclosis.”⁴¹ It is to be noted here that corals,⁴² a class of pṛthivikāyikājīvas

34. Ibid.; Biology, p. 18.

35. Paṇṇavanā, Kāyadāra, 4. 232, p. 86.

“Pudhavijalaṇavāu, Vanassai thāvarā ṇeyā t” “Jivavicāra; “Labdhyā pṛthivya-ptejovāyuvanaspatayaḥ sarve sthāvarāṇām karmodayāt sthāvarā eva”, Tattva tha Sūtra (Comm. v, 2-14, p. 161.

36. Ibid., Sthānāṅga 3; 1.164, Uttarādhyana Sūtra, 36.69. “Pudhavijalaṇavāu, Vanassai thāvarā ṇeyā t” “Jivavicāra 2.” “Labdhyā pṛthivya-ptejovāyuvanaspatayaḥ sarve sthāvarāṇām Karmodayāt sthāvarā eva” 1, Tattvārtha Sūtra (Comm. 2 14 p. 161.

37. Ibid; Uttarādhyāyana Sūtra 36.107. Tattvārthasūtrā, 2-14; See Commenta y “Ataḥ Kriyām prāpya tejovāyavostrāsatvaṁ,” p. 161.

38. “Vanaspatayaḥ sacetana-balakumāra = Vṛddhāvasthā (1) pratiniyatavṛddhi (2) svarāprabodhasparśādihetukollāsasamkocāśrayopasarpaṇādiviśiṣṭānekakriya (3) Chimavāyavamaḷam (4) Pratiniyatapradeśāharaḡrahaṇa (5) Vṛkṣāyurvedābhibhityuskistanistanīṣṭāhārādinimittakavṛddhīhāni (6-7), Āyurvedoditatvāttadropa (8) Viśiṣṭausadhaprayogasaṁpāditapravṛddhīhāniṣṭābhaḥnasamrohana (9) pratiniyataviśiṣṭāśarīrasaviryasngdhatvarūkṣatva. (10) Viśiṣṭadanahaḥ d. (11) dim ttvān-yathānupapatteḥ.” 1. (3). Tarkarabasyādīpika (Jainamātām), v. 59. Commentary by Guṇaratna., p. 159. Śaḍjarsana Samuccaya, (Circa 1350 A. D.)

39. Biology, p. 17.

40. See Ācarāṅga Sūtra Book I. 9.1.14, etc.

41. Biology, p. 18.

42. Uttarādhyāyana Sūtra, 86, 74-75.

do not move from place to place like sponges and corals of modern Biology.⁴³ So it is a thought-provoking idea to note that the Jain view of movement of beings is well supported by modern Biology to a considerable extent.

Irritability :⁴⁴

Living beings are irritable, they respond to stimuli⁴⁵ – physical or chemical changes in their immediate surroundings. Stimuli which are effective in evoking a response in most animals and plants are changes in colour,⁴⁶ intensity⁴⁷ or direction of light,⁴⁸ changes in temperature⁴⁹ pressure or sound,⁵⁰ touch⁵¹ and changes in the chemical composition of earth, water, or air surrounding the organism.

In Jaina Biology it is stated that the five sense-organs are endowed with infinite points (ananta pradeśikas), i. e. infinite cells, and innumerable extension (asasmkheya pradeśāvagāḍhas),⁵² sensation or irritation in human brain is caused by the stimuli of the five sense-objects (indriya-viśaya)⁵³ received from outside, when the sense-organs come into contact with them directly or indirectly. So it is explained that the ear hears the touch and entered sounds into it, the eyes see the untouched (apuṭṭha) and unentered (appaviṭṭha) sense-objects (i. e. the images of the sense-objects perceived by the eyes reflect on the

43. Biology, p. 18.

44. Bhāgavati Sūtra, 3.9.170; 2.4.99; Paṇṇavanā, Indriyapadaṃ 15. puṭṭhadāra, etc.; Jivabhigama, Jyotiṣka Uddesaka; Tarkarahasyadīpikā (Jainmatam), V. 59, Ṭikā by Guṇaratna.

45. “Lajjalūprabhṛtīnām hastādisaṃsparśāpatrasaṃkocādika parisphuṭakriyopalabhyate 1”, Ibid., (Tarkarahasyadīpikā), V. 59 (Ṭikā).

46. “apuṭṭhāīm rūvāīm pasati”, Bhāgavati, 2.4.4.99.

Paṇṇavana, Indriyapadaṃ I, Puṭṭhadāram, Sūtra 990.

“apaviṭṭhāīm rūvāīm pasati”, Paṇṇavanā, Ibid., Sūtra 19.

47. Bhāgavati, 2.4.99; Paṇṇavanā, Indriyapadaṃ, 154, Uddesaka, Viśayadāram, Sūtra 992.

48. For example, Sunflower (Suryamukhī) moves according to the direction of the light of the Sun. See Biology, C. A. p. 18.

49. Bhāgavati, 2.4.99; Paṇṇavanā, Indriyapadaṃ, I, Puṭṭhadāram, Sūtra, 920 Paviṭṭhadāram Sūtra, 991.

50. Tarkarahasyadīpikā, V. 49 “Lajjalūprabhṛtīnām hastādisaṃsparśāt-patrasaṃkocādikaparispṃhuṭakriyā upalabhyate.”

51. “Puṭṭhāīm saddāīm suṇei... 1”, Bhāgavati Sūtra, 2.4.99; See also Paṇṇavana Sutta, Indriyapadaṃ, Puṭṭhadāram.

52. Bhāgavati, 2. 4. 99; Paṇṇavanā, Indriyapada, 1st.

Uddesaka, Suttas, 983-939.

53. Bhāgavati, 2. 4. 99; Paṇṇavanā, Indriyapadaṃ 1st.

Uddesaka, Viśayadāram, Sutta. 992.

retina so that they can see them). According to modern biology, light sensitive cells exist in almost all living matter from protozoa to man.⁵⁴ The nose smells the touched and entered objects and the skin experiences the touch of touched and entered objects.⁵⁵

This Jain view of sensation or irritability of beings is supported by Modern Biology to some extent which explains that “In man and other complex animals, certain cells of the body are highly specialized to respond to certain types of stimuli; the rods and cones in the retina of the eye respond to light, certain cells in the nose and in the taste buds of the tongue respond to chemical stimuli, and special cells in the skin respond to changes in temperature or pressure.”⁵⁶ Guṇaratna observes the sensitivity on irritability of plants like the *Mimosa pudica* (Lajjavatīlā) to touch, “which show a manifest reaction in the form of contraction.”⁵⁷ According to modern Biology, the irritability of plant cells is not always so apparent as that of animal cells, but they are sensitive to changes in their environment. Protoplasmic streaming in plant cells may be speeded or stopped by changes in the amount of light. A few plants, such as the venus flytrap of the Caroliva swamps, have a remarkable sensitivity to touch and can catch insects.⁵⁸

The Jaina view on the sensitiveness or irritability of living beings suggests their response to stimuli, physical or chemical changes in their surroundings, which are effective in evoking a response in most animals and plants, e. g. eye responds to light, certain cells in the nose to smell and the taste buds of tongue to chemical stimuli and special cells in the skin respond to changes in touch or temperature or pressure and ear to sound.⁵⁹

Growth : ⁶⁰

Growth means those processes which increase the amount of living substance of the body, measured by the molecules of nutrient or chyle

54. Bhagavatī, 2. 5. 97; Paṇṇav. nā, Indriyapadaṃ 1*, 1st Uddeśaka, Puṭṭhadāram, Paviṭṭhadāram, Sutra, 990 1, p. 24.
55. Ibid.
56. Biology, p. 18.
57. Lajjalūprabhṛtinām hastādisaṃsargāt (saṃsparśāt) yatra saṃkocādikaparispṃṣṭakriyā upalabhyate 1” Tarkarahasyadīpīā on V. 49, Gaṅkratna. p. 58. Vide the positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus, p. 174.
58. Bioigy, p. 18.
59. Bhagavatī, 2. 4. 99; Paṇṇavanā, Indriyapadaṃ 15, 1st Uddesaka, Puṭṭhadaram and pavitṭhadaram 9 0-1, Visayadaram, 992.
60. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3, Sūtra 55-66.; Bhagavatī, 1.7.61-2; Tandulaveyāliya VV. 2-6; 7.3.2-6.; Tarkarahasyadīpikā V. :9, Guṇaratnaṅkī.

(rasa)⁶¹ or sap present, i. e. "nitrogen or protein present" according to modern Biology.⁶² It is the characteristic of all living beings including plants. The processes of growing life of plants involve the stages of infancy, youth and age and regular growth⁶³ etc. like those of other beings.

Growth may be uniform in the several parts of an organism or it may be greater in some parts than in others so that they proportionally change as it occurs. Some organisms, e. g. most trees, will grow indefinitely,⁶⁴ while most animals have a definite growth period which terminates in an adult⁶⁵ of a characteristic size. One of the remarkable aspects of the growth process is that each organ continues to function, while undergoing growth.⁶⁶ The growth process of beings takes place by assimilation of suitable food.⁶⁷

According to Śankara Misra, the growth of organs (or tissues) by natural recuperation after wounder of laceration is an additional charactersitic.⁶⁸

Modern Biology explains that "growth may be brought about by an increase in the size of the individual cells or by an increase in the number of cells, or both."⁶⁹

Reproduction :⁷⁰

The ability to reproduce is the sine qua non of life in a being-

61. Navatattvaparakarāṇaṁ. V. 6. pp. 12. 13. Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd, Sarga, VV. 15 ff; Bṛhatsaṅgrahaṇī, 364, p. 130. "Tatra yaya śaktiya kārāṇabhūṭaya bhuktamāharaṁ Khalarasarūpataya kartum samartho bhavati... yaya rasībhūtamāharaṁ rasas'gmaṁ samedo, asthimajāsukralākṣaṇasaptadhāturūpataya paṇiṇamēyati 1" Bṛhatsaṅgrahaṇī, 363, p. 130.
62. Biology, p. 18.
63. Tarkarahasyadīpikā V. 49, p. 159, Ṭīkā "Bālakumāra-vṛddhāvastha qratiniyatavṛddhiḥ" etc.
64. According to the Uttarādhyayana, the period of ten thousand years is the longest duration of the life of plants and the period of infinite years is the longest duration of life of plants which are called pānaka, not learning that plant-body. "Aṇāntakālamukkosa... Kāvāṇhī paṇagāṇaṁ, tam kāyaṁ tu amuñcao". Uttarādhyayana, 36. 103.
65. Tarkarahasyadīpikā, V. 49, (comm.) p. 159.
66. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3.
67. Sūtrakṛtāṅga; Srutaskandha 2, Adhyayana 3; Navatattvap akarāṇaṁ, V. 6. (comm.) pp. 12-3; Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, VV. 15 ff.
68. "Bhāgṇ kṣatasamrohane", Śankara Misra, 1, Upaskāra, Chapter IV, Ahnika 2, Sūtra 5, B. 4, Vol. V. 1.
69. Biology, p. 18.
70. Ācārāṅga Sūtra, Book 1, Lecture I, Sixth Lesson, Sutra, 4*, 69.; Sutrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3, Bhogavati 7.5 277; Sihanāṅga 3.1.129; 7.3.543, Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.1'0; Jivābhigama Sūtra 3.1.95, 1.33; Paṇṇavanā 1.58, 6'; Tat varīha Sūtra 2.32; Mūlācāra II 17. 43 45; Tarkarahasyadīpikā, V. 49 (Comm.) Gommatasāra, (Jiva), 83.

animal or plant.⁷¹ The simplest nigodajivas⁷² like viruses do not metabolize, move or grow, yet because they can reproduce⁷³ and undergo mutations, they are regarded as living.⁷⁴ As pointed out, one of the fundamental tenets of Biology is that “all life comes only from living substances.”⁷⁵ It is stated in the Jaina Āgamas that worms or bugs or lice or vermins do come from the declining non-living fluids or sweat or dirt. But modern Biology has given convincing proof that they do come from eggs laid down by some flies attracted by the smell of the decaying dirt.

“Bacteria do not arise by spontaneous generation by only from previously existing bacteria.”⁷⁶ “The sub-microscopic filtrable viruses do not arise from non-viral material by spontaneous generation; the multiplication of viruses requires the presence of previously existing viruses.”⁷⁷

According to Jaina Biology; Plants have only asexual reproduction (Saṁmūrccchima),⁷⁸ while animals have both sexual and asexual reproductions (garbhavyutkrāntika and saṁmūrccchima).⁷⁹ The process of asexual reproduction may be simple as the splitting of one individual into two. The process of sexual reproduction in most animals involves the

71. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3.

72. Bhagavatī. 12.2.443; 25.5.749; Gammaṭasāra, (Jiva) 191, 192, 193.

73. The Nigodas are the collections of infinite number of souls or (beings), making minutest groups, having common breathing in and out and experience of feeling, sensation, etc. They continue their evolution of life through the successive Jivaparyayas, having longing for development, BHS. 12.2.443. In the common nigoda-body when one nigodajiva dies, then there takes place death of infinite nigoda Jivas, Gommaṭasāra, 193. “Jatthekka marai Jīvo, tattha du maraṇaṁ have aṇamtāṇaṁ //

74. Ibid., 193.

75. Biology, p. 18. Ācārāṅga Sūtra Book I, Lecture I, Sixth Lesson, Sūtra 48, p. 68. “Se bemi-saṁtime tasāpāṇā, taṁjahā-aṁḍayā poyayā jarāuā rasayā saṁseyayā saṁmūrccchima ubbhiyayā uvavāiya, esa saṁsareti pavuccai” Sūtra (48).; Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha I, Adhyayana 7, Sūtra I “Puḍhavi ya āyū agani ya vāu, taṇa-rukkha-biyā ya tasā ya paṇa I Je aṁḍayā je ya jarāuā pāṇā, saṁseyayā je rasayabhidhāṇā” Sūtra, p. 153. See also Sūtra 7 (Saṁseya, etc.)

76. Biology, pp. 18-19.

77. Ibid., p. 19.

78. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha 2, Adhyayana 3, Sūtra 43, p. 91. “Cattari biyakāyā... aggabiyā, mūlabiyā, porabiyā khaṁḍhabiyā”; very vague ideas are contained in the Brahmanical works as to the sexual characters of plants (See Amarakoṣa, Vanausadhi-varga), Caraka, Kalpasthāna, Ch. V. But the Rājanighaṅṭu tells of a grotesque division into male, female and hermaphrodite, based on the slender or stout, the soft or hard, the long or short, the simple or mixed character of the stems and flowers. According the Kaṭhopaniṣad the sexual reproduction in higher plants and higher animals is quite similar (Paṭwardhan K.A. Upanisads and Modern Biology, p. 59, Popular Book Depot, Bombay, 1957.

production of specialised eggs and sperm which unite to form the fertilized Zygote from which the new organisms develop.⁸⁰

Adaptation :⁸¹

The Ability of a plant or animal to adapt to its environment is the characteristic which enables it to survive the exigencies of a changing world. Each particular species of plant or animal can become adapted by seeking out an environment to which it is suited to make it better fitted to its present surroundings. According to modern Biology,⁸² It is obvious that a single plant or animal cannot adapt to all the conceivable kinds of environment, hence there will be certain areas where it cannot survive or some areas where it can survive.⁸²

Many factors may limit the distribution of a species, such as, habitat, earth, water, air, light, temperature, food, predators, competitors, parasites, etc.

The analyses of the types of plants⁸³ and animals⁸⁴ and their habitats,⁸⁵ etc. as recorded in the Jaina Āgamas shows that the types of plants, such as, trees,⁸⁶ shrubs⁸⁷ herbs,⁸⁸ creepers,⁸⁹ grasses,⁹⁰ etc. were distri-

79. Ācārāṅga Sūtra. Book 1, Lecture 1, Sixth Lesson, Sūtra 48, p. 69.; Sūtrakṛtāṅga Śrutaskandha, II, Adhyayana 3; Sthānāṅga 2, 3. 1. 129; Bhāgavati, 7. 5. 282; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.170; Jivābhigama 3.1.96; Paṇṇavanā 1.58; Tattvarthasūtra, 2.32; Mūlacāra II, 12.43-45; Tarkarabhaṣyadīpikā (comm.) V. 49; Gommaṭasāra (Jiva), 83.
80. "Itthie purisassa ya Kammakadāe jonīe ettha ṇaṃ mehuṇavattiye (va) ṇāmaṃ saṃjoge samuppajjai, te duhato VI siṅhaṃ saṃciṇānti... tattha, ṇaṃ jivā itthittāe purisattāe napuṃsagattāe viṭṭamti /", Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3, Sūtra, 56, p 98.; See also Biology. p. 418.
81. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3; Bhāgavati Sūtra 7.3.27; Paṇṇavanā Sūtra, Sthānapadam; Jivābhigama Sūtra, 1.24-36; Tarkarabhaṣyadīpikā, V. 49, (Jainamatam), Ṭīkā by Guṇaratna.
82. Biology, p. 20.
83. See Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36 VV. 94-104 for all types of plants; Paṇṇavanā Sutta, Vanaspaikāya jivaprañāpanā 5, Sūtras, 25-54, pp. 16-27.
84. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36, VV. 126-155. for all types of animals. Paṇṇavanā I, Sūtras 56-138, pp. 21.35
85. Paṇṇavanā Sutta 2, Sthānapadam, Sūtras 148-176; pp. 46-55.
86. Bhāgavati Sūtra, 22.2.692; 22.3.692; 22.4.692; 23.1.693; 23.3.693; 23.4.693; 23.5.693; etc.
87. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 94-104, Gulma, similar to the class Guccha, e. g. Vṛṇraka (Solamum Melongena) but brings forth twigs or stems, instead of stalks, e. g. Navamālikā (Jasminum Sambac), Kanavira, etc.
88. Bhāgavati 21.7.691.
89. Ibid., 21.5.691; 21.6.691; 23.1.693; 23.4.693.
90. Ibid., 21.5.691; 21.6. ; 11.9.427; 12.8.459; 22.4.692.

buted over different regions of India where they could grow and adapt to their suitable environment to survive the exigencies of a changing world. The classification of animals by the Jainācārya into sthalacara (terrestrial), Jalacara (aquatic) and Khecara (aerial)⁹¹ beings, etc. throws light upon their habitat and ecology to which they could grow and adapt and make themselves better fitted in their survival.

The study of life of beings was made by the Jainācāryas in relation to environment, so climatic conditions have been described by them under the term 'Rtu'.⁹² It has been sub-divided into prāvṛt or varṣā (Rainy season = Śrāvaṇādi or Aśayujādiḥ), Śārad (Mārgaśīrṣādiḥ = Autumn), Hemanta (Māghādiḥ = Winter), Vasanta (Caitrādiḥ = Spring) and Grīṣma (Jyeṣṭhādiḥ = Summer).⁹³ The study of life in relation to environment probably began from the Vedic period⁹⁴ and climatic conditions were similarly treated under the same term 'Rtu' (Season) which was first sub-divided into three seasons, viz. Vasanta (Spring), Grīṣma (Summer) and Śārad (Autumn).⁹⁵ Rtu has also been sub-divided into five seasons, viz. Vasanta, Grīṣma, Varṣā, Śārad and Hemantaśīśira⁹⁶ or sometimes into six seasons⁹⁷ by separating Hemanta and Śīśira.

91. Bhagavati 7.5.28?; Uttarādhyayaṇa Sūtra, 36.171; Jīvābhigama Sūtra, 1.34.

92. Bhagavati, 7.3.275; 9.33.383.

93. Bhagavati 9.33.383.

94. Ṛgveda X. 9.6; Atharvaveda, VIII, 9.1.15; XIII, 1.18.

95. "Vasanto aśvasidajyam grīṣma idhmaḥ śaraddhavi." Ibid.

96. "Śarade tva hemantaya vasantaya grīṣmayā..." Rtava pañca, Ibid, XIII, 1.18. etc. "Varṣāṇi... 1" Atharvaveda, VIII, 2.22; VIII. 9.15.

97. "Grīṣmo hemantaḥ śīśira vasantaḥ śarad va. saḥ" Atharvaveda VI, 55, 2, XII, 1.36; V. 1.5, 2.6, 3.2, 6., etc.; "Grīṣmāsti bhūme varṣāṇi śaradhemantaḥ śīśiro Vasantaḥ, Ibid., XII, 1.36. "Tubhyamityāha ṣaḍvā ṛtavaḥ ṛtuṣveva 1". Taittiriyaśākhita, V. 1.5.2; "Ṣaḍvā ṛtavaḥ" 1; Ibid., V. 1.5.7.3; "Ṣaḍvā ṛtavaḥ samvatsaraḥ" Ibid., V. 2, 6, 1. etc.

Third Section

Cells and Tissues

It appears from the study of the organization of bodies of plants and animals, from the finest plants to higher plants and from the finest earth quadrates to man as revealed in the Jaina Āgamas that the bodies of all plants and animals are composed of cells¹ and tissues.² But there is found no clear analytical study of cells and tissues of plants and animals in Jaina Biology as they are treated in modern Biology. New cells can come into being only by division of previously existing cells.³ According to modern Biology, "the cell is the fundamental unit of both function and structure—the fundamental unit that shows all the characteristics of living things."⁴

Cells :

In the simplest plants and animals all of the Vital force (paryāpti) is found within a single celled body, e.g. worm (Kṛmi)⁵ like a protozoa. These organisms may be considered to be unicellular⁶ with bodies not divided into cells. Earth quadrates,⁷ plant bacteria⁸ and two-sensed worms,⁹ etc., come under this unicellular category. They may have a

1. Abbuya (?), Tandulaveyāliya, 2. p. 6.

It is also suggestive from the reference to lakhs of pores in the skin of the body, that there are cells in the body of man and other vertebrates, Ibid., 2. p. 6.

2. Peśi (?). Tandulaveyāliya, 2, p. 6.

Peśi (tissue) is made of arbudas (cells).

3. A single fertilized egg (kalala) develops gradually into a many-celled or five-celled embryo (PancaPiṇḍas) by the process of cleavage, indicating that the egg cell splits or divides. Out of five piṇḍas arms, legs and head come into being.; Tandilaveyāliya, 2, p. 6.

4. Biology, p. 35.

5. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.128.

6. Finest earth quadrates, plant bacteria and worms are the examples of unicellular beings.

7. "Puḍhavi ya āu agani ya vāu" .. I

Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha I, Adhyayaṇa 7, Sūtra 1

Bhagavati Sūtra 31.1.844; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.

Paṇṇavana, Ekendriyajīvapāṇṇavanā, 19, p. 122.

Gommaṣasāra (Jīva), V. 201.

8. Sūkṣma vanaspati (Subtile plant) of one class may be identical with bacteria of modern Biology. See Uttarādhyayana, 36.92.

Paṇṇavanā, Vanaspatikāyājīvaprajñāpana 35.

9. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.128.

high degree of specialization of form and function within the single cell and the cell may be quite large or small.

Modern Biology explains that “a single cell, if placed in the proper environment, will grow and eventually be divided to form two cells.”¹⁰

The cells of different plants and animals and of different organs within a single plant or animal as found in Jaina Biology appear to be a bewildering variety of sizes, shapes, colours, and internal structures, etc. as the sizes, etc. of their bodies¹¹ indicate, but all have certain features in common. All nutrients (rasa or siṇeha)¹² entering the cell and all waste products. (khala)¹³ leaving it must pass through some membrane—a living, functional part of the cell, extremely important in regulating its contents. According to modern biology¹⁴ this membrane is called plasma membrane which regulates the contents of the cell.

The statement in the Jaina Āgamas that “the matr-āṅgas (mother’s limbs) received and possessed by the child are his flesh, blood and brain and the pitṛ-āṅgas are his bone, marrow, hair, beard and hair on the body”¹⁵ suggests that each cell of the body of the child contains nucleus, “a small spherical or oval body usually,”¹⁶ as explained by modern Biology, — an important centre of control which contains the hereditary factors (genes) responsible for the traits of the organism and directs many aspects of cellular activity.

Energy (Virya)¹⁸ :

Energy is the capacity to do work and to produce a change in matter or physical body.¹⁹ It is suggestive from the statement, “Deha-

10. Biology, p. 36.

11. Tesim puḍhaviṇiyanāṃ rukkhaṇāṃ sarirā nānavāṇā nānāgāṃdhā nānārasā nānāphāsā nānāsamāṇāṃamāṇhiyā nānāvihasarirā puggalaviuvvitā 1”.

Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II; Adhyayana 3, Sūtra 55.

12. Navatattvaprakaraṇam, V. 6, pp. 12, 13.; Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, VV. 15 ff.; Bṛhatsaṅgrahaṇī, 363, p. 130.

13. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3. 55.

14. Navatattvaprakaraṇam, V. 6, pp. 12,13.; Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, VV. 15 ff.; Bṛhatsaṅgrahaṇī, 363, p. 130,

15. Biology, p. 36.

16. “Tao māyamaṅgā paṇṇattā, tamjāhā-mamse soṇie matthulumaṅge 1” Tao piyamaṅgā paṇṇattā, tamjāhā-aṭṭhi aṭṭhimimjā kesamaṃsuromaṇabe /” — Bhagavati Sūtra, 1 7.61.; Tandulaveyāliya, Sūtra, 6, p. 10.

17. Biology, p. 36.

18. “Pratiniyataviśiṣṭaśarīrasavīryasniḡdhatvarūkaṣatva.... 1” Tarkarahasyāḍipikā, Jainamataṃ, V. 49 (Ṭikā),, Guṇaratna, p. 159.

19. Ibid.

paryāpti brings about the assimilation and transformation of rasibhūta-māharam (molecules of nutrients) into chyle (rasa), blood, flesh, fat, bone, marrow, semen²⁰ etc. of man and into the forms of five sense-organs ear, eye, nose, tongue, skin and bone, marrow, hair, beard, hair on the body (roma) and nail (nakha)²¹ of the embryonic growing child that the activities of paryāpti provide the energy for the growth and development of the organic system and cells may be thought of as energy transducers that convert the chemical energy and food-stuff into the various forms²² of energy required for their activities. According to modern Biology, "Such energy transformations are the most fundamental processes of living cells."²³ "Energy may take the form of heat, light, motion, electricity and chemical energy, etc."²⁴ It is derived ultimately from the sunlight and stored in the molecules of food²⁵ as the chemical energy of the bonds connecting its constituent atoms. Modern Biology explains that "this chemical energy is a kind of potential energy (radiant energy) that may be thought of as the movement of photons or light quanta."²⁶ "All forms of energy are at least partially inter-convertible and living organisms are constantly transforming one kind of energy into another."²⁷

Exchanges of Material Between Environment and Cells

The statement on the assimilation of food-stuff taken by man and other vertebrates and its consequent transformation into chyle, blood, flesh, fat, bone, marrow, semen, etc.²⁸ and the absorption of dissolved food-stuff by plants through roots in the form of sap (siṅcha)²⁹ from

20. Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, V. 19.
21. Bhagavati Sūtra, 1.7.61.:
"Āharam āharei tam cināi soimdiyattāe cakkhuriimdiyattāe ghāimimdiyattāe jibbhimimdiyattāe phāsimimdiyattāe atthimimjakesamaṃsuromanahattāe",
Tandulaveyaliya, Sūtra, 3, p. 7.
22. Chyle, blood, flesh, fat, bone, marrow, semen, etc., Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, V. 19.
23. Biology, p. 42.
24. Ibid.
25. "Vaikriyāharakaudārikāṅgayogyam yathocitām / tam rasibhūtamāharam yayā śaktyā punarbhavi //" Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, V. 18.
Energy is stored in rasibhūtam āharam (molecules of nutrients). Besides, in summer some plants remain green by absorbing energy from the sunlight and storing it in leaf, flowers and fruits, (Bhagavati 7.3.275) and also root, shoot, joint bulb, trunk, seed, (Gomnanṣāra, 186 (Jīva)).
26. Biology, p. 42.
27. Ibid.
28. Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, V. 19.
29. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3, Sūtra 5.

the earth and its transformation implies the suggestion that all nutrients (rasa or siṇeha) must pass through some membrane which surrounds each cell to get in or out of the cell, otherwise there cannot be any growth and development in animal and plant life and organism.

According to modern Biology, "each cell is surrounded by a plasma membrane and waste products must pass through this membrane to get in or out of the cell."³⁰ Usually only dissolved substances can pass through the plasma membrane, but not all dissolved substances can penetrate into this membrane equally well."³¹

Diffusion of Molecules of Nutrients (Rasa)

In Jaina Biology the process of absorption and assimilation of molecules of food-stuff and its consequent transformation into chyle (rasa), blood (asṛg), etc.³² by the vital force (Paryāpti) of the organism indicates the diffusion of molecules of nutrients. Modern Biology explains two kinds of diffusion, viz. dialysis and osmosis.³³ In dialysis the diffusion (movement) of dissolved molecules of nutrients takes place through a semipermeable membrane from a region of higher concentration to one of lower concentration, brought about by their kinetic energy, while in osmosis the diffusion of solvent molecules occurs through a semi-permeable membrane.

According to Jaina Biology, the solvent molecules in living systems are almost always water (rasa or siṇeha).³⁴ The process of absorption and assimilation of dissolved food-stuff by plants from the earth through their roots in the form of liquid substance and its drawing up to the leaves by the root pressure as a result of the activity of the nitrogen-producing bacteria existing in the auxiliary roots³⁵ and soil throws some light on the law of osmosis of plant life as explained in Botany or Biology. "In the fluid of every living cells are dissolved salt, sugars and other substances that give the fluid certain osmotic pressure."³⁶

30. Biology, p. 44.

31. Ibid.

32. Lokaparakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, V. 19.

33. Biology, p. 45.

34. See Bhagavati 1.7.61; Tandulaveyāliya 5, p. 9.; Navatattva prakaraṇam, pp. 6-9.; Lokaparakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, V. 19.; Tarkarahasyadīpikā, V. 49.; for rasa; see Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3.5. for siṇeha.

35. "Mūlā mūlajivaphudā puḍhaviḥjivapaḍibaddhā tamhā āhareṃti tamhā pariṇāmeṃti Kamdā kamdajivaphudā mūlajivapaḍibaddhā tamhā āhareṃti, tamhā pariṇāmeṃti evaṃ jāva biyā biyajivaphudā phalajivapaḍibaddhā tamhā āhareṃti tamhā pariṇāmeṃti", Bhāḡavati, 7.3.276.

36. Biology, p. 45.

“When a cell is placed in a fluid with the same osmotic pressure as its own, water does not enter or leave the cell (i. e. the cell neither swells nor shrinks.)”³⁷

Tissues (Peśis)³⁸ :

A tissue is a group or layer of similarly specialized cells. According to the histology, “each kind of tissue is composed of cells which have a characteristic size, shape and arrangement.”³⁹ “Tissues may consist of more than living cells; blood and connective tissue, for example, contain some non-living material between the cells.”⁴⁰

Animal Tissues :

According to Jaina histology, animal tissues may be classified into six groups, viz. epithelia (ajina⁴¹ = carma = skin tissue), connective (ṅhāruṇi),⁴² muscular (māmsapeśi),⁴³ blood (sōṇita⁴⁴ or asṛg)⁴⁵, nervous (dhamaṇī and śirā)⁴⁶ and reproductive (Śukra and oja = Sperm and egg ova),⁴⁷ as they are found in modern Biology.⁴⁸

Epithelial Tissues :

Epithelial tissues have not been discussed by the Jainācāryas in details. But it is suggestive from the reference to the skin of animal⁴⁹ and lakhs of pores (romakūpa)⁵⁰ in the skin of the body of man that epithelial tissues are composed of cells which form a continuous layer or sheet covering the body surface or living cavities within the body. They may have one or more of the following functions, viz. protection, absorption, secretion and sensation (of touch). The epithelia of the

37. Ibid.

38. “Abbuyā jāyae peśi, peśio ya ghaṇaṃ bhave /” Tandulaveyāliya, Sūtra 2, p. 6.

39. Biology, p. 46.

40. Ibid.

41. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 2, Sūtra 18; Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61; Tandulaveyāliya 3, p. 7.

42. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 2, Sūtra 18.

43. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 2, Sūtra 18; Tandulaveyāliya 2, p. 6.

44. Ācarāṅga, Book II, 4; Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 2, Sūtra 18; Bhagavati Sūtra, 1.7.61; Tandulaveyāliya, 2, p. 6.

45. Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, VV, 18-19.

46. Tandulaveyāliya Sūtra 2, p. 6.

47. “Duhao vi sinehaṃ saṃcīṇanti /” (Sūtra, 56); Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3; “Te jivā maouyaṃ piusukkaṃ taṃ tadubhyaṃ saṃsaṭṭhaṃ kalusan /” Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II.3.56.

48. Biology p. 46.

49. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II, 2, 18; Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61; Tandula Veyāliya, 3, p. 7.

50. Tandula Veyāliya, 2, p. 6.

body protect the underlying cells from the mechanical injury, from harmful chemicals and bacteria, and from drying.

It is inferrable from Jaina metabolism of organism to transform food-stuff taken by man into chyle (rasa)⁵¹ and to separate waste products (khala)⁵¹ that the epithelia lining the digestive tract, absorb food and water into the body as rasa (chyle). Other epithelia secrete a wide variety of substances as waste products (khala) in the form of sweat, etc. or for use elsewhere in the body.

As the body is entirely covered by epithelium (ajina or carma), so it is obvious that all tactile sensori stimuli must penetrate an epithelium to be received by the brain.

Modern Biology gives the following examples of epithelial tissues, viz. "the outer layer of the skin, the lining of the digestive tract, the lining of the windpipe and lungs and the lining of the kidney tubules."⁵²

Connective Tissues :

Connective tissue includes bone (asthi)⁵³ and cartilage,⁵⁴ tendons, ligaments, and fibrous connective tissue (ṅhāruṇi).⁵⁵ It supports and holds together the other cells of the body. According to modern Biology, "the cells of these tissues characteristically secrete a large amount of non-living material called matrix and the nature and function of the particular connective tissue is determined largely by the nature of this intercellular matrix."⁵⁶

Fibrous connective tissue occurs throughout the body and holds skin to muscle, keeps glands in position and binds together many other structures.

Tendons and ligaments are specialized types of fibrous connective tissue. Modern Biology explains that "tendons are cable-like cords that connect muscles to each other or to bone, ligaments connect one bone to another."⁵⁷

The supporting skeleton of vertebrates is composed of cartilage or bone. Cartilage is the supporting skeleton in the embryonic stages of all vertebrates, when 2 arms, 2 legs and head come into being from

51. Navatattvaprakaraṇam, pp. 13-4 (Ṭīkā); Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, VV. 15-21 ff. Ibid.

52. Biology, p. 47.

53. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 2.18; Bhagavatī, 1.7.61; Tandulaveyāliya, pp. 8. 9.

54. That of ear, etc. See Bhagavatī, 1.7.61.

55. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 2. 18.

56. Biology, p. 47.

57. Biology, p. 48.

five piṇḍas⁵⁸ (or cells) by segmentation. But it is largely replaced in the adult by bone (asthi)⁵⁹ in all “but the skarks and rays”,⁶⁰ according to modern Biology.

Bone is not solid structure as it is evidenced by the reference to marrow (asthimajjā).⁶¹ Most bones have a large cavity. The marrow cavity in the centre (cavity of majjā) which contains yellow marrow (majjā), “mostly fat”, or red marrow, “the tissue in which red and certain white blood cells are made”,⁶² as explained by modern Biology.

Muscular Tissue⁶³ :

Five hundred muscular tissues (peśis⁶⁴ or mānisapeśis) in the body of the developing organisms are mentioned by the Jainācāryas. Muscular tissue may be classified into three distinct types of muscles in the human body, viz. skeletal, smooth and cardiac, although the Jaina texts have not mentioned them clearly. It is understandable from the reference to 500 muscular tissues⁶⁵ that skeletal muscle makes up the large muscle masses attached to the bones of the body. Out of the rest muscles some may be found as smooth muscle in the walls of the digestive tract and certain other internal organ and some as cardiac muscle in the walls of the heart (Hiyaya).⁶⁶

The movements of most animals result from the function of muscle cells (or tissues collectively) which perform mechanical work by contracting and getting shorter and thicker.

Blood Tissue (Śoṇita)⁶⁷ :

Blood tissue has been mentioned by the Jainācāryas as śoṇita or asṛg⁶⁸, but it has not been analytically explained by them like the modern Biologists. It is presummable from its redness in colour, its liquidness in character and the yellows marrow of the bone that it includes red (and white) cells and the liquid, non-cellular part of the blood, the plasma as they have been found by the Biologists. “Many

58. Tandulaveyāliya, 2, p. 6.

59. Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61; Tandulaveyāliya, 2, p. 6.

60. Biology, p. 48.

61. Bhagavati Sūtra, 1.7.61; Tandulaveyāliya, 2, p. 6.

62. Biology, p. 48.

63. Tandulaveyāliya, 2, p. 6.

64. Ibid.

65. Ibid.

66. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 2. 18.

67. Ācārāṅga, Book II, 4; Sutrakṛtāṅga, II 2, 18; Bhagavati 1.7.61; Tandulaveyāliya, 2, p. 61.

68. Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, VV. 18-19.

Biologists classify blood with the connective tissues because they originate from similar cells.”⁶⁹

Nervous Tissue (Dhamanīs and Śīrās) :

According to Jaina Biology, there are stated to be nine dhamanīs (arteries) and seven hundred veins (śīrās) in the human body.⁷⁰ The Śūśruta⁷¹ and the Caraka⁷² also deal with the nervous tissue in detail. Nerve tissue integrates the activities of all the parts of the body.

It is suggestive from the functions of five sense-organs and the brain⁷³ of man that the nervous system is composed of brain, spinal cord and nerve trunks and it connects receptors with effectors and conduct impulses from one to the other.⁷⁴ According to modern Biology, “Nervous tissue is made of cells, called neurons, specialized for conducting impulses. Each neuron has an enlarged structure, the cell body, which contains the nucleus, and two or more nerve fibers extending from the cell body. The nerve fibers are made of cytoplasm and are covered by a plasma membrane.”⁷⁵

Reproductive Tissue :

Reproductive tissue is composed of cells modified to produce offspring—egg cells in females (ojas)⁷⁶ and sperm cells in males (śukra).⁷⁷ Human reproduction in common with that of most animals is accomplished gametes⁷⁸—ova or egg cells (ojas) produced by the female and sperm cells (śukra) produced by the male.⁷⁹

Modern Biology explains that “egg cells are usually spherical or oval and non-motile.”⁸⁰

69. Biology, p. 49.

70. Tandulaveyāliya 2, p. 6.

There are ṅhāra snāyus in the body of man and other vertebrates.

71. Sapta Śīrāśatāni bhavanti . . . suśruta, Śarīrasthāna, Chapter VII, VIII, IX.

72. Carakasamhitā . . . ” Ojasaḥ karmāṇi, śīrā-dhamanī-srotasāṃ niruktiḥ ”, pp. 589-90, Vol. II.

73. Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61 (matthulūṅge)

74. The muscles and gland of an animal are collectively called effectors, while the eyes, ears and other sense-organs are known as the receptors. See Bhagavati 16.1.566 and prajñāpanā, Indriyanada for the function of sense-organs. See Biology, p. 353. for nervous system.

75. Biology, p. 49.

76. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II Adhyayana 3, Sūtra 56; Bhagavati, 1.7.61; Tandulaveyāliya, 2, 1-2, p. 6.

77. Ibid.

78. “Itthie purisassa ya kammakāḍe jōṇie ettha ṇaṃ mehuṇavattiyāe . . . ṇāmaṃ saṃjōge samuopajjai, duhao vi sinehaṃ saṃciṇānti . . . 1”, etc. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, Adhyayana 3, Sūtra 56.

79. Ibid.

80. Biology p. 49.

In the Jaina Āgamas⁸¹ it is stated that the developing organism in the mother's womb at first feed on the ojas (i. e. yolk) of the mother and the śukra-semen (i. e. sperm cells) of the father or both combined into an unclean, foul substance from the time of fertilization until they are able to obtain food from the mother's body through the Putrajivara-saharaṇī (umbilical cord).⁸² This Jaina view is corroborated by the Nyāya Kandaḷī⁸³ and modern Biology also which explains that "The cytoplasm of the eggs of most animals, but not of the higher mammals, contains a large amount of yolk which serves as food for the developing organism from the time of fertilization until it is able to obtain food in some other way."⁸⁴

Plant Tissues :

It appears from the study of asexual reproduction (sammūrcchima) of plants from seeds, roots, knots and stems,⁸⁵ evolutionary trends in the plant kingdom from algae to angiosperm and organization of higher plants into roots, bulb, stem, bark, twigs or branches, leaves, flowers, fruits and seeds⁸⁷ that the cells of higher plants are also organized and differentiated into tissues. In Jaina histology four main types of tissues may be recognized, viz. meristematic, protective, fundamental and conductive as they are found in modern Biology.⁸⁸

Meristematic Tissue :

An embryonic plant begins development composed entirely of meristem, when the seed becomes transformed into a nucleus.⁸⁹

As it develops, most of the meristem becomes differentiated into

81. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II, 3,56; Bhagavati 1.7.61; Tandulaveyāliya Sūtra, 1, p. 6.
"Imo khalu jivo ammapiusaṃyoge māyuyam piusukkaṃ tam tadubbhayaśamsaṭṭham Kalusaṃ Kibbisam tappadhamayāe. aharam ahariṭṭa gabhattāe vakkamai /"
Tandulaveyāliya 1, p. 6.
82. Bhagavati 1.7.61; Tandulaveyāliya 4, p. 8.
83. Samutpannapākajaiḥ kalalārambhakaparamānubhiḥ. piṛūḥ śukraṃ mātuḥ soṇitam tayoh sannipātānantarām jaṭharānalasambandhāt śukraśoṇitārambhakeṣu paramānuṣu.. kalalaśarīrotpatih etc. Śridhara. N. Kandaḷī, Pṛthivīnirūpaṇam.
84. Biology, pp. 49-51.
85. "Aggatiyā mūlābiyā porabiyā khamdhābiyā /" Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II, 3,45, p. 91.
"Mūlagga piṛebijā kaṃdā taha Khamdhābijabjaruha Samnucchima ya bhāpiyā patteyanamtakāyā ya /" Gommatasāra, (Jivakānda) 18.
86. Aggaḃiyā : Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II, 3 45.
87. Rukkesu mūlatāe kaṃdattāe khamdhattāe tayattāe salattāe pavalattāe pattattāe pupphattāe phalattāe byattāe viṭṭamti /" Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II, 3,47: Gommatasāra, 7 (Jiva) 188.
88. Biology, p. 51.
89. Gommatasāra (Jivakānda), vv. 187-8.

other tissues, root, etc.⁹⁰ That is to say, host individual plants in the beginning of their growth are non-host individual for an antar-muhūrta.⁹¹ They become host until they are so developed that the sinews and nerve appear on them, when they again become non-host individual.⁹²

The plants in which sinews, links, joints are unexposed or which break clean, which have no threads inside (ahirupa)⁹³ and which can grow from pieces are host bodies, while those that are reverse of these are individual (non-host).⁹⁴

This Jaina view on the meristematic tissue is indirectly supported by modern Biology which explains that meristematic tissues are found in the rapidly growing parts of the plant – the tips of the roots and stems, and in the cambium. The meristem in the tips of roots and stems called apical meristem is responsible for the increase in length of roots and stems and the meristem in the cambium called lateral meristem, makes possible the increase in diameter of stems and roots.⁹⁵

“The meristematic tissues are made of small, thin walled cells with large nuclei. They are rich in protoplasm and have few or no vacuoles. Their chief function is to grow, divide and differentiate into all the other types of tissue.”⁹⁶

Protective Tissues (Tvac)⁹⁷ :

They consist of cells with thick walls⁹⁸ to protect the underlying thin walled cells from drying out and from mechanical abrasions. According to modern Biology, “the epidermis of leaves and the cork layers of stems and roots are examples of protective tissues. They prevent loss of surfaces, increase the absorption surface for the intake of water and dissolved minerals from the soil and prevents the entrance of water into the cork cells.”¹⁰⁰

90. Sūtrakṭāṅga, II, 3.47; Gommaṭasāra. (Jīva), v. 188.

91. Gommaṭasāra (Jīva), p. 117 (comm.)

92. Ibid.

93. Paṇṇavanā, Vanaspatikāyājivapaṇṇavanā, 54-84; Gūḍhasirasasāndhipavvaṃ samabh-aṅgamahiruyam ca cinnaruham / Sāharaṇam sariraṃ tavvibariyam ca patteyam //” Gommaṭasāra (Jīva), 18; Jivavicāra, 12.

94. Ibid.

95. Biology p. 51.

96. Bio'ogy. p. 51.

97. “Tvae”, Sūtrakṭāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3, Sūtra 7. “Challī”, Gommaṭasāra, (Jīvakāṇḍa), 188, 189.

98. Bije jāṇibhūde jivo caṃkamadi so va aṇṇo vā / Jevi ya mūlādīya te patteya padhamadāe / Gommaṭasāra, (Jīva), V. 190.

99. Biology. p. 51.

100. Biology, p. 51.

Fundamental Tissues :

They make up the great mass of the plant body, including soft parts of the leaf, pith and cortex of stems and roots, and the soft parts of flowers and fruits.¹⁰¹ Their chief functions are the production and storage of food¹⁰² as explained by modern Biology¹⁰³ which states that “the simplest of fundamental tissues, parenchyma, consists of cells with a thin wall and a large vacuole.”¹⁰⁴

Conductive Tissues :

It is stated by the Jainācāryas that host individual plants in the beginning of their growth are non-host individual for an autarmuhūrta. Then they become host until they are so developed that the sinews and nerves appear on them,¹⁰⁵ when they again become non-host individual.

This statement of the Jaina works implies the suggestion about the connective tissues of plants that there are two types of conductive tissue in plants, as explained by modern Biology, viz. xylem, which conducts water and dissolved salts and phloem, which conducts dissolved nutrients, such as, glucose.¹⁰⁶ It is suggestive that Guḍhaśīrā and ahiruyam of plants¹⁰⁷ as explained in Jaina histology may be compared with xylem and phloem of plants of modern Biology.¹⁰⁸

Organ Systems :

According to Jaina Biology, the bodies of single-celled animals (e. g. earth quadrates¹⁰⁹ or two sensed animal-kṛmi (worm¹¹⁰) which may be identical with the protozoa of the Lower Invertebrate) and subtile plants (sūkṣma vanaspati¹¹¹) are not organized into tissues and organs;

101. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3.47; Gommaṣāsāra (Jīva), v. 188.

102. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II, 3.45; Gommaṣāsāra, (Jīva), V. 186.

103. Biology, p. 52.

104. Ibid.

105. “Gūdhacirāgam pattaṁ sacchīraṁ jaṁ ca hoti nicchīraṁ / jaṁ pi ya paṇaṭṭha-saṁdhiṁ aṇṇṭajīvaṁ viyāṇāhi”, Paṇṇavana, vanaspatikāyajīva-Paṇṇavana, 54.85
“Gūdhasīrasaṁdhipavvaṁ samabhaṅgamahiruṁ (ragam) ca chīnaruṁ sādharāṇaṁ sarīraṁ. tattivariyam tu patteyaṁ”, Jīvavicāra 12.

“Gūdhasīrasaṁdhipavvaṁ samabhaṅgamahiruṁ ca chīnaruṁ / Sabhāṇaṁarīraṁ tattivariyam ca patteyaṁ //”, Gommaṣāsāra (Jīva), 187, p. 116.

106. Biology, p. 52.

107. Paṇṇavana Vanaspatikāyajīvapāṇṇavana 54. 84; Jīvavicāra, 12; Gommaṣāsāra (Jīva), v. 187.

108. Biology, p. 52.

109. Gommaṣāsāra (Jīvakāṇḍa), v. 201, p. 122.

110. “Kimipo somaṅgala..../”, etc. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.178.

111. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.92; Bhagavati Sūtra, 7.3.276; Gommaṣāsāra (Jīvakāṇḍa) p. 122.

all the life functions are carried on by the one cell,¹¹² as it is evidenced in the case of single-celled animals and plants of modern Biology.¹¹³ The bodily figures of the earth quadrates (i. e. earth, water, fire, and air-bacteria) are respectively speaking, (circular) like masur grain (lentil), (round like) a drop of water (i. e. cylindrical like), a bundle of needles (and oblong like) a flag. The bodies of plants and mobile bacteria are of various sorts.¹¹⁴

Nigodásarīra (body of Nigodajīva = Virus or micro-organism) which is the abode of infinite bacteria or viruses also is not organized into tissues and organs. The common differentia of these common (group) bacteria is said to be common food and common respiration.¹¹⁵ In that (common body) when one bacteria dies, there takes place the death of infinite bacteria (with it), (while) when one is born, there occurs the birth of infinite bacteria there.¹¹⁶ That is to say, a Nigoda body continues to exist, while every instant infinite bacteria in it die and new ones take birth.¹¹⁷

In more complex organisms a division of labour has occurred and special systems have evolved to perform each of the principal life functions. In man and other Vertebrates, for example, the circulatory system¹¹⁸ is made of organs – heart (hiyaya¹¹⁹), arteries (dhamanī¹¹⁹) veins (śīrās¹²⁰), the heart tissue – cardiac muscle¹²¹, fibrous connective tissue and nerves (ñhārūṇī)¹²², etc. and each type of tissue is composed of millions of individual cells as indicated by millions of pores¹²³ in the epithelial tissue (carma).

112. Worm (Kṛmi) does so, Uttarādhyayana 36.92.

113. Biology, p. 53.

114. “Masuramvubim̐dusūkalābaśhayasaññiho have deho / puḍhavi adicaṇhaṁ tarutasakāyā aṇeyavihā //” Gammaśāra, v. 201, p. 122.

115. Sāharaṇamahāro sāharaṇamaṇapaṇagahaṇaṁ ca / Sāharaṇajīvāṇaṁ sāharaṇalakhaṇaṁ bhaṇiyaṁ //, Ibid., v. 192.

116. Jatthekka n-arai jīvo tattho du maraṇaṁ have anañitāṇaṁ / Vakkamaī jattha ekko vakkamaṇaṁ tatthāṇaṁtāṇaṁ //” Ibid., v. 193.

117. Ibid. (Comm.)

118. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhayayana 2; (Śoṇita, Hiyaya), Sūtra, 18 (ñhārūṇī); Tandulaveyāliya 2, p. 6 (śoṇita, dhammaṇī, śīrā)

119. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II, 2.18.

120. Tandulaveyāliya 2, p. 6

121. Ibid. It is suggestive that out of 500 muscle tissues there must be some cardiac muscles.

122. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II, 2.18; (Ñhārūṇī); Tandulaveyāliya 2, p. 6.

123. Tandulaveyāliya 2, p. 6.

It is suggested by lakhs of ron-akūpas (pores) in the skin as mentioned by Tandulaveyāliya

In man and other vertebrates eleven organ systems can be distinguished, viz. (1) the circulatory system¹²⁴, which transports materials around the body, (2) the respiratory system¹²⁵, which provides a means for uchhvāsavāyu (i. e. oxygen?) to enter and niḥśvāsavāyu (carbon – dioxide?) to leave the blood, as explained in modern Biology¹²⁶, (3) the digestive system¹²⁷, which takes in food, breaks it up chemically into small molecules of nutrients (rasa)¹²⁸, (4) the excretory system¹²⁹, which eliminates the waste products (khala)¹³⁰ in course of metabolism, (5) the integumentary system¹³¹ which covers and protects the entire body, (6) the skeletal system¹³², which supports the body and provides for movement and locomotion, (7) the muscular system¹³³, which functions with the skeletal system in movement and locomotion, (8) the nerve system¹³⁴, which conducts impulses around the body and integrates the activities of the other systems, (9) the sense – organs¹³⁵, which receive stimuli from the outer world and from various regions of the body, (10) the endocrine system¹³⁶, which is an additional co-ordinator of the body functions, and (11) the reproductive system¹³⁷, which provides for the continuation of the species.

124. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 2.18; Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61; Tandulaveyāliya 2, p. 6, pp. 8, 9.
125. Bhagavati Sūtra, 1.7.61; Paṇṇavanā, Uchhvāsapadaṁ, 693-724, pp. 184-7; Navatattvaprakaraṇaṁ, p. 12; Jivavicāra, pp. 42-44.
126. Biology, p. 54.
127. Bhagavati Sūtra, 1.7.61; Navatattvaptakaraṇaṁ, v. 6; Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, vv. 15 ff; Gommatasāra (Jīva). VV. 118-19.
128. “Tatraiśāhāraparyāptiryayādāya nijocitaṁ / Pṛthakkhalarasatvenāhāraṁ pariṇatitaṁ nayet//”, Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, v.17. “Yayā śaktyā punarbhavī // (18) Rasasṛgmāmsamedo asthimajjaśukrādīdhatunāṁ / Nayedyathāsambhavaṁ sā dehaparyāptirucyate //”, Ibid., v. 19.
129. Bhagavati Sūtra, 1.7.61; Tandulaveyāliya, p. 6; Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, v. 15.
130. Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, v. 17; Navatattvaprakaraṇaṁ, v. 6.
131. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 2, Sūtra 18; Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61; Tandulaveyāliya, pp. 8-9.
132. Ibid.
133. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 2, Sūtra 18; Bhagavati 1.7.61; Tandulaveyāliya 2, p. 6.
134. Tandulu Veyāliya, 2, p. 6.
135. Bhagavati Sūtra. 16,1.566; 2.4-99; 3.9.170; Tandula Veyāliya, V. 3, p. 7; Paṇṇavanā, Indriyapadaṁ, 19.
136. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha, II, Adhyayana 2, Sūtra 18 (ṇhārūṇi).
137. “Itthiṇe purisassa ya kammakāḍe jōṇi ettha ṇaṁ mehuṇavattiyāe (va) ṇāmaṁ saṁjōge samuppajjai, duhaovi siṇehaṁ saṁciṇaṁti, tattha ṇaṁ jivā itthittāe purisattāe ṇapumsagattāe viuttaṁti //”, Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II, 3.56, p. 98.

(Fourth Section)

Cellular Metabolism

Metabolism¹ is the chemical reactions of cells, which provide energy for their growth,² irritability,³ movement,⁴ maintenance and repair⁵ and reproduction⁶ of organisms, briefly stated that metabolism is the wear and tear. The Jainācāryas have thrown some light upon the cellular metabolism of animal organisms from the moment of their birth up to their death in the following manner that the food stuff, when taken in, is transformed into rasibhūtam āhāram (molecules of nutrient), and

1. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II. Ādhyayana 3, Ahāranikṣepa Varṇau; Bhagavatī sūtra, 1.7.61-3, 7.3.275-6; Paṇṇavanā, Āhārapadam, Pajjattidāram, 2nd Uddeśaka, p. 406; Tandula Veyāliya, pp. 3-10; Navatattva Prakaraṇa by Dharmavijaya, V. 6, pp 12 ff; Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd sarga, VV. 15-21; Gommaṣasāra (Jivakāṇḍa), chapter III, VV. 119-121; Mūlācāra II, VV. 12-14; Tarkarahasyadīpikā on Śaḍdarśana Samuccaya (Jainamataṁ), V. 49 (Ṭikā), Guṇaratna.
2. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3, Sūtras 55-62; Bhagavatī sūtra, 1.7.61-2; 7.3.276; Tandula Veyāliya, VV. 2-6; Tarkarahasyadīpikā (Ṭikā) on V. 49. "Yathedaṁ manuṣyaśarīramanavarttam....Pratiniyatam vardhate, tathedamapi vanaspatiśarīramaṅkurakīsalaya.....viśeṣaiḥ pratiniyatam vardhata iti 1", p. 157. Ibid.
3. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 3.9.170, 2.4.99; Paṇṇavanā Sutta, Indriyapadam 15, Puṭṭhadāram, etc.; Tarkarahasyadīpikā (Ṭikā) on V. 49. "Tathā lajjālūprabhṛtīnam hastādisamoparsātpatrasamkocādika parisphūṭa kriyopalabhyate", Ibid, p. 158.
4. Acārāṅga Sūtra, Book I, 9.1.14; Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 2, Sūtra 18, Sūtra 60; Sthānāṅga 2-4.100; Bhagavatī Sūtra, 25 4.789; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.68; Jivābhigama Sūtra, p. 12; Mūlācāra, Pt. I, 30 (226), p. 295; Tattvārtha Sūtra, 2.12.14; Tarkarahasyadīpikā, V. 49 (Ṭikā) "Svāpaprābodhasparśādi-hetukollāśasasamkocāśrayoprasarpaṇādiviśiṣṭānekakriya", p. 159.
5. "Yathā manuṣyaśarīram hastādicchinnaṁ śuṣyati, tathā taruśarīramapi pallavakusumādicchinnaṁ viśeṣamupagacchaddṛṣṭam 1", Tarkarahasyadīpikā, Ṭikā on Verse 49, p. 158; yathā, yathā manuṣyaśarīrasya tattadrogasamparkād . . .vigalanādi, tathā vanaspatiśarīrasyāpi tathāvidharogodbhavātpuṣpa. . . pattanādi 1 Tathā, yathā manuṣyaśarīrasyaauśadhaprayogaḍvṛddhihāniniṣṭābhagnasamrahaṇāni, tathā vanaspatiśarīrasyāpi 1 Tathā, yathā manuṣyaśarīrasya rasāyanasnehādyupayogaḍviśiṣṭakāntirasābalopacayādi, Tathā Vanaspatiśarīrasyāpi Viśiṣṭeṣṭānabhojalādisekādiviśiṣṭarasavīryasniḍhatvādi 1", — Tarkarahasyadīpikā, Ṭikā on V. 4 , pp. 158-9.
6. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3; Bhagavatī Sūtra, 7.5.282; Sthānāṅga, 3.1.129, 7.3.545; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.170; Jivābhigama Sūtra 3.1 96, 1.33; Paṇṇavanā Sutta, 1.5*, 68; Mūlācāra, Pt. II, 12.43-45; Tattvārtha Sūtra ch. II.32; Tarkarahasyadīpikā, Ṭikā on V. 49 "Vanaspatayoh janmajarāmarāṇarogādinām samuditānam sadbhavat, Srivat 1", p. 154, Ibid.

rasa (chyle) which in turn gets transformed by paryāpti (vital force), into different elements of organism, such as blood, flesh, fat, bone, marrow, semen,⁷ etc. in successive order.

According to Jaina Biology, the metabolic activities of animal, plant and bacteria cells are remarkably similar,⁸ despite the differences in the appearances. One of the metabolic difference between plants and animals is the ability of green plants⁹ to carry on photosynthesis, to trap the energy of sunlight and to use it to synthesize compounds, i. e. "to incorporate carbon dioxide molecules into organic compounds",¹⁰ as it is suggested by the following statement. "In Summer season many usnayonikajivas and pudgalas get produced as plant-bodied beings (Vanaspatikāyikas) in certain numbers and they increase and decrease also in certain numbers and get reproduced, for this reason many plants having leaves, flowers and fruits, appear to be green and shining."¹¹

This scientific suggestion on photosynthesis is supported by Modern Biology in this manner. "In this way plants synthesize carbo-hydrates and from them, proteins, fats and other substances. Bacteria and animal cells also have the ability to "fix" carbon dioxide, to incorporate carbon dioxide into a variety of organic compounds, but only green plants and a few bacteria have the ability to convert radiant energy to chemical energy to drive the process; animals and bacteria must get the energy for carbon dioxide fixation from energy-yielding processes."¹²

Chemical Reactions

It appears from the activities of paryāpti (vital force)¹³ that a chemical reaction is a change¹⁴ involving the molecular structure of one or more substances; matter (pudgala) is changed from one substance,

7. Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, VV. 18-21; Navatattvaprakaraṇa, V. 6, pp. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.
8. Śaḍdarśana - Samauccaya with Guṇaratna's commentary Tarkarahasyadīpikā "Bakulasokacampakādyanekavidhavanaspatināmetāni śarīrāṇi na Jivavyāpāraman-tareṇa, manuṣya śarīrasamanadharmabhāñji bhavanti |" p. 157 "Tathā yathā, manuṣya śarīrāṇi stanakṣaravyañjanaudananādyaharābhyavaharādāharakām |", p. 158. Ibid. "Tathā yathā manuṣyaśarīrasya rasāyanasunhādhyupayogādviśiṣṭa-kāntirasābalopacayādi, tathā vanaspatiśarīrasyāpi viśiṣṭeṣṭanabhojalādisekādviśiṣṭa-rasavīryasniḡdhatvādi |", Ibid. p. 159.
9. Bhagavati Sūtra, 7.3.270.
10. Biology, p. 56.
11. Bhagavati Sūtra 7.3.275.
12. Biology, p. 56.
13. Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, vv. 15, etc.; Navatattvaprakaraṇam, v. 6; p. 12 etc.
14. "Pudgalāñcāhādisvarūpāṇām kbalarasādīpariṇāmane," etc. Navatattvaprakaraṇa, (comm.) on v. 6, p. 13.

with its characteristic properties, to another with new properties¹⁵ and energy¹⁶ is released or absorbed, as is suggested by the statement that dehaparyāpti (the vital force of the body) brings about the change in rasibhūtam āhāram (molecules of nutrients) and transforms them into different elements of organism, such as, rasa (chyle), asṛg (blood), māmsa (flesh), meda (fat), asthi (bone), majjā (marrow), śukra (semen), etc.¹⁷ in successive order by providing energy to change one substance, with its characteristic properties, to another with new properties. In this way a chemical reaction is brought about by paryāpti in the transformation and operation of sense-organs¹⁸ involving the molecular structure of one or more material substances (puḍgalas).

This course of metabolism or chemical reaction from the molecules of nutrients (rasibhūtam āhāram) to chyle (rasam) up to semen (śukra), etc. is clearly explained in Caraka Dṛdhavala Saṁhitā quoted by Aruṇadatta in his commentary on Vāgbhaṭa in the following manner: "The food stuff which goes down the gullet by the action of prāna vāyu (biomotor force) becomes mixed up first with a gelatinous mucus (phenibhūtam kapham) and then gets acidulated by the further chemical action of a digestive juice (Vidāhadamlatam gataḥ). Next samānavāyu drives down the chyme by means of the grahaṇinādi (oesophagus canal) to the pittāśaya (duodenum) and thence to the small intestines (āmapakkāśaya). The bile acts on the chyme and converts the latter into the chyle (rasa). This chyle contains in a decomposed and metamorphosed condition all the organic compounds, viz. tissue-producing earth-compounds, water-compounds, teja-compounds, vāyu-compounds and finer etheric constituents which serve as the vehicle of consciousness. The essence of chyle (sūkṣmabhāga) is driven by prānavāyu, from the small intestines first to the heart, thence to the liver (and the spleen); in the liver the colouring substance in the bile acts on the essence of chyle, especially on the teja-substance therein, and imparts

15. Ibid.

16. "Dravyanimitam hi saṁsārinām vīryamupajāyate", Karmaprakṛti, vide Navatattvaparakarṇa, p. 13.

17. "Tam rasibhūtamāhāram yayā śaktyā punarbhavi //
Rasāsṛgmaṁsamēdo asthimajjāśukrādihātutām /
Nayediyathasambhavam sā dehaparyāptirucyate /"
Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, vv. 18-19; Navatattvaparakarṇa, pp. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.

18. "Dhātutvena pariṇatādāharādīndriyocitā /
Ādaya puḍgalāṁstāni yathāsthāṁ pravīdhaya ca //
Iṣṭe tadviśayajñaptau yayā śaktyā śarīravān /
Paryāptiḥ sendriyāvhanā darśita sarvadarśibhiḥ //"
Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, vv. 20-21; See also Navatattvaparakarṇa (comm.) on v. 6, pp. 12-16.

to it a red pigment, transforming it into blood; the grosser part of chyle (sthūlabhāga) proceeds along the Dhamanī (arteri), being driven by Vyāna vāyu (bio-motor force), all over the body. On the formation of blood the essence of chyle in the blood, acted on by Vāyu (bio-motor force) and māṃsāgni (the flesh forming metabolic heat) forms flesh-tissue (māṃsa). Of the flesh-tissue, thus formed, the grosser part goes to feed or replenish the flesh tissue all over the body. The finer essence of flesh in the blood in the chyle, acted on again by Vāyu (bio-motor current) and the fat-forming metabolic heat (Medo agni) in the menstruum of lymph (Kapaṃ samāśritya) receives viscosity and whiteness and produces the fatty tissue. This fat in the chyle (or blood) or rather the grosser part of it, replenishes the fatty tissue of the body, but the finer essence of fat in the flesh, in blood, in the chyle, acted on by Vāyu (bio-motor current) and the marrow-forming metabolic heat, in the menstruum of lymph (śleṣmanāvṛta) becomes hard (crystalline) and forms bone. The essence of the fat fills the hollow channels of the bones, and acted on again by the Vāyu (bio-motor current) and metabolic heat, gets transformed into marrow (majjā). The marrow is similarly transformed into the semen, which is conveyed down by means of a pair of dhammanis or ducts (dve śukravahe), lodged in its receptacles (śukradharā-Vṛṣaṇau) and discharged by means of another pair of ducts. The semen, or rather all elements in their finer essence, give off ojas, which returns to the heart, the receptacle of chyle and blood, and again floods the body and sustains the tissues, thus completing the wheel or self-returning circle of metabolism (Parivṛttistu cakravat)."¹⁹

19. "Ādau śaḍraṣamāpannam madhuribhūtamīrayet, pheṇibhūtam kapham yātam vidāhadamlarām gataḥ / vāyuna samānakhyena grahanī a hiniyate / saṅghī pittadhara nāna yā kalā parakirtita / amapakāśayāntaḥsthā grahanī sā abhidhīyate / agnyadhiṣṭhānamannasya gabaṇād grahaṇī nātā / bhuktā amāsāye ruddhā sā vipācyā nayatyadhah. balavātyavalā tvannamānameva vimuñcati / ... annasyapaktiḥ pittantu pācakakhyam pureritam / doṣadṛātumalādināmuṣm tyātre yasāsanam / ... tejorasānām sarveṣāḥ abujānām yaducyate, pittomanā sarāvena raso raktatvaṃ cchati / Vāyvagnitejasā yuktam raktam māṃsatvaṃ cchati / śleṣmānam ca samāśritya māṃsam Vāyvagnisamyutam sthiratam prāpya śaukalyam ca medo dehe abhijāyate / pṛthvypagnyanitādinām saṅghātaḥ śleṣmanāvṛtaḥ, kharatvaṃ prakarotyasya jāyate asthi tato nṛtām / karoti tatra sauśīryumasthnām madhye samīraṇaḥ / medasā tāni pūryante sneho majjā tataḥ smṛtaḥ / tasmān-majjāṅga ca yā snehaḥ śukram samjāyate tataḥ / " Vāgbhaṭa's - Aṣṭāṅgahṛdayavyākhyā by Arima tatta, Śārīrasthāna 3/62 Caraka-Dṛḍhavalā Samhitā quoted by Aruṇa in his commentary on Vāgbhaṭa, Vide Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus by Dr. B. N. Seal, p. 207; Tathā Caraka-samhitayām Dṛḍhavalā' pyāha/ rasadraktam tato māṃsam māṃsān edastā o, asthi ca / asthno majjā tat h śukram Śukradgarbhaḥ prasādajah // Vāgbhaṭa's Aṣṭāṅgahṛdayavyākhyā by Arimā datt, Śārīrasthāna, 3/62.

Respiration and Energy Relation

All of the phenomena of life growth, movement, irritability, reproduction and others require the expenditure of energy (Virya),²⁰ by the cells organism. Living cells must have chemical energy.

According to modern Biology, “all living cells obtain biologically, useful energy primarily by enzymic reactions in which electrons flow from one energy level to another.”²¹

The Jainācāryas state that the vital force (Paryāpti) by which organisms inhale (breathe in) the particles of suitable respiratory air (Ucchvāsamārhamādāya dalam), (i. e. Oxygen), transforms it and exhales it (as carbon-dioxide) is called Ucchvāsaparyāpti.²²

Now the question arises what is the necessity of paryāpti in respiration, when body and respiration are brought about by deha-ucchvāsanāmakarmas (body-respiration producing karma).²³ The reply is that the transformation of matters received by the soul as body is brought about by dehanāmakarma (body-producing karma), while the completion of the started aṅga (body) is brought about by paryāpti (vital force).²⁴ This difference of dehanāma karma—from parvāpti karma is due to the difference of sādhyā²⁵ (performance). Thus ucchvāsa-labdhi (faculty or energy of respiration) is brought about by dehanāmakarma, and its vyāpārṇam (manifestation or actuality) takes place due to ucchvāsa-paryāpti (the vital force of respiration).²⁶

Even there being the faculty (labdhi = energy) of respiration, born of Ucchvāsanāmakarma, there should be ucchvāsaparyāpti to make it manifested (i. e. bring it into actuality).²⁷ As for example, there being the śakti (capacity) to cast the arrow, one does not become soldier, without the capacity of drawing the bow to make it a success.²⁸

This subtle reference to respiration and energy suggests that “for most organisms oxygen is the ultimate electron acceptor, oxygen reacts

20. “Pratiniyataviśiṣṭaśarīrarasavīryasniḡdhatvarūkṣvatva”, Tarkarahasyadīpikā, Tīkā on V. 9, p. 159.

21. Biology, p. 62.

22. “Yayocchvāsārhamādāya dalam pariṇamayya ca / Tattayālambya mumcetsocchvāsaparyāptirūyate //” Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, V. 22; Nayatattvaparakarṇam, (comm.) on V. 6, pp. 11-16.

23. Ibid., V. 23; See also Navatattv. prakāraṇa (comm.) V. 6, pp. 12-16.

24. Ibid., V. 24; See also Navatattv. prakāraṇa (comm.) V. 6, pp. 12-16.

25. Ibid., V. 25.

26. Ibid., V. 26.

27. Ibid., V. 7.

28. Ibid., V. 28.

with the electrons and with hydrogen ions to form a molecule of water...
...Electrons are removed from a molecule of some food-stuff and transferred (by the action of a specific enzyme) to some primary acceptor.”²⁹

The Dynamic State of Paryāpti (Vital force)

Paryāpti (vital force) is in a constant state of flux as it provides energy in the metabolic process of organisms. The body³⁰ of a plant or animal appears to be changing as days and weeks go by. It may be inferred from this that the cells of the body, and the component molecules of the cells are equally changing. This view is supported by modern Biology which explains that “protoplasm is in a constant state of flux. Labeled amino acids are rapidly incorporated into body proteins and labeled fatty acids are rapidly incorporated into fat deposits, even though there is no increase in the total amount of protein or fat. The proteins and fats of the body—even the substance of the bones—are constantly and rapidly being synthesized and broken down. In the adult the rates of synthesis and of degradation are essentially equal so that there is little or no change in the total mass of the body. Thus the distinction between “machinery” molecules and “fuel” molecules becomes less sharp, for some of the machinery molecules are constantly being broken down and used as fuel.”³¹

Special Types of Metabolism

In addition to the general metabolic activities Jaina Biology, throws some light upon special metabolic activities of certain animals and plants. Green plants³² can photosynthesize; certain bacteria³³ and animals³⁴ can

29. Biology, p. 62.

30. e g. man and plant

“Tathā, yathedaṃ manuṣyaṣarīramanavarataṃ balakumāravyavasthaviṣṣaiḥ pratinīyataṃ vardhate, tathedaṃapi vanaspatiṣarīramaṅkurakīśalayaśakhāpraśākhādibhirviṣṣaiḥ pratinīyataṃ vardhata iti / ” Tarkarahasyadīpikā p. 157.

“Tathā, yathā manuṣyaṣarīraso rasāyanasnehādīyupayogādviṣṣīḥ kāntirasābalopacayādi, tathā vanaspatiṣarīrasyāpī viṣṣīṣṭana bhojāladisekādi viṣṣīṣṭarasavīryapniog dhātvaḍi / ” Ibid., p. 159.

31. Biology, p. 76.

32. Bhāgavatī Sūtra, 7.3.275-6.

33. “Bādarasyodyotena sahitasya ” (one sensed-bacteria, earth-bacteria, water-bacteria and plant-bacteria emit cold light), karma grantha (6th), p. 186; Two-sensed worm (kṛmīś-protozoa emits cold light) Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.128; TS. II 24.

34. “Aṅuṣiṇa payāsa rūvaṃ, jiaṅga mujjoae ihujjhoā, jai devuttara vikkia, joisa khajjoa māiva ”, 46, Karmagrantha I, p. 85; Nūpuraka (Annelida) TS. II. 24; Gaṇḍūpada (Crustaceans). Ibid.; Śatapadī (Centipeds), Ibid.; Śāṅkha (Molluscs) Ibid.; Khadyota (Glow worm), Tarkarahasyadīpikā, p. 156.

“Yathā rātrau khadyotakasya dehapariṇāmo/ivaprayoganirvṛttaśaktirāviścakāsti/” Ibid.

produce light. Certain plants produce wild variety of substance-flower pigments,³⁵ perfumes,³⁶ many types of drugs³⁷ and bacteria³⁸ and molds; certain animals can make deadly poisons³⁹ and also antibiotics⁴⁰ like the best chemists.

Bioluminescence

Although the glow worm (khadyota)⁴¹ is the most conspicuous light-emitting organism, a number of other animals and some bacteria also have this ability.

Luminescent animals appear to be found among the protozoa,⁴² annelids (nūpuraka),⁴³ crustaceans (gaṇḍūpada),⁴⁴ centipeds (śatapadi),⁴⁵ molluscs (Śankha),⁴⁶ etc. This scientific evidenee of bioluminescena is supported by modern Biology which states that the fire-fly and glow-worm are the most conspicuous light-emitting organism,⁴⁷ and " Luminescent animals are found among the protozoa, sponges, coelenterates, ctenophores, nemerteans, annelids, crustaceans, centipeds, millipeds, beetles, echinoderms, molluscs, hemichordates, tunicates and fishes. There appears no single evolutionary line of luminescent forms; the ability to emit light has appeared independently a number of times."⁴⁸

" It is sometimes difficult to establish the fact that an organism is itself luminescent in a number of instances, the light has been found to be emitted not by the organism but by bacteria. Several exotic East

35. Mañjiṣṭhā (Indian Madder), Bhagavati Sūtra, 8.6.334.

36. Ketaki flower produces perfume, Bhagavati Sūtra 16.6.582.

37. Hingurukkha (Forula, Asaf-tida). Bhagavati 22.2.692; Haritage (Terminalia chefula), Ibid. 22.2.692; Bhallāya (Acajou; especially, acid quicea for medicine), Ibid.; Asoga (the tree Jonesia Asoka), Ibid.; Arjuna (the Arjuna tree), Ibid. 22-3.692; Akkavomdina (the plant Calotropis Gigantea for optic nerve), Ibid., 2-1-693; Bhaṅgī (Canabis sativa), Ibid., 23.5.69 ; Tulsi (Roly basil) Ibid , 21.8.69 .

38. Sūtrakṛtāṅva, II, 3.

39. Vṛścikā (Scorpion). Maṇḍuka (frog), Uraga (snake), Bhagavati, Sūtra, 8.7.376; Ahi (a class of snake), Ajagara (a class of snake). Ibid., 15.1.560.

40. Nakula (mangoose) Ibid., 8.3.32 ; 15.1.560.

41. Tarkarahasyadīpika, Tīkā on v. 49, p. 156; Sarvārthasiddhi, Ācārya Pūjyapada, p. 9 ; Kṛmāgrantha I, v. 46.

42. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 16.128; Tattvartha Sūtra, II. 24.

43. Tattvartha Sūtra, II. 24.

44. Ibid.

45. Ibid.

46. Ibid.

47. Biology, p. 77.

48. Ibid., p. 77.

Indian fish have light organs under their eyes in which live luminous bacteria. The light organ contains special long cylindrical cells, well supplied with blood vessels to supply the bacteria with adequate amounts of oxygen. The bacteria emit light continuously and the fish have a black membrane, like an eyelid, that can be drawn up over the light organ to turn off the light. No one knows how the bacteria collect in the fish's light organ, as they must in each newly hatched fish."⁴⁹

The light produced by luminescent organisms, glow-worm, etc. is entirely in the visible spectrum. Bioluminescence light may be called *udyota*⁵⁰ (i. e. "Cold light"),⁵¹ since very little heat is given off, as it is explained by modern Biology.⁵² "The production of light is an enzyme-controlled reaction, the details of which differ in different species. Bacteria and fungi produce light continuously if oxygen is available. Most luminescent animals give out flashes of light only when their luminescent organs are stimulated."⁵²

49. *Ibid.*, pp. 77-78.

50. *Tattvārth Sūtra*, v. 24; *Sarvārthasiddhi*, v. 24, p. 296 (*Udyotaścandramaṇikhadyotādiprabhavaḥ.*) *Prakāśaḥ* / ”,

51. *Biology*, p. 78.

52. *Ibid.*, p. 79.

SECOND CHAPTER

THE WORLD OF LIFE : PLANTS

(First Section)

Biologic Inter-relationship

At first glance the world of living substances (Jivadravyas) as revealed in the Jaina works appears to be made up of a bewildering variety of plants and animals,¹ all quite different and each going its separate way at its own pace. A close study of them reveals, however, that all organisms, whether plant or animal, have the same basic needs for survival, the same problems of getting food² for energy, getting space to live,³ producing a new generation⁴ and so on. In solving their problems, plants and animals have evolved into a tremendous number of different forms,⁵ each adapted to live in some particular sort of environment.⁶ Each has become adapted not only to the physical environment—has acquired a tolerance to a certain range of moisture, wind, sun, temperature and so on—but also the biotic environment,⁷ all the plants and animals living in the same general region. Living organisms are inter-related in two main ways, evolutionary descent⁸ and ecologically.⁹ One

1. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3, sūtras 48-62; Bhāgavatī Sūtra, 33.1.844; 7.5.82 etc.; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.68-202; Paṇṇavanā Sutta, Jivapaṇṇavanā 14-138; Jivābhigama Sūtra, 3.96; 1-33, 34; Gommaṣasāra (Jivakāṇḍa), 1.35.70, 71, 72, etc.
 2. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3, sūtras 40-62.
 3. Ibid.
 4. Ibid.
 5. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.135, 144, 169, 178, 179, 186, 193, 202.
 6. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3; Bhāgavatī 7.5.2-2; Uttarādhyayana 36.171 ff; Jivābhigama 1.34, 35; Paṇṇavanā Sutta, Jivapaṇṇavanā; Jalacara-Sthalacara -Khecara-manuṣyaprajñāpanā 29-34; Sthānapayaṃ, Paṇṇavanā 2.
 7. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3, Sūtra 43-62.
 8. It is suggestive from the study of the world of life in Jaina Biology on the basis of the structures (saṃthanas) of living forms—plants and animals, on the physiologic and biochemical similarities and differences between spe.ies, etc. and on the analysis of the genetic constitution of present plants and animals, i. e. anatomy, physiology and biochemistry of plants and animals, their embryologic and genetic histories as outlined in Jaina Biology and the manner in which they are distributed over the earth's surface, that a sort of organic evolution has occurred.
 9. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3.43-62; Bhāgavatī, 7.5.282; 'The habitat of an organism is the place where it lives, a physical area, some specific, earth surface, air, soil or
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organism may provide food or shelter for another¹⁰ or produce some substance harmful to the second.¹¹

The Classifications of Living Substances

The Jainācāryas have tried to set up systems of classifications based on natural relationships,¹² putting into a single group those organisms which are closely related in their evolutionary origin.¹³ Since many of the structural similarities¹⁴ depend on evolutionary relations,¹⁵ classification of organisms is similar in many respects to the one of the principles based on logical structural similarities,¹⁶ that is to say, species, genus, and phyla. Many plants and animals fall into easily recognizable, natural groups and their classification presents no difficulty.

The vedic sages also have described and classified plants and animals. The Vedic Index of Names and Subjects of Macdonell and Keith¹⁷ and Vanaspati¹⁸ of Mazumdar reveal a large number of plants and animals

water", Biology, p. 30. It is a remarkable fitness of the organism for the place in which it lives, e. g. water for aquatic animals and plants, land for terrestrial animals and plants, and air for aerial beings. It is suggestive from this fact of fitness of the organism for the habitats in which they live that they are interacting and interdependent parts of large units for survival as evidenced by a close study of *Ahāranikṣepa* (Knowledge of food) in the *Sūtrakṛtāṅga* II, 3.43-62.

10. *Sūtrakṛtāṅga* II, 3.43-62.
11. *Bhagavati Sūtra* 8.2.316.
12. e. g. ekendriya, dvindriya, trindriya, caturindriya and pañcendriya organisms are classified on the basis of natural relationships. Similarly, Jalacara and Khecara organisms are classified according to their natural relationship, as they are closely related in their evolutionary origin.
13. *Sūtrakṛtāṅga*, II, 3; *Jivābhigamasūtra*, 3.1.96; *Bhagavati Sūtra* 7.5.282 (aṇḍaja, potaja and sammūrccihma ; *Uttarādhyayana Sūtra*, 36.171 ff; *Jivābhigama Sūtra*, 33 1.34, 35; *Pañnavanā Sutta*, *Jivapañnavahā*, (Jalacara, Sthalacara and Khecara and *Maṇuṣyaprajñāpanā*) 29-34. Aquatic, terrestrial and aerial organisms have been classified into three single groups as the members of each of them are closely related in their evolutionary origin.
14. *Bhagavati Sūtra* 8.3.324, 7.3.277, 7.5.282; *Jivābhigama Sūtra*, 3.1.91, 1-33, 1-34, 1-35, 1-36; *Uttarādhyayana Sūtra*, 36.135, 144, 154, 169, 178, 179-186, 193, 202; *Pañnavanā Sūtra*, *Sthalacaratiraścaraṁ catuṣpada-parisarpeti bhedadvayaṁ*, p. 30, *Catuṣpadānāṁ ekakṣurādikusarādi bhedacatuṣkaṁ*, p. 30. *Gaṇḍipadānāṁ hastipūyanaya (dī)ādinamakadambakam*, p. 31, *Sanakhapadānāṁ, vyāghradānāmakadambakam*, p. 31, etc. (contents); *Tattvarthasūtra* 2.24, 34.
15. *Ibid.*
16. *Ibid.*
17. Macdonell, A. A., and Keith, A. B., *Vedic Index of Names and Subjects I and II*, John Murray, London, 1912.
18. Mazumdar, Vanaspati, University Press, Calcutta, 1927, pp. 234-254.

(see also Aiyer),¹⁹ the equivalent scientific names of which have been given by the experts. There is mention of about 739 plants²⁰ and over 250 animals in the ancient literature. The whole 24th chapter of the Yajurveda embodies valuable materials on Zoology.²¹ A bewildering variety of birds, and about 21 kinds of snakes are described, each distinct by its own particular features of colour, structure or habit. There is also mention of microscopic organism—bacteria, and insects of terrestrial and aquatic organ²² and fish.²³

Distinctions Between Plants and Animals

The living world may broadly be divided into two kingdoms, one of plants²⁴ (vanaspati) and one of animals (paśu)²⁵ on the basis of the category of Tairyagyanna²⁶ (lower animals) in Jaina Biology. The word 'Vanapphai'²⁷ (plant) suggests trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses and vines—large and familiar objects of every day world. And the word 'paśu'²⁸ indicates both wild²⁹ and domestic³⁰ animals in a wider sense, such as, lions, tigers, cows, buffaloes, birds, frogs, fish, etc.

In the Vedic literature also the plant kingdom has been divided into trees, herbs, shrubs, creepers and grasses.³¹ The term 'Vṛkṣa'³²

19. Aiyer, A. K. Y. N., Agriculture and Allied arts in Vedic India, Bangalore Press, Bangalore, pp. 32-45. 1949.
20. Shastry, V. R., Science in the Vedas, Bulletin of National Institute of Science of India, No. 21, p. 102, 1963.
21. "Aśvastuparo gomṛgaste prajāpatyāḥ. etc." Yajurveda, 24th chapter.
22. Śrīnivāsa Rao, History of our Knowledge of the Indian Fauna through the Ages, Journal of Bombay National History Society, 54, 251-280. 1957.
23. Macdonell, A. A., and Keith, A. B., op. cit. p. 510, 1012. See Biology in Ancient and Medieval India, Dr. R. N. Kapil, vide The Indian Journal of History of Sciences, Vol. 5, No. 1. 1970, p. 126. for all these references.
24. Bhagavati 24.16.707 (Birth of plant-bodied beings).
25. Ibid. 3.1.134; 11.9.417.
26. Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II, 6; Bṛhatsaṃgrahani, Śricandrasūri, vv. 419-434, pp. 234-242; Tiryaṃcaḥ paṃcadhakākṣāḥ ikāḥ "Paṃcākṣasīmākāḥ I", Lokap akāśa 4.16; Gommaṣasāra (Jīva) 146.
27. Bhagavati 24.16.707; 33.1.844.
28. Bhagavati Sūtra, 3.1.134; 11.9.417.
29. Ibid. 7.3.288.
30. Ibid. 5.3.325.
31. Yāḥ phalinīryā aphaḷā apuṣpā yaśca puṣpinih, Rg. Veda 10.97.15; "Dvā Sūparṇā sayujā sākhayā samānam vṛkṣam paripasvajāte / Tayoranyaḥ pippalaṃ svādvatīyanaṣnannanyo abhicakāṣṭi //", Rgveda i. 164-20; "Yas nin vṛkṣe madhvadaḥ sūparṇā nivīṣante suvate cādhiviṣve / Tasyedāhuḥ pippalaṃ svādagre tannōnaśadyaḥ pitaraṃ na veda" // Ibid., 1.164 22; "Osadhayaḥ", Atharvaveda viii.7.
32. Vedic Index I, p. 125

stands for trees in the R̥gveda³³ and the word 'Osadhi' or 'Virudh' denotes minor vegetable growths like herbs.³⁴ The plants which come under 'Osadhi' contain the healing power,³⁵ while those under the head of 'Virudh' does not have medicinal properties.³⁶ The word 'Tṛṇas' denotes grasses.³⁷ The word 'Paśu'³⁸ in the Vedic texts indicates animals including man, while the word 'Jagat' stands for domestic animals as against 'Śvāpada' (wild animals).³⁹

Further thought about the world of life brings to mind such forms of life, such as, mushrooms⁴⁰ and pond scums (sevāla),⁴¹ etc. quite different but recognizable as plants, and insects,⁴² worms,⁴³ etc. that are definitely animals.

Fundamentally, plants and animals, as mentioned in the Jaina Āgamas are alive in many ways, both are made of cells⁴⁴ as structural and

33. "Adhvaryavo apo vavrivāmsam vṛtram jaghānāśanyeva vṛkṣam", R̥gveda, 2.14.2; "Grāvāneva tadidarthaṃ jereṭhe gr̥dhreva vṛkṣam nidhimantamaccha/", Ibid. 2.39.1.
34. "Na tat pṛthivyāṃ no divi yena prāṇanti vīrudhaḥ /", Atharvaveda 1.32.1.
"Tyaṃ virumadhujātā madhunā tva khanāmasi /
madhoradhi prajātāsi sā no madhomataskṛdhi /" Atharvaveda, 1.34.
"Aghadviṣṭā devajāta virucchapathay paṇi /
Āpo malamiva prāṇaikṣit sarvaṃ macchapathān adhi /", Ibid., ii. 7. 1.
"Tve agne viṣve amṛtāso adruha āsā devā haviradantyāhutaṃ /
Tvayā martāsaḥ svadanta āsutiṃ tvam garbhī virudhāṃ jajñiṣe sūchih /"
R̥g. Veda, 2.1.14.
35. "Yā oṣadhīḥ pūrvā jāta devebhyastriyugaṃ purā /", etc. R̥g. Veda, 10.97.1 22.
"Oṣadhayaḥ phalapākāntāḥ", Amarkosa, 661.
In Jaina lit-rature also oṣadhidenotes cereals—such as, sāli, br̥jhi, etc.
Vedic Index I, d. 125.
36. Pṛthivīmanu vyārcchat tadoṣadhayo vīrudho abhavantsa prajāpatimāpādhāvadvṛtram
me jaghousa indriyaṃ vṛyaṃ /", Taittiriya Saṃhitā, 2. 5, 3. 2.
Vedic, Index, p. 125.
37. "Kimu śreṣṭha kiṃ pavīṣṭho na ājaga.....
..... agne bhrātardruṇa ida bhūtimūdima /" R̥gveda. 1.16.1.
"Yad vā ghvāsya prabhṛtamāsye, tṛṇam sarva /", etc. Ibid. 1.162.8.
Nāsmāi tṛṇam nodakamā....etc. Ibid., 10.102,10.
38. Vedic Index I, p. 509; Taittiriya Saṃhitā, 4.2.10, 1-4.
39. "Uttamo asyoṣadhīnāmanangivaṃ jagatāmivaḥ vyāghraḥ śvāpadāmiva /"
Atharvaveda VIII. 5. 11; Vedic Index, p. 268.
40. Kuhana (a kind of mushrooms which causes the earth to burst) Uttarādhyayana
Sūtra, 36.95.
41. Sevāla, See Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3. 55.
42. (Kunthus), Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.127.
43. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.128. (Kṛmi).
44. Abbuya (cell), etc. Tanḍulaveyāliya V. 2, p. 6.; See the third section of the 1st
chapter.

functional units and both have many metabolic processes⁴⁵ in common. But there are some obvious ways and some obscure ways in which they differ.

Plants' cells, in general, secrete a hard outer cell wall of cellulose (tvac)⁴⁶ which encloses the living cells and supports the plant, while animal cells⁴⁷ have no outer wall and hence can change their shape. But there are some plants⁴⁸ without having cellulose walls and one group of animals, the primitive chordates,⁴⁹ having cellulose walls around their cells.

Secondly, plant growth generally is indeterminate,⁵⁰ that is, plants keep on growing indefinitely because some of the cells remain, in an actively growing state throughout. But although the cells of animals are replaced from time to time, the ultimate body size of most animals is established after a definite period of growth.⁵¹

A third difference between the two types of living substances is that most animals are able to move about (trasa),⁵² while most plants remain fixed in one place (sthāvāra),⁵³ sending roots into the soil to obtain liquid substances and getting energy from the sun⁵⁴ by exposing broad flat surfaces. Of course there are exceptions to both of these distinctions.

The most important difference between plant and animal is their mode of obtaining nourishment.⁵⁵ Animals move about (trasa) and obtain their food from organisms in the environment, but plants are

45. Tarkarahasyadīpikā Ṭīkā on V. 49, Guṇaratna on Śaḍḍarśanasamuccaya.; See the fourth section of the 1st chapter.
46. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyāyana 3, Sūtra 47 (TVac): Gommaṭasāra (Jivakāṇḍa), 188, 189 (Challi).
47. Ibid. They have ajina (skin), Śūtrakṛtāṅga II, 2.18.
48. e. g. Bulbous plants, like onion, garlic, etc., have no cellulose walls.
49. e. g. some fishes, amphibia, reptiles-vertebrate animals have cellulose walls around their inner cells.
50. " Vanaspatīśarīramāṅkura Kisalayaśākhaprasākhādibhirviśeṣaiḥ pratiniyatam Vardhata iti /", Tarkarahasyadīpikā Ṭīkā on V. 49, p. 137.; Plant's duration of life is ten thousand years in maximum. Uttarādhyāyana, 36.102.
51. Uttarādhyāyana Sūtra 36.132, etc. animals life is shorter than that of plants. See Tarkarahasyadīpikā (Ṭīkā), on V. 49.
52. Ācārāṅga Sūtra, Book I, 9.114; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 2.18; Sthānāṅga Sūtra 2.4.100; Bhagavatī Sūtra, 35.4.739; Uttarādhyāyana Sūtra, 36.68; Paṇḍavanā, Kayadvāra, p. 86; Jivābhigama Sūtra, p. 1.; Tattvārtha Sūtra II, 12- 4; Mūlācāra, Pt. I, 30 (226), p. 295; Jivavicāra 2; Tarkarahasyadīpikā, Ṭīkā on V. 49; Gommaṭasāra (Jīva) 3.
53. Ācārāṅga 1.9.114; Sthānāṅga 2.1.164; Uttarādhyāyana 36.69; Bhagavatī 25.4.739; Paṇḍavanā 4.231, p. 87 (Kayadvāra); Tattvārtha Sūtra 2.11.
54. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 7,3.275-6.
55. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3.

stationary (sthāvara)⁵⁶ and manufacture their own food, with the exception of fungi and plant bacteria, which feed on the sap of other plants⁵⁷ or humour of other living or decaying things.⁵⁸ In conclusion it can be summed up that plants may be classified into bacteria,⁵⁹ algae,⁶⁰ fungi,⁶¹ herbs,⁶² shrubs,⁶³ creepers⁶⁴ grasses⁶⁵ and trees⁶⁶ on the basis of general properties of green plant cells, the structure and functions of a seed plant, reproduction, etc. Microscopic bacteria (i. e. earth up to plant-bacteria), insect and animals of terrestrial⁶⁷ and aquatic⁶⁸ origin and aerial beings⁶⁹ find mention with their distinct classifications in the Jaina Āgamas. It appears that plants and animals were classified into species and genus, etc. on the basis of certain principles, such as, birth, habitat, living, special structural features, utility, etc., i. e., evolutionary descent and ecology in general.

Mode of Nutrition of Plants and Animals

According to Jaina Biology, some organism can synthesize their food.⁷⁰ They may be called autotrophic (self-nourishing), e. g. green plants⁷¹ and purple bacteria,⁷² (Sulphur bacteria = Saugandhie) some

56. Ibid.

57. Ibid.

58. Ibid.

59. Sūkṣma vanaspati (subtile plant) of one class may be identical with bacteria of modern Biology; see Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.100.

* Egavihamanānattā, suhumā tattha viyāhiyā / Suhumā savvalogammi...../'

60. Algae may be indentified with Sevala, the aquatic plant, Vallisneria and other water plants, etc.; see Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3, Sūtra 55.

61. Fungi lacks chlorophyll. It may be identified with some of the subtile plant bacteria, growing on other objects, See Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36-92. See SBE. XLV, p. 95.

62. Bhagavati Sūtra 21.7.691; 'Hariyakāyā', Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.95.

63. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.94; Gumma, similar to Guccha, e. g. Vrintāka Soldnum, but, bring forth twigs on stems, instead of stalks, e. g. Navamālikā Jasminum Sambac, Kanavira, etc. See SBE. XLV, p. 216.

64. Bhagavati Sūtra 21.5.691; 21.6.691; 23.1.691; 23.4.693; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.9.4

65. Bhagavati Sūtra 21.5.691; 21.6.691; 11.9; 427; 12.8.459; 22.4.692; etc. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.94 (tana).

66. Bhagavati Sūtra, 22.2.693; 22.3.692; 22.4.692; 23.1.693; 23.3.693; 23.4.693; 23.5.693; etc.; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.94 (Rukkha).

67. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3; Bhagavati Sūtra 7.5.282; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.71; Paṇṇavanā Sutta, Tirikkhajoniyā (Jivapaṇṇavanā), 61-91, p. 29.

68. Ibid.

69. Ibid.

70. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3, 2.

71. Bhagavati Sūtra, 7.3.275.

72. Sulphur Bacteria mentioned in the Uttarādhyayana 36.76 and Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3.61 may be identified with purple bacteria of Biology; see the Science of Biology Paul B Weisz, Forms of Nutrition, pp. 318-19.

organisms cannot synthesize their own food from inorganic materials, therefore, they must live either at the expense of autotrophs⁷³ or upon decaying matter.⁷⁴ They may be called heterotrophs. All animals, fungi and most bacteria are heterotrophs.

It is started in the Sūtrakṛtāṅga that some organisms (trees) feed on the liquid substance of the particles of earth, the origin of various things; these beings consume earth-bodies, water-bodies, fire-bodies, wind-bodies, bodies of plants, they deprive of life the bodies of manifold movable and immovable beings; the destroyed bodies which have been consumed before, or absorbed by rind (are) digested and assimilated (by them)...⁷⁵ That is to say, some organisms (trees or plants) are self-nourishing and they can synthesize their own food from inorganic materials and bodies of plants, while some holozoic organisms among plants (like pitcher-plants) must constantly find and catch other organisms—movable and immovable. They consume, digest and assimilate them. Therefore, they must live at the expense of others—autotrophs or heterotrophs. Some organisms born in trees, originated by trees, sprung from trees, springing from trees that originated in earth come forth as trees originated by trees, feed on the sap of the trees originated in earth (3).⁷⁶ That is parasitism, heterotrophic nutrition found among both plants and animals.

That is to say, “Parasite lives in or on the living body of plant or animals (called the host) and obtains its nourishment from it. Almost every living organism is the host for one or more parasites.”⁷⁷

Some creepers feed on the liquid substance of the particles of earth and the sap of tree, also (6-9),⁷⁸ i. e., they are both autotrophic and parasitic.

In the same way grass, herbs and plants also feed on the liquid substances of the particles of earth (10-15),⁷⁹ etc. Here it is suggestive that a few plants like the misletoe are in part parasitic and in part

73. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3.10, 21, 22-28, 29. All animals live at the expense of autotrophs in one way or other except some carnivorous animals.

74. Ibid. II, 3.16 Fungi and some bacteria feed on the decaying matters, as it is found that some beings born in earth, growing here in particles of earth that are the origin of various things, some issue forth as Āya, Kāya mushroom (Kuhana) etc. from the decomposed things in the earth.

75. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3.1.

76. Ibid. II, 3.3. Some parasitic plants live on the sap of the host plants.

77. Biology, p 85.

78. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3 (6-9).

79. Ibid. II, 3 (10-15).

autotrophic, for although they have chlorophyll and make some of their food, their roots grow into stems of other plants, and they absorb some of their nutrients from their hosts.⁸⁰

Some organisms born as aquatic plants, such as, Udaga, Avāga, Panaga, Sevāla (algae), etc. feed on the particles of water, etc. (18).⁸¹ They belong to the type of autotrophs which can synthesize their own food from inorganic materials.

Some organisms born as movable beings from trees born in earth, trees originated by trees from the roots, seeds, etc. produced by trees, originated by creepers born on trees, from creepers born on creepers, from the roots, etc. of creepers born on creepers, from grass, from herbs, from plants, from Āya down to Kūra born in earth, from trees born in water, from Udaga up to Pukhalatthibhaga born in water (19) feed on the sap of the trees, creepers, grass, herbs, plants, be they born in earth, or water, on trees or creepers or grass or herbs or plants; (the sap) of their roots, down to seeds of Āyas, etc. of Udakas, etc. And these creatures consume earth bodies, etc., assimilated by them.⁸² It is the well known fact in India that the parasitic insects and pests are born in the host plants and destroy thousands of trees and crops including paddy and wheat, etc. by feeding on their sap.

These parasites are movable beings and many obtain their nutrient by ingesting and digesting solid particles or absorbing organic molecules through their cell walls from the body fluids or tissues of the host.

The children of the developing embryos at first feed on the menses of the mother and the semen of the father or both combined into unclean, foul (substance). And afterwards they absorb with a part (of their bodies) the essence of whatever food the mothers take. After birth the babies suck the mother's milk but when they grow older, they eat solid rice or gruel, or both movable and immovable beings consume earth bodies, etc. upto assimilated by them (21).⁸³

This mode of nutrition of human beings is scientifically true and it may be called heterotrophic nutrition.

Aquatic animals of five organs of sense, viz., fishes up to porpoises, (sirumāra) feed on the mother's humours, as long as they are young, they eat plants, or both movable and immovable beings (22).⁸⁴

80. Biology, p. 85.

81. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3.18.

82. Ibid. II. 3. 19-20).

83. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.21.

84. Ibid. II, 3.22.

This scientific observation of the mode of nutrition of aquatic animals is biologically true. The quadrupeds, terrestrial animals with five organs of sense, viz. solidungular animals, biugular animals, multi-ungular animals, and animals having toes with nails, feed on their mother's milk as long as they are young (23),⁸⁵ the rest as above.

Some of the reptiles moving on the breast, terrestrial animals with five organs of sense, viz. snakes, hung, snakes, Āsālika and dragons bring forth eggs, some bring forth living young ones, some come out of the egg as males, some as females, some as neuters. As long as they are young, they live on wind (24),⁸⁶ (the rest as above).

* Terrestrial animals with five organs of sense, walking on their arms, are the following viz. iguanas, ichneumons, porcupines, frogs, chameleons, khoras, gparakoillas, vissambharas, rats, mangooses, pailaiyas, cats, gohās, Gāuppāiyas, (the rest as in the last paragraph.) (25).⁸⁷

Aerial animals with five organs of sense : birds with membranous wings, birds with feathered wings, birds with wings in the shape of a box and birds (which sit on) outspread wings.⁸⁸ (All as before only the following passage is different. As long as they are young, they are hatched by their mother's warmth (The test is above) (26).⁸⁹

It is clear from the above statements on the mode of nutrition of terrestrial, aquatic and aerial organisms that some of these heterotrophs live either at the expense of autotrophs or upon movable organisms and fungi and bacteria upon decaying matter.⁹⁰

There are several type of heterotrophic nutrition as there are various classes of heterotrophs. When food is obtained as solid particles that must be eaten, digested and absorbed, as in most animals; the process may be known as holozoic nutrition, i. e. Holozoic organisms must constantly find and catch other organisms for food.

The parasitic organisms (Anusūya = anusūta or anusyūta) growing on the animate or inanimate bodies⁹¹ of manifold movable or immovable creatures feed on the humours of various movable and immovable creatures (27).⁹²

85. Ibid. II. 3.23.

86. Ibid. II. 3.24.

87. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II. 3.26; Vide SBE Vol. XLV, p. 395.

88. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II. 3. XLV, 395.

89. Āya. Kuhana (Mushroom), etc. feed on decaying matter.

90. i. e. decomposed bodies.

91. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3.27.

92. Ibid. II. 3.28-29.

In this way the vermin also feeds on the humours of living animals (28, 29). It means that the parasites may obtain their nutrients by ingesting and digesting solid particles or by absorbing organic molecules through their cell-walls from the body fluid or tissues of the host.

Some organisms born in the animate or inanimate bodies of manifold movable or immovable creatures as that (water)-body, which is produced by wind, condensed by wind, and carried along by wind, e. g. hoar-frost, snow, mist, hailstones, dew and rain, feed on the humours of these manifold movable and immovable creatures (30),⁹³ etc. Some beings born in water, come forth in water(-bodies) in the water, produced by manifold movable or immovable beings, feed on the humours of the water (bodies) produced by manifold movable and immovable creatures (31).

Some beings born in water come forth in water-bodies produced by other water-bodies and feed on the humours of these other water bodies produced by water-bodies (32).

Some beings born in water, come forth as movable creatures in the water produced by water-bodies and feed on the humours of the water (bodies) produced by water (33).⁹⁴

Some beings come forth as fire-bodies in the manifold animate or inanimate bodies of movable or immovable creatures and they feed on the manifold movable or immovable creatures (34).⁹⁵

Some beings born as wind bodies feed on the manifold movable or immovable creatures (35).⁹⁶

Some beings born as earth-bodies, e. g. earth, gravel, etc., feed on the humours of the manifold movable and immovable beings (36).⁹⁷

93. *Sūtrakṛtāṅga*, II. 3.30. This paragraph gives the 'scientific' explanation of the way by which water bodies or the bodies of water-lives are produced by wind. SBE. XLV, p. 396, fn. 2.

94. *Sūtrakṛtāṅga* II. 3. (31-33). This statement on the mode of nutrition of water-bodied beings or bacteria needs scientific experiment and verification for its validity. It is difficult to suggest their true identifications at the present state of knowledge about them on the basis of the Āgamas.

95. *Ibid.* II. 3.34. e. g. when two bulls or elephants rush upon one another, sparks of fire are seen issuing from their horns or teeth. Fire is produced when two pieces of wood or stone are rubbed one against the other, SBE. XLV, p. 397, Fn. 1.

96. *Ibid.*, II. 3.35.

97. *Ibid.*, II. 3.36. According to the commentators, earth-bodies are produced in the shape of precious stones, in the head of snakes, of pearls in the teeth (six) of elephants, and so in reeds, etc., SBE XLV, p. 397, Fn. 2.

These modes of nutrition of water-bodied, fire-bodied, wind-bodied and earth-bodied beings as described in the Sūtrakṛtāṅga need a careful study and scientific verification by the biologists in the light of modern Biology before accepting them as true, as they are thought-provoking.

ECOSYSTEM

It appears from the study of the mode of nutrition of all organisms including plants, aquatic, terrestrial and aerial beings, and man, etc. as described in the Jain Āgamas that plants and animals are not independent of other living things but are interacting and interdependent parts of larger units for survival. So their interaction and interdependence bring to light that ecosystem which is a natural unit of living and non-living parts that interact to produce a stable system in which the exchange of materials between living and non-living parts follows a circular path, e. g., aquatic organisms—fish, green plants and snails (śambuka)⁹⁸ form a very small ecosystem in their habitat-water in a pond or lake.

It has been observed in the discussion on the mode of nutrition that there are “producer” organisms⁹⁹—the green plants that can manufacture organic compounds from the simple inorganic substances drawn up from the earth or water, etc. Secondly, there are “consumer”¹⁰⁰ organisms—insects and insect larvae in the plant-bodies, etc. and fish etc. in water, which may be carnivores. Finally, there are “decomposer”¹⁰¹ organisms, bacteria, and fungi which break down the organic compounds of dead protoplasm of the dead bodies of plants and animals into organic substances that can be used by green plants.

Thus, Jain Biology suggests an ecosystem consisting of biotic components—producer, consumer and decomposer organisms and non-living compounds i. e. abiotic components—earth, air, water and fire.¹⁰²

Habitat and Ecologic Niche

A brief analysis of ecosystem of Jaina Biology brings to light two

98. Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra, 2.24,
99. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3.2. Trees (plants) feed on the liquid substance of the particles of earth, consume earth-bodies, etc. by manufacturing organic compounds from the inorganic substances.
100. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 2.19–20; II. 2.22; II. 2.27, 28, 29.
101. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.16. Āya, Kuhana (mushroom), etc. are born in the decaying matters because bacteria break down the organic compounds of dead protoplasm of dead plants and animals into organic substances which can be used by green plants.
102. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.

basic concepts—the habitat¹⁰³ and the ecologic niche¹⁰⁴ useful in describing the ecologic relations of organisms, i. e. the place where an organism lives, a physical area, some specific part of the earth's surface, air, soil or water,¹⁰⁵ and the status of an organism within the ecosystem.

It depends on its structural adaptations, physiologic responses and behaviour, etc.—what it eats¹⁰⁶ and what eats it,¹⁰⁷ its range of movement and tolerance and its effects on other organisms and on the non-living parts of the surroundings.¹⁰⁸

Type of Interactions Between Species of Plants and Animals

The study of the knowledge of food of organisms, the third lecture of the second Book of the Sūtrakṛtāṅga, throws some light upon the types of interactions between species of plants and animals in several different ways, which take place due to their search for food, space, or some other need, e. g. the relationship of competition,¹⁰⁹ or predation, commensalism,¹¹⁰ mutualism,¹¹¹ parasitism¹¹² as found between them.

103. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 1-12; 3 (trees), 16 (soil), 17 (water), 18 (trees), 21 (earth), 22 (water), 23 (earth surface), 36 (aerial), 27 (animate or inanimate bodies).
104. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.2, (liquid substance) of the particles of earth, the bodies of manifold movable and immovable beings, 3-5 (sap of the trees), 20 (sap of trees), 21 (mother's milk, boiled rice, etc.) 22 (mother's humours and plants), 23 (both movable and immovable beings), 24 (wind), 27 (the humours of various movable and immovable creatures).
105. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.30. 33 (water), 34 (fire), 35 (wind), 36 (soil).
106. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II. 3.30. (liquid substance), etc. See Foot Note on page 14, Foot Note No. 5.
107. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.27; i. e. The parasites feed on the humours of various movable and immovable creatures—animals and plants.
108. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. The entire chapter—'knowledge of food' throws light upon behaviourism of plants and animals in addition to their mode of nutrition and reproduction.
109. Some beings (trees) deprive of life the bodies of manifold movable and immovable beings; the destroyed bodies which have been consumed before, or absorbed by the wind (are) digested and assimilated (by them), Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 2.
110. Some beings born in trees, originated by trees, spring from trees, spring from trees that originated in earth, come forth as trees originated by trees. They feed on the sap of the trees originated in earth, *Ibid.* II. 3.3.
111. The relations of nitrogen-fixing bacteria and legumes and algae and fungi in lichens. See Bhagavati 7.3.275 (plant bacteria); Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3.5. 16 (kuhana), 18 (sevāla), 2 etc.
112. Some organisms growing on the animate bodies of manifold movable or immovable creatures, come forth as parasites. They feed on the humours of various movable and immovable creatures. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II. 3.27.

The host-parasite or predator-prey-relationship may be harmful to the host or prey as a species when such relationship is first set up. But the study of different examples of parasite-host, and predator-prey interrelations shows that "in general, where the associations are of long standing, the long-term effect on the host or prey may not be very detrimental and may even be beneficial."¹¹³

The brief survey of the classifications of living things—plants and animals, their distinctions, mode of nutrition, ecosystem, habitat and ecologic niche, and types of interactions between species as found in the Jaina Āgamas gives a picture of the world of animals and plants, all related closely or distantly by evolutionary descent, and bound together in a variety of inter-specific interactions.

113. Biology, p. 93.

Second Section

General Properties of Green Plant Cells

It appears from the study of plant-life as explained by the Jainācāryas that the green plants¹ are the primary producers of the living world. The properties of the pigment that gives them their green colour, i. e. chlorophyll, enable them to utilize the radiant energy of sunlight to synthesize energy-rich compounds, such as, liquid substances (siṅha)² from water and air³ (carbon-dioxide). The process of photosynthesis is the only significant way in which energy⁴ (teja) from the sun is made available for life on this earth.

Land-plants⁵ absorb the water required for the photosynthetic process through their roots; aquatic plants⁶ receive it by diffusion from the surrounding medium. Plants need vast quantity of air to carry on photosynthesis, for air contains carbon-dioxide. "Plants generally grow better in air with higher carbon-dioxide content."⁸

Cellular Respiration of Plants

The taking of air (vāyusarīram)⁹ by plants suggests that the cellular respiration¹⁰ of plants which is the series of enzymic reactions utilizes ucchvāsavāyu¹¹ (oxygen) and releases niḥśvāsavāyu¹² (carbon-dioxide?)

1. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II.3.43, etc.; Bhagavatī Sūtra, 7.3.275; Uttaraḍhyayana Sūtra 36.92-99ff; Paṇṇavanā Sutta, Vanaspatikāyajīvaṇṇavanā, 35-54.5; Lokaprakāśa I, 5th Sarga, Vanaspati.
2. "Te jivā puḍhaviṇam siṅhamāhāreṃti te jivā āhāreṃti puḍhavisarīram ausarīram teusarīram vāyusarīram vanassaisarīram, I" etc. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.43.
3. Ibid (āusarīram vāusarīram).
4. Ibid (teusarīram).
5. "Mūlam syāt bhūmisambaddham tatra kandaḥ samūśritaḥ / Tatra skandha iti mitho bijāntaḥ syuryutāḥ same (107) Atāḥ pṛthvīgatarasamāhāraṅti same apyamī / Yavat phalāmi puṣpastham bijāni phalasaṅgataḥ" //108//, Lokaprakāśa I, Sarga 5, vv 107-8; See Bhagavatī Sūtra 7.3.276.
6. "Nāṇāvihajoniesu udaeṣu rokhattae viuṭṭaṅti, te jivā tesim nāṇāvihajoniyaṇam udagānam siṅhamāhāreṃti /" etc., Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.54.
7. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II. 3.43. (Vāusarīram). "Te jivā āhāreṃti. (Vāusarīram)
8. Biology, p. 97, C. A. Villee
9. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II. 3.43.
10. "Te jivā āhāreṃti vāyusarīram," Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.43.
* Śarīrocchvāsaniḥśvāsahārāḥ sādharāṇāḥ khalu /" Lokaprakāśa 5, 75, p. 36.
11. "Mūle sikteṣu vṛkṣeṣu phalādiṣu rasaḥ sphuṭaḥ sa cocchvāsamaṅtareṇa kathamūrdhvaḥ prasarpati" //32//; "Rasaḥprasarpaṇam satyucchvāse asmaḍādiṣu / Tadabhāve tadabhāvo dṛṣṭaśca mṛtakādiṣu" //33//, Lokaprakāś, 5.32, 33, p. 353; Navatattvaprakaraṇam, p. 14.
12. Lokaprakāśa, 5.75, p. 361; "Prāṇāpānāvucchvāsaniḥśvāsākriyālakṣaṇau /" Navatattvaprakaraṇa, p. 14.

from the liquid substance (siṅcha or rasa) to the forms of biological useful energy. These occur in green plants as they do in every living cell.

The Skeletal System of Plants

Plants have no separate skeletal system for support as many animals do. At the simplest level, the śaivālas (algae)¹³ which are almost entirely aquatic have little need for specialized skeletal structures, for their bodies are generally small and supported by the water. The land plants¹⁴ do need some structure strong enough to hold leaves in position to receive sunlight.

This has been achieved in two major ways: the cellular wall (tvac)¹⁵ can be very thick,¹⁶ as in the woody stems of trees and shrubs, and serve directly for the support of the plant body or it can be rather thin¹⁷ (kaniyāsi) and provide support indirectly by way of pressure.

Besides, trees and shrubs have gūḍhaśīrā (Xylem? and ahiruyam (Phloem?)¹⁸ to help support their trunk.

Plant Digestion

Plants have no specialized digestive system; their nutrients¹⁹ are either made within the cells²⁰ or are absorbed through the cell membranes.²¹ The nutrients synthesized are either used at once²² or transported to another part, such as, the stem or root,²³ etc. The

13. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.54.

14. "Puḍhaviḥajoniyā rukkḥā", Ibid.

15. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.47; "Yatra skandhakāṁdamūlaśākhāsu khalu vikṣyate / Tvacā sthūlatarā kāṣṭhāt sā tvacānantajivikā //" Lokaprakāśa I, 5.79, p. 363.

16. Ibid.

17. "Yatra mūlaskandhakandaśākhāsu dṛṣyate sphuṭam / Tvacā kaniyāsi kāṣṭhāt sā tvakpratyekajīva //" Lokaprakāśa, 5.96, p. 365.

18. Paṇṇavanā, Vanaspatikāyajivapaṇṇavanā 54-84; Jivavicāra 12; Gommaśasāra 187 (Jivakāṇḍa).

19. "Te jivā tesim nāṇāvihajoniyānam siṅchamahāreṁti", etc. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3.43.

20. "Te jivā āhareṁti puḍhavisariram āsariram teusariram vāusariram vanassaisariram, etc.," Ibid.

21. Ibid.; "Mūlam syāt bhūmisambaddham tatra kandaḥ samāśritaḥ / tatra skandha iti mitho bijāntāḥ syuryutāḥ same //107// Atāḥ pṛthivīgatarasamāharanti same' apyami / Yāvat phalāni puṣpastham bijāni phalasaṁgataḥ //108// " Lokaprakāśa, 5.107, 108.

22. "Tesim puḍhaviḥajoniyānam rukkḥānam sarirā nāṇāvaṇṇā nāṇāgamdhā nāṇaphasā nāṇāsamāṅghāsamāthiya nāṇāvīhasarirapuggalaviuvvita.....bhavaṁti tti / " Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.43.

23. Te jivā tesim rukkḥajoniyānam rukkḥānam siṅchamahāreṁti... puḍhavisariram, etc.....tesim rukkḥajoniyānam mūlānam kāmḍānam khamdhānam tayānam pavāṇānam java biyānam sarirā nāṇāvaṇṇā nāṇāgamdhā.....bhavaṁti / " Ibid. II. 3.46.

insectivorous plants,²⁴ although without an organized digestive system, do secrete digestive enzymes²⁵ similar to those secreted by animals, as suggested by the statement “ they deprive of life the bodies of manifold movable and immovable beings; the destroyed bodies which have been consumed before, or absorbed by the rind, (are) digested and assimilated (by them).”²⁶

Plants accumulate the reserves of organic materials for use during those times when photosynthesis is impossible, at night or over the winter²⁷ when leaves fall. An embryo plant cannot make its own food until the seed has sprouted and the embryo has developed a functional root,²⁸ leaf²⁹ and stem³⁰ system.

Plant Circulation

The simpler plants consisting of single cell or small group of cells³¹ have no circulatory system. Simple diffusion, augmented in certain instances by the process of active transport by air (ucchvāsavāyu)³² suffices to bring in the substance³³ the plant requires. *Gūḍhaśīrās*³⁴

24. *Nāṇavihāṇa tasathavarāṇaṃ pāṇāṇaṃ sarīraṃ acittam kuvvaṃti parividdattham taṃ sarīraṃ vipariṇayaṃ sarūviyakaḍaṃ saṃtaṃ /*, Ibid. II. 3.43.
25. *Sūtrakṛtāṅga* II. 3.43.
26. Ibid , SBE XLV, Book II, Lecture 3, Sūtra 2, p. 389.
27. *Bhagavati Sūtra*, 7. 3.274, *Vaṇassikāiya Pāvāvarisarattesu savvamābārāgā bhavaṃti, tadāṇāntarāṃ ca ṇaṃ sarāe tayāṇāntarāṃ hemaṃte tadāṇāntarāṃ ca ṇaṃ vasaṃte tadāṇāntarāṃ ca ṇaṃ gimhe, gunhāsu ṇaṃ vaṇassaikāiya savvappāhārāgā bhavaṃti /* 274; *Śrāvāṇadicaturmāsyaṃ prāvṛdvarśasu bhūruhaḥ / Sarvato bahulāhārā apāṃ bahulyataḥ smṛtāḥ //109// Tatha śaradi hemante kramādālpā pabhojinaḥ / Yāvadvasante’ alpāhārā grīṣme atyantamitāśānāḥ /* //110//, *Lakaparakāśa* I, 5, 109-10.
28. (1) “*Joviya mūle jivo soviya patte paḍhamayāetti /* (2) *Savvo vi kisalao khalu uggamamāṇo aṇāṃtao bhaṇio /* iti Etaccārthataḥ prajñāpanāvṛttau *Ācarāṅgavṛttā-vapi tathaiva // Yaduktaṃ - “ Yaśca mūlatayā jīvaḥ pariṇamate sa eva prathamapatratayā api iti / ekajīvakartṛke mūlaprathamapatre iti yavat prathamapatrakāṃ ca yāsau bijasya samutsūnavastha bhūjalakalāpekṣā saivocate /* iti // na mūlajīvaparīṇamāvīrbhavitameva iti avagantavyaṃ /”, Vide *Lokaparakāśa* I, p. 361; “*Udgacchan prathamāṅkuraḥ sarvasādhāraṇo bhavet / Vardhamāno yathāyogaṃ syātpratyeko’ athavāparaḥ /*”, *Lokaparakāśa* I, 5.74.
29. Ibid.
30. Ibid.
31. *Uttarādhyayana Sūtra* 36.92; *Paṇṇavanā, vanaspatikāyajīvapaṇṇavanā*, 1.35, p. 16. (*śūkṣma vanaspati*)
32. *Rasaprasarpanaṃ spaṣṭaṃ satyucchvāse asmaḍādiṣu / Tadabhāve tadabhāvo dṛṣṭāśca mṛtakādiṣu /*, *Lakaparakāśa* 5.33.
33. Ibid : *Sūtrakṛtāṅga*, II. 3.43.
34. *Paṇṇavanā Vanaspatikāyajīvapaṇṇavanā* 54-84; *Jīvavicāra* 12; *Gommaṭasāra* 187 (*Jīvakāṇḍa*).

(Xylem ?) tubes are probably concerned with transporting water and minerals from the roots up the stem to the leaves, while ahiruyam³⁵ (phloem) tubes may probably transport nutrients up as well as down the stems for storage and use in the stems and roots, etc. In the spring and the summer,³⁶ for example, substances pass from the place of storage to the buds to supply energy for growth.

The circulatory systems of higher plants are simpler than those of higher animals and constructed on an entirely different plan. Plants have no heart and blood vessels. Transportation of their nutrients from the soil is accomplished by the combined forces of transpiration³⁷ pull and root pressure.³⁸

Plant Saps :

Plant sap (siṇeha or rasa)³⁹ is somewhat analogous to the blood plasma of man and higher animals. It is a complex solution of many substances. Both organic and inorganic⁴⁰ which, as pointed out, are transported from one part of the plant to another by the combined action of suction force (ucchvāsa) which is connected with transpiration pull and root pressure.⁴¹ The substances present and their concentrations vary greatly in different plants and in various parts of the same plant.⁴²

35. Ibid.

36. "Vasante tadānāntaram ca nam gimhe, gimhasu nam Vaṇassaikāiyā savvappā-haragā bhavāntigimhasu nam bahave usiṇajōṇiyā jīvā ya poggalā ya vaṇassaikāiyattāe vakkamānti viukkamānti cayaṇti uvavajjāntiGimhasu bahave vaṇassaikāiyā pattiya pupphiyā phaliyā hariyagarerijjamānā sirie aiva aiva uvasobhemānā uvasobhemānā cittaṇti /", Bhagavati 7.3.274.

37. Mūle siktesu vṛkṣeṣu phalādiṣu rasah sphuṭah / Sa cocchvāsamāntareṇa katham-ūrdhvam prasaratī //32// Rasaprasarṇam spaṣṭam satyucchvāse, asmadādiṣu / Tadabhāve tadabhāvo dṛṣṭaṣca mrtakādisu //33//, Lokaprakāṣa I. 5.32, 33, p. 353

38. Ibid., 5.107-8, pp. 367-8.

39. "Puḍhaviṣu rukkhattāe viuṭṭānti 1.....", "Te jīvā tesim nānāvihajōṇiyānam puḍhaviṇam siṇehamahareṇti 1", Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3.43; "Mūle siktesu vṛkṣeṣu phalādiṣu rasah sphuṭah", Lokaprakāṣa V. 2; "Pratiniyataviṣiṣṭaṣarīratasavīrya", Tarkarahasyadīpikā (Comm. on V. 47), p. 159.

40. "Te jīvā ahareṇti puḍhavisarīram āusarīram uesarīram vausarīram vanassasarīram (i. e. inorganic substances), nānāvihāna tasathavarāṇam pāṇāṇam sarīram (organic substances) acittam kuvvānti parividdhattham tam sarīram puvvāhāriyam tayahāriyam vipariṇayam sārūviyakaḍam samtam" Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.43-44.

41. Lokaprakāṣa. I. 5.32, 33, p. 353.; 5.107-8, p. 367-8.

42. "Sakṣirām vāpi niḥkṣirām patram gūḍhasirām ca yat / Alakṣyamānapatrārdhahavayasandhi ca yadbhavet //84//", Lokaprakāṣa I, 5.84, p. 363.

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Water is absorbed by the epidermal cells of the roots and moved to all parts of the plant.⁴³

Plant Excretion :

A striking difference between plants and animals as found in Jaina Biology is that plants excrete little or no waste (khala). Nitrogenous compounds may be released during the metabolic process of plant, but instead of being excreted as wastes, they are probably reutilized in the synthesis of new paryāpti (vital force).

Since plants are lomāhārins⁴⁴ (i. e. absorbers of nutrients through the epidermal cells of the roots, etc.) and they neither ingest proteins nor carry on muscular activity, like the Kabalāhārīn⁴⁵ man and higher animals, the two largest sources of metabolic wastes in the animals), for “the total amount of nitrogenous waste is small and can be eliminated by diffusion as waste through the pores of the leaves, or by diffusion as nitrogen containing salts from the roots into the soil”⁴⁶ as explained by modern Biology.

Plant Co-ordination

The activities⁴⁷ of the various parts of a plant are much more autonomous than are those of parts of an animal. The co-ordination between parts that does exist is achieved largely by direct chemical and physical means,⁴⁸ since plants have developed no specialized sense-

43. Lokaprakāśa, I, 5.33; 5.107-8. pp. 367-8.

“Mūlaṁ syāt bhūmisambaddhaṁ tatra kandaḥ samāśritah /
Tatra skandha iti mitho bijāntāḥ syuryutāḥ same” //107// Ibid. 5.107.

“Ataḥ pṛthvīgātarasamāharanti same apyami /
Yavat phalāni puṣpasthaṁ bhāni phalasaṁgataḥ” //108//, Ibid. 5.108.

44. Lomāhara egimdiyā ya/v. 200, Bṛhatsangrahaṇi, Ātmānanda-granthamāla Rataṁ, 47 Ābhogaṇābhoga, savvesiṁ hoi loma āhāro /”, Ibid.

45. “Sariṇeṇa oyahāro tayai phāseṇa lomāhāro; pakkheva puna, kavalio hoi nāyavvo”. V. 181; Sura niraya igimdi viṇā, sesā bhavatthā pakkhevā V. 181. Bṛhat Sangrahaṇi, 1st edition, VS. 1993.

46. Biology, p. 107, C. A. Villes

47. “Vanaspatiṣarīramankurakisalayaśākhāpraśākhādiviṣeṣaiḥ pratiniyataṁ vardhata iti /”, Tarkarahasyadīpikā, p. 157; “Pratiniyatavṛddhi svāpaprabodhasparśadihetukollāsaśākhāśāyapasarpaṇādi viśiṣṭānekakriyā /”, Ibid., p. 159.

48. “Yatha manuṣyaśarīrasya rasāyanasnehādyupayogādviśiṣṭakāntirasabalopacayādi tathā vanaspatiṣarīrasyaṇi viśiṣṭeṣṭanabhojalādisekādvīśiṣṭarasaavīryasniḡdhatvādi /”, Ibid., p. 159.

organs except that of touch and do nervous system as found in man and higher animals. They have sensitiveness generated by stimulus.⁴⁹

Actively growing plants can respond to a stimulus⁵⁰ coming from a given direction by growing more rapidly or bend way from the stimulus.⁵¹

If an organism (e. g. creeper) is motile, it may respond to a stimulus by moving towards it for support.

When a seed is oriented in the ground in any way, the primitive root (mūla)⁵³ and shoot (aṅkura)⁵⁴ of the developing embryo grow; the root grows downward and the shoot grows upward.⁵⁵ Thus the root positively geotropic and negatively heliotropic and the shoot is negatively geotropic but positively heliotropic.

Transmission of Impulse of plants

In a few plants responses to stimuli do occur rapidly enough to be readily seen. One of them is the response of the sensitive plant "Mimosa pudica" (Lajjāvātīlātā).⁵⁶ Normally the leaves of this plant are horizontal, but if one of them is lightly touched, all the leaflets fold within two or three seconds.

Touching one leaf sharply causes not only the stimulated leaf, but also the neighbouring leaves, to fold and droop. After a few minutes the leaves return to their original position.

Sleep Movement⁵⁷ of plants

Many plants change the position of their leaves or flower parts in

49. Yathā manusyaśarīraṃ Jñānenānugataṃ, evaṃ vanaspatiśarīramapi, yathā śamīp-rapunnātasiddhesarakāsundakabappulāgastyāmalkīkaḍiprabhṛtinām svāpavibodha-tastadbhāvāḥ / tathā mattakāminisanūpurāsukumāracarāṇatāḍānāsokataroḥ pallavakusumodbedāḥ / etc.. Ibid.. p. 157.
50. See Foot Note 6, Page No. 92.
51. Tarkarahasyadīpikā, pp. 158-9; "Samjñā niyatasamkocavikāśapramukhāpapi samjñīnam katha natmānam na jāpayanti yuktibhiḥ //", Lokaprakāśa, 5.38.
52. Tarkarahasyadīpikā, p. 159.
53. "Ambukālakṣmādirūpasāmag īsambhave sātī / Śa eva jātu bijāngī baddhatādṛśa-karmakāḥ (II) V. 63 Utpadyate tatra, bīje ano va bhūkāaikādīkah". Nibaddamūlādīnamagotrakarmatra jāyate" V. 64. Lokaprakāśa, 5.63-64.
54. "Udgacchan prathamāṅkūrāḥ sarvasādhāraṇo bhavet /", Lokaprakāśa, 5.74.
"Vanaspatiśarīramaṅkurakīśalaya . . . vardhata itī /", Tarkarahasyadīpikā, p. 157.
55. "Vanaspatiśarīramaṅkurakīśalayaśākhapraśākhādībhīrviśeṣaiḥ pratiniyataṃ vardhata itī /", Tarkarahasyadīpikā, p. 157.
56. "Tathā Lajjālūprabhṛtinām hastādīsāmsparśātpatrasamkocādīpā parisphuḥakriyopalabhyate //". Tarkarahasyadīpikā, p. 158.
57. "Svāparabodhasparśādīhetukollāśasamkocāśrayopasarpānādīviśiṣṭānekakriyā /", Tarkarahasyadīpikā, p. 159.

the late afternoon or evening (sandhyā)⁵⁸ and their parts return to their original position in the morning. Several kinds of flowers close at night and open in the morning⁵⁹ with the sun-rise and some open at night with the rise of the moon⁶⁰ and closes in the day, e. g. lotus, (padma) and water lily (kumuda) respectively. These changes in position have been termed sleep movements in Botany, although they are in no way to related to the sleep of animals.

58. "Ghoṣātakyaḍipuṣpānām ca sandhyāyām /", Ibid., p. 158.

59. "Padmadānām prātarvikasaṇām /", Ibid., p. 158.

60. "Kumudādānām tu candradaye /", Ibid., p. 158.

(Third Section)

The Structures and Functions of A Seed Plant

It appears from the study of plant-life as treated in the Jaina Āgamas that in the more primitive plants the basic functions,¹ common to most green plant cells, may all occur in a single cell, but in the higher plants cellular specialization has occurred. The Jainācāryas differentiate the several parts – root (mūla), stem (khaṁdha), leaf (patra), etc.² of a plant. The evolution of conducting tissues (gūḍhaśirā and ahiryūm)³ and the specialization of regions or the body have enabled plants to survive on land and to grow to large size. Since these higher seed plants are the most widespread and familiar as well as the most useful plants for man, the Jainācāryas have dealt with some of the details of seed-plant structure and certain functions localized in particular parts of the plant.

The Roots and Its Functions

The most obvious function of the root is to anchor⁴ the plant and hold it in an upright position; to do this, it branches and rebranches extensively through the soil.⁵ The second and biologically more important function of the root is the absorption of water and minerals⁶ from

1. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.; Lokaprakāśa I, 5th Sārga.; Tarkarahasyadīpikā, Ṭīkā on V. 49, pp 157–159.
2. Rukkhaṅṇiesu rukkhesu mūlattāe kaṁdattāe khaṁdhattāe tayattāe sālattāe pavālattāe pāttattāe pupphattāe phalattāe bījattāe viuṭṭamti /”, Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II. 3. 46.; “Mūlaggapirebajā kaṁdā taha khaṁdhabijabījaruhā /”, Gommaṭasāra (Jivakāṇḍa), V. 186, “Kaṁdassa va mūlassa. . . .challī sāṇamṭajīyā patteyājīyā tu taṇukadarī /” Ibid., V. 189; “Etesī ṇam mūlā vi asaṁkhejjajīviyā, Kaṁdā vi Khaṁdhā vi tayā vi sālā vi pavatā vi / Pattā patteyājīviyā pupphā aṇegajīviyā, phalā egaṭṭhiyā /” Paṇṇavana, Vanassaikāyajīvapaṇṇavana, 40, p. 17.
3. “Gūḍhachirāgaṁ pattani sacchīraṁ jaṁ ca hoti ṇicchīraṁ /”, Paṇṇavana, Vanaspatikāyajīvapaṇṇavana. 54, 84, p. 24.
“Gūḍhasirasamḍhipavvaṁ samabhaṁgamahīruṁ (ragaṁ) ca / chinnaruhaṁ / sādharāṇaṁ sarīraṁ,” etc., Jīvavicāra, 12.
“Gūḍhasirasamḍhipavvaṁ samabhaṁgamahīruyaṁ ca chinṇaruhaṁ / Sāhāraṇaṁ sarīraṁ tavvilarīyaṁ ca patteyaṁ /”, Gommaṭasāra (Jiva., v. 187).
4. “Mūlaṁ syāt bhūmisambaddhaṁ tatra kandaḥ samāśritaḥ /
Tatra skandha itī mitho bijāntāḥ syuryutāḥ same //” Lokaprakāśa I. 5,107.
5. Ibid.
6. Bhagavati Sūtra, 7.275.; “Te Jivā tasīm nāṇāvīhajāṇīyāṇaṁ puḍhavināṁ sineha-māhāremti /” Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3, 43.; “Mūlaṁ syāt bhūmisambaddhaṁ tatra kandaḥ samāśritaḥ / Tatra skandha itī mitho bijāntāḥ same /”, v, 107. Atah prthvīgatarasamāharanti same, apyami / Yāvat phalāni puṣpasthaṁ bijāni phala-saṁgatāni”, v. 108. Lokaprakāśa I, 5,107–108.

the soil and the conduction of these substances to the stem (khamdha).⁷ In some plants, for example, āluḱa⁸ (sweet potato), mūlaka (radish), etc., the roots⁹ have still another function as storage places for large quantities of food.

The Environment of Roots : Soil

The soil (pṛthivikāya)¹⁰ provides a solid, yet penetrable foundation in which plants can anchor themselves and also serves as a reservoir for the water and minerals¹¹ needed by plants for their growth. The soil is another major ecosystem containing a large number of different kinds of animals, bacteria and plants¹² that comprise an interrelated biologic complex.

The Stem and its Functions

The stem¹³ which in a tree includes trunk, branches and twigs¹⁴ is the connecting link between the roots, where water and minerals enter the plant, and the leaves,¹⁵ which manufacture food. The Vascular tissues of the stem are continuous¹⁶ with those of root and leaf and provide a pathway for the exchange of material. The stem and its branches support the leaves so that each leaf is exposed to as much sunlight as possible. Stems also support flowers and fruits¹⁷ in proper position for reproduction to occur. The stem¹⁸ is the source of all leaves

7. Ibid; Lokaprakāṣa I, 5,107-108.

8. "Āluḱe mūlāe ca, siṅgabere taheva ya /". Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36-96;

Gommaṭasāra (Comm.), v. 186, Jivakaṇḍa (ginger, turmeric, etc. are roots).

9. Ibid.; Utpala, etc. are born of roots, which function as storage places. See Lokaprakāṣa, 5.151; Uttarādhyayana, 36.95. Bhāgavati, 9.33.385; 11-(1-8)-116; Paṇṇavaṇā, 51 (Se kiṁ jalaruha).

10. "Puḍhaviḱoniya puḍhavisambhava ... puḍhaviṣu rukkhattāe viuttanti /". Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II. 3.43.; Lokaprakāṣa, 5.107-108.

11. "Te jivā tesim ṇaṇāvihajoniyaṇaṁ siṅghamaḱareṁti / te jivā aḱareṁti puḍhaviṇaṁ teusariraṁ vaṁsariraṁ vanasaisariraṁ/" Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.43; Lokaprakāṣa 5.107-8.

12. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.

13. "Kaṁdittāe khamdhattāe tayattāe sālattāe pavālattāe /" Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.46. "Mūle kaṁde khamdhe tayā ya ṣāle pavālapatte ya / pupphe palāḱe viya patteyaṁ jivāḱhanāim /", vide Lokaprakāṣa, 5.77.; Paṇṇavaṇā, 41, pp. 17-18.; "Mūlakanda - skandha - patrādi gatajiva samkhyāpramāṇāni ca", Gommaṭasāra, (Jivakaṇḍa), v. 189,

14. Ibid.

15. Ibid.

16. Ibid.; Bhāgavati, 7.3.275; Lokaprakāṣa, 5.107-108.

17. Ibid.

18. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.43; Bhāgavati. 7.3.275; Paṇṇavaṇā, 41, pp. 17-18; Lokaprakāṣa 5.77; 5. 107-108.

and flowers produced by a plant, for its growing points produce primordia of leaves (kisalaya) and flowers (puṣpa). Roots and stems are sometimes confused, for many kinds of stems grow underground¹⁹ and some roots²⁰ grow in the air. Fern and grasses²¹ are examples of plants that have underground stems called rhizome in Botany. These grow just beneath the surface of the ground and give rise to above-ground leaves. Thickened under ground stems,²² adapted for food storage, called tubers in Botany, are found in plants, such as, suraṇakanda, vajrakanda, patato,²³ etc. An onion bulb is an underground stem (kaṁḍa)²⁴ surrounded by overlapping tightly packed scale leaves. Roots and stems are structurally quite different. Stems, but not roots have nodes (parva)²⁵ which give rise to leaves. The tip of stem (agra)²⁶ is naked unless it terminate in a bud.

Plant stems are either herbaceous²⁷ or woody.²⁸ The soft, green, rather, thin herbaceous stems are typical of plants called annuals in Botany. Such plants start from seed (bija),²⁹ develop, flower and produce seeds within a single growing season, dying before the following winter. Another type of herbaceous plant is the biennial,³⁰ which has two-seasons' growing cycle. During the first season, while the plant is growing, food

19. "Savvau Kaṁḍajāi sūraṇakamḍo ya vajjakamḍo ya / Allahaliddā ya taḥā addam taḥa allakaccuro 88 Sattāvavī, Virahī kumhāri taḥa thohari galo ia / up to Ālū taḥa piṇḍālu haravaṁti...../", Vide Lokaprakāśa, 5.88-92; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.97, 98, 99. e. g. Sūraṇa (Arum campanulatum)
20. Adventitious roots of Banian tree which issue from its branches. Gaḍuci's (Gulañca) roots (advantitious) grow in air, Jivavicāra, v. 12.
21. Tṛṇa; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.94; Bhagavatī, 21. "Sediya bhattiya hottiya ḍabbha kuse pavvae ya poḍailā / Ajjuṇa asāḍhae rahiyaṁse suya veyā khīre tuse / Eraṇḍahe kuruvimḍe kukkhaḍa sumṭhe taḥā vibhaṅgu ya / Mahurataṇa luṇaya sippiya bodhave sumkalitaṇā ya //", Paṇṇavanā. 47.35, 36.
22. Lokaprakāśa, 5.88 62.
23. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.97-98: Vide Lokaprakāśa, 5.88-9.
24. Ibid., Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.97; Gommaṭasāra, Jivakāṇḍa, 18, (Comm.) V. 186.
25. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.95; Parva (node), Paṇṇavanā 46, 33-34, p. 19; Gommatasāra, v. 186. (Jivakāṇḍa); Lokaprakāśa, 5.81,98; " Vṛkṣā Gucchā Gulmā latāśca vallyaśca parvagaścaiva /" (98).
26. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.43; Gommaṭasāra, v. 16.6; " Mūlagapṛebajā kaṁḍa taḥa khaṁdhabijabjaruhā / Saṁmuccimā ya bhāṇiya pattetaḥaṅtakāyā ya /" (186) Bhagavatī, 6.7.246; 11.2.691.
27. Rice, etc.; " Sali vīhī godhūma javajava kala masūra tilamuggā / Māsa nipphāva kulattha alisamda satīṇa palimaṁtha " Ayasī Kusuṁbha Koddava kaṁgu rāлага varasāmaḡa koṁsā // saṇa sarisava mūlagā biya jā yāva aṇṇā taḥapaggārā // Paṇṇavanā. 50, 42.43, pp. 20-21; Lokaprakāśa, 5.54-55. Setpadi
28. Lokaprakāśa, 5.79, 96.
29. Paṇṇavanā, 50.42-43; Lokaprakāśa, 5.54-55; Bhagavatī, 6.7.246; 21.2.691.
30. Lokaprakāśa 5.89; Jivavicāra 10.

is stored in the root. Then the plant dies and is replaced in the second growing season by a second top which produces seeds. Carrots (gajjara)³¹ and Suranākanda³² are examples of bennials quite different from the herbaceous annuals and bennials are the woody perennials, which live longer than two years and have a thick tough stem³³ or trunk, covered with a layer of cork. A tree is a woody-stemmed perennial that grows some distance above ground before branching and so has a main stem or trunk-curved straight, long, etc.³⁴ A shrub³⁵ is a woody perennial with several stems of roughly equal size above the ground line.

The Leaf and Its Function

The Jainācāryas do not throw much light upon the structure and function of leaf of plant except the following things: The leaf may be endowed with Kṣīra (a waxy cutin?) or may not be so (niḥkṣīraṃ) and may have fine veins (gūḍhaśīraṃ) and their invisible joints (parvas) in between two half parts of it,³⁶ i. e. "the upper and lower layers of the leaf epidermis filled with thin walled cells, called mesophyll, which are full of chloroplast."³⁷

Each leaf is a specilized nutritive organ whose function is to carry on photosynthesis.³⁸ Leaves are generally broad and flat to present a maximum surface to sunlight.

Leaves³⁹ originate as a succession of lateral outgrowths called

31. Ibid; Jivavicāra (3.) Ibid.
32. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.94 (Comm.); Paṇṇavaṇā, 13 15; (Rukkhā), 41, 16-18; "Ankulla jambunimbāmraḥ, etc. up to Sapūparṇae dadhiparṇa 1", etc. Lokaprakāśa, 5.100-103; Paṇṇavaṇā, 40.13-15.
33. Lokaprakāśa 5.40. (Utkatāḥ Kaṃṭakaiḥ kecit); "Yatra skandhakandamulaśākhāsu khalu Vikṣyate / Tvacā sthūlatarā kāṣṭhāt sā tvacānantajivikā //79//"; "Yatra mūlaskandhakandaśākhāsu dṛśyate sphuṭam / Tvacā Kaṇiyasi Kāṣṭhāt sā tvacā pratyekajivikāe //96//", Ibid., 5.79, 96.
34. Lokaprakāśa, 5.40.
35. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.94; Gulma (shrubs). It brings forth twigs or stems instead of stalks. e. g. Navamalikā Josminum Śumbac, Kanovira, etc.
36. "Gūḍhachirāgaṃ patraṃ sacchīraṃ jaṃ ca hoti nicchīraṃ / jaṃ pi ya paṇaṭṭhasamdhīm anantaivam vivaṇāhi /", Paṇṇavaṇā, 54.7.25. "Sakṣīraṃ vāpi niḥkṣīraṃ patraṃ gūḍhaśīraṃ ca yat / Alakṣyamānapatrārddhadvayasandhī ca yadbhavet //", Lokaprakāśa, 5.84.
37. Biology p. 126,
38. Bhagavati Sūtra, 7.3.275.
39. "Mulattāe ... pavālattāe pattattāe pupphattāe phalattāe biyattāe viuttaṃti /", Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.47; "Pattā patteyajīviyā //", Paṇṇavaṇā, 40; "Bije ca yonibhūte vyutkramati saiva Janturaparo va / Mūlasya Yasca kartā sa leva tatprathamapatrasya //", Lokaprakāśa, 5.6; "Sa eva nirvarttayati mūlaṃ patraṃ tathādimaṃ / Mūlaprathamapatre ca tata evaikakarke //", Ibid. 5.65; "Savvo vi kisalao khalu uggamamāṇo anantaḥ bhāṇio /", Vide Lokaprakāśa 5, p. 361; Paṇṇavaṇā, 54.98.

primordia (Kisalaya) from the apical meristem at the tip of the stem (agra). Each outgrowth undergoes cell division, growth and differentiation and finally a miniature, fully formed leaf is produced within the bud (aṅkura).⁴⁰ In Spring and Summer the leaves grow rapidly, forcing apart the bud scales and largely by the absorption of water, unfold, enlarge and reach their full size.⁴¹ Many leaves have no meristematic tissue and thus do not live long.

TRANSPIRATION

Nothing is clearly stated by the Jainācāryas about transpiration. It may occur in all parts of the plant exposed to the air as it is lomāhāṅin⁴² but most of it occurs in the leaves according to Botany.⁴³

The suction force⁴⁴ connected with transpiration pull contributes to the economy of the plant by assisting the upward movement of water through the stem by concentrating in the leaves the dilute solutions of minerals absorbed by the roots⁴⁵ and needed for the synthesis of new vital force and by cooling the leaves.

The Movement of Water

The ascent of sap (rasa)⁴⁶ is brought about by the suction force which is connected with transpiration pull and root pressure.⁴⁷ Root pressure is the positive pressure of the sap in the ducts at the junction of root and stem, generated by the hypertonicity of the sap in the roots to the water in the surrounding soil.

In Spring and Summer⁴⁸ before leaves have been formed, root pressure is the sole cause of the rise of sap. Once leaves have developed, the continued ascent of water is brought about largely by the process of the suction force which is connected with transpiration⁴⁹ pull. Modern Biology explains this thing in this way that "the constant evaporation of water from the cells of the leaf and the production of osmotically active substances by photosynthesis combine to keep the leaf cells

40. "Sudgacchan praṅhamāṅkuraḥ /", etc. Lokaprakāśa, 5.74.

41. Bhāgavatī

42. Bṛhatsaṅgraham, vv. 181, 182, 184.

43. Biology, p. 128.

44. Lokaprakāśa, 5.32, 33, 34; 5.107, 108.

45. Ibid.

46. Lokaprakāśa, 5.32, 33; 5.107-108.

47. Ibid.

48. Lokaprakāśa, 5.32, 33; 5.107, 108.

49. Biology, p. 128.

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hypertonic to the sap in the veins. They constantly draw water from the upper ends of the Xylem vessels and this tends to lift the column of sap upward in each duct."⁵⁰

"Transpiration provides the pull at the top of the column, and the tendency of the water molecules to stick together, carrying this force through the length of the stem and roots, results in the elevation of the whole column of sap."⁵¹

The Storage of Food

It is stated in the Jaina Āgama⁵² that a green plant consumes more food in particular season (rainy season), while it takes less food in some seasons (winter or autumn, spring and summer). Each plant must therefore accumulate food reserves to tide over periods when photosynthesis cannot occur. Food stores may be deposited in leaves,⁵³ stems⁵⁴ or roots.⁵⁵

Leaves serve as temporary depots for food, but they are not suitable for long-term storage, for they are too easily and too rapidly lost. The stems of woody perennials⁵⁶ serve as storage places for large amounts of food; other plants utilize underground fleshy stems⁵⁷ for the purpose. The most common storage organs are roots,⁵⁸ for, being underground, they are somewhat protected from climatic changes and from the prying eyes of animals. Plants also deposit rich stores of food in their seeds⁵⁹ to provide energy for the development of the embryo until the new plant has developed a functional root, stem and leaf. Such seeds rich in plant food are an important source of food for man and other animals.

50. Biology, p. 128.

51. Ibid., p. 128.

52. Bhagavati Sūtra, 7.3.275.

53. Kumbard, Jivavicāra, V. 12.

54. All Kandas, Surāṇa, etc. bulb, etc. Bhagavati 7.3.276; Vide Lokaprakāśa 5.88; Paṇṇavanā 54.53.

55. Raddish, Carrot, etc. - Bhagavati 7.3.276; 8.3.314.

56. Vṛkṣa, mango tree, Bhagavati 21.8.691, etc. Paṇṇavana, 40.

57. Surāṇa, etc. Bhs. 7.3.276. Paṇṇavanā, 40.

58. Carrot, radish (Bhs. 7.3.276) etc. Jivavicāra 8; Lokaprakāśa 5.89 P. 132.

59. Rice, etc., Bhagavati Sūtra, 6,7.246; Paṇṇavanā, 50, P. 20.

(Fourth Section — A)

Types of Plants

According to Jaina Biology, there are two types of plants, viz. subtile (sūkṣma) and gross (bādara),¹ and both of them are either fully developed (paryāptaka) or undeveloped (aparyāptaka).² The gross and fully developed plants are of two kinds: either many have one body in common (sādhāraṇaśarīra) or each has its own body (pratyekaśarīra).³ Those which severally have their own body (pratyekaśarīra) are of many kinds,⁴ such as, trees, shrubby plants,⁵ shrubs,⁶ big plants,⁷ creeping plants,⁸ grass,⁹ palms,¹⁰ plants of knotty stems or stalks,¹¹ mushrooms,¹² water plants, (jalaruha), annual plants (oṣadhi),¹³ and herbs,¹⁴ etc.

Those plants of which many have one body in common are of many

1. "Duvihā vaṇassaijīva, suhumā bāyarā tahā /"; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.92. Jivābhigama Sūtra, p. 42; "Vaṇassai-kāiyāe duvihā pa. tam.-Suhuma Vaṇassai-Kāiyā ya bāyara-vaṇassai kāiyā ya /"; "Vaṇassai-kāiyā duviha paṇṇattā, tamjaha Suhumavaṇassai-kāiyā ya bādaravaṇassatikāiyā ya /", Paṇṇavaṇā, 1.35., Vanassai-kāyajivapaṇṇavaṇā.
2. "Pajjattamapajjattā evameva duhā puṇā /"; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.92; Jivābhigama Sūtra, p. 42; Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, 1.36.
3. "Bāyarā je pajjattā, duvihā te vijāhiyā / Sāhāraṇasarīrā ya, paṭtega ya taheva ya /" Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.93; Jivābhigama Sūtra, p. 42; Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra, 1.37.
4. "Paṭtegasarīrā 4, ṇeg hā te pa-kittiyā Rukkhā gucchā ya gummā ya, layā vallī taṇā tahā"; Balayā pavvagā Kuhāṇā jalaruhā osabi-tiṇā / Hariyakāyā le bodhavvā, paṭtegai viyahiyā /" Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.94-95; Jivābhigama Sūtra, p. 44; Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra, 1.38.
5. Guccha: it is explained to denote such plants from the single root or bulb of which come forth many stalks, e. g. Vṛntāka, Solanum Melongena, Vide S.B.E., Vol. XLV, p. 216, Jacobi.
6. Gulma, similar to the preceding class, but bringing forth twigs or stems, instead of stalks e. g. Navamālikā Jasminum Sambac, Kanavīra, etc.
7. Latā, as lolus, Pandanus, etc.
8. Vallī, as gourds piper, betel, etc.
9. Tṛṇa, grass. But of the two examples given in the commentary, Guñjaka is not in our dictionaries, and Arjuna denotes usually a tree, Terminalia Arjuna, Vide S.B.E. XLV, p. 216.
10. Valaya, so-called from their foliation.
11. Parvaga, as sugarcane.
12. Kuhāna (bhūmipoda), plants which cause the earth to burst, as sarpacchatra, mushroom (toad-stool).
13. Seeds, such as rice, etc., annual plants.
14. Haritakāya, such as, tanduleya, etc.

kinds,¹⁵ such as, Āluya¹⁶ (white potato), Mūlaya¹⁷ (radish), ginger,¹⁸ Harilī, Sirilī, Sassilī, Gāvai, Keyakandalī,¹⁹ Onion, garlic, Plaintain tree, Kunduvvaya,²⁰ Lohinthūya, Thihūya, Tohaga, Kaṇha,²¹ Vajjakanda,²² Sūraṇaya,²³ Assakaṇṇī,²⁴ Sihakaṇṇī, Musuṇḍhi, Turmeric, etc. and many others like them.²⁵

GROSS PLANTS

Vṛkṣas (Trees)

According to the Jaina Āgamas, there are two kinds of trees, viz. ekāsthikā (single-seeded) and bahubijakā (many-seeded).²⁶

Ekāsthikā is of many kinds, such as, Nimba²⁷ (the Nimb or Neemba tree—Azadirachta Indica), Āmba (Mango tree, Mangifera Indica), Jambu (Black berry tree, Eugenia Jambulabum), Kosāmba²⁸ (Kosāmbra, Schleichera oleosa), Sāla (Sāla tree—Shorea Robusta), Tāla (Palmyra tree), Āmkolla (the plant Alangium—Hexapetalum), Pīlu (Salvadora persica) Selu (Cordia Myx), Śallakī (Boswellia Tharifera or serrala or Mayaṇahala Pinus Longifolia), Moyai (Mocaki—Moringa ptery gosperma or Śālmali—Bombax Malabarica), Māluya (Mālūra—Aegle Marmelos or Feronia Elephantum), Baula (Bakulo tree—Mimusope Elengi), Palāsa (Butea Frondosa), Karamjā (the tree Pongania glabra), Puttamjiva (Jiyaputā—Roxburghi), (A) Riṭṭha (Sapindus Detergens), Baheḍaga (or Bibhelaka—Terminalia Belerica), Haritaga (Haraḍae—Terminalia Chebula) Bhallāya (the Acajou or Cashew-nut tree or the marking nut

15. "The Plants in the following list are, according to the commentary, mostly bulbs, well known in the countries where they grow. Many of them are not in our dictionaries. I give the Prākṛit form of their names, and note the Sanskrit equivalent when it can be identified."; Jacobi, S.B.E., XLV, p. 216.
16. Āluka, Amorphophallus companulatus.
17. Mūlaka, radish.
18. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.96.
19. "A various reading has for the last two words (which might be differently divided, āpaikkḍikandalī. The Kandalī, the plantain tree, occurs in the next line again"; Jacobi, S.B.E. XLV p. 216.
20. A Various reading is Kundambaya., Jacobi, Ibid.
21. Krishnakanda, Nyamphaea Rubra.
22. Vajrakanda of the Sanskrit Koshas, Jacobi, S.B.E. XLV, p. 217.
23. Sūraṇa, Arum Campumatum.
24. Aśvakarṇa is a tree. Vatika Robusta. Vide S.B.E. XLV, p. 217.
25. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.99; Paṇṇavaṇā, 1.54, pp. 21-22.
26. Bhagavati Sūtra, 8.3.324. "Rukkhā duvihā pannattā / Tamjaha-egaṭṭhiyā bhubiyyā ya /", Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, 1.39; Jivābhigama Sūtra, p. 44.
27. Bhagavati Sūtra, 22.2.692.
28. Nighaṇṭu, Prathama Vṛkṣakanda, V. 123, p. 68, Hemacandra

tree, esp. acid quicea for medicine), Uṃbehariyā (*Ficus glomerata* ?), Khīra (or Khirini—*Asclepia rosea*, *Mimosakauki* or a Glomerous fig-tree), Dhāyai (*Woodfordia floribund* or *Grishlea Tomentosa*), Piyāla (the tree *Buchanania Latifolia*, in Bengal commonly called Piyāl), Puiya or Puikaramjā (*Caesalpinia Bonducella*), Nivāyaga (*Pongamia glabra*), Senahya or Senhā (Ślakṣāna—*Bauhinia Tomentosa* or *Caesalpinia*), Pāsiya²⁹ (a kind of tree), Sisavā (Śimśapā—the tree *Dalbergia sissoo*), Asana (*Terminalia Tomentosa*), Punnāga (*Nāgakesar*—*Mesua ferrea* or *Roxburghii*), Nāgarukkha (a kind of tree), Sivaṇa (*Sivanni*—*Śripaṇa*—*premna Spinosa* or *Longifolia* or *Omelina arborea*), Asoga (the tree *Jonesia Aśoka*), and besides others like them.³⁰

Their roots, bulbs, stems, barks, branches and twigs are inhabited by innumerable bacteria, their leaves have single bacterius each; their flowers are the habitats of many bacteria and their fruits are single-seeded. For this reason these trees are called Egaṭṭhiyā (*Ekaṣṭgikā*)³¹ (monocotolydonous ?).

There are stated to be many kinds of Bahubijaka trees (many-seeded trees), such as, Atthiya (*Asthika*—*Guava*), Tinduga or Timdu (*Diospyros embryopteris*—*Ebony*),³² Kaviṭṭha (*Kapittha*—*Koṭhi*, many-seeded plant, *Feroma Elephantam*), Āmbādaga (*Āmrātaka*—*Spondias mangifera* or the hog drum tree), Māuliṅga (*Mātuluṅga*, *Citrus medica*, the citron tree), Billa (*Bilva*, *Aegle Marmelos*), Āmalaga (*Phyllanthus Emblicus*), Phanasa (Jack fruit or bread fruit tree—*Artocarpus Integri-folia*), Dāḍima (the Pomogranate tree, *Punica granatum*), Āsoṭtha or Asattha (*Aśattha*—*Ficus religiosa*), Uṃbara (*Udumbara*—*Ficus glomerat*) Vaḍa=Vaṭa (the Banyan tree—*Ficus Bengalensis*), Naggoha (*Nyagrodha*, *Ficus Bengalensis*), Namdirukkha (*Nandivṛkṣa*, *Ficus retusa*, or *Cedrela Toona*), Pippali (ri) (Pippal tree, the sacred fig tree, *Ficus Religiosa*), Sayari (Śatāvāri, *Asparagus Racemosus*), Pilukkharukkha (*plakṣavṛkṣa*—*Fig tree*—*Ficus Infectoria*), Kāumvariya (*Kādumvaria*—the opposite leaved fig tree—*Ficus opposite folia*), Kucchumbbarika or Kutthumbhari (*Kustumbharika*—*Coriandrum Sativa*), Devadāli (*Luffa echinata*), Tilaga (*Tilaka tree*—*Clerodendrum*), Lauya (*Lakuca Artocarpus Lacucha*),

29. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 22.2.692.

30. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 21-1.692 to 22.2.692; Paṇṇavaṇā, 1.40, p. 17; Jivābhiḡama Sutta, 1.40, p. 17.

31. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 8.3.324; Jivābhiḡama Sutta, p.45; Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, I, 40, p. 17. "Etesī ṇaṃ mūlā vi asaṃkhejjajivīya, kaṃdā vi khaṃdhā vi tayā vi sālā vi pavālā vi / pattā patteyajivīyā, pupphā aṇegajivīyā phalā egaṭṭhiyā / settāṃ egaṭṭhiyā /". (zx) Bhs. 8.3.324; Paṇṇavaṇā 1.45.

32. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 22.3.692; Paṇṇavaṇā, 1.41, p. 17.

Chattoha (Chatrangha - Pterospermum Suberifolium), Sirisa (Śirisa - Mimosa sirisa), Sattavaṇṇa or Sattivāṇṇa (Saptaparṇa, Alstonia Scholaris, Seven-leaved tree), Dahivaṇṇa (Dadhiparṇa, a kind of many-seeded plant), Loddha (Symplocos Racemosa), Dhava (Anogeissus Latifolia), Candana (Sandal tree - Santalum Album), Ajjuna, Arjuna - the Terminalia Arjuna), Niva (Nīpa), (Nauclea Kadamba, or Anthocephalus Cadamba) Kuḍuga or Kuḍaya (Kuṭuja, Hotarrhena antidiysenterica or a kind of tree), Kalam̄ba or Kayam̄ba (Convolvulus repens or Nauclea Cadamba) and besides others like them.³³

Their roots, bulbs, stems, barks, branches and twigs are asaṁkhyā-tajivikā (the habitat of innumerable bacteria); their leaves are pratyekajivikā (i. e. each leaf is inhabited by single bacterius; their flowers are inhabited by many bacteria and their fruits are many-seeded. For this reason they are called Bahubijaka.³⁴

Gucchas (Shrubby Plants)

There are stated to be many kinds of Guccas, such as, Vāim̄gani (Vr̄ṅtaki - brinjal),³⁵ Sallai (Śallakī, Boswellia serrata), Boḍai (Poṭaki?, a species of plant), Kacchurī (Kaccharā - cow hedge plant, Mucuna pruriens), Jāsumaṇā (a species of shrubby plant), Rūbī (Rūbu - the castor oil plant, Ricinus communis), Āḍhai (Tuber, Cajanus indicus), Nīlī (Indigofera tinctoria), Tulsi (Ocimum sanctum), Māulim̄gī (citrus medica), Katthumbhari (species of shrubby plant), Pippaliya (piper longum), Atasī (linseed, Linum Ultissimum), Billi (or Billa, Asa Foetida?), Kāyamaī (Kākamācī, Solanum nigrum), cuccu (Chuñch, a kind of vegetable plant), Paḍola (Patola, Trichisanthus cucumerina or Trichosanthus Dioeca), Kam̄dali (Crinum diffusum), Bāuccā (Bākucī, Psoralia corylifolia), Vatthula (a fibrous green plant), Badara (Bora, Zyziphus jujuba), Pattaura (Pattura Amaranthus Paniculatus or Achyranthes Triandra), Siyauraya (Setura?, Mulberries - Morus Indica), Javasaya (the China rose plant or Hibiscus plant or Hibicus rosa pinensis), Niggum̄ḍi (Nirguṇḍī, Vitex negundo), Akka (Arka, the plant calotropis Gigantea), Tūvari (Cajanus Sativa), Āḍhai (Cajanus Indicus), Talaūḍa (Talakōṭa, a shrubby plant), Saṇa (Śāṇa, Crotalaria Juneda), Vāṇā (Vānira?, Salix tetrasperma?), Kāsā (Sachharum spontaneum), Maddaga (a kind of shrubby plant), Agaghāḍaga (a kind of shrubby plant), Sāma

33. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 22.3.692; Jivābhigama Sutta, pp. 45-46; Paṇṇavanā Sutta, I. 41, p. 17.

34. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 8.3.324; Jivābhigama Sutta, p. 45; Paṇṇavanā Sutta, I. 1.41, pp. 17-18.

35. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 24.4.692.

(*Panicum* species), Simduvāra (*Vitex trifolia*, five-leaved chaste or tree), Karamaddae (Karamardaka-Carissa Carandus), Addarūsaga (a kind of shrubby plant), Karīra (*Capparis asphylla*), Eravaṇa (a kind of shrubby plant), Mahittha (a kind of shrubby plant), Jāulaga (a kind of shrubby plant), Māla (Mālati, *Jasminum grandiflorum*), Parilī (a kind of shrubby plant), Gayamārini (a kind of shrubby plant), Kucca (a kind of shrubby plant), Kāriyā (a kind of shrubby plant), Bhaṁḍī (*Rubia cordifolia*), Jāvai (a kind of shrubby plant-Jasminum grandiflorum), Keyai (Ketaki, the tree *Pandanus Odorativimus*), Gaṁja (Gunja-*Abrus precatorius*), Pāḍala (*Steriospermum Chelonoides*), Dāsi (*Barleria cristata*), Amkolla (*Alangium Salvifolium* Syn, *Alangrum Lamarku*) and besides others like them.³⁶

GULMAS (Shrubs)

Gulmas are of many kinds, such as, Seriya (Saireyaka, *Barleria grandiflora*, *prionitis*), Nomāliya (Navamālikā, *Jasminum Sambac?*), Koramṭaya (*Barleria prionitis* species), Bandhujivaga (*Pentapetes phoenicea*), Manojja (a kind of shrub), Pīiya (Curcuma Aromatic), Pāna (the betel plant), Kanaira (a kind of gulma), Kujjaya (*Rosa moschata*), Sinduvira (*Vitex trifolia*), Jāi (Jāti *Jasminum auriculatum*), Moggara (*Jasminum* species), Juhiya (*Yūthikā Jasminum auriculatum*), Malliyā (Mallikā, *Jasminum Sambac*), Vāsanti (*Hepatag bengalensis*), Vatthula (a kind of shrub), Kacchula (Longzedoary, *Curcuma Zedoaria?*), Sevāla (Śaivāla-Ceratophyllum demersum-Śaivāla plants), Gaṁthi (Granthila? a kind of gulma), Magadantiya (a kind of Gulma), Campagaiāti (Campakajāti, plumeria or *Michelia Campaka*), Navaniya (a kind of Gulma), Kunda (a kind of Jasmine-Jasminum multiflorum or pubescens), Mahājāti (*Gaertnera Racemosa*) and besides others like them.³⁷

LATĀ (Vines or Creepers)

There are many kinds of vines, such as Padmalatā (a kind of lotus plant-Lotus *Nelumbo nucifera*), Nāgalatā (a kind of creeper, Piper Betle or Betel), Asogacampakalatā (a kind of creeper), Cūtalatā (a kind of creeper), Vanalatā (a kind of creeper), Vāsantilatā (a kind of creeper), Atimuktakalatā (*Madhavitata*, *Hiptage Bengalensis*), Kundalatā (a kind of creeper), Sāmalatā (a creeper) and others like them.³⁸ It seems the creeps of different species of flower plants.

36. Paṇṇavaṇā, I, 42, p. 18.

37. Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, 1.43, p. 19.

38. Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, I, 45, p. 19.

VALLĪ (Creeping Plants)

There are many kinds of Vallis, such as, Pūsaphali (a kind of creeping plant), Pūsha (a kind of creeping plant), Tumbi (Bottle Gourd – *Lagenaria Vulgaris*), Tausī (Trapusa, *Cucumis sativus*), Paḍala (Paḍolā, *Trichisanthus cucumerina*), Paṁcaguliya (Paṁcangulika *Ricinus communis* which has 5-lobed leaves), Nāliya (Nālikā, *Indivari latayam nadiśāke* (nālukā or Nalitā, *Arum coloeasia*), Kaṁguya (Kaṁguka, *Panicum miliaceum*), Kadduiya (a kind of creeping plant), Kakkoḍai (Kākaḍi, *Cucumber, Cucumis Sativus*), Kāriyallai (Momordica Charantia), Subhagā (a kind of Vallī), Kuvadhā (yā) (a kind of Vallī), Vāgali = Vāgulipaṭi (*Buchanania Latifolia?*), Pāvavallī (a kind of Vallī), Atimuttaya (Mādhavilatā, *Hiptage madablota*), Nāgalatā (A kind of Vallī), Kaṇha (Piperaceae – *Piper longum*), Suravalli (*Rollera Tintoria?*), Sanghaṭṭa (a kind of Vallī), Jāsuvaṇa (a kind of Vallī), Kuvimdevallī (a kind of Vallī), Muddiya (Mṛdvikā? *Munakkā, Vitis Vinifera*), Appā (a kind of Vallī, the red lotus type), Bhallī (*Semacarpus Anacardium*), Chiravirāli (*Ipomoea digitala = Kṣiravidārī?*), Jiyantī = Jivanti (*Leptodania*) *reticuta*), Govālī (Gopavali Gopa plant, *Sansevieria Roxburghiana*), Pāni (a kind of Vallī), Māsāvalī (a kind of Vallī), Guṇjavallī (*Abrus Precatorius*), Vacchāṇi (a kind of Vallī), Sasbindu (a kind of Vallī), Gottaphusiya (a kind of Vallī), Girikaṇṇai (*Girikarṇika = Clitoria ternatea*), Māluya Mālurā (a kind of sweet potato plant or *Aegle Marmelos*), Amḥaṇṇai (a kind of Vallī, *Hardwickia pinnata*), Daha – Phullai (a kind of Vallī), Kāgani (a kind of Vallī), Mogali (hedge, a kind of Vallī), Akkaboindī (a kind of Vallī) and besides others like them.³⁹

PARVAGAS (Knotty Plants)

There are many kinds of Parvagas, such as, Ikkhu (Ikṣu, Sugarcane, *Saccharum Officinarum*), Ikkhuvāḍi (Ikṣuvāṭika, *saccharum officinarum* – the common yellow cane), Virāṇa (*Andro-pogon Muricatus*), Ekkaḍa (*Sesbania aculeata*), Bhaṁsa (a kind of knotty plant), Sara (Śara, *Eragrostis cynosuroides*), Vetta (cane, *calamus Rotang or Fasciculatus*), Timira (Tavariya, a kind of Parvaga), Sataporga (śataporaka, a kind of Sugar cane), Nala (*Amphidonax – Karka 8-12 feet high or phragmites Karka*), Vaṁsa (Vaṁśa, bamboo cane, *Bambus, araudinacea*), Velu (Venu? *Dendrocalamus strictus*), Kanaka (a kind of Bamboo or *Dhamtūro*), Kaṁkavaṁsa (a kind of Bamboo), Cāvavaṁsa (Cāpāvaṁśa, a kind of Bamboo), Udaka (a kind of knotty plant), Kuḍaka (a kind of Bamboo, *Kuḍā Vaṁśa found in Bangladeśa*), Vimaka (*Vimacāṁḍā, probably it*

39. Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, I, 45, p. 19.

is *Andropogon acicubilus*), *Kaṁḍāvelu* (a kind of knotty plant), *Kallāna* (a kind of knotty plant), and others like them.⁴⁰

Tṛṇas (grasses) :

Tṛṇas (grasses) are of many kinds, such as, *Seḍiya* (a kind of grass - *Cassia Jona*), *Bhattiya* (a kind of grass), *Hottiya* (a kind of grass), *Darbha* (a kind of grass - *Eragrostis cynosuroides*), *Kusa* (*Kuśa* grass - *Poa cynosuroides*), *Pavvana* (a species of pot-herb), *Podāilā* (*Pharagmites Karka* or a species of reed - *Saccharum Spontanum*), *Ajjuṇa* (*Arjuna* - a kind of grass, *Ṭeṛmanalia tomentosa* ?), *Asādhaka* (a kind of grass), *Rohiyāmsa* (a kind of grass, *Cymbopogon Schoenanthus*), *Suya* (*Sūsā* ? , *Cassia orientalis*), *Veya* (*Calamus Rotang* ?), *Khira* (a kind of grass), *Tusa* (*Termanalia Bellerica*), *Eraṇḍa* (*Ricinus communis*), *Kuruvinda* (*Cyperus rotundus* Linn, nut grass), *Kakkhaḍa* *Sunṭha* (a kind of grass), *Vibhaṅgu*, (a kind of grass), *Mahurataṇa* (a kind of grass), *Lunaya* (*Portulacacaea oleraces* lim), *Sippiya* (a kind of grass), *Suṁkalitṛṇa*⁴¹ (a kind of grass), and others like them.

VALAYAS (palms) :

There are many kind of Valayas, such as, *Tāla* (*Palmyra* tree), *Tamāla* (*Tamāla* tree, *Cinnamomum Tamāla*), *Takkali* (*Pictorius* or *Premna integrifolia* or *Pigmenta acris*), *Teyali* (*Tetali* = a species of palm), *Sāra* (a kind of Palm), *Sārakallāṇa* (a kind of Palma), *Sarala* (a species of pine, *Pinus longifoila*), *Jāvati* (a kind of Palma), *Keyai* (*Pandanus odoratissimus*), *Dhammarukkha* or *Cammarukkha* (a kind of Palm or the Parchment tree), *Bhūyarukkha* (*Bhurjavṛkṣa* ?), *Betula utilis*, a kind of Palm), *Hingurukkha* (*Ferula alliacea*, *Asafoetida*), *Lavaṅgarukkha* (*Lavanga* tree, *Caryophyllus aromaticus*, the clove tree), *Pūyaphali* (*Pūgaphali*, the areca nut tree, *Araca catechu*, *Betel nut palm*), *Khajjuri* (the date tree, *Date Palm*, *Phoenix Sylvestris*), *Nālieri* (*Cocoanut tree*),⁴² and besides others like them.

HARIYA⁴³ (Harita, Herbs) :

There are many kinds of herbs, such as, *Ajjuṛuḥa* (*Divyausadhi*, a kind of herb), *Voḍāna* (a kind of herb), *Haritaga* (a kind of green herb), *Taṇḍulejjaga* (*Tanduliyaka*, *Amarantus Polygamous*), *Taṇa* (any

40. *Ibid.*, I. 6, p. 19.

41. *Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta*, I, 47, p. 20; *Bhagavatī Sūtra*, 21.6.691.

42. *Bhagavatī Sūtra*, 8.3.324; 21.6.691; 22.1.692.

43. *Paṇṇavaṇā*, I.48, p. 20.

gramineous plant, a kind of herb), Vatthula (a fibrous green plant, a kind of herb, Vāstuka *Chenopodium album?*), Pāraga (a kind of herb), Majjāra (Plumbago Rosea or Termanalia Katappa), Pāi (a kind of herb), Billi (a kind of herb), Pālakkā (Spinacea oleracia), Dagapippali (a kind of herb), Davvi (Darvi, *Berberis asiatica* Roxb), Sotthiyasaka (a kind of herb), Maṇḍukkī (Brāhmī, Thyme leaved cratiola or *Hydrocotyle asiatica*), Mūlaga (*Raphanus Sativus*), Sarisava (Mustard, Brassica species), Ambilasāka (a kind of herb), Jiyāmtaka (Jivantaka, a parasitical plant, a kind of pot-herb, *Cocculus Cordifolius*), Tulsī (*Ocimum Sanctum*), Kanha (Kṛṣṇa? – Black pepper?), Urāla (a kind of herb), Phaniija (Phanijjaka *ocimum Basilicum*), Ajjaka (Arjaka, *orthocyon palidus*), Bhūnaka (a kind of herb), Coraga (*Anegolica glanca*), Damanaga (Damanaka, *Artemisia Sieversiana*), Maruyaga (Marubaka, Sweet marjoram, *Origamum marjoram* or *Ocimum Basilicum*), Sayapupphi (*Peucedanum graveolens* or *Crotalaria Spectabalis*), Indivaar (a kind of herb), and others like them.⁴⁴

OSAHĪ (Annual plants):

There are many kinds of Osahi (annual plant) such as, Bāli (*oryza Sativa*), Vihi (a kind of rice) Godhūma (Wheat), Javajavā (a kind of barley), *Hordeum Vulgarae* (a kind of barely), Kalāya (a kind of pulse – *Lathyrus sativa*), Masura (Lentil), Tila (Sesamum), Mugga (*Phaseolus, Mungo*), Māsa (a kind of pulse, *Phasecolus radiatus*), Nippāva⁴⁵ (Rājaśimbi, *Dolichos lablab*), Kulattha (Kulthi, *Dolichos uniflora*), Alisāmda⁴⁶ (*Cabalaka prakārāḥ, Vigna Catnaga, Varbati*), Satina (Vaṭaṇa Tubaṛcane, a kind of peaze, *Pisum Arvense*), Palimamtha (Matar, Vṛttacanaka, a kind of annual plant), Ayasi (Linseed, bhangī, *Linum usitatissimum*), Kusumbha (Laṭṭa, *Carthamus tinctorious*), Koddava (Kodrava, *Paspalum Scrobicutalium*), Kaṅgu (Millet, a kind of parric seed, *Panicum miliaceum*), Ralaga (*Kanguviśeṣa*, a kind of annual plant), Varasāmagā (Varaṭṭa, a kind of annual plant), Kadūsā or Kadusaga⁴⁷ (*Kodraviśeṣa*, a kind of annual plant), Śana (flax), Sarisava (Mustard), Mūlaga (radish), Biyaka (*Pterocarpus, marsupium*) and others like them.⁴⁸

44. Paṇṇavaṇā, 1.49, p. 20.

45. Nippāva is also called valla. See Bṛhatkalpa Sūtra Bhāṣya, 5.6049. According to Jacobi, it is *Dolichos Senesis* (Jain Sūtras XLV, p. 374).

46. According to Weter, Alisāmdaga was a grain imported from Alexandria after the name of which it is called Alisāmdaga. See Indian Antiquary, Vol. XIX, Jaina Section.

47. The Mahābhārata, refers to Karadusaka as best corn (Mbh. III. 193.19).

48. Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, I. 50, pp. 20–21; See Bhagavati Sūtra 6.7.249; 21.2.693.

JALARUHA (Water-plants or Aquatic plants) :

There are many kinds of Jalaruhas (water plants), such as, Udaka (a kind of lotus), Avakā (a grassy plant growing in marshy land, Blyxa, Octandra), Panaga (a kind of fungus born in water), Sevāla (algae), Kalambuyā (Kalambuka, Convolvulus repens, or Ipomæa aquatica), Hoḍha (Haṭha? Jalakumbhika), the westerlattu, (Pisti Stratiotes), Kaccha (Kakṣā, a kind of water-plant, Termanalia Belle-rica?), Bhānī (a kind of water-plant), Utpala (Lotus, Nymphaea Caerulea), Padma (a kind of lotus), Kumuda (Water lily, Nelumbium Speciosum), Nalina (Water-Lily - Nelumbium Speciosum species), Subhaga (a kind of water-plant, Glycine Debilis, Cyperus Rotundus), Sugandhika (a kind of blue or white water-lily), Poṇḍarika (a variety of lotus, white lotus), Mahāpoṇḍarika (a variety of lotus, of large size), Sayapatta (Śatapatra, a kind of lotus having hundred petals), Sahassapatta (a kind of lotus having thousand petals), Kalhāra (red lotus), Kokanada (a kind of red lotus), Aravinda (a kind of lotus), Tāmarasa (a kind of lotus), Bhīsa (a kind of water-plant), Bhisamuṇāla (a kind of water-plant), Pokkhala (Puṣkala or Puskara, a kind of lotus), Pokkhalatthibhae (a kind of lotus), and others like them.⁴⁹

KUHANS (Plants which cause the earth to burst)⁵⁰ :

There are many kinds of Kuhana, such as, Āya (a kind of Kuhana), Kāya (a kind of Kuhana), Kuhana (mushroom-Toad-stool), Kunakka (a kind of Kuhana), Davvahaliya (a kind of Kuhana, Darvaharidra?), Sapphāka (a kind of Kuhana), Sajjaka (a kind of Kuhana, Shorea robusta?), Sittāka (a kind of Kuhana), Vaṁsi (a kind of Kuhan, Bambusa araudinacea?), Nahiya (a kind of Kuhana), Kuraka (a kind of Kuhana) and besides others like them.⁵¹

The above mentioned plants severally have their own respective bodies (pratyekaśarira).⁵²

Trees are of various shapes (ṇāṇāvīhasamṭhāṇa); their leaves are ekajivikā (i. e. each leaf has got one soul); the stems (Skandhas) of palmyra tree (Tāla), Pinus longifolia (Sarala) and cocoonut tree (Nālieri) are also inhabited by one soul in each.⁵³ Just as the vatti (light or lamp) made of mustard seeds mixed with sticky thing exists, just so, the collection or combination of the bodies of pratyekaśarira-

49. Paṇṇavaṇā Sūta, 1.51, p. 21.

50. e. g. Sarpachatra, mushroom (toad-stool).

51. Paṇṇavaṇā Sūta, 1.52, p. 21; Jivābhigama Sūta, p. 46.

52. Ibid.

53. "ṇāṇāvīhasamṭhāṇa rukkhāṇaṃ egajiviyā pattā / Khamdho vi egajivo tāla-sarala - nālieriṇaṃ //44//", Paṇṇavaṇā 1.53, p. 21; Jivābhigama Sūta, p. 46.

jīvas exists.⁵⁴ Or just as Tilapāpḍis (Sesamum Cakes) made of many tilas (grains of Sesamum seeds), exist, just so the collection (or combination) of the bodies of pratyekaśarīrajīvas remain⁵⁵ together.

Plants have also been grouped into three types on the basis of the number of beings or bacteria existing in their respective bodies, viz. Saṁkhyātajivikā (the plant in which there live countable bacteria), Asaṁkhyātajivikā (the plant in which (there) reside innumerable bacteria) and Anantajivikā (the plant in which (there) live infinite bacteria).⁵⁶ Under the first type there come the following plants, viz. Tāla (palmyra tree) up to Nālieri (cocoanut tree), while under the second type (asaṁkhyātajivikā) there are two kinds of plant, viz. ekasthikā (one seeded plant) and bahubījaka (many-seeded plant), e. g. Nīmba, Āmra, etc. are one-seeded, while Asthika (guava), Tinduka (Diospyrosembryoteris), Dāḍima (Pomogranate), etc. fall under the second variety (bahubījaka).⁵⁷ The third natural order (anantajivikā) consists of the following plants, viz. Āluka (white Patato), Mūlaka (radish), Singavera (ginger), upto Musuṇḍhi and others like them. This classification of plants is scientifically sound when considered in the light of modern Biology.⁵⁸

SĀDHĀRAṆAŚARĪRAVĀDARAVANASPAṬIKĀYIKAS (Gross plant bodies beings having Common body)

There are stated to be many kinds of Sādhāraṇaśarīrabādaravanaspaṭikāyikas, such as, Avakā (a kind of grassy plant growing in marshy sand, Blyxa. Octandra Rich), otherwise, called Śaivāla), Panaga (Panaka-fungus or a kind of Arum), Sevāla (Śaivala = algae), Lohiṇī (Rohiṇī = Soyida febrifuga?), Mihū (a kind of medicinal plant), Thihū (a kind of plant), Asakaṇṇī (Aśvakarnī = Dipterocarpus or the tree Vatica Robusta), Sīhakaṇṇī (Sīmḥakarṇī = a kind of plant), Siumḍhi (Siumḍhi = a kind of plant, the shrub Arbus pricatorius), Musuṇḍhi (a kind of plant), Ruru (a species of fruit tree), Kaṁḍuriyā (Kuṇḍarika = a kind of plant), Jārū (a kind of plant or Jiru Cuminum cyminum), Chiravirāli (a kind of plant, Kṣīravidārikā, having kanda, Ipomaea digitata?), Kiṭṭhiyā (Kiṭṭi = a kind of plant), Haliddā (Haridrā = curcuma longa), Śrīngavera (ādu = ginger), Āluga (Baṭaṭa = patatoo), Mulaga (Mūlā, radish), Kambū (Kambuyā = a kind of plant), Kaṇhakadbū

54. "Jaha sagalasarīsavāṇaṁ silesamiśāṇa vaṭṭiyā vaṭṭi / paṭteyasarīraṇaṁ taha h. mti sarīrasaṁghāyā //46//", Paṇṇavaṇā, I.53.45.

55. "Jaha vā tilapappaḍiyā bahuehiṁ tilehi saṁhitā saṁti / Paṭteyasarīraṇaṁ taha hoṁti sarīrasaṁghāyā //46//", Ibid., I. 53.46, p. 21

56. Bhagavati Sūtra, 8.3.324.

57. Ibid.

58. Ibid., 7.3.276; 8.3.324.

(Kannukkaḍa = a kind of plant), Mahuo (Madhuka ? = Glycerrhiza glabra), Valai (a kind of plant), Mahusiṅgi (Madhuṣṛṅgi = a kind of plant), Niruha (Niruhā = a kind of plant), Sappasuyamdhā (Sarpasugāmdā, the ichenumon plant), Chinnaruhā (Galo = Clerodendrum phlo-moides), Biyaruhā (Bījaruha = a kind of plant growing from seed), Pāḍha (pāṭha = Cyclea peltata), Miyavālumki (Mṛgavālumki = a kind of plant), Mahurarasa (Madhurarasa, a species of Glycerrhiza glabra), Rāyavalli (Rājavalli = Paedaria foetida or Momordica Charantion), Paumā (Padmā = Bhāramṅi = a kind of lotus), Māḍhari (Mādhuri ? = Foeniculum Vulgarae), Daṁti (Baliospermum montanum), Caṁḍi (a species of plant), Kiṭṭi (Kiṭṭhi = a species of plant), Māsapaṇṇi (Māsapaṇṇi = Jaṅgli Adada Glycine Debilis), Muggapaṇṇi (Mudgapaṇṇi = Phaseolus Trilobus); Jīviya (Jīvika or Jivaka = the plant Jivanti, or a species of Pterocarpus marsupium), Rasabheya (Rṣabhaka = a kind of plant), Reṇuyā (Reṇukā = Vitex agnus-castus), Kāoli (Kākoli = Aśvaga-mḍhā = the plant physalis Flexuosa), Khīrakakoli (a kind of plant), Bhaṁgi (Cannabis Sativa), Nahī (a kind of plant), Kimirāsi (Kṛmirāśi = a species of plant), Bhaddamutthā (Bhadramustā = Motha, a kind of Cyperus tuberosus), Naṁgalai (Laṁgalai = The Glory lily – Gloriosa Superba), Paluga (Pelugā = a kind of plant), Kiṇha (Kṛṣṇa = a king of plant, Black pepper plant ?), Paula (a kind of plant), Haḍha (Hath = Jalakumbhikā, a kind of plant), Harataṇuyā (Haratanukā = a kind of plant), Kaṇha (Kṛṣṇakanda, the Lotus = Nymphaea rubra), Vajja (Vajrakanda = a species of bulbous plant), Surāṇḍkanda (Amorphophallus Campanulatus), Khalluḍa (Khaltura = a kind of plant) and others like them. They are anantajivikā (inhabited by infinite bacteria).⁵⁹

Tṛnamūla (root of grass), Kandamūla (root of bulb or tuberous root), Vaṁśamūla (root of bamboo) are inhabited by numerable, innumerable and infinite bacteria.

The Guccha (shrubs or fibrous root) of Siṁghāḍaga (Sṛṅgātaka = Trapa bispinosa), is the habitat of many bacteria, its leaves are inhabited by individual bacterius in each leaf, while its fruits are inhabited by two bacteria in each fruit.⁶⁰

There are infinite bacteria residing in the root, bulb, stem, bark, branch, twig, leaf, flower, fruit, and seed of the plant or plants which break clean (Samabhaṅga)⁶¹ in equal part.

59. Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, I. 54, 1, 47-53.

60. Ibid., I. 54-2, 54-55.

61. “Jassa mūlassa bhaggassa samo bhamgo padisae / up to Jassa biyassa bhaggassa samo bhamgo padisai / aṇantajive u se bie, je yāva aṇṇe tahāvihā //65//”, Ibid., I. 54.3, vv. 56-65.

There is the presence of limited bacteria (or single bacterius) in the roots, bulbs, stems, bark, branches, twigs, leaves, flowers, fruits and seeds of the plants which show thread (fiber) inside, when broken into parts.⁶²

If the bark of any root, bulb, stem and branch of a plant covering the wood of these parts is thicker than the wood, then it is inhabited by infinite bacteria.⁶³ If the bark of any root, bulb, stem and branch of a plant is thinner than the wood of these parts, then it is inhabited by parittajivas (limited bacteria of individual or single bacterius).⁶⁴

If the circular joint of a plant, when broken, is found to be full of much powder like things just as that of dried up earth, it is inhabited by infinite bacteria.⁶⁵

If the leaf of a plant has unexposed veins of leaf branch, waxy cutin or milky substance (Kṣīraṃ) or no waxy cutin (nihkṣīraṃ) and imperceptible joints of leaf branch, it is endowed with infinite bacteria.⁶⁶

Flowers – aquatic and terrestrial (Jalaja and sthalaja) connected with stalk and hollow stalk (or tube) (Vṛṇtabaddha and nālabaddha) are inhabited by numerable, innumerable and infinite bacteria.⁶⁷

Flowers which are connected with stalk (nālika) are resided by numerable bacteria. Euphorbia nivuia (Nihuya⁶⁸ = saihupuṣpa) are inhabited by infinite bacteria up to those like them also. The bulbs of Padma and Utpala (species of lotus), Antarakanda (that of Antarapuṣpa)

62. “Jassa mūlassa bhagassa hīro bhaṅge padīsai / parittajive u se mūle, je yāva aṇṇe tahāvihā / up to jassa biyassa bhagassa hīro bhaṅge padīsai / parittajive u se bīe, je yāva aṇṇe tahāvihā //75//”, Ibid., 1.54, 66.75.
63. “Jassa mūlassa kaṭṭhāo challi bahalatarī bhavē / Aṇaṃtajivā u sā chilli, jā yāva, aṇṇa tahāvihā //76// up to jise sālāe kaṭṭhāo challi bahulatarī bhavē / Aṇaṃtajivā u sā chilli, jā yāva, aṇṇa tahāvihā //79//”, Paṇṇavaṇā I. 54, 5, 76–79.; See Gommaṭasāra, Jivakāṇḍa, v. 189, p. 117.
64. “Jassa mūlassa kaṭṭhāo challi taṇuyatarī bhavē / Parittajivā u sā chilli, jā yāva aṇṇa tahāvihā //80// up to jise sālāe kaṭṭhāo challi taṇuyarī bhavē / Parittajivā u sā chilli, jā yāva, aṇṇa tahāvihā //83//”, Ibid., vv. 80–83; Gommaṭasāra (Jīva.) v. 189, p. 117.
65. “Cakkāgamaṃ bhajjamāṇassa gaṃṭhī cunnaghaṇo bhavē / Puḍhavisarisēṇa bhayēṇa aṇaṃtjivam viyāṇāhi //84//”, Paṇṇavaṇa I, 54, 7.84, p. 124.
66. “Gūdhachirāga pattam sacchiramīam ca hoti nicchiram / jam piya paṇaṭṭhasamdbi aṇaṃtajivam viyāṇāhi //” Paṇṇavaṇā I, 54, 7, 85.
67. “Pupphā jalayā thalayā ya veṇṭabaddhā ya nālabaddhā ya / Samkhejjamasamkhejjā bodhavvā aṇaṃtajivā ya //86//” Ibid., I. 54, 8, 86, p. 24.
68. “Thoranaṃ puṣpo ane tenā jevā bijā puṣpo chhe te anantajivavala hoyā chhe”, Prajñāpanānuvāda, p. 117, Bhagavānda.; “Nihuyā aṇaṃtajivā, je yāva aṇṇe tahāvihā (87), Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta I. 54–8, v. 87.

and like them *Indigofera pancifolia* (Jhilli) are the habitats of infinite bacteria, but their stalk and fibre are pervaded by one soul or being.⁶⁹

The bulbs of Onion, garlic, plaintain and Kusumbaka (*Kustumbaka* ? *Carthamus tinctorious*) are parittajivas (inhabited by limited or individual bacteria) upto those like them.⁷⁰

The stalks (*Vṛnta*), external leaves (*bāhirapatras*), pericarps (*karnīkās*) of *Padma*, *Nalina*, *Subhaga*, *Sogaṃdhikas*, *Aravinda*, *Kokanada*, *Śatapatra* and *Sahasrapatra*⁷¹ are pervaded by one soul (or of one soul in each), while their internal leaves (*abbhīmtaraga patta*), the filaments (*Kesara*) and seeds (*mīmājā* = *Kamal Kākaḍī*) are inhabited by individual soul or being⁷² in each.

The eyes (*acchīm*, i. e. buds), joint (*parva*) and circular ring of the joint (*Balīmoḍao* = *parimoḍaka parvanu pariveṣṭana*) of *Veṇu Dendro calamus Strictus*, *Nala* (*Phragmites Karka*), *Ikkhuvāḍiya* (*Ikṣuvāṭika* = *Saccharum Spontaneum*), *Masamā-Saikku* (*Samāsaikṣu* = a kind of Sugarcane), *Ikkāḍa* (*Sesbania aculeata*), *Eranda* (*Raṇḍa* = *Ricinus communis*), *Karakara* (a kind of plant), *Suṇṭhi* (a kind of ginger), *Vihumgu* (a kind of *Vanaspati*) *Taṇa* (*tṛna* = grass) and *Parvagas* (trees having joints) are of one soul (or single soul) in each. Their leaves are *pratyekajivikā* (inhabited by individual soul), while their flowers are *anekajivā* (inhabited by many bacteria).⁷³

Pussaphala (a kind of fruit), *Kālīmga* (*Tarbuca* = *Cucumis Usitatis-simus* or water-melon), *Tumba* (the Gourd *Lagenaria vulgaris*), *Trapusa* (*Kākaḍī* = cucumber), *Eelavālu* (*Prunus Cerasus Linn*), *Vāluṅka* (*Vāluka* = a species of *Prunus cerasus*), *Ghoṣāṭaka* (*Luffa acutangula* ?), *Paṭola* (*trichosanthes, cucumerina*), *Tindoka* (*Diospyros embryopteris*), *Tendusa* (a kind of plant) and their *Vīmṭa* (stalk), *Samāmsa-kaḍāha* (*Samāmsa-Kaṭāha* = fleshy part of fruit = ovary and upper skin of the fruit) are of one soul (i. e. pervaded by one soul). Their leaves are *pratyekām* (inhabited by individual bacteria) and also their filamental and non-

69. "Paumuppaliṅīkāmde aṃtarakāmde taheva jhilli ya / etc. aṇāntajivā ego jivo bhisa-muṇāle" (88), *Ibid.*, v. 88.

70. "Palamḍu-lhasaṇa kāmḍa ya kāmḍali ya Kusumbae / Ee parittajivā, je yāva aṇṇe tāhavihā" (89), *Ibid.* v. 89.

71. All are different species of lotus.

72. "Paumuppala halīṇāṇām subhaga-sogaṃdhīyāṇa ya /.....Abbhīmtaragā pattaṭṭeyaṃ kesarā mīmājā", *Ibid.*, vv. 90-91.

73. *Veṇu ṇala ikkhuvāḍiya masamā saikkhū ya ikkaḍeraṃde /.....pattēyaṃ pattaṭṭīm pupphāim aṇṇajivāim* II (93), *Ibid.* vv. 92-93.

filamental (sakeśara and akeśara) and seeds (mimja) are resided by individual bacteria in each.⁷⁴

Sapphāya (Sampāka ?, Catharto earpus fistula ?), Sajjāe (Sajjhaya = a kind of plant), Uvveheliyā (a kind of Vanaspati), Kuhana (mushroom) and Kanduka (a kind of Vanaspati = betel nut ?) are anantajivā (inhabited by infinite bacteria), while Kandukka may be alternately anantajivā and may be parittajiva or (pratyekajivā) (inhabited by individual bacteria) also.⁷⁵

The plant life (or soul) existing in seed in its dormant stage is born (or manifests itself) in germinating seed or another soul (or life) comes into existence in it. But the soul (or life) which is in the root is also pervading the first leaf (prathama patra) at this stage of the plant's life, all shoots of the plant, being sprouted, are called anantajivā (inhabited by infinite bacteria). That shoot, while growing, becomes parittajiva (inhabited by individual or limited beings or bacteria) or anantajivā (inhabited by infinite bacteria).

There take place simultaneously the birth, formation of bodies, receiving of matter and respiration of Sādhāraṇaśarīrabādaravanaspatikāyikas (bacteria having common body).⁷⁷

That which is the receiving of one of Sādhāraṇaśarīrabādaravanaspatikāyikas is that of many of them. That which is the receiving of many is the receiving of one in short. The common food and the common respiration are the common differentia of these common (group) beings having inclusion-bodies⁷⁸ (Sādhāraṇaśarīra).

Just as the iron ball, when heated in fire, becomes red like heated gold – all got transformed into fire, just so the Nigodajivas (viruses) which are also sādharāṇa śarīravanaspaticāyika should be known in

74. Pussaphalaṃ kālīṃgaṃ tumbāṃ touselavālu vāluṃkaṃ / Ghosādayaṃ Paḍolaṃ Tindūyaṃ ceva Tendūsaṃ (94) Viṃṭa samaṃsa-Kaḍāhaṃ eyāṃ hoṃti egajivassa patteyaṃ pattāṃ sakesaramakesaraṃ mimjā //” (95). Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra, I. 54. 8, vv. 94-95.
75. “Sapphāe sajjāe uvvehaliyā ya Kuhāṇa Kaṃḍukke / Ee anantajivā Kaṃḍukke hoti bhayaṇāu //” (96), Ibid., v. 96.
76. “Joṇibbhūe bīe jīvo vakkamai so va aṇṇo vā / jo vi ya mūle jīvo so vi ya patte paḍhamāṇe //” (97), “Savvo vi kisalao Khalu uggamamaṇo aṇaṃtao bhaṇio / So ceva vivaḍḍhamto hoi paritto aṇaṃte vā //” (98), Ibid., 1.54.9, 97-98.
77. “Samayaṃ Vakkamāṇāṃ samayaṃ tesim sarīranivattī / Samayaṃ aṇuggabaṇaṃ samavaṃ ūsāsa-nisāse //” (99), Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra, I. 5.10, 99.
78. “Ekkassa u jaṃ gahaṇaṃ bahūṇaṃ sāhāraṇāṇatam ceva / Jaṃ bahuyānaṃ gahaṇaṃ samāso taṃ pi eggassa //” (100), “Sāhāraṇamaḥāro sāhāraṇamaṇuyāṇāga haṇaṃ ca / Sāhāraṇajivāṇaṃ sāhāraṇalakkāṇaṃ eyaṃ //” (101), Ibid., vv. 100, 101.

regard to their receiving of common food and common respiration. The body of one or two or numberable Nigodas cannot be seen, but the inclusion-bodies (Sādhāraṇaśarīra) of infinite Nigodajīvas are perceptible.⁷⁹

Here it is to be noted that Nigodajīvas come under the category of Sādhāraṇaśarīravanaspatikāyikas. They compare well with micro-organisms - viruses, bacteriophages and rickettsias of Biology.

“Although individual virus particles cannot be seen, virus - infected cells frequently contain “inclusion bodies” which are visible with an ordinary microscope. These are belived to be huge colonies of viruses.”⁸⁰

SĀDHĀRAṆAŚARĪRASŪKṢMAVANASPATIKĀYIKAS

(Subtile plant bacteria having common body)

Their existence is accepted on the basis of the evidence of the Āgamas (āṇāgejjhā), but they are not perceptible to the eyes.⁸¹ They are of two kinds, viz. developed (paryāptaka) and undeveloped (aparyāptaka).⁸² Those which are aparyāptaka are asaṁprāpta (undeveloped).⁸³ Those which are paryāptaka are of thousand kinds with regard to colour, smell, taste, touch and have numberable lakhs of birth-place (Saṁkhejjāim̃ jōṇippamuhāsahasassāim̃). Aparyāptakas are born with the support of Paryāptakas. There where one paryāptaka exists may be numberable or innumerable or infinite aparyāptakas⁸⁴.

Subtile Plants (Sūkṣma Vanaṣpati)

The subtile plants are of one kind, as there is no variety. They are distributed all over the world, gross plants are found in a part of the world only.⁸⁵ With regard to the continuous flow (or development of a plant body) it is without a beginning and an end; but with

79. “ Jaha ayagola dhamto jāo tattatavāṇijjasamkaso / Savvo agañiparinato ṇigoyajīve tabā jāṇa //102// ”; Egassa doṇha tiṇha va saṁkhejjāṇa va na pāsium sakkā / Disaṁti sarīraim̃ ṇiyojivāṇa aṇaṁtāṇam̃ //103// ”, Ibid., vv. 102, 103.

80. Biology, p. 139.

81. “ Sūhumā aṇāgejjhā cakkhuphāsam̃ ṇa te em̃ti ”, Paṇṇavaṇa, 1. 54, p. 26.

82. “ Te saṁāsao duvihā paṇṇattā, tamjahā-pajjattagā ya apajjattagā ya ”, Ibid., 1.55, p. 26.

83. Ibid., 1.55.1.

84. “ Tattha ṇam̃ je te pajjattagā tesim̃ vaṇṇādesenaṁ gamdhādesenaṁ rasādesenaṁ phāsādesenaṁ saḥassaggaso vihaṇāim̃, saṁkhejjāim̃ jōṇippamuhāsahasassāim̃ / Pajjattaganissāe apajjattagā vakkamaṁti-jattha ego tattha siya saṁkhejjā siya aṇaṁtā / ”, Ibid.

85. Egavihamanāṇattā, suhumā tattha viyāhiyā / Sūhumā savvalogammi, logadesa ya bayarā / ”, Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.10).

regard to its existence in its present form it has both a beginning and an end.⁸⁶

Duration of Life of Plants :

Ten thousand years is the longest duration of the life of plants; its shortest is less than a muhūrta. The longest duration of the plant-lives, if they do not leave that type, i. e. the continuous birth in the same type, is an immeasurable time; the shortest is less than one muhūrta.

The longest interval between a plant life's leaving its body (till its return to it) is an endless time; the shortest is less than one muhūrta. Their varieties, caused by (difference of) colour, smell, taste, touch, figure and place are counted by thousands.⁸⁷

The above statement of Jaina Biology on the duration of life and growth of plant-life needs a scientific study and verification in the light of Biology. It is true according to modern Biology that "some organisms—most trees, will grow indefinitely".⁸⁸

86. "Santāim pappā nāiya, apajjavasiya vi ya / Ṭhīim paḍucca sāiya ṣapajjavasiya vi ya //", *Ibid.*, 36.101.

87. *Ibid.*, 36; 102-105.

88. *Biology*, p. 18.

(Fourth Section — B)

Bacteria, Algae and Fungi

BACTERIA :

Occurrence of Bacteria :

The account of the types of plants—subtile and gross as given in the Jaina Āgamas throws a welcome light upon the plant kingdom, touching upon the life of both subtile and gross plants and bacteria¹ living in plant's body as there are not many places in the world as devoid of bacteria.² They are also mentioned as individual earth-lives, water-lives, fire-lives and wind-lives.³ These earth-quadrates of the Jainas are called bacteria in modern Biology and their life is explained in the following manner :

“ They have been found as 16 feet deep in soil; they are most numerous in the top 6 inches of soil, where it is estimated that there are about 100,000 per cubic centimeter. They are found in fresh and salt-water and even in the ice of glacier. They are abundant in air, in liquids, such as, milk, and in and on the bodies of animals and plants, both living and dead.”⁴ The Jaina view on the earth-quadrates is well supported by Biology as it appears from the study of their life.

It is further stated in the Jaina Āgams that earth, roots, bulbs, stems, branches, twigs, barks, leaves, flowers, fruits and seeds of plants are inhabited by bacteria.⁵ So they absorb sap or minerals from the soil by the combined action of the suction force which is connected

1. “ Se ṇaṇaṃ mūla mūlajivaphudā ... biyajivaphudā ”, Bhagavati Sūtra, 7.3.275; “ Ālue mūlae.... jāva aṇāntajivā vivihāsattā ”, Ibid., 7.3.276; “ Tiviha rukkha paṇṇattā, taṃjahā-saṃkhejjajiviyā asaṃkhejjajiviyā aṇāntajiviyā /” Ibid., 8.3.324.; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.96, e. g. āluka, mūlaka, etc. contain bacteria; Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, I. 40ff. ‘ Mūla vi asaṃkhejjajiviyā... pupphā aṇegajiviyā /’; Gommaṭasāra, (Jivakāṇḍa), v. 189, p. 117.
2. Bhagavati Sūtra, 33, 1.844.; Uttarādhyayana 36.68, the earth quadrates and plant bacteria are found throughout the world ; Biology, p. 132.
3. “ Puḍhavi ya āu āgaṇi ya vāu ”, Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Book I, Lecture 7, 1, p. 153.; Bhagavati Sūtra, 33.1; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.70, 84, 92, 108, 117; Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta I 19.55, Ekendriyajivapaṇṇavanā, pp. 13–27; Gommaṭasāra, (Jivakāṇḍa), v. 89, p. 68.; Lokaprakāśa, 4th Sarga, v. 25 ; 5th Sarga. v. f, ff.
4. Biology, p. 132.
5. Bhagavati Sūtra, 7.3.275 ; Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, I. 40, 41; Gommaṭasāra (Jivakāṇḍa), v. 189, p. 117. “ Kāṃdassa va mūlassa va salākhaṃdhassa bābi bahulatari Challi sāṇāntajiyā patteyajiyā tu taṇukadari /”.

with transpiration pull and root pressure.⁶ Roots, bulbs, barks, tendrils, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits and seeds, when clean breaking are host (individual-souled plants), when not clear breaking, (they) are (non-host) individual.⁷

Cell Structure or Figure and Size of Earth Quadrates :

The bodily figures of the earth quadrates (i. e. earth-, water, fire- and air- bacteria) are, (respectively speaking, circular) like masura grain (lentil), (round like) a drop of water, (cylindrical like) a bundle of needles, (and oblong like) a flag.⁸ The bodies of plants and mobile bacteria are of various sorts.⁹ The size of the body of earth-, water, fire-, and air-bacteria is the innumerable part of a cubic finger. Therefore, these are not visible as separate entities but in a mass¹⁰ only.

The Jaina views regarding the figure and size of earth quadrates are supported by modern Biology in the following manner : “ Bacteria cells are very small, from less than 1 to 10 microns in length and from 0.2 to 1 micron in width. The majority of bacterial species exist as single-celled forms, but some occur as filaments of loosely joined cells. Because of their small size and general similarity of structure, the classification of bacteria usually depends on physiologic or biochemical characters rather than morphologic ones. There are rodlike forms called bacilli, spherical form, called cocci, and spiral forms. The bacilli may occur as single rods or as in the dactylus causing anthrax, as long chains of rods joined together. Diphtheria, typhoid fever, tuberculosis and leprosy are all caused by bacilli. The spherical forms occur singly in some species; in groups of two (e. g. the gonococcus, the agent causing gonorrhoea); in long chains (spherical bacteria which exist in long chains are called streptococci); or in irregular clumps, resembling

6. Bhagavati Sūtra, 7.3.275.; Lokaprakāṣa, 5. 302-33; 5. 107-108; “ Mūlāṃ syāt bhūmisambaddham tatra kandaḥ samaśritaḥ / Tatra skandha iti mitho bijāntaḥ syuryutā same //”, 5.107. “ Atāḥ pṛthvigatarasamāharanti. . . . phalasaṃgataṃ //”, 1.5 108.
7. Gommatasāra (Jivakāṇḍa), v. 188, p. 117. “ Mūle kaṃde chālīpavālasaladalakusumabije / Samabhaṅge sadi nāntā asame sadi hoṃti patteya //”.
8. Gommatasāra (Jivakāṇḍa), v. 201. “ Masuraṃvubīṃdusūkalābadhayasaṃpiho have deho / Puḍhaviādicauḅham ”.
9. Ibid., “ Tarutasakāya aṇeyavihā //”, v. 201, p. 122.
10. Ibid. (Comm.), p. 122. Take a glass of fresh water. Every drop of it is a mass of water-bodied bacteria which are obviously invisible to us. Under a microscope a drop of water is seen to possess many minute animalculae. These are not water-bodied bacteria. Water-bodied bacteria have water and that alone as the matter of their bodies. These animalculae are two - or more-sensed beings which live in water.

bunches of grapes (spherical bacteria which occur in such clumps are called staphylococci). There are two types of spiral forms; the spirilla, which are less coiled and sometimes resemble a comma (the one causing cholera looks like this); and the spirochetes, which are highly coiled and resemble a corkscrew. The most widely known of the latter is the one causing syphilis.”¹¹

Reproduction of Bacteria

Bacteria-earth quadrates and bacteria in plants reproduce asexually (saṁmūrcchima).¹² It is stated in the Jaina Āgamas¹³ that “Some beings are born in trees and grow in trees that are originated by trees, come forth as their roots, bulbs, stems, branches, twigs, leaves, flowers, fruits and seeds.”¹⁴

“Some beings are born in earths and grow in earth particles that are the origin of various things and come forth as kūhaṇa.”¹⁵

“Some beings are born in water, grow in particles of water that are the origin of various things and come forth as Paṇaga (fungus), Sevāla (algae), etc.”¹⁶

It has already been pointed out that numerable, innumerable and infinite bacteria inhabit the roots, bulbs, stems, branches, twigs, leaves, flowers, fruits and seeds of some sādharmaśarīra vanaspatis including kūhaṇa, sevāla, etc. It is not clearly stated how the asexual reproduction of the plant bacteria takes place.

“Further some beings are born in water, grow in water and come forth as water-body, which is produced by wind, condensed by wind, it goes upwards, when there is an upward wind, it goes downwards, when there is a downward wind, it goes in a horizontal direction, when there is a horizontal wind; its varieties are hoar-frost, snow, mist, hail-stones, dew and rain.”¹⁷

11. Biology, p. 132.

12. Ācārāṅga Sūtra, I. I. 81; Sūtrakṛtāṅga, I. 7. 1.

13. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II. 3. 46. “Sattā rukkhaḥajāṇiyā rukkhasambhavā.....rukkesu mūlattāe kaṇḍattāe khaṇḍattāe tayattāe salattāe pavālattāe pattattāe pupphattāe phalattāe bīyattāe viṣṭāntī /”.

14. SBE XLV, II. 3. 5, p. 390. One soul, jīva pervades the whole tree; it is the soul of the tree, separate lives, however, reside in the roots, etc. as bacteria.

15. “Sattā puḍhaviḥajāṇiyā.....Kūhaṇattāe /”, etc., Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II. 3.54.

16. “Sattā udagaḥajāṇiyā.....paṇagattāe sevālattāe /”, etc., Ibid.

17. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.59. “Sattā nāṇāvihajāṇiyā.....Vāyasaṁsiddham....vāyapari-ggahiyam uddhavaesu uddhabhāgi bhavati, ahevāesu ahebhāgi bhavati, tiriyaevāesu tiriyaḥajāṇiyā bhavati, tamjāhā-osā himāe.....suddhodae”.

“Some beings, born in water, come forth in water bodies, in the water produced by other water bodies.”¹⁸

“Some beings born in water, come forth as movable creatures.”¹⁹

“Some beings come forth as fire-bodies in the manifold animate or inanimate bodies of movable or immovable creatures.”²⁰

“Some beings are born as wind-bodies, grow in wind bodies and come forth in wind-bodies.”²¹

“Some beings are earth, gravel, sand, stones, rocks, rock salt, iron, copper, tin, lead, silver, gold and diamond, orpiment, vermilion, realgar, sāsaka, antimony, coral, abhrapaṭala (mica ?), abhravāluka, hyacinth, natron, aṅka, crystal, lohitaḅṅṅa, emerald, masāragalla, bhugamokaka, sapphire, candana, red chalk, haṁsagarbha, pulaka and sulphur, candraprabha, lapis lazuli, jalakānta and sūryakānta²² (a kind of gem).”

It is not clearly explained by the Jainācāryas how does the reproduction of bacteria-earth quadrates and plant bacteria take place. But it is suggestive from the reference to their birth and death with remarkable speed at the rate of innumerable one-sensed bacteria per instant (or moment) (samaya), of infinite bacteria in common plant body, e. g. those of āluka (white potato, suraṅga, etc.)²³ and of nigodas (micro-organisms = viruses ?)²⁴ that bacteria generally reproduce asexually by simple fission—the cell simply divides into two cells, etc.

The Jaina view on the reproduction of bacteria is supported by modern Biology in the following manner : “ Bacteria generally reproduce asexually by simple fission—the cell division occurs in bacteria with remarkable speed, some bacteria dividing once every twenty minutes. At this rate, if there were plenty of food and nothing to interfere,

18. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II. 3,59. “ Sattā udagajoniyaṅam.....udagajoniesu udaeṣu udagattāe viuṭṭamti /”.

19. “ Sattā udgajoniyaṅam.....tasapāṅattāe viuṭṭamti /”, Ibid.

20. “ Ihegatiyā sattā... .aganikāyattāe viuṭṭamti /”, Ibid., II. 3.60.

21. “ Ihegatiyā sattā... .vayakkayattāe viuṭṭamti /”, Ibid.

22. “ Ihegatiyā sattā... .puḅhavittāe śakkarattāe.....jāva sūrakāmtattāe viuṭṭamti /”, Ibid., II. 3.61.

23. “ Aṅusamaya-masamkhijjā, egiṁdiyā huṁti ya cavamti /”, Candrasūti, Bḅhat-sāṁgrahaṅi, 1st edition, V.S. 1993, v. 274, p. 28; “ Vaṅakāio aṅamta ikkikkāo bijaṁ nigoyāo. Niccāni-masamkho bhāgo, aṅamta jivo cayai /”, etc., Ibid, v. 275, p. 28.

24. Ibid., v. 275, p. 28. See also other editions of Bḅhatsaṅgrahaṅi by Mastar Umecand Raychand for this reference, “ Aṅusamayamasam-khijjā-egiṁdiyā huṁti ya cavamti /”, v. 435, p. 243; “ Vaṅakāio aṅamta ikkikkāo vijaṁ nigoyāo / Niccāni masamkho bhāgo aṅamtajivo cayai ei /”, Ibid., v. 436.

one bacteria could give rise to about 250,000 bacteria within six hours. This explains why the entrance of relatively, few pathogenic bacteria into a human being can quickly result in disease symptoms. Fortunately for all other forms of life, bacteria cannot reproduce at this rate for a very long time, for they soon are checked by a lack of food, or by the accumulation of waste products.”²⁵

Bacterial Metabolism

Like other organisms bacteria have a host of enzymes that mediate and regulate their metabolic processes. A few bacteria are autotrophic²⁶ –they can synthesize their needed organic compounds from simple inorganic substances present in the environment, through their pores.²⁷ Most bacteria are either saprophytes,²⁸ getting their food from the dead bodies of plants or animals or parasites (aṇusūga) living in or on the living body of a plant or animal.²⁹

Other Micro-organisms (Nigodas)

Much smaller than bacteria (earth quadrates and plant-bacteria) are other forms called Nigodas³⁰ (micro-organisms viruses). There are two kinds of Nigodas, viz. Nigodakā and Nigodajivā³¹ (Nitya Nigodas and Itara Nigodas—fine and gross).³² They may be identified with bacteriophages and rickettsias. With the exception of the last, these are too small to be seen with ordinary microscopes and can be photographed only.³³ These Nigodas can be classified as plant according to Jaina view; their status in the world of living things is clear. But these forms exhibit some, but not all of the usual characteristics of living things,³⁴

25. Biology, p. 135.

26. Autotrophs are self-nourishing, e.g. photosynthetic green plants and chemosynthetic, iron bacteria which oxidize ferrous to ferric iron.

27. “Lomahāra egiṁdiyā /”, Bṛhatsaṁgrahaṇī, v. 200, p. 81.; “Sariṇeṇoyāhāro, tayā ya phāse ya lomahāra /”, Ibid., v. 117, p. 124.

28. They absorb their required organic nutrients directly through the cell membrane.

29. Sutrakṛtāṅgā, II. 3,58; “Ihegatiyā satta nānāvihāṇaṁ tasathavarāṇaṁ poggalāṇaṁ sarīresu vā, sacittesu vā, aciṭtesu vā, aṇusūvattāe viuttanti /”; “Te jivā tesim nānāvihāṇaṁ tasathavarāṇaṁ pāṇāṇaṁ siṇetramahāreṁti /” etc.

30. Bhagavati Sūtra, 25.5.749; Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, 1.55.102; Lokaprakāśa Sutta, I. 4th Sarga, 32ff.; Nigoda Saṅgīhikā; Gommatasāra (Jivakāṇḍa) 73.

31. “Duvihā niudā paṇṇatrā, tamjaha-niuyagā ya niuyajivā ya /”, Bhagavati Sūtra, 25.5.749.

32. “Suhamaṇiudā ya Vāḍaraṇiudā ya /”, Ibid.

33. Biology, p. 138.

34. See the second section of the 1st chapter.

as some nigodas do not attain change, while some³⁵ are born and die and again return to the original state.³⁶

Types of Nigodas :

There are stated to be two kinds of Nigodas from the point of their size, viz. fine and gross (sūkṣma and bādara).³⁷ Sūkṣma Nigodas are of two kinds, viz. paryāptaka (developed) and aparyāptaka (undeveloped). Bādara Nigodas also are of two kinds, viz. paryāptaka (developed) and aparyāptaka (undeveloped).

Nigodajivas are of two kinds, viz. Sūkṣma Nigodajivas (fine Nigodajivas) and Bādara Nigodajivas (gross Nigodajivas). Sūkṣma Nigodajivas are of two types, viz. paryāptakas (developed) and aparyāptakas (undeveloped). Bādara Nigodajivas also are of two types, viz. paryāptakas (developed) and aparyāptakas (undeveloped)³⁸

Nigodas are innumerable from the substantial point of view, and thus paryāptaka and aparyāptakas also.³⁹ Sūkṣma Nigodas are innumerable from the substantial point of view. Thus Sūkṣma-paryāptakas and aparyāptakas also and bādara-nigodas, bādara-paryāptakas and bādara-aparyāptakas also should be known.⁴⁰

Nigodajivas :

Nigodajivas are infinite in number from the substantial point of view, thus paryāptakas and aparyāptakas also, thus Sūkṣmanigodajivas also, and aparyāptakas, bādanigodajivas also, paryāptakas also, aparyāptakas also should be treated.⁴¹

Nigodas are infinite in number from the modal point of view, thus paryāptakas and aparyāptakas also, thus sūkṣmanigoda paryāptakas and aparyāptakas also, thus sūkṣmanigoda paryāptakas and aparyāptakas

35. "Atthi aṇamājavā, jehim na patto tāsāi pariṇāmo, uppajjanti cayanāti, puṇo vi tattheva tattheva /" Bṛhatsaṃgrahaṇī, v. 277.

36. Ibid.

37. Bhagavatī Sūtra, 12.2.443; Jivābhigama Sūtra, p. 97.

38. Ibid.

39. "Ñiudāṇam.....davvaṭṭhayāe.....no samkhejjā asamkhejjā no aṇamā evam pajjattagāvi appajjattagāvi", Jivābhigama, p. 998.

40. "Suhūmaniudāṇam.....davvaṭṭhayāe....no samkhejjā asamkhejjā no aṇamā, evam pajjattagāvi apajjattagāvi evam bāyarāvi pajjattagāvi appajjattagāvi no samkhejjā asamkhejjā no aṇamā /", Ibid., p. 998.

41. "Ñiuyajivāṇam davvaṭṭhayāe.....aṇamā evam pajjattagāvi appajjattagāvi, evam suhūmaṇiuyajivāvi pajjattagāvi appajjattagāvi bādanūiyajivāvi pajjattagāvi apajjattagāvi, Ibid., p. 999.

also thus bādarānigodas also, – paryāptakas and aparyāptas also⁴² should be treated.

Nigodajīvas also are thus of seven classes and all are infinite in number from the modal point of view.⁴³

Next the Jivābhigama sutta discusses the comparative numbers (alpatva–bahutva) of all types of Nigodas and Nigodajīvas from the substantial and modal points of view.⁴⁴

These ultra microscopic forms of living beings (nigodas) take their name from the very fact that they are tiny enough to exist in infinite number in common Nigodaśarīra.⁴⁵ Nigodas do not really reproduce themselves, but they are reproduced in infinite number by the enzymic machinery present in other living cells, as it is suggested by the statement that in the common body when one soul dies, there is death of infinite souls (with it), (while) when one is born, there is the birth of infinite souls there.⁴⁶

Estimates of the size of nigodas have been made in several different ways: The size of the body of a fine-bodied and non-developable nigoda organism in the third instant after it has taken birth in its nucleus (Yoni) is an innumerable part of one (cubic) finger (anguli). This is the minimum (bodily size). The maximum size is found in the fish born in the last and the biggest ocean called Svayambhūramana of the world.⁴⁸

The body of a fine-bodied non-developable Nigoda in a plant body is oblong in the first instant of its birth, square in the second instant, and in the third instant it contracts and becomes circular (or spherical). In the circular state the dimensions of its body are at the minimum, after the third instant it begins to grow,⁴⁹ i. e. it varies widely in size.

42. *Ṇiudā ṇuṃ bhānte padesaṭṭhayāe.....aṇānta, evaṃ suhūmaṇiuyāvi pajjattagāvi apajjattagāvi paesāṭṭhayāe savve aṇānta evaṃ, bayarāniuyāvi pajjattayāvi apajjattayāvi paesāṭṭhayāe savve aṇāntā //*, Ibid.

43. “*Evaṃ ṇiudajīvāva sattavihā paesāṭṭhayāe savve aṇāntā //*”, Ibid. p. 1000.

44. Ibid., pp. 1000.1007.

45. *Ni = Niyatāṃ. gāṃ = bhūmiṃ, Kṣetraṃ. nivāsamanantānantajivāṇāṃ dadatṭi nigodaṃ //*, Gommaṭṭasāra, Jivakāṇḍa, v. 191, (comm.). p. 118.

46. “*Jatthekka maraī jivo tattha du maraṇāṃ have aṇāntānaṃ / Vakkamaī jattha ekko vakkamaṇāṃ tatthaṇāntāṇāṃ //*”, 95.193.

47. “*Suhūmaṇigoda apajjayassa jādassa tadiyasmayamhi / aṅgula asamkhabhāgaṃ jāṇṇāṃamukkassayam macche //*”, Gommaṭṭasāra (Jīva) 94.

48. Ibid.

49. Ibid. (Comm.), p. 70

The Jaina view about the size of Nigoda finds support in modern Biology to some extent in the following manner : “ Viruses vary widely in size; one of the largest—the psittacosis virus, the cause of a disease transmitted by parrots and other birds—is about 275 millimicrons in diameter, and one of the smallest, the one causing foot and mouth disease of cattle, is 10 millimicrons in diameter. The electron microscope reveals that some viruses are spherical and others are rod-shaped.”⁵⁰

By the operation of the common (Sādhāraṇa) body making karma the bodies of Nigodas become group-souled. They are gross and fine.⁵¹ That is to say, their bodies become group-souled “ like huge colonies of viruses ” of modern Biology.⁵² “ Although individual virus particles cannot be seen, virus-infected cells frequently contain ‘inclusion bodies’ (i. e. group-souled bodies of Nigodas), which are visible with ordinary microscope. (These are believed to be huge colonies of viruses.) ”⁵³

It appears from the study of Jaina Biology that some Nigodas like viruses parasitize bacteria (earth quadrates and bacteria in plant); they are filtrable and will grow only in the presence of living cells—in cultures of bacteria, which they cause to swell and dissolve. These Nigodas are found in nature wherever bacteria occur—“ and especially abundant in the intestine of man and other animals (kuṣṣikṛmi ?) ” They may be compared with Bacteriophages of modern Biology.⁵⁴ “ Electron micrographs show that some are about 5 millimicrons in diameter (they vary considerably in size) and that they may be spherical, comma-shaped or they may have a tail and resemble a ping-pong paddle.”⁵⁵ Some Nigodas like Rickettsias of modern Biology (resembling viruses) will multiply only within living cells. Their cellular structure is similar in most respects to that of bacterias already defined. Some are spherical, others are rod-shaped, and they vary in length. This Jaina view is supported by Biology in this way that Rickettsias resemble viruses in that with a single exception (a non-pathogenic parasite of the sheep tick), they will multiply only within living cells. Their cellular structure is similar in most respects to that of bacteria. Some

50. Biology, p. 139.

51. “ Sādhāraṇodayeṇa nigodasatīra havamīti sāmāṇā / Te puṇa duviḥā jivā badarasuhumāti viṇṇeyā // ”, Gommaṭasāra, Jivakāṇḍa, v. 191, p. 118.

52. Biology, p. 139; Ni = Niyatām, Gām = Bhūmīm, Kṣetram, nivāsamañāntānanta-Jivānām datatīti nigodam / That which is always the abode of infinite souls (/) viruses in huge colonies is called Nigoda. qs., p. 118.

53. Biology, p. 139.

54. Ibid., pp. 140-141.

55. Ibid., p. 141.

are spherical, others rod-shaped, and they vary in length from 300 to 2000 millimicrons. They are larger than viruses and hence are non-filtrable and just barely visible under the microscope."⁵⁶

ALGAE (Sevāla)

According to the Jaina Āgamas, the more primitive plants, which neither form embryos during development nor have vascular tissues, e. g. Sevāla⁵⁷ (algae) and Panaga⁵⁸ (fungus) may be identical with Thallophytes of modern Biology.⁵⁹ The Thallophytes are classified into two kinds, viz. Algae (Sevāla) (those that have chlorophyll and can live independently) and Fungi (paṇaga)⁶⁰ (those that lack chlorophyll and must live as saprophytes or parasites) (aṇusūyattāe).

Algae are primarily inhabitants of water (Jalaruha),⁶¹—fresh or salt water, but according to Biology, “a few of them live on rock surfaces and on the bark of tree. The ones living in such comparatively dry places usually remain dormant when water is absent.”⁶²

Algae are important food producers by virtue of their tremendous numbers, as all of the photosynthesis in fresh water or in the sea is carried on by algae. According to Biology, there are many kinds of algae, such as, blue-green algae, green algae, brown algae, red algae etc.⁶³

Fungi (Paṇaga) :

The simple plants that lack chlorophyll are called fungi (paṇaga). The true fungi include rust, smuts, mushrooms, toad-stool, etc. They are of five colours—red, yellow, grey (or cloudy), black and white.⁶⁴

In a fungus, such as, the mushroom (Kuhana), the mycelium is below ground; the mushroom cap that is eaten is a fruiting body that grows out from the mycelium. According to modern biology, “Fungi are either saprophytic or parasitic and are found universally wherever organic material is available; they grow best in dark, moist habitats.”⁶⁵

56. Ibid., p. 142.

57. “Panagattāe Sevalattāe”, etc.; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.5⁴; Paṇṇavanā, I. 51, p. 21; “Paṇagā sevāla-bhūm-iphōḍa ya /”, Jivavicāra 8.

58. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.103-104; Paṇṇavanā I.51, p. 21; “Panagā sevāla - bhumiphōḍa ya /”, Jivavicāra, v. 8.

59. Biology, p. 145.

60. Ibid.; Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II. 3.55.

61. Paṇṇavanā, I. 5 ; Panaga also is jalaruha.

62. Biology, p. 145.

63. Ibid., pp. 147-152.

64. Jivavicāra, p. 133.

65. Biology, p. 155.

(Fifth Section)

Evolution of Plant Reproduction

It appears from the study of the Jaina Āgamas that in plants, much more clearly than in animals, an evolutionary sequence is evident ranging from forms, such as, the blue greens (algae)¹ and bacteria² which reproduce by asexual means, to ones with complicated life-cycles and highly evolved adaptations until it is capable of leading an independent life. Some of the lower forms, such as, fungi (Paṇaga)³ which has no reproductive specializations, produce billions of spores so that by chance a few will fall in an environment favourable for germination and survival. The higher plant may produce no more than a few score seeds⁴ per plant but each seed has a fairly good chance of growing into a mature plant.

Asexual Reproduction

According to Jaina Biology, asexual reproduction⁵ takes place in plant life. Asexual reproduction is characterized by the presence of a single parent, one that splits, buds, fragments or produces many spores⁶ so as to give rise to two or more offsprings. It is stated in the Sūtrakṛtāṅga that there are, all in all, in the world four kinds of seeds (for reproduction), viz. seeds generated at the top (of the plant), (2) at its root, (3) at its knots and (4) at its stem.⁷ According to the seed and place (of growth) of these plants, some beings-born in earth,

1. Sevāla, Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.55; Paṇṇavaṇā I.51, p. 2; Jivavicāra 8.
2. For plant bacteria see Bhagavatī Sūtra, 7.3. 276; 8. 3. 324; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36. 96; Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra, I. 40 ff; Gommaṣāra (Jivakāṇḍa), V. 189, p. 117; For Earth quadrates see Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Book I, Bhagavatī, 33. 1. 884; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.70, 84, 92, 108, 117; Paṇṇavaṇā; Gommaṣāra (Jivakāṇḍa) 89, p. 68; Lokaprakāśa, 4th Sarga; v. 25; 5th Sarga, v. I ff.
3. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.55 (Paṇaga); Paṇṇavaṇā I. 51, p. 21; Jivavicāra 8 "Paṇaga Sevāla bhūmiphodaya /"
4. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.43. (aggabīja)
5. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 43, "Logamsi cattāri biyakāya evamhijjanti, tamjahā-aggabīyā mūlabīyā porabīyā khaṁdhabīyā." The commentators give the reading of the Nāgārjunīyas. "Nāgārjunīyāstu paṭhanti. "Vaṇassaikāṇa paṁcavihā bijāvakkanti evamāhijjai-tamjahā aggamūlaporukkham-dhabīyaruhā, chaṭṭhāvī egeṁdiyā sammucchimā biyā jāyante." Sūtrakṛtāṅga (comm.), II. 3-43, p. 94. "Mūlaggaporebijā kaṁdā taha khaṁdhabijabijaruḥā Sammucchima ya bhaṇīyā patteyaṇāntakāyā ya /", Gommaṣāra (Jiva), 196.
6. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.43.
7. Ibid., II. 3 43.

originated in earth, and grown in earth, having it in their birth, origin, and growth, being impelled by their Karman, and coming forth in it on account of their Karman, growing there in particles of earth, the origin of various things—come forth as trees.⁸

For most blue-greens-algae⁹ and plant bacteria¹⁰ asexual reproduction is the only means by which new individuals are produced. Even in the higher plants reproduction may take place asexually in a variety of ways, as pointed out, e. g. plants from seeds generated at the top (of the plant), at its root, at its knots, at its stem.¹¹ Rice plants grow from seeds, ginger from roots, sugarcane from knots and plaintains from stem,¹² rose plant from shoot, onion from bulb (kanda), and grasses have spontaneous reproduction (Saṃmūrcchim).¹³

Most of the cultivated trees and shrubs are reproduced from the cutting of stems, which sprout roots at their tips when placed in moist ground, e. g. sugarcane.¹⁴ A number of commercial plants-bananas (Kadali),¹⁵ etc. have lost their ability to produce functional seeds and must be propagated entirely by asexual means from the stem.¹⁶

Many plants, such as ground,¹⁷ etc. develop long, horizontal stems called runners (Valli).¹⁸ They grow several feet along the ground in a single season and may develop new erect plants at every other node. Other plants spread by means of similar stems, called rhizomes, which grow underground, e.g. Bhadrāmūṭṭhā,¹⁹ Seḍiya (a kind of grass), Bhattiya, Ḍabbha²⁰ (a kind of grass), etc. are particularly difficult to control because they spread by means of runners or rhizome. Swollen underground stems or tubers, such as, white potato, suraṇakanda²¹ (Amor-

8. Ibid., II 3.43.

9. Ibid., II. 3.4 "Ihegāliā Sattā udagajoniyā udagasambhavā.....Sevālattāe..... Viuṭṭamūi"

10. Bhagavatī, 7.3.276; 8.3.324; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.96; Paṇṇavanā Sutta I, 40 ff.; Gommatasāra (Jīva), V. 189, p. 117.

11. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3.43.

12. Sālyādayo vā... ..te agrabijāḥ. tathāmūlabijā ardrakādayaḥ, parvabijāstvikṣvādayaḥ, skandhabijāḥ sallakyādayaḥ /", Ibid. (Comm.), p. 94.

13. Gommatasāra (Jivakāṇḍā), V. 186. (Comm.), p. 116.

14. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.43. (Comm.); "Parvabijāstvikṣvādayaḥ.", p. 94.

15. "Skandhabijāḥ Sallakyādayaḥ" Ibid. II. 3.43 (Comm.), p. 94.

16. Ibid.

17. "Tumbī", Paṇṇavanā, I, 1.45, p. 19.

18. Paṇṇavanā, I. 1.45, p. 19.

19. Bhaddamūṭṭhā (a species of cyperus), Bhagavatī Sūtra, 7.3.277; 8.3.324.

20. Paṇṇavanā I. 47, p. 20; Bhagavatī Sūtra, 21.2.†91.

21. Gommatasāra (Jīva), V. 186. (Comm.), Bhagavatī 7.3.277; 8.3.324; Paṇṇavanā, 1.54, 53, p. 22; Uttarā 36.98; Biology, p. 174, C. P. Villee

phophallus, Campanulatus), etc. also serve as a means of reproduction; “in fact, some of the cultivated varieties of potato rarely, if even, produce seed and must be propagated by planting a piece of a tuber containing bud or ‘eye’.”

Some beings born in trees...originated by trees, sprung from trees, etc., springing from tree that originated in earth, come forth as trees originated by trees.²²

“Some beings born in trees, growing in trees, that are originated by trees, come forth as their roots, bulb, stem, branches, twigs, leaves, flowers, fruits, and seeds.”²³

In the same way creepers,²⁴ grasses,²⁵ herbs,²⁶ and small plants²⁷ are to be known in regard to their reproduction.

“Some beings born in earth; growing there in particles of earth that are the origin of various things, come forth as Āya, Vāya, Kāya, Kuhaṇa (mushroom), Kanduka, Uvvehaliya (or Uvvehāṇiya), Nivvehaliya (or Nivvehāṇiya), Esava, Sacha, Chattaga, Vāsāṇiya²⁸ and Kūra.”²⁹

“Some beings born in water, originated in water, grown in water, etc. come forth as trees, creepers, grass, herbs and plants.”³⁰

“Some beings born in water, growing in particles of water that are the origin of various things, come forth as Udaga, Avaga,³¹ Paṇaga (fungus), Sevāla³² (algae), Kalaṃbuga,³³ Hada, Kaśeruya, Kacchabhāṇiya,

22. Apparently trees sprung from shoots, sprouts, aerial-roots, etc. are meant. They are considered as a class different from those whose offshoots they are. S.B.E., XLV, p. 380.
23. One soul (jīva) pervades the whole tree; it is the soul of the tree. Separate jīvās (beings), however, reside in the roots, etc., S.B.E., XLV, p. 390; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.50.
24. Ajjhāruha = adhyāroha, explained in the Dipikā: Vallivṛkṣa; Ibid. (Sūtrakṛtāṅga), II. 3.50.
25. Tṛṇa, Ibid.
26. Osahi = Oshadhi, Ibid., p. 391; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.50.
27. Hariya = harita, Ibid.; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.50.
28. “ All the commentators say about the words; Āya, etc. (which offer some various readings in the MSS) that they denote particular plants (Vanaspativiṣeṣa) which must be learned from people (who know them).” Jacobi gives the words in their Prakṛit form, and does not attempt to transpose them into Sanskrit.
29. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II. 3.54; S.B.E. XLV, p. 391
30. Ibid.
31. Avaka, a grassy plant growing in marshy land (Blyxa octandra), Ibid.
32. Śaivāla, the aquatic plant Vallisneria (alge) Ibid.; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 354.
33. Kadamba, Nauclea Kadamba; S.B.E., XLV, p. 391.
34. Kaseru, Scirpus Kysoor, Ibid.

Uppala (Utpala), Pauma (Padma), Kumuya (Kumuda), Nalina,³⁵ Subhaga, Sogaandhiya, Poṇḍariya (Puṇḍarika), Mahāpoṇḍariya (Mahāpuṇḍarika), Sayavatta (Śatapatra), Sahassavatta (Sahasrapatra), Kalhāra, Kakanada, Aravinda and Tāmarasa,³⁶ as stalks and fibres of lotus, as Pukkhalā,³⁷ and Pukkhalatṭhibhaga.³⁸

This brief account of plant reproduction as given in the Jaina texts shows that there takes place only asexual reproduction in all types of plants according to Jaina Biology. One soul pervades the whole tree, it is the soul of the tree. Separate jivas (beings or bacteria), however, reside in its roots, bulbs, stem, bark, branches, twigs, leaves, flowers, fruits and seeds.³⁹

The Bhagavati Sūtra⁴⁰ refers to ten instincts including maithuna (sexual union) of all beings—one-sensed to five-sensed beings. It is stated that Kuravaka trees bear fruits after embracing a female part of it. This may be interpreted as the sexual union of this tree.⁴¹ It is suggestive from this evidence that sexual reproduction also may take place in plant life. But according to Jaina Biology, there is no clear reference to sexual reproduction in plants, which involves the co-operation of two parents, each of which supplies one gamete and two gametes unite to form zygote. Very vague ideas are contained in other Indian works⁴² as to the sexual reproduction of plants.

35. The last four are well-known varieties of lotus, called in Sanskrit: Utpala, Padma, Kumuda, Nalina, Ibid., p. 392.
36. The Sanskrit of the last seven items is: Puṇḍarika, Mahāpuṇḍarika, śatapatra, Sahasrapatra, Kahlāra, Kakanada and Tāmarasa; they are all Varieties of lotus. Ibid., p. 392.
37. Puškara, Ibid.
38. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3.5, p. 93.
39. "Yo hi ekaḥ vanaspatijivaḥ sarvaṅkṣāvayavavyāpī bhavati, tasya capare tadavayaveṣu mūlakandaskandhatvakṣākhāpravālapatrapusphalabijabhūteṣu daśaṣu sthāneṣu jivaḥ samutpadyante /" Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3.55 (Comm.), p. 96.
40. "Āhārabhayaṇḍariggaḥ mehuṇa taha koha māṇa māyā ca / Lobho logo oho sannā dasa savvajivāṇam", Lokaprakāśa 3.447; "āhārasannā to ohasannā", Bhagavati Sūtra, 7.8.29.
41. "Itthiparirāmbhaṇeṇa Kurubagataruṇo phalaṃti, mehuṇai", Lokaprakāśa, 3.449. There takes place sexual union in Aśoka tree also.
42. "Sṛinām sumanasām puṣpām prasūnām samam", Amara, Vanaśadhivarga, Bṛhatphalaśvetapuṣpaiḥ /, (pumān, Holarrhena antidiysenterica), Caraka (Dṛḍhvala), V Syāvaruṇānupuṣpī sṛi - sitakūṭaja, Wrightia tinctoria, Ibid. V, "Anūpādi prathamō vargaḥ stripumnaprasakatvena trividhyām sthāvaraṣvapi", Rājānighaṇṭu, vide Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus, p. 175.

The Life Cycle of Plant

The-life cycle of any species-plants or animals is the biologic processes of development which take place between any given point in any organism's life-span and the same point in the life-span of its offspring. For bacteria (earth quadrates)⁴³ and plant bacteria,⁴⁴ blue-greens (algae = Śaivāla)⁴⁵ which reproduce by splitting (a kind of asexual reproduction), the life cycle is extremely simple. According to modern Biology, "The filamentous green algae, such as Ulothrix, have a cycle during most of which, the colony consists of haploid cells which multiply asexually by mitosis."⁴⁶

In the higher plants there are clearly found their life-cycle stages of infancy, youth and age⁴⁷ like those of human body, etc. Parasitic plants⁴⁸ have complex life cycles involving host organisms.⁴⁹

According to Jaina Biology, the plants show an act of generation-generation which reproduces asexually by spores.⁵⁰ It is known as the sporophyte. Besides, they are reproduced from the root, the knot and stem.⁵¹ The life-cycle of such plants consists of the production of haploid spores by the sporophyte. The relative size and duration of the different sporophyte generations vary considerably. The sporophyte is the familiar, visible tree, shrub or herb.

Germination of the Seed and Embryonic Development

Jaina biology throws some welcome light upon the germination of the seed and embryonic development. When the seeds are ripe, they are shed from the parent plant, but a few of them do germinate shortly after being shed; most of them remain dormant during the cold

43. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Book I, Lecture 7, V. I; Puḍhavi ya āu aganiya vāu; Gommaṣasāra 73 (Jivakāṇḍa).

44. Bhṛgavati, 7.3.275-7; Gommaṣasāra, V. 189. (Jivakāṇḍa); Paṇṇavanā 1.54 (Sādharaṇaśariravanaspati kayikas).

45. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.54 (Sevalattāe); Paṇṇavanā I. 54. (Jalaruhā-sevāla).

46. Biology, p. 178.

47. "Yathā puruṣaśarīraṁ bālakumarayuvavṛddhataparīṇāmaviśeṣavat."...tathedaṁ vanaspatiśarīraṁ /", Śaḍdarśanasamuccaya, V. 49, Tarkarahasyadīpikā. Guṇaratna, p. 157.

48. "Ihegatiyā sattā rukkhaḥoṇiyā rukkhasambhava rukkhavukkama rukkha-ḥoṇiesu rukkhattāe viutṭamti, te jivā tesim rukkhaḥoṇiyāṇaṁ rukkhaṇaṁ siṇeha-māhareṁti /" Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II. 3.45; "Nāṇāvihāṇaṁ tasathavarāṇaṁ poggalāṇaṁ sarīresu vā, sacittesu vā, acittesu vā, aṇusūyattāe viutṭamti", Ibid., II. 3.58.

49. Ibid.

50. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.43.

51. "Aggabiyā mūlabiyā porabiyā khaṁdhabiyā", Ibid., II. 3.43.

or dry season and germinate only with the advent of the next favourable growing season.⁵² A prolonged period of dormancy usually occurs only in seeds with thick or waxy seed-coats which render them impenetrable to water and oxygen.

The life of some higher plants exists within the cover of seeds in state of dormancy to be awakened at a proper time and season under the favourable conditions. The life persists within the protective seed-coat for certain period, resisting against all the forces of the natural phenomena. In due time and season this dormant life springs up, bursting asunder the seed-coat and beings to grow gradually into a full plant like all beings, though in its immobile state, due to the transformation within itself.⁵³

The length of time that a seed will remain viable and capable of germination varies greatly. The viability of the cereals, such as, Śāli, Brihi, Godhūma (Wheat), etc., if preserved in a well-protected granary, lasts in the minimum for an antarmuhūrta and in the maximum upto three years, that of pulses, such as, Kalāya (a kind of pulse), Masura (lentil), Mung (Phaseolas Mungi), etc., for an antarmuhūrta in the minimum and five years in the maximum and that of Alasī (linseed), Kusumbhaka (Carthamus tinctorious), Kodrava (Paspalum scrobiculatum), Kangri (millet or a kind of parric seed), Śana (flax), Sarṅapa (mustard seed), Mūlaga (radish seed), etc., for an antarmuhūrta in the minimum and seven years in the maximum, provided they are stored up scientifically. After the specified periods their respective viability withers away and the seeds become unseeds without having germinating capacity.⁵⁴

This evidence of Jaina Biology regarding viability of seeds finds support in modern Biology in this way. "Willow and poplar seeds must germinate within a few days of being shed or they will not germinate at all; ⁵⁵ seeds of the evening primrose and of yellow dock were able to germinate after seventy years".⁵⁶ There are authentic

52. Bhagavati, 15.1.544. It throws light upon the germination of sesamum seeds with the advent of favourable growing season after the uprooting of the Sesamum-plant by Gośāla Maṅkhalisutta.

53. Bhagavati Sūtra, 15.1.544; See Plant Autographs and their Revelations, Sir J. C. Bose, 1927.

54. Bhagavati Sūtra 6.7.246.

55. Biology, p. 186.

56. Ibid.

records of lotus seeds germinating 200 years after being shed.⁵⁷ The ability of a seed to retain its germinating power depends on the thickness of the seed-coat, on a low water content, and on the presence of starch rather than fats as stored food material. Dormant seeds are alive and do metabolize, though at a very low rate.⁵⁸

The reference to *Joṇibbhūe bic* (embryonic seed), hypocotyle (first radicle = *mūla*), cotyledons (prathamapatras), epicotyle (prathama *Kiśalaya*) and its development of growth (*vivaḍḍhamta*), their simultaneous birth, formation of plant body (*samayaṃ vakkamāṇaṃ samayaṃ tesim sarīranivvatti*), receiving of matter (warmth and moisture, etc.) and respiration (*samayaṃ āṇuggahaṇaṃ samayaṃ ūsāsa-nisāse*)⁵⁹ suggests that germination is initiated by warmth and moisture and requires oxygen. The embryo and endosperm absorb water, swell and rupture the seed-coats (*Uggamamāṇa*).⁶⁰ This frees the embryo and enables it to resume development (*Vivaḍḍhamta*).

After germination the hypocotyle (*mūla*) elongates and emerges from the seed-coat (*vakkamai*). "The primitive root or radicle grows out of the hypocotyle⁶¹ and since it is strongly and positively geotropic, it grows directly downward into the soil."⁶² "The arching of the hypocotyle in a seed such as the bean pulls the cotyledons (i.e. prathamapatras) and epicotyle (*kiśalaya* or *aṃkura*) out of the seed-coat and the epicotyle, responding negatively, to the pull of gravity grows upward.⁶³ The cotyledons (prathamapatras) digest, absorb and store food from the endosperm, while within the seed. The Cotyledons of some plants shrivel and drop off after germination; those of other plants become flat foliage leave. The cotyledons contain reserves of food that supply the growing seedling (*kisalaya*) until it develops enough chlorophyll to become independent. The stem (*skandha*) and leaves (*patras*) develop from the epicotyle (first *Kiśalaya*).⁶⁴

57. Ibid.

58. Ibid.

59. "Joṇibbhūe bic jīvo vakkamai so vā aṇṇo vā / Jo vi mūle jīvo so vi ya patta paḍhamatāe" //97 // "śavvo vi kisalayo khalo uggamamāṇo aṇamāyō bhavi / so ceva vivaḍḍhamto hoi paritto aṇamto vā // 98 //" "Samayaṃ vakkam tāṇam samayaṃ tesim sarīranivvatti / Samayaṃ : nuggahaṇaṃ samayaṃ ūsāsa-nisāse //99// Paṇṇavaṇā 1.54, 9-10, 97-9

60. Ibid.

61. Biology. p. 187.

62. Ibid.

63. Biology, p. 187.

64. See above the embryonic development of plant.

Evolutionary Trends in the plant kingdom.

As we glance back over the many types of plant life cycles that are found from algae to angio-sperms, a number of evolutionary trends appear to be evident. One of these is a change from a population that is mostly haploid individuals to one that is a most entirely diploid—an evolutionary trend toward a greater size and importance of the sporophyte⁶⁵ and a reduction in the size of the gametophyle generation.

65. Sūtrākṛtāṅga II. 3.43

THIRD CHAPTER
ANIMALS AND THEIR CLASSIFICATION

(First Section)

Classification of Animals : Lower Invertebrates

INTRODUCTION

To catalogue the vast array of animals the Jainācāryas have used a classification system of animals based upon observation of similarities of structure¹, sense-organs², mode of origin³ and development.⁴ In the study of taxonomy they have differentiated superficial and accidental similarities from the significant fundamental ones. Homologous structures⁵ of various animals (which arise from common rudiments and are similar in basic plan and development) have been distinguished from analogous structures⁶ (which are similar in function). Accordingly the arm of a man, the wing of a bird, the fin of a fish are homologous⁷, with basically similar structural plan and similar

1. E. G. Catuṣpadas (quadrupeds) Egakhurā (Solidungular), Dukhurā (Biungular), Gaṁḍīpayā (Multiungular), and Saṇapphaya (animals having toes with nails); Parisarpas (reptiles) - Bhujaparisarpas (those which move on arms) and Uraḥparisarpas (those which move on breast); Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36; 179-181; Paṇṇavanā I. 69, 70; 1-76.; Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra II. 24
2. Bhagavati, 1.5. 48-49; 2.1. 83-84; 9. 32. 375; 20. 1. 663; 24. 17. 708-712. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36. 177; 136, 150-155, Paṇṇavanā Sutta, I. 56, 57, 58, 61-91, 92-138. "Kṛmyādinām pipilikādinām bhramarādinām manuṣyādinām ca / yathāsamkhyamekaikavṛddhāni indriyāni bhavanti yathākramaṁ / Tad yathā kṛmyādinām apādikanūpurakagaṇḍūpada - śaṅkha - śuktika - śambūka - jalūkā - prabhṛtinām sparsanarasanendriye bhavataḥ Iseṣānam ca Tiryag-yonijanām matsyoraḡabhujāṅga - pakṣicatuṣpadānām sarveṣām ca nārakamanuṣyadevānām pañcendriyāni /" Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra, II. 24.
3. Bhagavati 7.5.282; 9.32.375; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.170; Jīvābhigama Sūtra 1.33.
; Paṇṇavanā Sūtra, 1.56 (Saṁmūcchimā).
" " 1.57 (Saṁmūcchimā).
" " 1.58 (Saṁmūcchimā).
" " 1.68 (Saṁmūcchimā and
" " 1.75 Gabbhavukkāmtiya).
" " 1.84 "
; Tattvārthādhigama 1.85 "
Sūtra II. 34
4. Ibid.
5. Arms of man, wings of birds, fin of fish are homologous; Tattvārtha Sūtra II. 34.
6. Wings of bat and bird are analogous structures.
7. Paṇṇavanā I. 92,138 (Manussa) : 1.86 (Khchacara); 1.62-63.

embryonic origins⁸. Structure of animals may be both homologous and analogous, e. g. the wings of birds and bats⁹ have a similar structural plan and development, as well as the same function.¹⁰

Because all animals have essentially the same problems to solve in order to survive, there is basic unity of life among them.

The Basis For Animal Classification According to Jaina Biology.

According to Jaina Biology, the main divisions of the animal kingdom, the phyla, are differentiated by basic characteristics which usually are not unique for a single phylum, but occur in unique combinations in various ones. Some factors basic to the determination of an animal classification are as follows:

(a) The presence or absence of cellular differentiation¹¹ and the presence of sense-organs—two to five—sense-organs.¹² Animals may be either single-celled, e. g. *kṛmi*¹³ (the protozoa), or composed of many kinds of cells, specialized to perform particular tasks in the body's economy, e. g. higher animals and man having five sense-organs.¹⁴ In all the higher animals, cells are differentiated and specialized. Besides, animals may be either two-sensed¹⁵ or three to five-sensed.¹⁶

(b) The type of body-symmetry, whether **spherical**¹⁷, **radial**¹⁸ or **bilateral**.¹⁹ Animal bodies may be organized to one of the three types of symmetry.

8. Paṇṇavanā 1.68, 75, 84, 85, 91, 92 ; Tattvarthādhigama sūtra II. 34

9. Wings of Cammapakkhi and Lomapākkhi ; Paṇṇavanā 1.86.

10. Ibid., (Wings of bats and birds have the same function).

11. Most of the two-sensed animals have one-celled body, e.g. *kṛmi* (worm), while five-sensed animals have cellular differentiation;

12. Bhagavati Sūtra, 1.5. 49; 2.1. 83-84; 9. 32-375; 20 1.663; 24.17.108-12. Uttarādhigama Sūtra 36.127; 136: 150-155 Paṇṇavanā Sūtra, 1.56, 57, 58, 61-91, 92-138. ; Tattvarthādhigama Sūtra II. 24.

13. Uttarādhigama Sūtra 36.128 ; Paṇṇavanā 1.56 ; Tattvarthādhigama Sūtra II. 24. (*Kṛmyādīnām*, etc.)

14. Pancendriyas ..., Uttarādhigama Sūtra 36.155 ; 170, etc. ; Tattvarthādhigama Sūtra II. 24.

15. Uttarādhigama Sūtra 36.128 ; Paṇṇavanā Sūtra 1.56 ; Tattvarthādhigama Sūtra II. 24.

16. Uttarādhigama Sūtra 36.155 ; Paṇṇavanā Sūtra, 1.61-91 ; 1.62.

17. A few of the lowest animals have this type of spherical symmetry.

18. In radial symmetry two sides are distinguishable, a top and a bottom, as in a starfish.

19. Human brings and all higher animals have bilateral symmetry, in which only one special cut will divide the body into two equal halves, e.g. the body of a man has bilateral symmetry anterior and posterior, dorsal and ventral sides.

(c) The number of modes of origin, generation, e. g. Sāmūrcc-hima²⁰ (generatio æquivoca or asexual reproduction) and Garbhavyuktrāntika²¹ (generation from the womb, sexual reproduction)-aṇḍaja (Oviparous generation), Jarāyuja (Viviparous) and potaja (viviparous generation without the placenta).²² Some of the metazoa (higher animals) have only two embryonic cell layers or germ layers—an outer ectoderm and an entoderm, e. g. jarāyujas and potajas.²³

(d) The presence or absence of segmentation.²⁴ The members of several phyla are characterized by the fact that their bodies consist of a row of segments,²⁵ each of which has the same fundamental plan, with or without variation, as the segments in front and behind. In some segmental animals, such as, man and most vertebrates the segmental character of the body is obscured.²⁶ In man the bones of the spinal column—the Vertebrae—are among the few parts of the body till clearly segmented.

(e) Unique features: There are only a few structures that belong exclusively to one phylum of the animal world, e. g. vṛścikas (scorpions)²⁷ alone have sting cells (nematocysts); although many kinds of animals have a nervous system, only the chordates to which man belongs, have a dorsally located, hollow nerve cord.²⁸

In Jaina Biology, animals are also classified according to the environment in which they live, e. g. Jalacara (aquatic), Sthalacara (terrestrial) and Nabhacara or Khecara (aerial),²⁹ but same of them are found in only one type of habitat; the members of certain phyle

20. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.170; Bhagavati Sūtra, 7.5.282; Jivābhigama Sūtra, 1.33 Paṇṇavanā. 1.56, etc.
21. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.170. : Bhāgavati, 7.5.282. ; Paṇṇavanā, 1.68 etc.
22. Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra. II. 34 (Potaja); see also Bhagavati, 7.5.282 for Aṇḍaja and Poṭaja. ; Jivābhigama, 3.1.96.
23. Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra, II. 34.
24. e. g. Kṛmi has no segmentation, whereas' Pipīlikā (ant) upto man; i. e. some higher Invertebrates and the Vertebrates have segmentation.
25. e. g. the body of Nūpurka (Neura) (earth worm. Annelids has got several segments, each having the same fundamental plan.
26. The segmental character of the body of man is obscured by the covering of the skin.
27. Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra, II. 24. ; Paṇṇavanā, 1.58 (vicchuta).
28. Snāyu (nāru), See Kalyānakāraka. 3.2, which mentions 900 nerves in human body (Snāyu) ... nava ... śatāni")
29. Bhagavati Sūtra 7.6.282. ; Jivābhigama Sūtra 1.34. ; Paṇṇavanā Sūtra 1.61. ff.

always live in the sea³⁰, while the members of others are always parasitic³¹ and so on.

Lower Invertebrates

According to the Jaina Āgamas, the movable beings are of three kinds, viz. (1) the fire-lives, (2) the wind-lives and (3) those with an organic body.³² They (the first two) are further sub-divided into subtle and gross animals and developed and undeveloped.³³ Movable beings³⁴ with organic bodies (i. e. animals) are of four classes, viz. (1) those possessing two sense-organs, (2) those with three organs of sense, (3) those with four sense-organ and (4) those with five sense-organs.³⁵ That is to say, they are classified into these groups by counting the senses, actually determining the life-habits. The two-sensed animals upto the four-sensed animals come under the Invertebrate-lower and higher, with problems of terrestrial and aquatic life, while the five-sensed animals including man fall under the category of the Vertebrate of modern Biology.

The Phylum Protozoa

The subtle undeveloped two-sensed animals, e. g. Kṛmin³⁶, etc. of Jaina Biology come under the species of the protozoa of the Lower Invertebrates, i. e. single-celled animals that comprise the first phylum. They are functional complex, even though some appear to be relatively simple structurally. Almost all two-sensed animals like protozoa of modern Biology live in water, from small rain puddles to the ocean.³⁷ Some live in damp soil, in the film of water that surrounds each

30. Paṇṇavanā (Sthānapada) 1.56. ; e. g. Samuddalikkha.

31. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II, 3.27; SBE XLV, p. 295. ; "Ihegatiyā Satta . . . ṇaṇāvihāṇāṃ tasathāvarāṇāṃ poggālānaṃ sarīresu vā, sacittesu vā, acittesu vā, aṇusūyattāc viuṭṭamīti", Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.58.

32. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.107.

33. Ibid. 36.108, 117.

34. Ibid. 36.126.

35. Ibid.

36. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.128.

37. Paṇṇavanā 1.163. Two-sensed animals live in water-places like Agada (a small water-place), Talāya (Tadāga = pond), Nadi (river), Daha (lake), Vavi (a large oblong pond), Pukkarini (pond), Dihiyā (Dighka = big tank) Gunjaliyā (a large water-place), Sara (lake or water-pools), Sarapaṃti (rows of water pool), Sarasarapaṃtiya (many rows of water pools), Bila (hole of pit), Bilapaṃtiyā (rows of Bilas), Ujjhara (fountain or spring) Nijjhara (waterfall), Cillala (a third of water place), pallala (a kind of Jalāsāya), Vappina, a kind of Jalāsāya), Vappina (a kind of Jalāsāya?) Diva (Dvipa = island) and Sumudda (sea).

article of soil³⁸; others live parasitically in the blood and tissue fluids of animals³⁹ or plants, e. g. Kukṣikṛmi⁴⁰ or Kṛmi⁴¹, etc.

Animals with two organs of sense (touch-taste) are of two kinds : subtile and gross. Both are developed or undeveloped.⁴² They are of many kinds, such as, Kṛmis (They arise from putrefying dead bodies) (Śava-Suśruta; of Śarire Kiyad velāntaram samutpannānām kṛmyādīnām katham caitānyaṁ-Guṇaratna, T.R.D. Jainamataṁ); from decomposing curd or milk (e. g. Varṣāsu ca svedādīnā anativāyasaiva Kātena dadhyādyavayavā eva calantah pūtanādi kṛmīrūpa, upalabhyante-Jayanta, Nyāyamañjarī, A. 7, Bhūtacaitanyapakṣa), pulakimiyā (a kind of worms born in pāyūpradeśa), Kucchikimi⁴³ (Kukṣikṛmi born in Kukṣi intestine or hypoconaria worm in animal blood or tissue fluids of animals), Neura⁴⁴ (Nūpura = earth worm, Annelid), Somaṅgala (a species of two-sensed beings), Alasā (a small poisonous animal),⁴⁵ Māivāhaya (Māṭṛvāhaka),⁴⁶ Vāsimuhā (Vamśimukhā worms having chisel like mouth curculionidoce), Sūimuhā (Sūcīmukhā worms having a needle-like face), Gojaloyā (a two-sensed being), Jaloyā⁴⁶ (Jalaukā, Luches Annelids), Jalauyā (Jalaukā a kind of leech), Sippiyā (shells)⁴⁷, Saṁkhā (Conchifera, Lamelli-branchiata)⁴⁸, Saṁkhanagā (very small, conch-like animals), Ghulla Ghullikā = two-sensed being), Khullā (a kind of two-sensed being), Khullā (a kind of two-sensed beings, lāghavaḥ śaṅkhāḥ small conch-shells, etc.), Varāḍā (Varāṭāḥ Kapardakā, a kind of two-sensed beings, courie), Sottiyā⁵⁰ śuklikā (pearl-mussels,

38. Ibid.

29. Paṇṇavā 1.56.

40. Ibid.

41. Uttarā, 36.128 ; T. S. II. 24.

42. Uttarā, 36.127.

43. Kṛmayah Kosthāpūriṣadvāṣpasambhavāh-Dalvana ; T. S. II. 24.

44. Nūpuraka (Ring-like), with pendants, Vermes with unsegmented lateral appendages, Annelids, comes under the category of Annelids, according to modern Biology. It is true that the earthworm (Neura) is a terrestrial animal, but most of the Annelids are marine.

45. Alasā - a small poisonous animal, Petersburg Dictionary, S. V. According to the Jivavicārā Vṛtti V. 16, they are earth snakes (bhūnāga), which originate in the rainy season when the sun is in Aślesha, i. e. about the beginning of July, SBE XLV, p. 219; n. 2.

46. Māṭṛvāhaka. According to the description of the Avacūri, the larvae of phrygamae seem intended. According to Jivavicāravṛtti, they are called Kūdeli in Gujarati, SBE., XLV. p. 219, fn. 3.. Jocabi.

47. It comes under the category of Annelids.

48. Some form of Mollusca.

49. Śaṁkha belongs to the group of Mollusca.

50. It comes under the category of Mollusca.

Lamelli-branchiata), Mottiyā (Mauktikā – a kind of pearls), Kaluyā (a kind of two-sensed being), Vāsā (a kind of two-sensed beings), Egaovattā (a kind of two-sensed beings), Duhaovattā (a kind of two-sensed being), Namdiyā vattā (a kind of two-sensed beings), Samvukā (Helix), Sippisaṃpuḍā Saṃpuṭarūpaka śuktayah (pearl or shells), Caṃdanā (Caṃdanakaḥ = Akṣāḥ = a kind of two-sensed beings living in water and on land)⁵¹ and sammuddalikkhā (sea-licees? a kind of two-sensed being which live in the sea) and others like them.⁵²

All of them live in a part of the world only, they do not live everywhere.⁵³ All of them are Saṃmūrccchima animals (asexually reproduced animals) and Napuṃsakas (of third sex). There are seven lakh species and birth-places of these developed and undeveloped two-sensed animals.⁵⁴ The duration of life of these animals is twelve years at the utmost, the shortest is less than a muhūrta.⁵⁵

Life of Two-sensed Animals :⁵⁶

It appears from the study of āhāraparyāpti, śarīra-paryāpti, ucchvāsa-niḥśvāsa paryāpti, etc. of these animals that among the two-sensed protozoa, single-celled animals, there is some division of labour within the single cell of these beings, but the cell functions as a unit to perform the activities associated with their life, such as, taking of food and digestion, formation of body, respiration, circulation, excretion, locomotion and reproduction. To carry out these functions many two-sensed animals have evolved specialized organells-cilia or flagella for movement, vacuoles, neurifibrils, eye-spots and so on as suggested by their names and identification⁵⁷ in the light of modern Biology.

Most of the species of two-sensed animals (protozoa) are microscopic, although a few are big enough to be seen with the naked eye. Some are shapeless “blobs of protoplasm”; others are elaborately and geometrically patterned. They may have internal skeletons or external skeletons, or protective houses, e. g. Śaṃkha (Conchifera), Śamvuka (Helix)⁵⁸ Kukṣiṛmi⁵⁹ of Jaina Biology may be identical with Amaeba

51. Śambūka belongs to the group of Mollusca.

52. Jivavicāravṛtti, v. 16. They are called Akṣha in the Vernacular (Samayabhāṣā).

53. Paṇṇavanā 1.56, p. 27.

54. Uttarādhyayna Sūtra 36.130.

55. Paṇṇavanā 1.56.

56. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.132.

57. Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra, II. 24,

58. e. g. Kucchikimiyā, Neura, Gaṇḍūpadā (T.S.V. 24), Jaloyā, Śaṃkhā, Sottiyā, Namdiyāvattā, Samvukka, etc. See Paṇṇavanā, 1.56

59. Paṇṇavanā, 1.56

proteus of modern Biology “which consists of a clear mass of shapeless, naked, gelatinous protoplasm, containing a nucleus and protoplasmic granules”.⁶⁰

“Amoeba belongs to the class Sarcodina (flesh like) containing many other protozoa, all of which move about by means of pseudopods. Some of them, such as, the species causing amoebic dysentery in man are parasitic”.⁶¹

Some of the two-sensed animals may be identified with a second class of protozoa, the ciliata, typified by paramecium, which has a definite and permanent shape—clearly round in front and pointed in the rear due to sturdy, though flexible outer covering secreted by the cell, some of them with suctorians—a third class of protozoa, very closely related to the ciliates, some of them with the Sporozoa (Spore formers)—a fourth class of protozoa, having no special method of locomotion and are parasitic, e.g., germs of malaria, and some of them with the Flagellata—the fifth class of protozoa.

Some of the two-sensed animals may be compared with the phylum porifera or Sponges, coelenterates and (Tennophoros, Phylum Platyhelminthes (flatworms which live in both fresh water and saltwater, creeping over rocks, debris and leaves).

Flukes and tapeworms (Trematida and Cestoda) are two kinds of flat worms. Tapeworms are long, flat, ribbon like animals; some species of which lives as adults in the intestines of probably every kind of Vertebrate, including man, e.g. Kukṣikṛmi.⁶²

Besides other two-sensed animals represent the simplest animals which illustrate the organ system level of organization. None of them is parasitic to man and animals, while others may be identical with the Phylum Nematoda, made up of round worms, living in the sea or fresh water or in the soil or in other plants or animals as parasites, e.g. hook worms, etc. and also with the Rotifera (wheel-animals), the aquatic, microscopic worms and the Gastrotricha, aquatic worms which have no crown of cilia, others may be identified with the Bryozoa or moss animals, living in colonies that superficially resemble those of coelenterates and some with the Brachiopodaphylum characterized by lophophore. All brachiopods live in the sea like Samuddalikkha.⁶³

60. Ibid

61. Biology, p. 193.

62. Paṇṇavanā 1.56

63. Paṇṇavanā, 1.56 See Biology, pp. 193-206.

(Second Section)

The Higher Invertebrates.

The Higher Invertebrates, e. g. Nūpuraka (Annelids), Gaṇḍūpada (arthropods), Śaṅkha (conchifera), Śuktika (pearl), Śambuka (Helix), mouth and anus, a muscular gut, a well developed circulatory system and a true coelom, a cavity within the mesoderm lined by peritoneum.

Some of the two-sensed animals, namely, Apādika (Vermes)¹ without lateral appendages, Scolecides), Nūpuraka (ring-like, with pendants Vermes with unsegmented lateral appendages, Annelids), Gaṇḍūpada (Knotty legged, Arthropoda) including crustacea, (crabs), Myriapoda, etc. and Śaṅkha (Conchifera, Lamelli-branchiata), Śuktika (Pearl mussel, Lamelli-branchiata), Śambuka, (Helix) and Jalūkā (Leeches Annelids)² and some forms of Mollusca come under the category of the Higher Invertebrates.

Besides, some of the three-sensed and four-sensed animals of Jaina Biology mainly fall under the species of the Higher Invertebrates.

According to modern Biology, the Higher Invertebrates comprise the Annelids, Arthropods, Molluscs and Echinoderms³.

“Of these four-phyla, only the arthropods are very successful terrestrial animals. It is true that the earth worm is a terrestrial animal, but most annelids are marine; there are a few land snails, but most molluscs (Śambuka) live in the sea; all the echinoderms are marine”⁴ “Of the five classes of arthropods, one, the crustacea – crabs, lobsters, and so on – is largely marine, but the other four insects, spiders, centipedes and millipedes are mostly territorial”⁵.

1. Biology. p. 209.

Pañṇavanā 1.56. ; Tattvarthādhigama Sūtra II. 24.

2. Pañṇavana 1.56.

; Tattvarthādhigama Sūtra. II. 24.

“Tad yathā Kṛmyādīnām Apāḍikanūpuraka – Gaṇḍūpada – Śaṅkha – Śuktika – śambūka – Jalūka – prabhṛtīnām, etc.”

3. Biology. p. 209.

4. Biology. p. 209

5. Ibid.

Knotty / legged two-sensed animals (Gaṇḍūpada)

(Crustacea, Myriapoda. etc. of Arthropoda) come under the Higher Invertebrates, T.S. II. 24. The Higher Invertebrates-Insects /, (such as, Pipīlikā (Ants) etc. are mentioned as the three-sensed animals, spiders (Nandyāvartās) as four-sensed animals and Centipedes (śatapadi) as three-sensed animals in Jaina Biology, see Tattvarthādhigama Sūtra II. 24.

Three – sensed Animals – the Higner Invertebrates.

Animals with three organs of sense⁶ (touch, taste and smell) are of two kinds, viz. subtle and gross ones. Both are either fully developed or undeveloped.⁷ They are as follows :

Ovaiyā (Upacikā – Bugs, Hemiptera), Rohiniyā (Red ants, Formicidae, Hymenoptera), Kunthu (Fleas, Hemimetabola, a kind of insect-animalcules), Pipiliyā (Ants – Formicidae, Hymcuoptera), Uḍḍāmsagā (a kind of bugs), Uddehiyā (white ants), Ukkaliyā (a three – sensed being), Uppāyā (Spring – tails, Aptera, Ametabola), Ukkadā (a kind of three – sensed animals), Taṇahārā (plant – lice), Kāṭṭhahārā (Termites, a kind of white ants – Neuroptera, Hemimetabola), Mālyūyā (a kind of three – sensed insects), Pattahārā (leaf – lice sucking the sap of the leaf), Taṇaviṃṭiyā (a kind of three – sensed animals parasites in grass), Pupphaviṃṭiyā (a kind of three – sensed animals parasites in flower), Phalaviṃṭiyā (a kind of three – sensed animal parasites in fruit), Bīyaviṃṭiyā (a kind of three – sensed animals parasites in seed), Tedūraṇamajjiyā (a kind of three – sensed animals parasites in Teduraṇa), Tausamiṃjiyā (cucumber – seed weevils and lice), Kappāsattḥisamiṃjiyā (Cotton – seed weevils and lice), Aptera, (Ametabola), Hilliyā (a kind of three – sensed animals), Jhilliyā (a kind of three – sensed animals), Pāhuyā (a kind of three – sensed animals), Subhagā (a kind of three – sensed animals), Sovacchiyā (a kind of three – sensed animals), Suyaviṃtā (a kind of three – sensed animals), Imdikāiyā (a kind of three – sensed animals), Imdagovayā (a kind of three – sensed animals), Urulūmcagā (a kind of three – sensed animals), Kotthalavāhagā (a kind of three – sensed animals), Jūyā (Yūkā = louse), Hālahalā (a kind of three – sensed animals), Pisuyā (a kind of three – sensed animals), Tidugā⁷ (a kind of three – sensed animals), Satāvārī (a kind of three – sensed animals), Satavāiyā (Śatapādikā, centipeds), Gomhī, (a kind of three – sensed animals), Hatthisomḍā (a kind of three – sensed animals), and others like them.⁸

There are eight lakh varieties and birth – places, etc. of these three – sensed animals – developed and undeveloped.⁹ Some of these three – sensed animals, namely, Kunthu (hemiptera), Pipilika (Ants – Formicidae),

6. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.136; Paṇṇavaṇā 1.57 ; Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 24.4 Uttarādhyayana 36.136.

7. Tindug's shining like lead, originate in the kernel of the cotton seed.

8. Paṇṇavaṇā 1,57.1.

;Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 137-138 ; Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra, II. 24

9. Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra 1.57.2.

Trapusamimjagā and Kārpāsāsthika (cucumber-and cotton weevils and lice = Aptera, Ametabola), Śatapadi or Śatapādikā (centipeds) and Utpatāka (Spring-tails, Aptera - Ametabola), Tṛṇahārakā (Plant lice) and Kāsthahārakā (Termites = white ants = Neuroptera), Hemimetabola belong to the Arthropod group of the Higher Invertebrates. The Arthropods are very successful terrestrial animals, e. g. fleas, the centipeds, insects etc.

As pointed out, some of the two-sensed animals come under the category of the Annelids and Mollusca, e. g. Nūpuraka (earth worm) and Jalūkā (leeches) fall under the species of the Annelids, while Śaṅkha (Conchifera), Śuktika (pearl - mussel) and Śambuka (Helix) belong to the groups of Mollusca.

All of the three-sensed animals live in part of the world only, they do not live everywhere.¹⁰ They live in both land and water. But mostly they continue their life in water, as it is stated that they live in Aḡaḡa (a small water place), Talaga (pond), Nadi (river), Daba (Lake), Vāvi (a large oblong pond), Pukkharīṇi (pond), Dīhiyā (big tank), Guṃjaliyā (a large water-place), Sare (Lake or water-pool), Sarapaṃtiya (rows of such pools), Bila (hole or pit), Bilapaṃtiyā (rows of holes), Ujjhara (fountain or spring), Nijjhara (waterfall or pits), Cillala (a kind of watery place), Pallala (a kind of Jalāśaya), Vappiṇa (a kind of Jalāśaya), Dīva (island), Samudda (sea) in all Jalāśyas (marine places) and Jalaṭṭhāṇas (watery places).¹¹

They live in the innumerable parts of the Universe with regard to birth, etc.¹²

Four-sensed Animals

Four-sensed animals¹³ which also belong to the category of the Higher Invertebrates are of two kinds, viz. subtile and gross ones. Both are either developed or undeveloped.¹⁴ They are as follows :

Andhiyā (a kind of four-sensed animals), Poṭṭiyā (gnats), Daṃsā (gad-flies) Netṭiyā (a kind of four-sensed animals), Macchiyā (Makṣikās, flies), Magamigakiḡi (Kīṭa-butterflies and moths), Lepidoptera, Holometabola, Masagā (Mosquitoes), Payaṃgā (Patangas-grasshoppers and

10. Uttarādhyāna Sūtra 36.139.

11. Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta 2.164. (Sthānapada).

12. Paṇṇavaṇā II, 1:4.

13. Ibid.

14. Uttarādhyāna Sūtra 36.145; Paṇṇavaṇa 1.58,1.
; Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 34.

locusts, Hemimetabola), Kukkuḍa (a kind of four-sensed animals), Nandāvattā (spiders), Arachnida, Arthropoda, Vicchiya, Vṛścika, (Scorpion), Siṃgiriḍa or ḍi (a kind of four-sensed animals), Kiṇhapattā (a kind of four-sensed animals having black colour), Nīlapattā (a kind of four-sensed animals having blue colour), Lohiyapattā (a kind of four-sensed animals having red colour), Haliddapattā (a kind of four-sensed animals having yellow colour), Sukkilapatta (a kind of four-sensed animals having white colour), Cittapakkhā (or Cittapatta) (a kind of four-sensed animals), Vicittapakkhā (a kind of four-sensed animals having variegated wings), Obhaṃjaliyā, (or ohimjaliyā), (a kind of four-sensed animal), Jalacariyā (or Jalakāri, a kind of four-sensed aquatic animals), Gambhira (a kind of four-sensed animal), Niṇiyā (or Niyayā, a kind of four-sensed animal), Taṃtavā (or Tambagaiya, a kind of four-sensed animal), Acchila (a kind of four-sensed animal), Māhaya (or Sāhaya, a kind of four sensed animal), Aechiroḍa (a kind of four-sensed animal), Acchiveha (a kind of four-sensed animal), Sāraṃga (Hornets, Hymenoptera, Holometabola), Neulā (a kind of four-sensed animals), Dolā (a kind of four-sensed animals), Bhimgiriḍi, (Crickets), Bhamarā (bees), Virali or Bharili (a kind of four-sensed animal), Jarulā (a kind of four-sensed animal), Varaṭa (Wasp),¹⁵ Totthā (a kind of four-sensed animals), Vicchuta a kind of Scorpions) Pattavicchuya (a kind of scorpions living on leaf) Chāṇavicchuyā (a kind of scorpions), Jalavicchuyā (a kind of scorpions living in water), Piyamgālā (a kind of four-sensed animals), Gomayakiḍagā (cowdung worms), and others like them.¹⁶

According to Jaina Biology, they are all Saṃmurechima Napuṃsakas¹⁷.

Their longest life-duration is six months and the shortest is an antarmuhūrata¹⁸. They mostly live in water, land, etc. like the three-sensed animals.¹⁹

Some of these four-sensed animals, four senses having (touch, taste, smell and sight), e. g. Bhramara (Bees Hymenoptera), Poltika (gnats), Makṣikā (flies), Maśakas (Mosquitoes-Holometabola, Diptera) Vṛścika and Nandyāvarta (Scorpions and Spiders, Arachnida, Arthropoda), Kiṭa

15. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.145.

16. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.146-149; Paṇṇavaṇa, 1.58.1, Tattvarthādhigama Sūtra II. 34.

17. Paṇṇavaṇa, 1.53.1.

18. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.151.

19. Paṇṇavaṇa Sūtra II. 165 (Sthanapada).

(Butterflies and Moths—Lepidoptera, Holometabola), Patangas (Grass-hoppers and Lecusts—Orthopteral Hemimetabola), definitely come under the Category of the higher Invertebrates. Spiders, scorpions, grasshoppers, moths, butterflies, colonial insects—bees etc. belong to the Arthropoda group of the Higher Invertebrates of modern Biology.

CONCLUSION

Among the most familiar invertebrate animals are the earth worms (Nūpurakas)—the members of the Phylum Annelid. This word 'Neuraya' or 'Nūpuraka' (Annelid) which means (ringed) refers to the fact that the body of the worm consists of a series of rings or segments. According to modern Biology, "Both the internal organs and the body-wall are segmented so that each animal is made of about one hundred more or less similar units, each of which contains one or a pair of organs of each system²¹."

The animals that make up the Arthropoda Phylum are the most successful, biologically of all animals, for, according to modern Biology, " there are more of them (about 870,000 species are known, of which some 800,000 are insects), they live in a greater variety of habitats and can eat a greater variety of food than the members of any other phylum".²¹ In Jaina Biology there appear to be six kinds of Arthropoda, viz. (1) Trilobita (marine arthropoda, Jalavicchuya, Jalacariya, etc.) (2) the crustacea, e. g. crabs, etc., (3) the Centipeds, (Śatapadī) which are fast moving carnivorous forms, some of which can inflict a painful bite; the Millipedas, which are slower-moving plant-eaters (Kaṣṭhahāraka, Tṛṇapatraka, etc. (5) the Arachnids, including spiders (Nandyāvarta), Scorpions (Vṛścika), etc. and (6) the Insects (Kunthu, etc.). The characteristics of these arthropods are their paired jointed appendages which are used in a variety of ways, as swimming paddles, walking legs, mouth parth, etc. "All the arthropods have segmented bodies covered by a hard external coat of cuticle secreted by the underlying epithelium".²²

The Mollusca which includes snails (śambuka) etc. is the second largest of all the animal phyla according to modern Biology, with its 80,000 species.²³

20. Biology, p. 210.

21. Ibid., p. 214.

22. Biology, p. 214.

23. Biology, p. 222.

The echinoderms (Spiny-skinned) which include the sea stars (Asteroidea), sea urchins (Echinoidea), sea cucumbers (Holothroidea), serpent stars (Ophiuroidea) and sea lilies (Crinoidea) are a group of animals radically different from all other invertebrates. The reference to some sea animals having four sense-organs in Jaina Biology may suggest their identification with Echinodermata.

The foregoing description of the two-sensed, three-sensed and four-sensed animals (i. e. the Lower Invertebrates and the Higher Invertebrates) as given in the Jaina works does not exhaust the great variety of the animals. In addition to these phyla, there are other groups of invertebrate, sometimes put in phyla of their own, sometimes classified under other phyla, e.g. some of the two-sensed animals, namely, Apādika (Vermes) without lateral appendages, Scolecides, Nūpurka (ring-like, with pendants, Vermes with unsegmented lateral appendages, Annelids), Gaṇḍūpada (Knobby-legged Arthropoda, including crustacea, Myriapoda, etc.) and Śaṅkha (Conchifera, Lamelli branchiata), Śuktika (pearl mussel, Lamelli branchiata), Śamvuka (Helix) and Jalūkā (Leeches - Annelids) and some form of Mollusca have been classified under the phyla of the Higher Invertebrates.

(Third Section)

The Phylum Chordata : Five - sensed Animals

The Phylum Chordata :

The animals, (man and higher animals) having five sense organs¹ fall under the class of the Phylum Chordata of modern Biology, which consists of the sub-phylum, Vertebrate animals, such as, fishes (mucchā) amphibia (frogs - maṇḍūka)³, reptiles (parisappas),⁴ birds (pakkhis)⁵ and mammals including man (maṇussa).⁶ Its members are distinctive in having a notochord, a dorsal, hollow nerve cord (Snāyu) and gill slits.⁷ The fishes, amphibia, reptiles, birds, and mammals make up the classes of the sub-phylum Vertebrata, characterized by a cartilaginous or bony vertebral column.

The Vertebrates :

They are distinguished from the types of lower chordates or other lower animals by the possession of an internal skeleton of cartilage or bone that reinforces or replaces the notochord. "The notochord is a flexible, unsegmented, skeletal rod, extending longitudinally in all chordates. It is the only skeletal structure present in the lower chordates ; but in the Vertebrates segmental bony or cartilaginous Vertebrates surround the notochord".⁸ "In the higher Vertebrate the notochord is visible only early in development ; later the Vertebrae replace it completely. Vertebrates have a bony or cartilaginous brain case ; the cranium, which encloses and protects the brain, the enlarged anterior end of the dorsal, hollow nerve cord".⁹

1. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.155; 170, etc. Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra 1.61. ff. ; Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra II. 34.
2. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.172 ; Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta 1. 62-63. ; Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra II. 34.
3. Bhagavati Sūtra 12. 8. 446.
4. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 181. ; Paṇṇavaṇa 1, 76, ff. ; Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra II. 34.
5. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 187. ff. ; Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra 1, 86. ff. ; Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra II. 34.
6. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 180, 194. ; Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta 1.70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 92. ; Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra II. 34.
7. Biology, p. 228.
8. Biology, p. 230.
9. Biology, p. 230

Vertebrates have a pair of eyes (cakkhu)¹⁰ that develop as lateral outgrowths of the brain. Invertebrate eyes, such as, those of insects (pipilikā, Kunthu, etc.) may be highly developed and efficient, but they develop from a folding of the skin.¹¹ Another vertebrate characteristic is a pair of ears (Sōemīdiya), which in the lowest vertebrates are primarily organs of equilibrium.¹²

The circulatory system of vertebrates is distinctive in that the blood (Śonita)¹³ is confined to blood vessels (dhamanīs and śīrās) and is pumped by a ventral, muscular heart (hiyaya)¹⁴. The higher invertebrates, such as, arthropods and molluscs (śuktika and śaṅkha, etc.) typically have hearts but they are located on the dorsal side of the body according to modern Biology and “pump blood in the open spaces in the body called a hemocoel. Vertebrates are said to have a closed circulatory system; arthropods and molluscs have an open circulatory system; for the blood is not confined solely to tubular blood vessels”.¹⁵

Classes of the Sub-phylum Vertebrata :

The five-sensed animals of Jaina Biology can be classified into eight classes of the Subphylum Vertebrata of Modern Biology, viz. (1) the Agnatha – the jawless fishes (matsa), e. g. Saṅhamaccha, lamprey eels, etc. (2) the Placodermi – the jawed fishes, (3) the Chondrichthyes, e. g. sharks (timi?) with cartilaginous skeletons, (4) the Osteichthyes – the bony fishes, e. g. Rohiyamaccha (5) the Amphibia (frogs, Maṇḍūka), (6) the Reptilia (parisarpas) – lizards, snakes, turtles and alligators, (gṛhagolikā, Sarpa = ahi, Kacchapa and Godhā), (7) the Avesbirds (pakṣīs) and (8) the Mammalia – the warm blooded fur bearing animals that suckle their young sthalacara catuṣpada prāṇīs, Apes and man).

In Jain Biology the five-sensed animals lower and higher vertebrates are first classified into two main classes of the subphyla on the basis of their mode of origin, viz. (1) Sammūrcchima (generatio aequivoca)

10. Bhagavatī Sūtra 16. 1. 566 ; Taṇḍuveyāliya 8, 87. ; Paṇṇavaṇā Sūta, 191. Indriyapada Bhagavatī 2.4.99 (cakkhu)

11. Tvac. (Skin) ; Bhagavatī Sūtra 16.1.566, Tandulaveyāliya 3, p. 7 ; Paṇṇavaṇā Sūta 191, Indriyapada ;

12. Biology, p. 231.

13. Ācārāṅga Sūtra II, 4. (śonita) ; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 2.18 ; Bhagavatī Sūtra 1.7.61 ; Tandulaveyāliya 2. P. 6 ; Kalyāṅkarāka) ; Ugrādityacaryā, V. 7. p. 31 (Rakta) ; Tandulaveyāliya 2, p. 6. ; Katyāṅkarāka, vv. 2, 3, 3rd paricchida, p. 30.

14. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 2.18.

15. Biology, P. 231

and Garbhavyutkrāntika (those which are born from the womb).¹⁶ Next they are divided into three groups on the basis of their habitats, viz. (1) Jalacara (aquatic), (2) Sthalacara (terrestrial) and Nabhacara or Khecara (aerial).¹⁷ Matsya (fishes), Kacchapas (tortoises), Grāhas (crocodiles), Makara (a kind of Sea monster—the emblem of the goddess Gangā) and Śiśumāra (Dolphin or Gangetic porpoise Cetacea) are the five kinds of Jalacaras (aquatic animals).¹⁸

The longest duration of the life of the aquatic animals is one krore of Pūrvas; the shortest is less than one muhūrta.¹⁹

Sthalacaras (terrestrial animals) are of two kinds, viz. Catuṣpadas (quadrupeds) and Parisarpas (reptiles),²⁰ quadrupeds which come under the subphylum of Mammals will be discussed later on in details. Here it is to be known that they are of four kinds, viz. (1) egakhurā (Solid-ungular animals), e.g. horses, etc., (2) dukhurā (Biungular animals), e.g. cow, buffalo, etc., (3) Gaṇḍipadā (Multiungular animals) e.g. elephant etc. and (4) Saṇapphadā (Animals having nails),²¹ e.g. lions, etc.

Parisarpas (reptiles) are of two classes: (1) Bhujaparisarpas (those which walk on their arms), e.g. Gṛhagolikā (lizards), etc. and Uraḥparisarpa those which move on their breast, e.g. snakes, etc.²²

The longest duration of the life of the terrestrial animals is three palyopamas; the shortest is less than one muhūrta.²³

The longest duration of the life of terrestrial animals continuance i.e. the continuous birth in the same type or body is three palyopamas plus from two to nine krores of pūrva years; the shortest is less than one muhūrta".²⁴

16. Bhagavati Sūtra 12.8.460 (Golāṅgūla - ape); Jivābhigama Sūtra, 1.33.; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.170.

17. Bhagavati Sūtra 7.5.282; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.171; Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra, 1.61, p. 29.

18. One Pūrva year consists of 7560 millions of common years.

19. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.175

20. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.179. Paṇṇavaṇā 1.69.

21. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.79-180.; Paṇṇavaṇā sutia 1.70

22. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.18.; Paṇṇavaṇā 1.76.

23. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.183.

24. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.184. "Paliyamāim tiṇṇi u,ukkosenṇa viyahiyā / aṭṭhii thalayarāṇaṃ, aṃtomuhuttaṃ jahāṇṇiyā //

Nabhacaras (Aerial Animals)

Aerial animals are of four kinds, viz. (1) Carmapakṣin (those with membranous wings),²⁵ e.g. bat (valguli), (2) lomapakṣin (those with feathered wings), (3) Samudgapakṣin (those with wings in the shape of a box)²⁶ and Vitata pakṣin (those which sit on outspread wings)²⁷.

The longest duration of the life of aerial animals is an Asaṁkheya-bhāga (innumerable part) of a palyopama; the shortest is less than one muhūrta.²⁸

The longest life duration of the aerial animals' continuance i. e. the continuous birth in the same type of body is an Asaṁkheyabhāga of a palyopama plus from two to nine kroṣes of pūrva years; the shortest is less than one muhūrta, according to the Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta.²⁹

It is to be noted here that Bhujāṅga and Uraga³⁰ (or Bhujaparisarpa and Uraḥparisarpa) mean reptiles in popular sense, but here Bhujaga (or Bhujāṅga) is evidently oriparous limbed animals (limbed reptiles and Batrachians) and "not creatures whose movements are crooked or in the form of a bent bow".³¹

Uraḥparisarpa or Uraga means apodal reptiles, including snakes (ophidae), Carmapakṣa-pakṣis, the so-called birds with leathern wings, (Bats, Chiroptera) e.g. Valguli (flying-fox), Pakṣivirāla (flying-cat, Microchiroptera) and Jalūkā (apparently meaning blood-sucking Bats or Vampires), are included in the species of birds, (Pakṣī) because they are homologous and similar in structure and function, but they should be placed in the group of the Mammals as they have all characteristics of the Mammals. Catuspadas which fall under the category of the Mammals is identical with the Vertebrata.

Fishes :

According to Jaina Biology, there are many kinds of fishes, such as, Sanhamacchā (kind of smooth scaleless fishes; they may be

25. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.187 ; ; Paṇṇavaṇā 1.86.

26. These interesting birds are said to live outside the Mānushottara or world inhabited by men.

27. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.87 ; Paṇṇavaṇā 1.86.

28. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.190.

29. Ibid. 36.191.

30. Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II; 34.

31. Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus, p. 19.

identified with Jawless fishes – the living lamprey eels),³² Khavallamacchā (a kind of fish – *cassya filiformis*), Jugamacchā (a kind of fish) Vijjīdīyamacchā (kind of fish), Halimacchā (Hali matyas – a kind of bony fish), Maggarimacchā (a kind of fish, it may be identified with the scaleless *Māgur matsya*), Rohiyamaccha (Rohita matsya = *Labeo rohita*, a scaly long fish of reddish tint), Halisāgarā (Ilisāgarā, a kind of scaly, bony fish in Bengal), Gāgarā (a kind of fish, it may identified with Bengal's riverine *ghāgrāmatsya*), Vaḍā (a kind of fish, it may be identified with *Vaṭaka* – scaly, riverine, disc-like globular fish), Vaḍagarā (a kind of fish of the same kind), Timi (whale) Timiṅgilam (a large fabulous fish), Nakka (Nakra, a kind of fish or Shark or crocodile?), Tamdulamacchā (a kind of fish), Kaṇikkāmacchā (kind of fish), Sālisacchīyamacchā (a kind of fish), Lāmbhaṇamacchā (a kind of fish), Paḍāga (a kind of fish), Paḍāgātipaḍāgā (a kind of fish) and others like them.³³

It appears from the study of this list of fishes that some of them are jawless, scaleless fishes, e.g. saṇhamaccha, some are jawed cartilaginous fishes, e.g. shark, etc., some are bony, scaly fishes, e.g. Rohita (*Labeo Rohita*), etc.

Kacchabhā (Tortoises).

There are two kinds of tortoises, viz. Aṭṭhikacchabha (Bony tortoise called *Kālikacchapa* in Bengal) and Māmsakacchabha (fleshy tortoise called *Chimakacchapa* in Bengal)³⁴.

Gāhā (Crocodiles)

There are stated to be five kinds of Gāhā, viz. Dili, Veḍhalā, Muddhayā, Pulagā and Sīmāgarā.³⁵

Magarā (a kind of Sea-monster regarded as the emblem of Kāmadeva or Gangā):

There are stated to be two kinds of Magarā, viz. *Soniḍamagarā* and *Matṭhamagarā*.³⁶

32. They are cylindrical fish, up to 3 feet long, with no jaws or paired finsh, they may be lamprey eels.
33. Paṇṇavaṇā 1.63
34. Paṇṇavaṇā 1.64.
35. Ibid 1.36. It is true that there are a few varieties of crocodiles. A kind of fish-eating crocodile is found in Bangladesh, while the man-eating crocodiles are also found in abundance in the Sundarban rivers and other small rivers in Bangladesh.
36. Ibid. 1.66

Sumsumāra (Dolphins)³⁷

Sumsumāra is of one variety only.

The Jalacaras (aquatic animals) are classified into two groups, viz. Saṁmūrccchima (those which are asexually reproduced) and Garbhavyutkrāntika (born from the womb). All the Saṁmūrccchimas are Napuṁsakas (belong to the third sex), while Garbhavyutkrāntikas are of three kinds, viz. Itthī (female), Purisā (Male) and Napuṁsaka (that of third sex). Of these aquatic animals—developed and undeveloped there are 13 1/2 lakh varieties and birth places of them.³⁸

Amphibia (MAṆḌUKAJĀTI OR DADDURAJĀTI).

The land Vertebrates—Maṇḍukas or Dadduras (frogs) represent the amphibian animals. Frogs and toads are highly specialized for hopping. Although the frogs are land animals and can live in comparatively dry places, they must return to water to reproduce. “Eggs and sperms are generally laid in water and the fertilized eggs, nourished at first by the yolk, develop into larvae or tadpoles. These breathe by means of gills and feed on aquatic plants. After a time the larva undergoes metamorphosis and becomes a young adult frog or salamander, with lungs and legs”³⁹.

A number of frogs, toads and salamanders have skin glands that secrete poisonous substances, for this reason they are perhaps called Maṇḍukajāti āśiviṣa,⁴⁰

Parisarpas (Reptiles) : Sthalacaras :

The class-parisarpa (Reptilia)⁴¹ is a living species of true land forms. They need not return to water to reproduce as amphibian must. They are oviparous animals. “The bodies of reptiles are covered with hard, dry, horny scales which protect the animal, from desiccation and from predators”.⁴² The reptiles described in the Āgamas are of two kinds,

37. Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta 1.67.

38. Ibid. 1.68. 1-4.

39. Bhagavati Sūtra 8.2.316 ; 12.8.460 ;

; Maṇḍuke hari-śātūra - plava - bhika - plavaṅgamāḥ vaṣṣābhūh plavagaḥ śālura jihva - vyaṅga - dardurā / (I354) ; Abhidhāṇṇa cintāmoni, Hemacandra, p. 38 ; Maṇḍukka - Maṇḍayati ; Varsāsamayam - Maḍi - Bhekejalajantu bhide / praśnavyā karaṇa / Āśrayadvāra, vide Abhidhān Rājendra, p. 23 (y) Vyavahāra 1.6, Pra.1.5 Bhā. 1. Biology, p. 234.

40. Bhagavati Sūtra 8.2.316

41. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.181 ; Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta 1.76 ;

42. Biology, p. 243.

viz. Urahparisarpa (those which move on their breast, e.g. snake) and Bhujaparisarvas (those which walk on their arms, e.g. lizards, etc.).⁴³ Both are again of many kinds.⁴⁴

Urahparisarvas :

They are of four kinds, viz. Ahī (snake), Ahigarā (a kind of snake), Āsāliyā (a kind of reptiles Urahparisarvas) and Mahoragā (a kind of reptiles Urahparisarvas).⁴⁵

Ahī (Snake):

Ahī is of two kinds, viz. Davvikarā⁴⁶ and Maulino.⁴⁷

Davvikarā is of many kinds such as, Āśviṣā, (those having poison in teeth), Dīṭṭhiviṣā (those having poison in vision), Uggavisā (those having deadly serious poison), Bhagavisā (those having poison in body), Tayāvisā (those having poison in skin), Hālāvisā (those having poison in saliva) Ussāsavisā (those having poison in inhaling air), Nissāsavisā (those having poison in exhaling air,) Kāṇhasappā (Kṛṣṇasarpā=black snake – cobra Naja Tripuradians), Sedaspappā (a kind of snakes), Kāodara (a kind of snakes), Dajjhappuppā (Dagdhapuṣpā, a kind of snakes), Kolāhā (a kind of snakes), Melimimda (a kind of snakes) and others like them.⁴⁸

Maulino (Mukulina) (Hoodless Snake)

There are many kinds of Maulino, such as, Divvāgā, Goṇāsā, Kasāhiya, Vaiulā Cittaliṇo Mamḍalino Māliṇo, Ahī, Ahisalāgā, Paḍāga and others like them.

Avagara (Boidae)

It is of one kind only (egāgāra).⁴⁹

43. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.181 ; Paṇṇavaṇā 1.76. ; Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra 2.34.

44. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.181

45. Paṇṇavaṇā 1.77.

46. Darvikaras are mentioned in śuśruta - Nāgārjuna (Kalpasthāna, ch. IV) of the five Darvikaras (Kṛṣṇasarpa, Mahākṛṣṇa, Padma, Mahāpadma, śaṅkapāli - Naja Tripuradians, Naja Bangarus are hooded swift in their movement diurnal in their habits, bear on their hoods or their bodies the marks of chariot - wheel, ploughs, umbrellas rhombs; or cross-bands, goads, etc., PSAH. p. 186.

47. Paṇṇavaṇā 1.78,

48. Ibid. 1.79.

49. Paṇṇavaṇā 1.80. Ibid. 181

Āsāliyā :

They are born and live in islands, forts, villages, towns, Nigamas (a city or market places), Kheḍas (small towns), Karbaṭas (market-towns or villages), Maṇḍavas (temples), Doṇamuhas (the ends of a valley), Pattanas (towns or cities), Āgaras, (mines), Āsamās, (hermitages) Saṁvāhas (parks for recreation or market-places), and capitals (Rāyahāṇī). They are saṁmūrcchima prāṇīs. They are in the minimum innumerabeth part of a cubic finger in length and 12 Yojanas in the maximum, like that in breadth and depth. On the destruction of islands, etc. they rise up by making the earth burst forth and die in an antarmuhūrta.⁵⁰

Mahorgā :

Mahoragā (Reptiles living in the external islands and seas)⁵¹, are of many kinds, such as, (1) Some are one cubic finger in length (2) Some are aṅgulapuhattiyā (two-nine cubic fingers in length), (3) (3) Some are one viyatthi (thumb finger to small finger in length), (4) Some are viyattnipuhattiyā (two - nine fingers in length), (5) Some are one rayaṇī (one cubit=18" in length (6) Some are rayaṇī-puhattiyā (two to nine rayaṇīs in length), (7) Some are one kucchi, i.e. two cubits) in length), (8) Some are Kucchi - puhattiyā (two to nine Kucchis), (9) Some are one dhaṇu (four cubits in length), (10) Some are dhanupuhattiya (two to nine dhanus in length), (11) Some are one gāuyam̃ (2000 dhanus in length), (12) Some are Gāuyapuhattiyā, (i.e. two to nine gāuyams) (13) Some are one Yojana (14) gāuyas in length), (15) Some are Yojanasatam̃ (one hundred Yojanas in length), (16) Some are Yojanasatapuhattiyā (two to nine Yojanaśatas), (17) Some are Yojana-śahasram̃ (one thousand Yojanas in length), and many others like them⁵².

They are born in land but move in both water and land. They live in the external islands and seas.⁵³

They are of two kinds, viz. Saṁmūrcchima (asexually reproduced). and Garbhavyutkrāntika (sexually reproduced). All the Saṁmūrcchima are Napuṁsakas (that of third sex). Garbhavyutkrāntikas are of three

50. Ibid. 1.82

51. Paṇḍavaṇā 1.83

52. Ib d. 1.83.

It is difficult to identify them in the absence of further knowledge about them. But it is certain that a kind of snake type reptilia are found to originate in the ruins of old houses and buildings on their destruction.

53. Ibid.

kinds, viz. Itthī (female), Purisa (male) and Napuṃsaga (third sex)⁵⁴.

Of these Uraḥparisarpas developed and undeveloped, there are ten lakh varieties and birth - places⁵⁵ of them.

Bhujaparisarpas (Reptiles which walk on arms) :

Bhujaparisarpas are of many kinds, such as, Naula (Nakula - mangoose), Gohā (Godhā, Varanidae Lizards, Reptilia), Saraḍā, (a kind of Bhujaparisarpas), Sallā (porcupine on a kind of Bhujaparisarpas), Saram-ṭhā (a kind of Bhūjaparisarpas), Sārā (a kind of Bhujaparisarpas), (Gharoilā (a kind of Bhujaparisarpas), Vissambharā (a kind of Bhujaparisarpas), Mūsā (rats a kind of Bhujaparisarpas), Maṅgusa (a kind of Bhujaparisarpas), Payalāiyā (a kind of Bhujaparisarpas), Chiravirāliya (a kind of Bhujaparisarpas), Jāhā (a kind of Bhujaparisarpas), Cauppāiyā (a kind of Bhujaparisarpas), and others like them.⁵⁵

They are divided into two kinds, on the basis of their mode of origin, viz. Saṃmūrçhima (asexually reproduced) and Garbhavyut-krāntikas (sexually reproduced or born from the womb). All Saṃmūrçhimas are Napuṃsakas (of third sex). Those which are Garbhavyut-krāntikas are of three kinds, Itthī (female), Purisa (male), Napuṃsaga (third sex)⁵⁶.

Of these Bhujaparisarpas - developed and undeveloped there are nine lakh varieties and birth - places, etc.⁵⁷

Catuṣpadās (Quadrupeds) :

As pointed out, they are the terrestrial mammals and there are four sub - classes of Catuṣpadas viz. Egakhurā, Dukhurā, Gaṇḍipadā and Saṇapphadā⁵⁸.

Egakhura (Solidungular Animals)

Solidungular animals are of many kinds, such as, Assā (horses), Assatarā (kind of horses or mules), Ghoḍagā (mares or a kind of horses), Gaddabha (ass), Gorakkarā (a kind of Solidungular animals), Kamdagā (a kind of solidungular animals), Sirikamdadaga (a kind of solidungular

54. Ibid. 1.85

55. Ibid.

56. Ibid.

57. Ibid. 1.85.5.

58. Paṇṇavaṇā 1.70.

animals), Avattā (a kind of solidungular animals) and others like them.⁵⁹

Dukhurā (Biungular Animals).

They are of many kinds, such as Uṭṭhā (camel), Goṇā (cows), Gavayā (Bos gaveeus-Ungulata), Rojjhā (a species of Biungular animals), Pasayā (a species of Biungular animals), Mahisā (buffalo), Miya (deer), Saṃvarā (a species of Biungular animals, a kind of deer), Varāhā (boars or hogs or swines), Avā (goats), Sarabhā (a kind of deer), Camarā (Yaks), Kurāṅgā (a kind of deer), Gokaṇṇā (the deer Antilope picta), and others like them.⁶⁰

Gaṇḍipadā (Multiungular Animals)

There are many kinds of Gaṇḍipadas, such as, Hatthi (elephant), Pūyanayā (a kind Multiungular animals), Mamkunahaathi (a kind of elephants), Khaggā (a kind of rhinoceroses), Gaṇḍāras (rhinoceroses) and others like them.⁶¹

Sanapphadā (Animals with incisor teeth and nails)

There are many kinds of them, such as, Sīhā (lions), Vaggha (tigers), Dīviyā (Dīpikā, a kind of tiger, leopard or panther), Taracchā (wolves), Parassarā (Panthers or a particular wild animal), Siyālā (Sṛgālas = foxes), Biḍālās (cats), Sunagā (dogs), Kokamṭiya (a kind of Carnivorous animals), Sasagā (hares), Cittagā (a kind of Carnivorous animals), Cittalagā (a kind of Carnivorous animals) and others like them.⁶²

All these animals are classified into two kinds on the basis of their mode of origin, viz. Saṃmūrccima (animals asexually reproduced) and Garbhavyutkrāntika (animals born from the womb). Those which are Saṃmūrccimas are Napuṃsakas. Those which are Garbhavyutkrāntika are of three kinds, viz. Itthi (female), purisa (male) and Napuṃsaga (third sex). Of these terrestrial quadrupeds – developed and undeveloped, there are ten lakh varieties and birth-places of them.⁶³

59. Ibid. 1.71,

60. Ibid. 1.72.

61. Paṇṇavaṇā, 1.73.

62. Ibid. 1.74. Tattvarthasūtra mentions Rksa (bear) after Vyaghra (tiger).

63. Ibid. 1.75. 1-4.

Pakkhi (Birds) :

Pakṣins (Birds) are characterized by the presence of feathers (Pakṣas⁶⁴, Lomas); “ these decrease the loss of water through the body surface, decrease the loss of body heat, and aid in flying by presenting a plane surface to the air ”⁶⁵.

Like parisarpas (reptiles) birds lay eggs and have internal fertilization, i. e. they are oviparous (aṇḍaja).^{66a} They have become adapted to a variety of environments and different species have very different types of wings, tails, breaks, feet, etc.

As pointed out, there are four species of birds, viz. Carmapakṣī (so - called birds having leathern wings - Bats, chiropetera = Valgulī), Lomapakṣī (birds proper having feathered wings), Samudgapakṣī (those with wings in the shape of a box)⁶⁶ and Vitatapakṣis (which sit on outspread wings)⁶⁷.

Carmapakṣis have been included by the Jainācāryas into the category of birds on the basis of their homologous features of wings with birds proper having feathered wings. But they should be placed under the species of the Mammals, according to modern Biology, as they have feathers of the Mammals.

Carmapakṣī (leather-winged birds)

Carmapakṣī are of many kinds, such as, Vagguli (bat), Jaloyā (Jalūkā, aquatic or amphibious or **blood-sucking bat or vampire** ?) Adilā (a kind of Carmapakṣī), Bhāraṇḍapakṣī (a species of micro-chiroptera, the horse-shoe bat ?), Jīvamjīvā, Samuddavāyasā, (sea-crows ?) Kaṇṇatiya, (a kind of Carmapakṣī). Pakkhibirali (flying cat, micro-Chiroptera etc.)⁶⁸

It is difficult to identify all of them at the present state knowledge of taxonomy.

Lomapakṣi (Birds having feathered wings).

There are many kinds of Lomapakṣis, such as, Dhankā (a kind of crows), Kaṅkā (herons), Kurala (Ospreys-large birds prying on fish), Vāyasā (crows), Cakkāgā (a kind of birds), Haṃsā (ducks), Kalahaṃsā

64. Paṇṇavaṇā 1.86.

65. Biology, p. 243.

66a Tattvarthādighama Sūtra, II. 34. (Aṇḍajānaṃ Pakṣinaṃ)

66. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.187. Paṇṇavaṇā 1.87.

67. Paṇṇavaṇā 1.87.

68. Paṇṇavaṇā 1.87

(a kind of ducks), Pāyahamsā (a kind of ducks), Rāyahamsā (Ganders), Aḍā (a kind of bird), Seḍi (a kind of bird), Bagā (Vakās, herons); Balāgā (Balākās, cranes), Parippavā (a kind of birds), Koṃcā (Krauñca= curlews, wading birds with long slender curved bill), Sārasā (the Indian cranes), Mesurā (a kind of birds), Masurā (a kind of birds), Mayurā (peacock), Satavacchā (a kind of birds), Gaharā (a kind of birds), Poṇḍariyā (a kind of birds), Kāgā (Kākas, black crows), Kāmajugā (a kind of birds), Vaṃjulagā (a kind of birds), Tittirā (partridges), Vattagā (a kind migratory bird allied to partridge, esteemed as food, quail), Lāvagā (a kind of birds), Kavoyā (pigeons), Kaviṃjalā (a kind of birds), Parevayā (a kind of pigeons), Cidagā (a kind of birds), Cāsā (a kind of birds), Kakkuḍā (wild cocks), Sugā (Śukā, parrots), Barahiṇā (a kind of birds), Madanasalāgā (a kind of birds), Koilā (Cuckoos), Sehā (Śekhā, peacocks ?), and Varellagamādi (a kind of birds) etc.⁶⁹

Samudgapaksi :

Samudgapakṣi is of one kind only. This species is not found in India, but they live in the external islands and seas.⁷⁰ It is not possible to identify this class at the present state of our knowledge of taxonomy.

Vitatatapakṣi :

It is also of one kind and it lives in the external islands and seas.⁷¹

All these birds are of two classes, from the point of view of the mode of origin viz. Saṃmūrccchima⁷² (asexually reproduced) and Garbhavyutkrāntika (sexually reproduced). Those which are Saṃmūrccchimas are Napuṃsakas. Those which are Garbhavyutkrāntikas are of three kinds, viz. Itthī (female), Purisa (male), Napuṃsaga (third sex).⁷³

Of these aerial animals – developed and undeveloped, there are stated to be 12 lakh varieties and birth – places.⁷⁴

69. Paṇṇavaṇā 1.88.

70. Paṇṇavaṇā 1.89.

71. Ibid. 1.90.

72. Saṃmūrccchimas grow by assimilating the materials in their surrounding. According to a second explanation their internal organ does not fully develop.

73. Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, 1.91-1-3.

74. Ibid., 1.9-4.

It appears from the list of birds that not all birds fly; some, such as, haṁsas have become adapted to a variety of environments.

In Jaina Biology the vertebrata is also sub-divided into three classes on the basis of the mode of reproduction⁷⁵ viz., (1) Aṇḍaja, oviparous (Pisces, Reptilia, and Batrachia), e. g. (snakes, ophidia, Reptilia), Godhā (Varanidae, Lizards, Reptilia), Krikalāsa (Chameleons Reptilia), Grihagolika (Common Lizards, Lacertilia), Matsya (Pisces) Kūrma (Tortoises, Chelonia, Reptilia), Śuśumāra (Dolphin or porpoise, Cetacea), and birds proper with feather wings—Lomapakṣa Pakṣis.⁷⁶

Śiśumāras are erroneously placed under this class, being really viviparous like other cetacea which belongs to the Mammals. (2) Jarāyujā,⁷⁷ mammals born with placenta, including all mammals other than the Potaja :

1. Man, cow, buffalo, goat, sheep, horse, ass, camel, deer, yak, hog, Bos Gavaeus, (Gāvaya-Ungulata), lion, tiger, bear, panther, dog, jackal, cat, etc.⁷⁸

(3) Potaja,⁷⁹ a class of placental mammals comprising the Deciduata with the exception of Man, the Apes, and the Carnivora, e.g. Śallaka (porcupine, Rodentia), Hasti (Elephant, Proboscidea), Śvavit and Lāpaka (Hedgehogs and other creatures that lap up, Insectivora), Śāśa and Śayika (hare, rabbit, and squirrel, Rodentia), Nakula (Ichneumon, which though carnivorous is supposed to come under the Deciduata), Mūṣika (mice, Rodentia), and the Carmapakṣa Pakṣi, so-called birds with leathern wings (bats, Chiroptera), e. g. Valguli (flying-fox), Pakṣivirāla (flying cat, Micro-chiroptera) and Jalūkā (blood-sucking bats or Vampires).⁸⁰

75. Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 34.

76. Ibid.

77. According to the Jainas, Jarāyujā, (viviparous-lit., placentalia) means only those viviparous animals which come out at birth with the placenta (a Deciduata), while Potaja is a class of placental mammals comprising the Deciduata with the exception of Man, the Apes, and the Carnivora. Potaja means literally viviparous animals born without placenta. The Potaja class comprises, the following Deciduata. Proboscidea, Redentia, Insectivora and Chiroptera.

78. Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 34.

79. Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra, II. 24,

80. Jarāyujānām manuṣya - go - mahiṣājāvikaṣca kharoṣṭramṛga - camara - varāha - gavayasiṁha-vyāghraṅkaṣa - dvīpīśva - śṛgālamārjārādinām / Aṇḍajānām sarpagodha Kṛkalāsa gṛhagolika - matsya - kūrma - nakra - ṣeśumādinām / pakṣiṇām ca lomapakṣaṇām / haṁsacāsa-śuka - gṛdhra - śyena - pāravata - Kāka - mayūramadgubaka - balākādinām / Potajānām śāśka - hasti - śvavillāpaka - śāśa - śāyikā - nakula - mūṣikādinām / Carmapakṣiṇām ca pakṣaṇām Jalūkā valaguli bhāraṇḍa-pakṣivirā - lādīnām garbhe janma /" Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra, Ch. II, Sūtra 34.

Mammals :

All the Jarāyuja and Potaja⁸¹ animals come under the species of the Mammals. "The distinguishing features of Mammals are the presence of hair, mammary glands sweat glands, and the differentiation of the teeth into incisors, canines and motors".⁸² There are many sub-classes of the Mammals.

The Jarāyuja and Potaja animals of Jaina Biology form the sub-class of the Mammals—the Eutheria of Biology which includes all the other mammals, all characterized by the formation of placenta for the nourishment of the developing embryo while within the uterus (Garbha or Jarāyu) of the mother. Some of the principal orders of Jarāyujas and Potajas (i. e. placental mammals) are the following :

- (1) Insectivora – hedge - hogs (and other creatures, that lap up, e.g. Śvavit and Lāpaka, they are Potajas).
- (2) Chiroptera – bats (Valguli⁸³ – flying fox – Potaja, Pakṣivirāla – flying Cat, Micro – Chiroptera – Potaja, Jalūkā (blood sucking bats or Vampires – Potaja).
- (3) Carnivora – (Jarāyuja, lion, tiger, bears, panther, Biḍāla = Cat, Śunaga = dog, foxes (Śṛgāla), etc.
- (4) Rodentia (Śallaka = porcupine, muṣika = mice, Śaśa and Śayika = hare, rabbit and squirrel). These mammals have sharp chisel-like incisor teeth.
- (5) Primates – men, apes and monkeys.
- (6) Artiodactyle – cattle, cow and buffalo, goat, sheep, hog, deer – Herbivorous hooved animals with an even number of digits per foot.
- (7) Perissodactyle – horse, ass, camel, rhinoceroses (Assa, Gaddabha, Utṭha, Gaṇḍāra).
- (8) Proboscidea (Potaja, *hasti*, elephant).
- (9) Cetacea – Whales, dolphins and porpoises (Timi and Śuśumāra)
- (10) Ichneumon (Nakula, mangoose, Deciduata – Mammals).

81. Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra II. 34.

82. Biology. p. 244.

83. A kind of Carmapakṣin, as already pointed out as Valguli.

It appears from the study of the hosts of animals as given in the Jaina Āgamas that the various members of the animal kingdom cannot be placed on a single scale ranging from lowest to highest, for their evolutionary development has occurred in the manner of a branching tree, rather than in a single continuous series. It cannot be said, for example, that the *starfish* is “higher” or “lower” than the *Śamvuka* (*Helix*) or *Śankha* (*Concifer*) or *Oyster*, the two forms are simply representatives of the two main trunks of the evolutionary tree, between the two groups are deep-lying differences of structure and development.

MAN :

Men are of two kinds, viz. *Sam̐mūrcchima* (asexually reproduced or reproduced by generation acquivoca) and *Garbhavyutkrāntika* (men born from the womb i.e. sexually reproduced).⁸⁴

As pointed out, men belong to the sub-class of the Mammals. *Sam̐mūrcchima* manuṣyas are born in all kinds of dirty places, such as, places of urination, etc.⁸⁵ It is not possible to recognize them in the light of modern Biology at the present state of our knowledge in the field of taxomony.

Conclusion :

The classification of animals as made in Jain Biology may be summed up by making a comparative study of it with that of animals as found in other Indian Biological Sciences in some respects. For example, *Sam̐mūrcchima Jīvas*⁸⁶ (from two-sensed to four-sensed animals asexually reproduce) of Jaina Biology may be identified with *Ayonija Kṣudra Jantus*⁸⁷ (asexually generated small animals), e. g. *svedajas* (animals born of moisture and heat) and *Udvijja* (born of vegetable organisms or metamorphic e. g. the *coccinella*).⁸⁸ *Yonija Kṣudra Jantus*⁸⁹ (sexually generated small animals), e. g.

84. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.171. ; Paṇṇavaṇa 1.92 Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra II. 34.

85. Paṇṇavaṇā, 1.56

86. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.171 ; Paṇṇavaṇa, Sutta 1.56.57.58,

87. Praśastapadādabhāṣya (śarīram dvividhāṃ-Yonijamayonijaṃ ca etc.), Kṣudrajantūnām etc. Pṛthivīnirūpaṇām/” Patañjali’s Mahābhāṣya, 2.4.1. (Athavā Nakulaparyanta Kṣudrajantavaḥ)

88. Caraka, Śārīrasthāna, Chap. III. 16 “ Bhūtānām Caturvidhā Yonirbhavati jarāvaṇḍasvedodbhidah” ‘ Ekaikā yonih aparīsamkhyeyabhīd bhavanti Bhūtānām akṛtīviśeṣā parisainkhyeyatvat of Ibid)’

89. Praśastapadādabhāṣya, Pṛthavīrūpaṇām /”

the *Aṇḍajas* (oviparous) and *Jarāyujas*⁹⁰ (viviparous) of Brāhmaṇical Biology are identical with the *Tirikkhayoṇiya Jivas* (*Aṇḍajas* and *Jarāyujas*⁹¹ – lower animals born of eggs and lower animals born from the womb as a result of sexual union) of Jaina Biology. In both the Biological sciences the two-sensed animals or the *Kṣudrajantus* (small animals), like (I) *Kṛimis*⁹² (worms or Vermes), (a) *Apādikas*,⁹³ without lateral appendages (Scolecids), (b) *Nūpurakas*⁹⁴ (Annelids), and (c) *Gaṇḍūpadas*⁹⁵ (Arthropoda), (II) the *Jalaukāś*⁹⁶ (Leeches)⁹⁷ and (III) *Kośasthas*, (shelled animals), i. e. some forms of Mollusca, e. g. the *Śankhas* (Conchifera), the *Śukṭikas*⁹⁸ (Pearl mussels), the *Śambukas* (spiral shelled *Helix*), *Vodika*, etc.⁹⁹ come under the category of the Invertebrata. (IV) The three-sensed animals of Jaina Biology and the Insects of Brāhmaṇical Biology, typified by the ants comprising (a) *Pipīlika*,¹⁰⁰ *Rohinikā* (ants, Hymenoptera), (b) *Upacikā*, *Kunthu*, *Tuburaka* (bugs and flies, Hemiptera), (c) *Trapusavija* – *Kārpāsāsthikā* (Cucumber- and Cotton-weevils and Lice, Aptera), *Ametabola*), (d) *Śatapadī*, *Utpatāka* (Centipedes, Spring-tails, Aptera), (e) *Tṛṇapatra* (Plant- or grass-lice, Aptera) and (f) *Kāṣṭhahāraka*

90. *Ibid.*

91. *Bhagavati Sūtra*, 7.5.282; *Jivābhigama Sūtra* 3.1.96; *Pañṇavaṇa* 1.61-91. *Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra* II. 34.

92. *Uttarādhyayana Sūtra* 36.128; *śuśruta* (*Kṛimis*), *Dalvana*.

93. Of *Suśruta's* careful description, *Sūtrasthāna*, Ch. XIII; *Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra*, II. 24 (*apādika*)

94. *Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra* II. 24.

95. *Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra* II. 24.

96. *Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra* II. 24; *Suśruta*, *Sūtrasthāna*, Ch. XIII (*Athāto jalaukā .. etc.*)

97. *Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra* II. 24; *Ibid.*

98. *Caraka* and *Suśruta*, Ch. XXVII, *Sūtrasthāna*, *Dalvana* “*Śukṭiśaṅkha*, etc. (*Caraka Sūtrasthāna* XXVII) no. “*Voḍikajala śukṭisambūka bheda bahubheda grhyant*) *Delvania*

99. *Ibid.* *Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra* II, 24.

100. “*Suśruta* – *Nāgārjuna* names six varieties of *Pipīlikā* (ants), six varieties of *Makṣikā* (flies), five varieties of *Maḡakas* (mosquitos) including one marine and one mountain kind, eight varieties of *śatapadīṣ* (centipedes), thirty varieties of scorpions, and sixteen of spiders (*Lutās*). Of the *kīṭas*, the glow-worm and the *Tailakiṭa* (lit-oil-worm) are said to be luminous (phosphorescent) ca. *Rājanighanta* – *Khadyota tailakiṭau*”, vide the *Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindūs*, p. 194.

(Termites, white ants – Neuroptera, Hemimetabola)¹⁰¹ form the Higher Invertebrata.

Besides the four-sensed animals of Jaina Biology¹⁰² and the Insects of Brahmanical Biology¹⁰³, typified by Hexopoda, (Ṣaṭapada) comprising (a) Bhramara, Varāṭa, Sāraṅga, (bees, wasps, and hornets), (b) Makṣikā, Puttikā, Daṁṣā, and Maśakas (flies, gnats, gadflies and mosquitos), (c) Vṛścikas and Nandyāvartas (Scorpions and spiders – Arachnida, Arthropoda), (d) Kīṭa (butter-flies and moths) and Pataṅgas (grass-hoppers and locusts) also belong to the class of the Higher Invertebrata. They are all oviparous (aṇḍajas)¹⁰⁵ according to both the sciences.

The Tiryak-Yoni animals having five sense-organs of Jaina Biology¹⁰⁶ and Brāhmanical Biology,¹⁰⁷ i. e. lower animals with five sense-organs, sexually generated, correspond to the Phylum Chordata—the Vertebrata possessing bones and blood. They are classified on the basis of their mode of reproduction.

They are as follows :

(1) Aṇḍajas,¹⁰⁸ (oviparous animals) comprise (a) Matsya (fishes), Timi (whale), Makara (Shark?), Kūrmās (tortoises), Kumbhīras or Nakras (Grāhās) (crocodiles), Śuśumāras (dolphins), (b) Uragas (apodal reptiles including sarpas—snakes, Ophidia) which move on breast. (c) Bhujagas (oviparous animals) with lateral pedal appendages which walk on arms, i. e. both Reptiles and Batrachians including Godhā (Varantas lizards), Gṛhagolika (common lizards) and Krikalāsa

101. Paṇḍavaṇā, 1.57. ; Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra II. 24

102. Paṇḍavaṇā Sutta 1,58 ; Tattvārthādhigama Sutta II. 24.

103. See Caraka – Suśruta, Dalvana. Caraka Sūtrani and Chapter XXVII (Mākṣikāṁ bhramarāṁ etc.) 243 Suśrutās, Kalpasthāna Ch. VIII

104. Paṇḍavaṇā Sutta 1.58. ; Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra II. 24.

105. Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra II. 34. Praśastapādabhāṣya.

106. Paṇḍavaṇā Sutta 1.61-92 ff. Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra II. 24, 34.

107. i. e. Kṣudrajantus of Brāhmanical Biology ; sexually generated lower animals possessing bones and blood. Corresponding to the vertebrata are identical with Tiryakyoni animals, sexually generated.

108. Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra II. 34 ; Praśastapādabhāṣya, etc. Pṛthivīnirupaṇam “Pakṣīsarīṣpāṇāmaṇḍajām”.

(chameleons).¹⁰⁹

(2) Kūrmās and Nakras (tortoises and Crocodiles – Chelonia and Emydosauria, Reptitia).

(3) Śīsumāras¹¹⁰, the Dolphnidae (Odontoceta cetacea). Śīsumāra, is not ovipārous as mentioned in Jaina Biology. It does not name Karkaṭa (Crabs – crustacea), but it is mentioned in Śuśruta. The sub-class of Bhujagas of Jaina Biology, being a natural sub-division of the Vertebrates, does not comprise crustacea which are rightly placed under the category of the Invertebrates and (d) Lomapakṣa Pakṣins¹¹¹ (winged animals with feathery wings, i. e. birds proper), while Carmapakṣa Pakṣin¹¹² (winged animals with leather wings), though they have been placed under the category of birds in both Jaina and Brāhmanical Biologies¹¹³ on the homologous basis, belong to the Placentalia of the Deciduata class (Potaja). II. Jarāyujās and Potajās¹¹⁴ (Viviparous, lit. placentalia) as classified in both the Biological sciences are placed on the same basis of mode of reproduction. They are as follows: (a) Carmapakṣa, pakṣins (leather – winged animals, which are Potaja – Deciduata), viz. Valgulī (flying-fox), Pakṣi-virāla (flying cat, Microchiroptera), Bhāraṇḍa pakṣin – a species of Micro-chiroptera), the horse-shoe bat?) and Jalūkā (blood-sucking bat or Vampire bat?)¹¹⁵

(b) Vileśaya Jarāyujās¹¹⁶ (mammals that live in holes of burrows, including various species of Rodents and Insectivora, such as Mūṣika, (mice), etc.

109. Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 34.

Śuśruta mentions “four varieties of the Kaṇava (bhāka), a species of (Chameleon-like lizards, (cf. Lādyāyana, quoted by Dalvana, Kalpasthāna, Chapter VIII, six varieties of Galagolika (a species of lizards), and five varieties of Gaudheraka Varanus-like lizards, but smaller in size, vide the Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus, p.196. “Kāuṇḍīyakaḥ Kanabhako etc. Kalpasthāna, VIII”, Galagolyastu, sarṣapiketyevam. Ibid, // “Gaudherakaḥ sthālikā (Ibid. 21)

110. Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 34.

111. Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra, 1,86, ; Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 34.

112. Ibid.

113. Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 34. ; Prasastapādabhāṣya (Pakṣisarīsrpaṇāmāṇḍajam) Pṛthivīnirūpaṇam.

114. Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 34. ; Carmapakṣāṇām ca pakṣāṇām Jalūkā-Valgulī – Bhāraṇḍa Pakṣivirālādīnām garbhe janmaḥ //”

115. Ibid.

116. Vileśaya class of animals is included into the group of Jāngala animals. See Suśruta, Sūtrasthāna, Chap. XXVII.

(c) Parṇamṛgas¹¹⁷ (arboreal mammals, comprising some Rodents (Śāśa, Śāyikā, hare, rabbit,¹¹⁸ squirrels, etc.), a wild-cat – the sloths and the apes.¹¹⁹

(d) **Non-carnivorous quadrupeds** (Catuṣpadas), Akraṇyādāh, such as, Jāṅgalas¹²⁰ – mṛga, (deer), etc., (2) Kulecaras¹²¹ (mammals grazing on the banks of rivers and frequently marshy places, e.g. Hasti (elephants), Gaṇḍāra (rhinoceros), Gāvaya (Bos gavaeus), Mahiṣa (buffalo), Varāha (hog), some species of deer also, (3) Grāmyas¹²² (domesticated quadrupeds), some with undivided hoof (ekaśapha i. e. egakhurā),¹²³ e. g. Aśva (horse), Aśvatara (mule); Gardabha (ass), some with cloven hoof (dvikhurā), e. g. Uṣṭra (camel), Goṇa (cow), Aja (goat), Āvika (sheep),¹²⁴ etc.

(e) **Carnivorous quadrupeds**, Guhāśaya¹²⁵ (living in natural caves or hollows, Carnivorous – Kravyāda or Sanapphadā, comprising Simha (lion), Vyāghra (tiger), Rkṣa (bear), Dvīpina a kind of tiger, leopard or Panther), Śvā (dog), Sṛgāla (Jackal), Mārjāra (cat),¹²⁶ etc.

The Carnivora are termed Vyālas,¹²⁷ or Kravyādas¹²⁸ and Herbivora as paśus¹²⁹ in the Brāhmanical works in a wider sense.

117. Parṇamṛgas, apes, etc. are also enlisted in the class of Jāṅgalas, Ibid.

118. Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 34.

119. Bhagavati Sūtra 12.8.60.

120. Kalyāṇakāraka mentions Jāṅgala and Anūpa animals, Kalyāṇakāraka. V. 19, p. 21; Suśruta, Sūtrasthāna, Chap. XXVII. It also gives a list of dietary animals.

They are divided into two classes, viz.

(1) Anūpas (animals that live in marshy land or water-logged land (or water)

(2) Jāṅgala animals that live in dry (hilly) jungle land. The Anūpas are subdivided into eight classes and the Jāṅgalas into five on the basis of real and natural distinctions of food and natural distinctions of food and habitat, in all they are sub-divided into thirteen classes; “Trayodasabhedā ṣaṣṭsu eva antarbhūtāḥ / Saṁkhyeyam nirddeśādeva ṣaṣṭsaṁkhyāyām labhāyām tena ṣaḍvargā iri nīyamārtham . . Dalvana, Sūtrasthāna, Chap. XXVII.

121. Kulecaras are included into the class of Anūpa.

122. Grāmyas are placed in the class of Jāṅgalas.

123. “Grāmyaśabdena ca ekaśaphaśabdena ca grāmyaḥsapaḥ kṣuraḥ – Dalvana”.

124. Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II, 34.

125. Guhāśaya is included into the class of Jāṅgala.

126. Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 34.

127. Suśruta.

128. Ibid.

129. Ibid.

Aristotle, the greatest of Ancient biologists, mentions "some five hundred different animals, a large number relatively to the knowledge of the time¹³⁰". He arranged animals in a Scala Naturae according to the principles of mode of generation (asexual – sexual), homology, habitat, spontaneous generation, similarity of structure, etc. But "Keswani¹³¹ contends that Aristotle's (384–382 B. C.) Scala Naturae which is considered as the earliest scientific classification of animal kingdom actually never occurs in any of his writings and has been somewhat forcibly extracted out of Aristotle's text."¹³²

Like this Greek philosopher the Jainācāryas recognize in principle three grades of likeness or similarity in animal classification, viz. (1) the complete identity of type, which exists within a single species, (2) the likeness between species of the same great genus (such species have the same bodily parts, differing only in degree in number, size, etc.), (3) the likeness by analogy between 'greatest genera' themselves, on the basis of sense-organs, for the Jainācāryas, grasped firmly, the homology between arm, foreleg, wing, fin, between bone and fish spine, between feather and scale.

They never applied any cut-and-dried classification. They were well aware of the difficulties of the existence of isolated species which fall under no recognized greatest genera and of species intermediate between two such genera. But their classification is clear enough in its main lines. It was a great advance on anything that preceded it in the Vedic period and no further advance on it was made in the field of Ancient Indian Biology. Their widest divisions are Dvīndriya (two-sensed), Trīndriya (three-sensed), Caturendriya (four-sensed) and Pañcendriya (five-sensed) animals answering to the modern Invertebrates (two-sensed animals, three-sensed animals and four-sensed animals), and Vertebrates (five-sensed animals, on the basis of the number of sense-organs possessed by each of them and also on that of habitat—Jalacara (aquatic), Sthalacara (terrestrial) and Nabhacara (aerial). Of the Pañcendriyas (five-sensed animals) the main genera are viviparous quadrupeds (Catuṣpada) (Cetacea) and oviparous

130. Aristotle by W. D. Ross, Chapter IV, pp. 112 ff.

131. Keswani N. H., The Concepts of generation, reproduction, evolution, and human development as found in the writing of Indian (Hindu) scholars during the early period (up to A.D. 200) of Indian History, Bulletin of National Institute of Sciences of India, No. 21, p. 208, 1961.

132. Singer, C. A. A Short History of Anatomy from the Greeks to Harvey Daver, New York, p. 209, 1957.

birds (Pakṣin) and apoda-oviparous reptiles (parisarpas) and ampibia (frog = maṇḍuka) and oviparous fishes (matsya).

Besides these there are the isolated species – man and certain intermediate species. Dvīndriya, Trīndriya and Caturendriya animals (lower and higher invertebrates) are divided according to the consistency of their inner and outer parts and sense – organs.

Each of these genera has many differentiae and they accordingly be grouped in many ways, but the most illuminating of those as suggested by the Jainācāryas is that which depends on the mode of generation – Saṁmūrccima and Garbhavyutkrāntika, Aṇḍaja, (oviparous) Jarāyuja and Potaja (viviparous). The highest types of animals are the Jarāyujas and Potajas (vivipara), i. e. those which have vital force to reproduce sexually offspring qualitatively like the parents. The next type is that in which an egg is produced (aṇḍaja) out of which an issue gets generated.

Lower still come the types of animals which produce asexually (Saṁmūrccima) a slimy fluid from which they develop; while in others the young simply bud off from the parents. And finally in all lower types and occasionally even as high as the fishes there occurs spontaneous generation (Saṁmūrccima) from lifeless matter, such as sveda (dirt or sweat).

FOURTH CHAPTER
THE ORGANISATION OF THE HUMAN BODY
(First Section)

Blood and Circulatory System.

The Organisation of the body (śarīra)¹ of developed animals, particularly, of men, includes the transport system of the body, i. e., blood and vessels (śīrās, etc.)² that supply all cells with nutrients (rasa)³ and remove the waste products (mutta, etc.)⁴ of metabolism and the circulatory system⁵, the respiratory system, the digestive system together with metabolism and nutrition, the excretory system, the integumentary and skeletal systems, which protect and support the body, the muscular system which moves the various parts of the body one on another, the nervous system, the sense-organs by which animals obtain and process information regarding the external environment, and the endocrine system.

Enumerating the contents of the human body the Jainācāryas state that usually this body is a collection of blood (śoṇita or rudhira)⁶ and blood vessels—seven śīrās (arteries or veins), twenty four dhamanis (vessels, veins or arteries carrying nutrient) and eight śrotas (currents),⁷ lungs including eparterial bronchioles of trachea (phoppasaphaphasa),⁸ gastro-intestinal tract starting from mouth cavity, oesophagus upto the colon of the large intestine (mukha . . . āmoruhakkāśaya-

1. Tandula Veyāliya 16, pp. 34-35.
2. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35. (Ruhira, śīrās, dhamanī) and srotas (Kalyāṇakāraka 3.4).
3. Imāṃmi sarīrae saṭṭhi sirāsayaṃ nāhippabhavāṇāṃ uḍḍhagāminīṇāṃ siramuvagayāṇāṃ jāo ? rasaharaṇīotti vuccanti jaṇāmsi. etc." Ibid, p. 25.
4. "Imassa jāntussa saṭṭhisirāsayaṇāṃ nāhippabhavāṇāṃ ahogāminīṇāṃ gudappaviṭṭhāṇāṃ jaṇāmsi, niruvaghaeṇāṃ muttapurīsavāyūkammaṃ pavattai," Ibid., 16, p. 35.
5. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.
6. Tandula Veyāliya 3, p. 7; 6, p. 10; 16, p. 35; Kalyāṇakāraka, 3, 7, p. 31 (rakta) Soṇīya (Āṅgavijjā, p. 177)
7. Tandula Veyāliya, 16. p. 35 (Śīrā ; dhamanī (Āṅgavijjā 1970, p. 66) ; Kalyāṇakāraka 3.2 ; 3.3, p. 30 ; 3.4 ; r, 31. ; Kalyāṇakāraka mentions eight srotas (currents). 3.4, p. 21.
8. Tandula Veyāliya, 17, p. 38.

sthūlāntra paniktih),⁹ the excretory organs–kidney¹⁰ (taṇṇuyamta ?) and large intestine (thūlamta),¹¹ nine orifices (navasoyā),¹² skin (camma),¹³ a skeleton¹⁴ of three hundred pieces of bones,¹⁵ articulated by one hundred sixty joints,¹⁶ bound together by nine hundred sinews of ligaments,¹⁷ plastered over with five hundred pieces of muscles¹⁸, enclosed with outer cuticle,¹⁹ with orifices,²⁰ here and there, constantly dribbling and trickling like cracked or perforated pot,²¹ infested by helminths²² and always oozing from the nine orifices²³ (wax from the ears, rheum from the eyes, snot from the nostrils, undigested food, bile, phlegm and blood from the mouth and faeces from the anus and urine from the urethra through the penis²⁴ and sweating through ninety nine lakh of hair follicles,²⁵ five sense–organs²⁶ (ear, eye, etc.) and 170

9. Tandula Veyāliya, (Thulānīte), 16. p. 35. ; Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.4, p. 31. (amoropakkāśaya . sthūtantra)
10. Taṇṇuyamta ? Its function indicates that it is kidney (Je se taṇṇuyamte teṇaṃ pasavaṇe pariṇamāi”, Tandula Veyāliya, 16, 35. But literally taṇṇuyamta means small intestine where all eaten food is churned and digested.
11. Je se thulānīte teṇa uccare pariṇamāi. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35
12. Navasoe purise ikkārasasoyā itthiya, Ibid. See also Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.5, 10, 11, 12.
13. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 41. “Aṭṭhiyakadhīṇe siraṇhārubaṃdhāṇe maṃsacammalevaṃmī /”
14. Ibid.
15. Ibid., 16, p. 35. “Tinni aṭṭhidāmasayāṃ,” “Kalyāṇakāraka 3.2, p. 38.
16. “Saṭṭhi saṃdhisayāṃ”, Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35. Kalyāṇakāraka mentions three hundred joints.
17. “Nava ṇhārusayāṃ”, Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35. ; Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.2, p. 36.
18. Paṇca pesīsayāṃ purisassa tisūnāṃ itthiyāe visūnāṃ paṃdagassa /” Ibid. The woman has 470 pieces of muscles and the neuter has 480 pieces of muscles.
19. Aṭṭhiyakadhīṇe siraṇhārubaṃdhāṇe maṃsacammalevaṃmī /” Tandula Veyāliya. p. 41.
20. Navasrotas – two ears, two eyes, two nostrils, one mouth, one anus or rectum (payu) and one urethra (through penis) (upastha) and skin also is the other orifice, Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35. p. 41.
21. Evaṃ sṛavadbhinnaghaṭṭopamān deho navadvāragalanmalāḍhyaḥ /, Svedaṃ vamatyutkaṭṭaromakūpa ryūkāsaliḥṣṭapadaśca tājjaḥ / Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.12, p. 32.
22. Ibid.
23. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35; p. 38. Kalyāṇakāraka 3.5, 10, 11, 12.
24. Ibid.
25. “Nava nauṃ ca romakūvasayasahassāṃ” Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.
26. Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, Indriyapada, 15, “Soṃdiyattāe cakkhurimdiyattāe ghaṇṇimdiyattāe jibbhimdiyattāe phāimdiyattāe /”, Tandula Veyāliya 3, p. 7.

sensitive parts (maṛma) of the body,²⁷ some endocrine glands,²⁸, etc.

In the description of the body, like Buddhaghoṣa²⁹ the Jainācāryas have intentionally sketched it to create a repulsion in the minds of their followers towards it.³⁰ But the definitions or rather anatomical description of the body given by Caraka³¹ and Suśruta³² in this context are quite different from the Jaina and Buddhist views on it as their objective was to deal with medical science.

So the Jainācāryas suggest to their monk followers to review the different aspects of the human body.³³ They do not define like Caraka³⁴ and Buddhaghoṣa³⁵ that it is constructed out of five or four primary elements of matter. Nevertheless, they admit that the body is constituted of matter (Pudgala)³⁶

The main aspects of the body as described by Jaina Biology, starting from blood (soṇita³⁷ or rudhira³⁸) down to some endocrine glands are as follows : blood³⁹, hard or congealed fat (meda),⁴⁰ semi-liquid fat (Vasā),⁴¹ synovia (raiya),⁴² spittle (khela),⁴³ snot (siṃgānaka),⁴⁴

27. "Sattuttaraṃ mammasayaṃ" Tandula Veyāliya. 16, p. 35.

28. Testes, ovaries, seminal glands etc.

29. Visuddhimagga VI, 89, VI. 46. (sariram hi asuci)

30; Taadulaveyāliya, p. 38 (māṇussayaṃ sarīraṃ pūyāṃ)

31. Carakasaṃhita IV. 6-4. Tatra sarīraṃ nāma Cetanādhiṣṭhānabhūtaṃ etc.

32. Suśruta Saṃhita 1-1 5.3 "Tacca-Ṣaḍṅgaṃ śakhaścatasro madhyaṃ Pañcamāṇṣaṣṭhaṃ śīraṃ iti /" etc.

33. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35, 17, p. 38, etc.

34. "Tatra sarīraṃ nāmacetanādhiṣṭhānabhūtaṃ pañcamahābhūtavikāramudayāt - makāṃ samayogavāhī /," Caraka IV. 64.

N. B. Buddhaghoṣa does not include akāśa element and consciousness (Cetana) in the group of mahābhūta.

35. "Imaṃ eva kāyaṃ ti imaṃ catumahābhūtikam", Visuddhimagga VIII, 45.

36. "Sariravaṅgmanahprāṇāpānāḥ pudgalanām /" Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra V. 9

37. Tandula Veyāliya 3, p. 7.

38. Ibid. 16, p. 35.

39. Tandula Veyāliya, 3, p. 7 ; 16. p. 35, etc.

40. Meda, Tandula Veyāliya, p. 40.

41. Vasā, Ibid, p. 40

42. Ibid., p. 40.

43. Rasiya, Ibid.

44. Ibid.

bile (pitta),⁴⁵ phlegm (simbha),⁴⁶ liver (yakṛt),⁴⁷ spleen (piliha),⁴⁸ pus (Puvva),⁴⁹ heart (hiyaya), blood vessels (śirās, dhamanis)⁵⁰ and śrotas),⁵¹ lymph vessels (śleṣmāśirā or Kaphasthāna)⁵², lymph (simbha or kapha)⁵³, tissue fluid (rasa),⁵⁴ oxygen and carbon dioxide (ānapāṇa or ucchvāsanihsvāsa),⁵⁵ lungs including eparterial bronchioles of trachea (phopphasaphephasa),⁵⁶ mouth cavity (mukha),⁵⁷ stomach (udara or amoru)⁵⁸ duo denum (pakkasa),⁵⁹ small intestine (taṇuyamta)⁶⁰, large intestine (sthūlāntra),⁶¹ tongue (jihvā or jihā)⁶² teeth (daṁtā),⁶³ anus or rectum (pāyū),⁶⁴ urethra or urinal duct (upastha),⁶⁵ kidneys,⁶⁶ nine orifices,⁶⁷ urine (mutta),⁶⁸ faeces (purīṣa),⁶⁹ skin (camma),⁷⁰

45. Ibid, p. 13, p. 41.

46. Kalyānakāraka 3.4, p. 41. (Sṁbha)

47. Tandula Veyāliya (Yakṛt) 17, p. 38.

48. Ibid., p. 40.

49. Tandula Veyāliya 17, p. 38.

50. (Hiyaya), Tandula Veyāliya 17, p. 50.

51. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35; Kalyānakāraka, 3.4, p. 31. (8 Śrotas – Currents).

52. See Khaphasthāna, Kalyānakāraka. 3.49, p. 40.

53. Ibid. 3, 7, p. 31.

54. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.

55. Ibid 4, p. 8; Bhagavati Sūtra, 1.7-61-2, Viśeṣaśyaśyakabhāṣyagāthā 2714; Navatattvaprakaraṇam V. 6, p. 12

56. Tandula Veyāliya, 17, p. 38.

57. Tandula Veyāliya. 38.

58. Tandula Veyāliya 17, p. 38 (Udara)

59. Kalyānakāraka; 3.4.

60. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.;

61. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.; Kalyānakāraka 3.4, p. 31.

62. Tandula Veyāliya, 3, p. 7; 16, p. 35 (Jihā)

63. Ibid., 16, p. 35 (battisam daṁta)

64. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 38 (One of the śrotas). Tanuyamta transforms urine.

65. Ibid.

66. Taṇuyamta? (Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35). There is no separate mention of kidney (Vakka)

67. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35. (navasoe).

68. Ibid.

69. Ibid.

70. Ibid., p. 41.

outgrowths of skin – hair (keśa),⁷¹ body – hairs (romas),⁷² and nails (ankha),⁷³ sweat (seya),⁷⁴ skeleton (aṭṭhiya),⁷⁵ bones (aṭṭhi),⁷⁶ various parts of the skeleton,⁷⁷ the number of bones,⁷⁸ bone marrow (aṭṭhimimja),⁷⁹ brain matter (matthulumga)⁸⁰ joints (saṁdhi)⁸¹ firmness of joints (saṁdhāyana),^{81a} pieces of muscle (māmsapeśi),⁸² nerves (ṅbāru),⁸³ ligaments (Kaṁdarā?)⁸⁴, tendous (māmsarajju),⁸⁵, sense – organs (indriyas)⁸⁶ and a few endocrine glands – seminal ducts and testes,⁸⁷ ovaries,⁸⁸ (Kucchi? or Garbhasaya?) fallopian tubes (sirādugam),⁸⁹ uterus (yoni),⁹⁰ etc.

71. Ibid., 3, p. 7.

72. Ibid.

73. Ibid.

74. Ibid., p. 40 (seya)

75. Ibid., p. 41.

76. Ibid., 6, p. 10; 16, p. 35.

77. Ibid., 16, p. 35, 17, p. 38.

78. “Tiṇṇi aṭṭhidāmasayāim”, Tandula Veyāliya, –16. ; p. 35 ; Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.2.

79. Tandula Veyāliya, 6, p. 10. ; Bhagavati Sūtra 1. 7. 61–2.

80. Tandula Veyāliya 6, p. 10. ; Bhagavati Sūtra 1. 7., 61–2.

81. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35. “Saṭṭhi saṁdhisayam

81a Lokaprakāśa 3. 399, p. 132.

82. Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6. 16, p. 35. ; Kalyāṇakāraka, 3. 2.

83. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35. Kalyāṇakāraka 3. 2, p. 30.

84. Kāṇḍarā mens thick (or big) nerves. They may be ligaments also. See Kalyāṇakāraka 3.4, for Kaṁdarā.

85. Kalyāṇakāraka 3. 4, p. 31.

86. Bhagavati 2. 4. 9 ; Paṇḍavaṇā Sutta 15. Indriyapada ; Tandula Veyāliya 3, p. 7 : Tattvartha Sūtra II. 15 “Pañcendriyāni”

87. Seminal ducts, testes, “Dasasirāo Sukkadhāriṇiṇo”, Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35. Even Taṇuyamta (Small intestine) and Taḷamta (large intestine) are regarded as endocrine glands.

88. Garbhāsaya? Sthānāṇṇa Ṭikā 6 ; kuccāi? (Tandula Veyāliya, 16 p. 35) Vide Tandula Veyāliya, p. 4.

89. “Nābhihiṭṭhā sirādugam”, Tandula Veyāliya, p. 3.

90. “Tassa ya hiṭṭhā jonī ahomūhā saṁṭhiyā kosā I” Ibid.

Blood (Śoṇīta⁹¹ or Rudhira⁹² or Rakta)⁹³

The metabolic process of all cells of the body require a constant supply of food (āhāra)⁹⁴ and oxygen (ussāsa)⁹⁵ and a constant removal of waste products (mutta, purisa, etc.).⁹⁶ This is accomplished simply by diffusion⁹⁷ in animals in a watery environment,⁹⁸ but man and all the larger animals have developed some system of internal transport, a circulatory system (śirās, etc.).⁹⁹

The circulatory system of man and all larger animals includes the heart (hiyaya)¹⁰⁰ and blood vessels (śirās, dhamanis, śrotas),¹⁰¹ the lymph vessels (Śirāo, śimbhadhārinio¹⁰² or Kaphasthāna)¹⁰³ and the blood, lymph (kaph)¹⁰⁴ and tissue fluid (rasa).¹⁰⁵ Blood is a group of similar tissues specialized to perform certain functions. In addition to transporting food and oxygen to cells and removing waste products from them, according to modern Biology, blood has the following functions: "it transports hormones, the secretions of the endocrine glands; it has a role in regulating body temperature, cooling organs such as the liver and muscles where excess of heat is produced and heating the skin where heat loss is greatest; its white cells are a major

91. Ācarāṅga Sūtra II. 4 (śoṇīta); Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 2.18; Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61; Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6.

92. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.

93. Kalyāṅakāraka, Ugrādityācārya v. 7, p. 31.

94. "Śarīrasyādharo bhavatyāhārah", Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. (comm.), p. 85; Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, Āhārapadam, 1814-26, pp. 395-7. "Abhikkhaṇam āhārei abhikkhaṇam pariṇāme", Tandula Veyāliya, 4, p. 8. Navatattvā prakaraṇam, p. 12.

95. "Abhikkhaṇam usasei abhikkhaṇam nisasei, etc." Tandula Veyāliya 4, p. 8.

See Uchchvāsapadam, Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, p. 184. Satatam... ānamamti vā pānamamti vā", Navatattvā prakaraṇam, Ānapāṇa Paryāpti; p. 12.

96. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.

97. Lomāhāra means the taking of food by diffusion "Lomāharastu śarīraparyāpt-yuttarakāla bhāhyayā tvacā lomābhirāhārah" Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. p. 87 (comm.)

98. Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta. 1.62-68.

99. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35; Kalyāṅakāraka 3.2-3, p. 38.

100. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 2.18; Tandula Veyāliya 17, p. 38.

101. Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6; 16, p. 35; Kalyāṅakāraka, 3.2, 3, 4.

102. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35;

103. Kalyāṅakāraka, 3.497, p. 40.

104. Ibid. 3.7, p. 31.

105. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35

defence against bacteria and other disease organism; and its clotting mechanism helps prevent the loss of this valuable fluid".¹⁰⁶

Blood (Śoṇita or rudhira or rakta) fits the definition of tissue, although it appears to be a homogeneous crimson fluid as it pours from a wound.¹⁰⁷ It permeates the whole of the body by following the network of arteries and veins,¹⁰⁸ except head-hairs, body hairs, nails, and teeth. According to Buddhaghoṣa, blood (lohitaṃ) is of two kinds, viz. stored and mobile blood,¹⁰⁹ The former "fills the lower part of the liver's site to the extent of a bowlful and by its splashing little over the heart, kidneys and lungs, it keeps the kidney, heart and lungs moist".¹¹⁰ The latter permeates the whole of the body by following the network of arteries (dhamanijālānusāreṇa) except hairs on the head and body, teeth, nails, the parts where there is no flesh, and the dry skin.¹¹¹

Jain Biology states that blood gets generated in the foetus developing in the mother's uterus in the sixth month of her pregnancy¹¹² and it nourishes the embryo. A human body contains 1/2 āḍhak of blood¹¹³. But it does not throw much light upon the composition of blood as it is analysed in modern Biology which explains that "it is composed of a yellow liquid, called plasma, in which float the formed elements; red blood cells, which give blood its colour, white blood cells and platelets."¹¹⁴

Plasma :

Although Jaina Biology does not refer to plasma which is a complex mixture of proteins, amino acids, carbohydrates fats, salts, hormones, enzymes, antibodies and dissolved gases,¹¹⁵ nevertheless its

106. Biology, p. 249.

107. Ācarāṅga Sūtra II. 4. ; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 2.18.

108. Tandula Veyāliya, 2, p. 6. 16, p. 33. Visuddhimagga VIII.

109. "Lohitan ti dve hohitāni : samicitlohītūṅ ca samisaraṇalohitan ca etc.

110. Visuddhimagga, VIII, 130 ; IX-72, vide Sacitra Āyurvedā, p. 76, March, 1-72, Dr. Jyoti Mitra. A study of Anatomical Material in Vissuddhimagga of Buddhaghoṣa.

111. Ibid. VIII, 130 ; IX. 72

112. Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6.

113. "Rudhirassa ādhāyām" Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35 ; Kalyāṅkaraka 3.7, p. 31. "Rakta tathārdhākamaṭrayuktaṃ".

114. Biology, 241.

115. Ibid., p. 250.

reference to fats (meda and vasā) as one of the constituent elements of plasma suggests its existence in the blood. The human body contains two anjalīs of meda (hard congealed fat) and three anjalīs of vasā (semi-liquid fat).¹¹⁷

The Red Corpuscles :

The very term 'rakta'¹¹⁸ (red or crimson or blood) or śoṇita¹¹⁹ (red or blood) as used in Jain Biology connotes blood which contains red blood cells or erythrocytes. According to modern Biology, "there are, on the average, about 5,400,000 red blood cells per cubic millimeter of blood in the adult male, and about 5,000,000 per cu. mm. in the adult female. New infants have a larger number, 6 to 7 million per cubic millimeter; this number decreases after birth and the adult number is reached at about three months; the human body contains about thirty trillion red blood cells".¹²⁰

The mention of 1 āḍhaka¹²¹ or 1/2 adhaka¹²² of blood in the human body as made by the Jainācāryas suggests the quantity of red corpuscles contained in it at different stages.

Hemoglobin :

Jain Biology does not make any direct mention of hemoglobin, but its reference to pitta¹²³ (bile pigments) which is excreted by the liver (yakṛt) in the bile as a result of the chemical degradation undergone by the heme portion of the molecule of hemoglobin¹²⁵ and also of bile, ducts or veins (sirāo pittatdhāriṇīo)¹²⁶ suggests that the Jainācāryās had some ideas or knowledge of hemoglobin in the blood. The occurrence together of the two terms pitta-śoṇiya¹²⁷

116. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35; p. 40; Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.6-7. p. 31.

117. Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.6-7, p. 31.; Tandula Veyāliya mentions 1/2 āḍhak of vasā, 16, p. 35.

118. Kalyāṇakāraka 3.6-7, p. 31.

119. Tandula Veyāliya 6, p. 10.

120. Biology, p. 250.

121. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.

122. Kalyāṇakara 3.7, p. 31.

123. Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6.

124. Kalyāṇakāraka 3.4

125. Biology, p. 252.

126. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.

127. "Chāṭṭhe mase pittasoṇiyam uvaciṇei", Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6.

in the Jaina works with their respective quantities¹²⁸ clearly shows that they are closely associated for the function of the body, such as, the transport of oxygen, etc. The pittas (bile pigments) are primarily responsible for the colour of the faeces, “if the bile duct is blocked by a gallstone, for example, they cannot pass into the intestine and the faeces are a grayish clay colour”.¹²⁹

Oxygen carrying Devices :

“All other mammals have red cells (śoṇita)¹³⁰, “similar to man’s non-nucleated, bioconcave discs containing hemoglobin¹³¹. Birds (pakkhins), reptiles (parisarpas), amphibians (maṇḍūkas) and fishes, (macchas) have blood (śoṇita),¹³² i. e. according to Biology,” have oval shaped red cells which contain hemoglobin, but are nucleated”.¹³³

Invertebrates (two-sensed beings, etc.) have a variety of devices for oxygen transport.¹³⁴ Modern Biology explains that “A few worms have blood cells containing hemoglobin but others such as the earth worm (i.e. nūpuraka) have hemoglobin simply dissolved in the plasma. Other invertebrates have different blood pigments; crabs and lobsters, for example, have a blue green blood pigment, hemocyanin, which contains copper instead of iron”.¹³⁵ “The respiratory enzymes of all cells, both plant and animal, the cytochroms heme proteins closely related chemically to hemoglobin”.¹³⁶

White corpuscles :

Jaina Biology does not mention white corpuscles, but its reference to pus (puvva¹³⁷ or pūya¹³⁸), i. e. dead white corpuscles in the body, suggests the existence of white corpuscles in the body, suggests the existence of white blood cells or leukocytes in the blood as one of its constituent elements in some form, all of which differ considerably

128. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35, ; Kalyāṇakāra, 3.7.

129. Biology, p. 252.

130. Ācārāṅga Sūtra II, 4. (Śoṇita) ; Sutrakṛtāṅga II. 2.18.

131. Biology, p. 253,

132. All vertebrates have blood.

133. Biology, p. 253.

134. They do it by diffusion. See Paṇṇavaṇā, Ussāsapayam 697-698, p. 184.

135. Biology, p. 253

136. Ibid.

137. “Puvva”, Tandula Veyāliya, p. 40

138. “Pūo”, Ibid, p. 43.

from red cells. "The chief function of the white cells is to protect the body against disease organism."¹³⁹

Blood Platelets :

They are not clearly mentioned in Jaina Biology, but the reference to blood of dead movable living beings¹⁴⁰ implies the suggestion that this third type of formed elements of the blood are important in initiating the process of blood clotting. "They are colourless, spherical, non-nucleated bodies about one third the diameter of a red cell".¹⁴¹

The Circulatory system :

The circulatory system is the transport system, for it carries food and oxygen (ucchvāsavāyu) to all the tissues (peśis) of the body,¹⁴² removes the waste products of metabolism (muttapurīsa, etc.).¹⁴³ According to Biology, it "carries hormones from endocrine glands to their target organs and equalizes body temperatures",¹⁴⁴

The circulatory system includes heart (hiyayam),¹⁴⁵ the blood vessels (Śirās, dhamanīs, śrotas),¹⁴⁶ n̄hāru,¹⁴⁷ etc.) and the lymph vessels¹⁴⁸ in addition to the blood,¹⁴⁹ lymph (Simbha)¹⁵⁰ and tissue fluid (rasa),¹⁵¹ i. e. it include arteries with capillaries, veins, nerves, lymphatic vessels, etc.

139. Biology p, 253.

140. Sūtrakṭāṅga II. 2,18

141. Biology, p, 255

142. "Imammi Sarirae saṭṭhī sirāṣayam nāhippabhavaṇam...rasaharaṇiotti vuccanti", etc. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35

143. "Imassa Jam'ussa saṭṭhisirāṣayam nāhippabhavaṇam ahogāmiṇiṇam gudappaviṭṭhāṇam jāṇam si nirūvaghāeṇam muttapurīsavāukarṇam pavattai /", Ibid, 16, p, 35

144. Biology, p, 362.

145. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.

146. Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6; 16 p. 35 (śirās); Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.2, p. 30 (Śirās) Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6 (nava dhamanīs); Kalyāṇakāraka 3.3 (2nd dhamanīs) Kalyāṇakāraka 3.4 (8 Srotas).

147. "Navaṇhārusayāim" – Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p 35

148. "Paṇavisaṁ sirāo simbhadhāriṇi" Tandula Veyāliya 16, 5 or Kaphasthoma, Kalyāṇakāraka.

149. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.

150. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35 (Simbha)

151. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35 (Rasa)

To understand how the system operates as an integrated unit, a brief study of the structure and function of each of the organs involved should be made according to Jaina Biology in comparison with the circulatory system of the Suśruta and Caraka.

The Blood Vessels :

There are mainly three types of blood vessels : Śirās¹⁵², dhamanīs¹⁵³ and srotas¹⁵⁴, (veins, arteries currents). Śirās and dhamanīs are distinguished from each other by the direction of the flow of blood and nutrient. The Jainācāryas state that there are seven hundred śirās,¹⁵⁵ nine^{155a} twenty four dhamanīs¹⁵⁶ and eight srotas¹⁵⁷ (currents), nine srotas¹⁵⁸ (Navasoe purise ikkārasasoyā itthiyā) of man are orifices, not currents.

Sirās :

The seven hundred śirās take their rise from the umbilical region. Out of them one hundred sixty śirās go up to the head, they are called rasaharaṇiyā śirās. There take places the strength of eyes, ears, nose and tongue by their non-injury, while the strength of eyes, ears, nose, and tongue gets destroyed as a result of their injury. In the body another group of one hundred and sixty śirās rising from the naval region go down to the feet, there occurs the strength of the Janghā (shanks) by their non-injury; if they are injured, there takes place headache (sisavedanā), megraine (addhasisaveyanā), newralgic pain in head (matthayasūla) and eyes become blind (acchini aṃdhijjamti).¹⁵⁹

Another group of one hundred sixty śirās taking their rise obliquely from the naval region runs to the palms of hands; there takes place the strength of arms by their non-injury, but there occur side- (lateral) pain, backache, hypochondrial pain and colic pain in hypochondria as a result of their injury. Another group of one hundred sixty śirās originating from the naval region go down to the rectum.

152. Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6, 16, p. 35; Kalyāṇakāraka 3.2, p. 30

153. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35, 2, p. 6; Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.3, p. 30

154. Kalyāṇakāraka 3.4, p. 31.

155. Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6; 16, p. 35

155a Ibid 16, p. 35

156. Kalyāṇakāraka 3.3, p. 30

157. Ibid 3.4, p. 31. They are not orifices but current.

158. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.

159. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.

There takes place easy excretion of urine, stool, gas (wind) on account of their non-injury, while there occur piles with bleeding and jaundice due to the retention of urine, stool and wind (or gas) caused by the injury of these śirās. There are in the human body twenty five bile-carrying śirās (śirāo dhāriṇīo), twenty five lymph carrying śirās (śirāo śimbbadbāriṇīo) and the seminal śirās (ducts) (dasa śirāo Suktadhāriṇīo). Man has got seven hundred śirās, woman 670 śirās and the neuter śirās 680¹⁶⁰ respectively. The Indian Āyurveda defines more clearly the blood vessels and explains their functions which are briefly sketched in Jaina Biology.

The Suśruta¹⁶¹ gives an account of the number and functions of śirās, together with their four divisions, viz. (1) the arteries for conducting the blood, (2) lymphatics for conducting the lymph (Kaph), (3) a class of bile ducts (pittanāḍī) and (4) a class of ducts for the airs, the current (srotas) which do the work of automatic and reflex machinery of the living organism. In each division there are stated to be ten śirās which get sub-divided into 175 cords and “further ramify minutely all the body even as a network of minute fibrils covers the leaf of a tree.”¹⁶²

According to both Jaina Biology and the Suśruta, the functions of the different groups of śirās are to transport (i. e. to circulate) the arterial blood, the lymph, the bile and the vital air currents respectively to the different tissues of the body. The śirās function “like the conduits of the flowing water in a pleasure house (a garden) or the channels of irrigation which transport water to the field and flood it”.¹⁶³

The circulation of “the fluids and currents is effected by an alternate dilation and contraction of the vessels, the systolic movement differing according to the nature of the fluid propelled”.¹⁶⁴

160. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.

161. Sapta Śirāśatām bhavanti, yābhiridaṃ śarīramarma iva jalaharinibhiḥ kedāra iva ca kulyābhirāpasnihyate anugṛhyate cakuñcanaprasāraṇādibhirviśeṣaiḥ // Drumapatrasevanāmiva ca tāśāṃ pratānāstasāṃ nābhirmūlām tataśca prasant yūrdhvamadhastiryak ca / 2 //,

Śarīrasthāna, Suśruta, 7th Chapter p. 504.

162. Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus, p. 210.

163. Suśruta, Śarīrasthāna, Chapt. VII.

164. “Anugṛhyate cakuñcanaprasāraṇādibhirviśeṣaiḥ //”. Ibid.

See Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus, p. 210

Dhamanīs :

According to Jaina Biology, there are stated to be twenty-four dhamanīs in the human body. Out of them twenty dhamanīs are situated around (i. e. on the above and below) the naval point and four are obliquely (or horizontally) placed.¹⁶⁵ In agreement with this number of dhamanīs mentioned in the Kalyāṇakāraka with their three groups, the Suśruta also divides them into three groups, (viz. (1) ten trunks or cords going up to the heart, thence to the head, (2) ten going down to the intestines, kidneys and rectum, and (3) four branching over the whole body. It is clear from the accounts of dhamanīs given by Kalyāṇakāraka and Suśruta that they take their rise from the umbilical cord.

First group of Dhamanīs :

According to the Suśruta, each of the ten ascending dhamanīs trifurcates, and proceeds to the head, first on going to the heart.¹⁶⁷ Of these one pair conducts each of the four sensory currents (those of sound, colour, taste and smell) from the sense-organs to the heart, the seat of consciousness for them (hṛdayam viśeṣeṇa cetanāsthānam).¹⁶⁸ Other dhamanīs conduct automatic motor currents (e. g. the currents concerned in respiration) yawning, sleeping and waking or the secretions of the lachrymal and mammary glands.¹⁶⁹

The second group of Dhamanīs (Adhogāmini) as described in the Suśruta :

165. Kalyāṇakāraka 3.3, p. 30.

166. "Caturvimsatirdhamanyo nabhiprabhavā abhihitāḥ // 2 //";

"Tāsām tu nabhiprabhavānām dhamanīnamūrdhvagā daśa daśa cādhogāminyaś-catasrastiryagāḥ // 3 //” Sarīrasthāna, Suśruta, Chapter 9.

167. Urdhvagāḥ śabdasparsarūparasagandhaprasvasocchvāsaḥ jṛmbhitakṣuddhasitakathitaruditādinvīṣeṣānabhivahantyaḥ śarīram dhārayanti / tāstu hṛdayamabhiyora-pannāstridhā jāyante tāstrimśat / tāsām tu vātapittakaphasoṅitarasān dve dve Vahatastā daśa / śabdarūparasagandhānaśṭabhirgṛhṇite dvābhyām bhāṣate dvābhyām ghoṣam karoti, dvābhyām svapite dvābhyām pratibudhyate ca dve caśruvāhinyau / dve stanyam striyā vahataḥ stanasaṁśrite / teeva śukram narasya stanābhyāmbhivahataḥ tastvetāstrimśatsavibhāgā vyakhyatā etābhirūrdhvam nabherudaraparīsvapīṣṭhoraskandhagrīvābhāvo dhāryante yāpyante ca //” ; Sarīrasthāna, Suśruta, Chapter 9.

168. "Hṛdayam Viśeṣeṇa Cetanāsthānam I”

Sarīrasthāna, Suśruta, ch. IV, p. 468,

"Hṛdayam cetanādhiṣṭhānam ekam //”

Caraka, Sarīrasthāna. Chapter VIII

169. Suśruta, Sarīrasthāna, Chapter 9

The descending dhamanīs run down to the intestines (pakkāśaya – bhūtanityam Sthūlāntrapamtiḥ),^{169a} kidneys (mūtrāśaya), bladder and rectum, and transport, in pairs as before, urine and other secretions and excreta and also the chyle from the small intestines to the ascending as well as the ramifying dhamanīs. In addition some of them conduct sweat to the ramifying dhamanīs¹⁷⁰.

The Third group: Tiryak Dhamanīs :

The four dhamanīs called tiryak dhamanīs ramify obliquely over the body into millions of fibres and fibrillae, which terminate in the pores of the skin. Their function is to conduct the sensory currents of touch to the central organ of the heart (including the internal organic sensations) from all parts of the periphery. As a result of their connection with the pores of the skin “they transport sweat outwards and the influences of baths, embrocations, and fomentations inwards”.¹⁷¹

Although Jaina Biology does not clearly explain the functions of dhamanīs, nevertheless it is suggestive from the mention of equal number of 24 dhamanīs that they carry on the same functions as explained in the Suśruta.

Srotas (currents) :

As pointed out, Jaina Biology mentions eight srotas.¹⁷² In agreement with this view the Suśruta states that the chyle, the blood, the vāyu (oxygen), the metabolic fluid (pitta), the lymph (kaph), the

169a Ibid.

170. Adhogamāstu vātamūtrapuriṣaśukrārttavādinyadho vahanti / tāstu pittāśayama-
bhīpratipannāstatrasthamevānnapānārasam vipakkamauṣṇyādvivecayantyo abhi-
vahantyaḥ śarīram tarpayantarpayanti cordhvagatānām tiryaggatānām rasasthā-
nām cābhi-ūrayanti mūtrapuriṣasvedāmśca vivecayantyaṃapakkāśayāntare ca
tridhā jāyante tāstriṃsat / tāsam tu vātapittakaphaśoṇitarasān dve dve baha-
tastā daśa / dve annavāhinyāvantrāśrīta ... upto pakkāśayakaimūtrapuriṣa-
gudabastimedhrasakthīnidhāryante yāpyante ca” 5 Śarīrasthāna, Suśruta, Chap-
ter 9.

171. Tiryaggatānām tu catasṛṇām dhamanīnāmaikaikā śatadhā sahasradhā cottarotta-
ram vibhajante tāstvasamkhyeyastabhirīdam śarīram gavākṣitam vibaddhamā-
tataṃ ca / tāsam mukhāni romakūpapratibaddhāni yaiḥ svedamabhivahanti
rasam cāpi santarpayantantarbahisca ; taireva cābhyāṅgapariśekāvagāhale-
panaviryānyantaḥsarīramabhipratipadyante tvaci vipakkāni taireva sparśasukha-
masukham vā gṛhṇāti / tāstvetāścatasro dhamanyah sarvāṅgagataḥ savibhāgā
vyākhyātaḥ” 1.6, Śarīrasthāna 9, Suśruta.

172. Kalyāṅakāraka, 3.4, p. 31.

fat (meda), the marrow (majjā) in every part of tissue of the body is supposed to be connected by subtile srotas with the same kind of fluid or tissues in every other part.¹⁷³

Here also the function of eight srotas of Jaina Biology is supposed to be the same as those of eight Srotas of the Suśruta.

The Vascular system :

The anatomical arrangement of śirās and dhamaṇīs and srotas is so obscure in Jaina Biology that only a rough sketch of its general features may be presented on the basis of the views of Caraka and Suśruta regarding them. Both Jaina Biology¹⁷⁴ and Caraka-Suśruta¹⁷⁵ give the number of śirās as seven hundred, while the number of dhamaṇīs is mentioned as twenty four in Jaina Biology¹⁷⁶ and Suśruta¹⁷⁷ as two hundred in Caraka¹⁷⁸ which estimates the ramifications as numbering 3,056,900.¹⁷⁹

The Heart (Hṛdaya)¹⁸⁰ :

The heart is a powerful muscular organ located in the chest under breast bone. In the Sangitaratnākara the heart is stated to be lotus-shaped (hṛdayam-paṃkajākṛti)¹⁸¹. It is considered to be the seat of waking consciousness, for it expands during waking life and contracts during sleep.¹⁸² According to Visuddhimagga, heart is located "inside the body near the middle of the frame of the ribs (uraṭṭhi-pañjaramajjham) like a piece of meat placed near the framework of an old cart".¹⁸³ "It is the colour of the back of a red lotus petal,

173. Tāni tu praṇānodakarasarakamāmsamedomūtrapuriṣaśukrārtavavahāni yeṣ-
vadhikāra ekeṣām bahūni / upto tayormūlām śnāyutvacam raktavahāśca
dhamanyastatra vidhasya svayathurmāmsaśoṣaḥ śirāgranthayo maraṇam ca /"
etc. 8 Śarīrasthāna, Suśruta, Chap, 9.

174. Tandula Veyāliya, 2. p. 6 ; 16, p. 35; Kalyāṇākāraka 3.2, p. 30

175. Suśruta, Śarīrasthāna, Chapter 7 ; Caraka Śarīrasthāna Chapter 7, p. 383.
(Saptasirāṣatāni).

176. Kalyāṇākāraka, 3.3, p. 30.

177. Suśruta, Sarīrasthāna, Chapter 9 "Caturviṃśatir-dhamanyo"

178. "Dve dhamaṇīsate", Caraka, Śarīrasthāna, 7, p. 338.

179. Caraka, Śarīrasthāna, 7.

180. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.

181. "Hṛdayam paṃkajākṛti /" Sangita Ratnākara V. 82, Diṇḍotpatti, vide Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus, p. 225.

182. Suśiraṃ syādadhovaktraṃ etacca cetanāsth ānam nimilati svapityātmā jāgartti vikasatyapi, Ibid. vv 83-84, Piṇḍotpatti, Svarādhyaya

183. Visuddhimagga XI, 59. "Hadaya sarīrabhantare uratth/pañjaramajjhamnissāya thitam /"

having the shape of lotus and with the outer petals removed and turned upside down, it is smooth outside and inside like the interior of Kosataki or spongy gourd (*Luffa aegyptiaca*). Inside it there is a hollow, the size of a punnāga seed's bed where half a pasata¹⁸⁴ (Sanskrit prasṭi) measure of blood is kept".¹⁸⁵ According to Jain Biology, heart is a hollow muscular organ measuring 3 1/2 palya.¹⁸⁶ It is situated "in the thorax between the lungs and above the central depression of the diaphragm. It is about the size of the closed fist; shaped like a blunt cone, and is directed upward, backward and to the right"¹⁸⁷.

According to modern Biology, "the heart of man and other mammals and of birds is divided into four chambers, the upper right and the atria (auricle) and the lower right and left ventricles. The atria, which have relatively thin walls, receive blood from the veins and push it into the Ventricles. The latter, with much thicker walls, pump the blood out of the heart and around the body".¹⁸⁸

Routes of the Blood around the Body :

To understand how the circulatory system carries material from one part of the body to another, some knowledge of how the blood vessels (Śīras and Dhamanis) are connected is necessary. In any particular vessel blood flows, in one direction only. The circulation of the blood is made by two sets of vessels—Śīrās (veins) and Dhamanis—arteries.¹⁸⁹ The entire vascular system takes its rise from the naval point in the foetus. From this central alimentary tract there originate these two sets of vessels¹⁹⁰ for the transportation of the blood.

The blood - Vascular System :

As pointed out, the blood Vascular system of Jain Biology can be understood in the light of Brāhmanical Biology. There are two classes

184. According to metric measurement, prasṭi signifies 93, 312 miligrams, vide, J. R. T. M., Vol I. No. 2. p. 275, See Sacitra Āyurveda, March, 1972 p. 78.

185. Visuddhimagga, VIII. Haddyan ... cassa punnagaṭṭhi ... addhapasatamattani Lohitaṃ etc."

186. Addhuṭṭhapaliyaṃ hiyaṃ", Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35. ;
"hṛdayantaravartimānsakhaṇḍaṃ sardhapalatrayaṃ bhavati l",

187. Anatomy and Physiology, p. 341 Ibid, p. 36.

188. Biology, p. 264

189. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35. Imāṃmi sarīrae saṭṭhisirasayaṃ nabhippabhavāṇaṃ ;
Ibid 2, p. 6.

190. Ibid, 16, p. 35

of blood transporters or conductors, viz. "(1) Śirās (veins) which break up into capillaries¹⁹¹ (pratāna) and circulate pure blood from the liver (yakṛt) and spleen (Plihā)¹⁹² to the heart (hṛdaya) and from the heart to the rest of the body,¹⁹³ and (2) "Dhamanīs (arteries?) which run, (two from the intestinal tract-portal vein and inferior vena cava)¹⁹⁴ and "two from the heart (superior vena cava and pulmonary artery?)".¹⁹⁵

"The "Venous" blood (chyle-mixed blood) circulates from the alimentary tract (gastric and intestinal vessels) along a Dhamanī trunk (portal vena cava?) to the liver (and spleen), where the chyle gets a red pigment and is converted into (Pure) blood. From the liver and spleen, Śirās run to the heart. The liver (and spleen, a minor blood-vascular gland) and the heart are the centres of origin of the śirās and circulate pure blood by their means over the entire body."¹⁹⁶

Arrangement of the blood bearing Śirās and Dhamanīs :

"Two blood - transporting Dhamanīs trunks (Veins) run from the heart (Superior vena cava and pulmonary artery?), and two run from different regions of the alimentary tract (portal vein and inferior vena cava?). Ten Śirās bearing pure blood proceed from the alimentary tract to the liver and spleen, which are joined on to the heart by means of both Śirās and Dhamanīs, "The ten Śirās are subdivided into 175 branches, which are distributed over the body in the same way as the lymph - bearing Śirās".¹⁹⁷

It is clear from the reference to lungs (phopphasa phephas)¹⁹⁸ in Jaina Biology that the Jainācāryas had knowledge of the role played by the lungs in the purification of the blood.

The liver (yakṛt) converts "Venous blood" in this system into true arterial blood, and along with the spleen (plihā) as a basis of

191. It suggestive from the blood vascular system that there are capillaries.

192. Tandula Veyāliya, 17, p. 38.; Kalyānakāraka 3.4., p. 31.

193. Aṣṭvahaśca rohinyaḥ śirāḥ nātyuṣṇāśitataḥ". Śarīrasthāna, VII; Suśruta.

194. Kalyānakāraka, 3.3, p. 30. See Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35
; Positive Science of the Ancient Hindus, p. 215

195. Positive Science of the Ancient Hindus, p. 215.

"Raktavahinyaśca Dhamanya", Śarīrasthāna, 9 Suśruta.

196. Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus p. 215

197. Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus, p. 215.

see Śarīrasthāna 7, 8, 9, Suśruta.

198. Tandula Veyāliya 17, p. 38

discrimination between a Śirā and a Dhamanī, “thus illustrating Suśruta’s statement that the distinction between these two kinds of blood vessels must be accepted as real inasmuch as they have different sources and different functions.”¹⁹⁹

Foetal Circulation :

A foetus developing in the uterus cannot obtain food or air directly, its stomach and lungs are non-functional.²⁰⁰ It obtains food and oxygen (vāyu) from the material blood by means of blood vessels in the placenta and umbilical cord (Putrajivarasaharaṇi).²⁰¹ There is, however, no direct connection between the blood streams of mother and foetus. The blood of the foetus is manufactured within its own body,²⁰² chiefly, in the spleen (plihā) and liver (yakṣt). It is stated in Jaina Biology that the foetus developing in the mother’s womb collects whatever food substance it obtains from the mother’s body²⁰³ and transforms the same into the forms of ear, eye, nose, tongue, skin, bone, marrow, hair, beard, hair on the body and nail.²⁰⁴

The foetus absorbs abundant food by its entire self, but not by the mouth and transforms it, inhales and exhales air again and again,²⁰⁵ for mātrjivarasaharaṇi and putrajivarasaharaṇi are joined together by mātrjivarasaharaṇi and connected by putrajivarasaharaṇi mutually²⁰⁶. It absorbs food-substance through putrajivarasaharaṇi (umbilical cord) and transforms the same into various parts of the body.²⁰⁷ There

199. Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus, p. 216

; See Sārīrastha 9. Suśruta for distinction between śirā and dhamanī.

200. Bhagavati 1.7. 61-2. ; Tandula Veyāliya, 4, p. 9.

“Jive naṁ gabbhagae samāṇe savvao ahārei savvao pariṇāmei savvao usāsei savvao nīsaṇi abhikkhaṇaṁ ahārei abhikkhaṇaṁ pariṇāmei abhikkhaṇaṁ usāsei abhikkhaṇaṁ nīsaṇi ahārei, ahacca pariṇāmei ahacca usāsei ahacca nīsaṇi māujivarasaharaṇi puttajivarasaharaṇi māujivapaḍibaddhā puttajivam phuḍā tamhā ahārei tamhā pariṇāmei avarāvi naṁ puttajivapaḍibaddhā māujivaphuḍā tamhā cinai ... a pahu muheṇaṁ kavaliyaṁ ahāraṁ ahārittae j”

201. Ibid, 4, p. 9

202. “Chaṭṭhe māse pittasaṇiṇaṁ uvaciṇi j”, Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6.

203. “Jam se māyā nāṇāvihāo nava rasavigajo tittakaḍukasāyāmbilamahuraṁ davvāṁ ahārei tao egadesenaṁ oyamāhārei”, Tandula Veyāliya, 5, p. 9; Bhg. 1.7.61

204. Bhagavati, 1.7.61 “Jive naṁ Gabbhagae samāṇe jam ahāraṁ ahārei cīṇate soimdiyātae up to nahattāe j” Tandula Veyāliya, 3, p. 7.

205. Tandula Veyāliya 4, p. 9 Bhagavati, 1.7. 61-62.

206. Ibid.

207. Tandula Veyāliya, 4, P. 9.

is also the other cord bound by putrajivarasaharaṇī and connected by mātrjivarasaharaṇī through which the foetus receives food substance.²⁰⁸ That is to say “within the placenta the capillaries of mother and foetus (i. e. mātrjivarasaharaṇī and putrajivarasaharaṇī come into close contact, and substances pass from one to the other by diffusion or by active transport process, oxygen and food substances pass from the maternal to the foetal blood – vessels and carbon dioxide and metabolic wastes pass from the foetal to the maternal blood vessels”,²⁰⁹ as it is said that the foetus does not pass urine, stool, etc.²¹⁰ “The two umbilical arteries (i. e. putrajivarasaharaṇīs), grow out of the lower part of the aorta of the foetus and pass to the placenta (i. e. mātrjivarasaharaṇīs). Blood is returned to the child by a single umbilical vein which passes through liver and empties into the inferior vena cava”.²¹¹ The fact that the lungs (Phopphasaphephasa) which are not mentioned clearly as developed in the foetus²¹² are small and non – functional presents a special problem, “for the capillaries in the uninflated lungs can accommodate only a fraction of the blood flowing through the heart, the rest must bypass the lungs until after birth.”²¹³

The lymph System :

In addition to the blood circulatory system the body is equipped, according to Jaina Biology, with a similar, independent group of vessels²¹⁴ constituting the lymph system (Simbha or Kaph system). But Jaina Biology does not throw much light on the details of this system except some of its features and functions. It is known from Jaina Biology²¹⁵ and other Indian sources²¹⁶ that “the circulation of the lymph is also made by two sets of vessels Śirās and Dhamanis.

208. Tandula Veyāliya, 4, p. 9.

“Māujivarasaharaṇī Puttajivarasaharaṇī māujivapaḍibaddhā puttajivam phuḍa 1.7 etc.

209. Biology, p. 271

210. Jivassa . . . gabbhagayassa samāṇassa – atthi uccārei vā pāsavṇei vāno iṇaṭṭhe samaṭṭhe ”, Tandula Veyāliya, 3, P. 7. ; Bhagavatisūtra 1, 7, 61–62.

211. Biology, p. 221.

212. Tandula Veyāliya 2, P. 6.

213. Biology, P. 272.

214. “Paṇavisam Sirao simbhādharaṇiṇo”, Tandula Veyāliya, p. 16, p. 35

215. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35. ; Kalyāṇakāraka 3.2–3

216. Caraka, Śarīrasthāna, Ch. 7 ; Suśruta, Śarīrasthāna Ch. 7.

From the Central alimentary tract of the naval point there originate two sets of blood vessels (Śīrās and Dhamanīs – Rasavāhinyaḥ), for the transportation of the chyle and other lymph”.²¹⁷

The Lymph (Kaph or vāta) and Chyle (rasa)

It is further explained that “the chyle is conducted by the chyle-bearing Dhamanīs (Rasavāhinyaḥ) and the lymph (kaph) by the lymph-bearing Śīrās and Dhamanīs (kaphavāhinyaḥ). The lymph bearing śīrās comprise ten branches²¹⁸ at the origin, and ramify into 175, viz. 25 in each leg, 25 in each arm, 8 in the pelvic cavity, coccyx, penis, etc., 2 in each side, 6 in the back, 6 in abdomen, 10 in the breast, 14 in the neck, 4 in the ears, 9 in the tongue, 6 in the nose, and 18 in the eyes.”²¹⁹

“The chyle is transported by another system of vessels (Rasavāhinyaḥ Dhamanyaḥ). The chyle ducts originate from the naval point (possibly the receptaculum chyle in this case). A Dhamanī trunk goes down to the small intestine, and carrying the chyle, proceeds upwards towards the heart (thoracic duct?). Two chyle ducts and two lymph ducts (Dhamanīs – Rasavāhinyaḥ and Kaphavāhinyaḥ) proceed from the heart, and ramify over the head and trunk. In the same way two chyle ducts and two lymph-ducts run from the intestinal tract and ramify over the pelvic region. Four obliquely branching Dhamanīs (Tiryak Dhamanīs transporting chyle, sweat, and internal secretions) spread from the central system and ramify in numberless minute channels over the limbs and the body”.²²⁰

The views of Jaina Biology, rather Indian Biology, are indirectly supported by modern Biology in the following manner :

“In addition to the blood circulatory system the body is equipped with a similar, independent group of vessels constituting the lymph system. These carry the clear, colorless fluid, lymph which, like tissue fluid is derived from blood and resembles it closely. It contains much less protein than does blood and has no red cells. It does contain white cells, some of which enter the lymph capillaries from the tissue

217. Caraka, Śārīrasthāna, Ch. 7 ; Suśruta, Śārīrasthāna, Ch. 7.

218. “daśa Kaphavāhinyo” Śārīrasthāna, Suśruta.

219. Positive Science of the Ancient Hindus, P. 214. “Tatra vātavāhinyaḥ śīra ekasmin sakthni pañcaviṃśati ... aṣṭāvratrayo /” .. evam .. Kaphavāhāsa /”. Śārīrasthāna 7, Suśruta.

220. Ibid. p. 214.

“Tiryaggānām tu catasṛṇām dhamanīnāmikaika śatadhā sahasradhā rasam cāpi santarpariyantyarbahisca /” Śārīrasthāna, / 5, Suśruta.

fluid, others of which are manufactured in the lymph nodes. In other respects lymph is similar to blood".²²¹

Functions of the lymph system :

"The lymph system performs four functions : First, it assists in returning tissue fluids to the blood circulatory system. The second and third functions are the production of lymph-cytes and the filtering of dust and bacteria. A fourth function is the absorption of fats which is accomplished by the lymph vessels that drain the intestines".²²²

Circulation in other Organisms :

All organisms have the same problem of transporting substances from one part of the body to another. Two-sensed animals (i. e. Protozoa) have no special system for bringing about circulation of substances ; "foods, wastes and gases simply diffuse through the cytoplasm and eventually reach all parts of the cell"²²³ (i. e., tvacāhāra and lomāhāra).²²⁴ In most two-sensed animals it is suggestive that the process is aided by movements of cytoplasm".²²⁵ Modern Biology which explains "as amaebea moves along, the cytoplasm streams from the rear to the front of the body, distributing substances throughout the cell, etc."²²⁶ "In the earth-worm and similar forms there is a definite circulatory system, consisting of plasma, blood cells and blood vessels, although the latter are not specialized as arteries, veins and capillaries.

The larger and more complex invertebrates (i. e. four-sensed animals), such as, insects (Kīṭa), etc., all have a circulatory system consisting of a heart, blood vessels and blood cells,²²⁸ etc. The circulatory systems of all vertebrates, i. e. five-sensed animals are fundamentally the same,²²⁹ from fish (matsya) and frogs (maṇḍukas) through lizard (grhagolikā) to birds (pakṣin) and man (manuṣya). All have a heart and an aorta as well as arteries, capillaries and veins, organized on a similar basic plan".²³⁰ In the evolution of the higher vertebrates, such as man, from the lower, fish-like forms, the principal changes in the circulatory system occurred in the heart and are correlated with the change in the respiratory mechanism from gills to lungs".²³¹

221. Biology, P. 278.

222. Biology, P. 279, Tandula Veyaliya 16, P. 35.

223. Biology, P. 279.

224. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. Sarireṇoyāhāro tayāya phāseṇa lomāhāro /", P. 86.

225. Biology, P. 279.

226. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3, P. 86 (Tvacāhāra and lomāhāra)

227. Biology, P. 279.

228. Biology, P. 280.

229. Tandula Veyaliya 16, P. 35.

230. Biology, P. 280.

231. Biology, P. 280.

(Second Section)

The Respiratory System

The energy for all the myriad activities of animals is derived from reactions of biologic oxidations, i. e. chemical reactions of air by ucchvāsaparyāpti¹ (vital force by which particles of respiration are taken in, oxidized for energy and left out as carbon dioxide and water). The energy making process in the presence of air (oxygen) is called respiration (āṇapāṇa or usāsānisāsa).² Respiration³ is one of the paryāptis and prāṇas (vital force and life forces) of beings, as mentioned in the beginning. It starts in the human foetus, while developing in the mother's womb.⁴ But its lungs are non-functional at this stage. According to both Jaina and Brāhmaṇical⁶ Biologies, the essential feature of these reactions of biologic oxidation is the assimilation of food, the transfer of rasa (chyle or nutrient)⁷ from one molecule to another, i. e. "the transfer of one molecule, the hydrogen donor, to another, hydrogen acceptor, etc."⁶ In most animals there is a series of compounds each of which accepts rasa⁷ "(i. e. hydrogen) from the preceding and donates it to the subsequent one"⁸ The ultimate rasa-acceptor in the metabolism of

1. "Āhāra sarira ṁdiya, usāsa vāu maṇo bhiniṁvatti / Hoi jao daliyau, Karaṇam, pai sau pajjatti //" Bṛhatsaṅgrahaṇī, v. 313, ed. by Amrtlal Puruṣottamadas vs. 1993. "Yayocchvāsārhamādāya dalaṁ pariṇamayya ca / Tattayālambya muñcetso-cchvāsaparyāptirucyate (22)" Lokaprakāśa I, 3.22, p. 66. ; or "Āṇapāṇa Pajjatti" Navatattvaparakaraṇam. v. 6, p. 12. ; Gommaṣasāra, Jiva kāṇḍa, 119.
2. Navatattvaparakaraṇam V.6., p. 12 (āṇapāṇa) ; Gommaṣasāra (Jiva), 119 (āṇapāṇa) ; Viśeṣavaśyaka Bhāṣya, V. 274. "Usāsaya-nisāsaya"
3. Tandula Veyāliya, 4, pp. 4-9. ; Navatattvaparakaraṇam. v. 6, p. 12 (Paryāpti) ; Gommaṣasāra, (Jiva), vv. 118. 119, etc, (Paryāpti). ; Jivavicāra vv. 42-43 (Prāṇa) ; Gommaṣasāra Jivakāṇḍa, v. 130 (Prāṇa) ; Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra, V. 19 (Prāṇa), apāna VIII. 12 (Bhāṣya).
4. Bhagavatī Sūtra, I. 7. 61. ; Tandula Veyāliya 4, pp. 8-9 (usāsānisāsa). Prāṇastathāpānasamānasamjñau / vyāno apyathodāna iti praddiṣṭaḥ paṁcīcaiva vāyava nityamahāraṇihāra vinirgamārthāṇ. Kalyāṇakāraka 3.9.
5. "Tatraiśāharaparyāptiryayādāya nijociṭam / ; pṛothak-Khalarasatvenahāramparinatim nayet" // Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd sarga. v. 17
6. Saṅgitaratnākara, Sāraṅgadeva, Vol. I Chapter I, vv. 60-67; the functions of prāṇavāyus, viz. prāṇa up to apāna, are explained there.
7. Kalyāṇakāraka 3.9 ; Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3. vv. 17-22.
8. Biology, p. 283.

animals is air (oxygen - ucchvāsa)⁹. The term 'āṇapāṇa'¹⁰ or usāsa-nisāsa¹¹ or prāṇapāṇa"¹² (respiration) is used by the Jainācāryas to refer to those processes by which animal (and plant cells) utilize oxygen (usāsa), carbon-dioxide (nisāsa) and convert energy into biologically useful forms. The term "āṇapāṇa or usāsa - nisāsa" has different meanings in Jaina Biology. It is synonymous with breathing and means inhaling and exhaling. It becomes clear from the reference to the usage of this term that it is applied to the important process of the exchange of gases between the cell and environment. Finally, as the details of cellular metabolism by āṇapāṇa or ucchvāsaparyāpti became known, the term "āṇapāṇa or usāsa-nisāsa" is used to denote those enzymic reactions of the cell which are responsible for the utilization of oxygen (usāsa?).

Direct Respiration :

The exchange of gases is a fairly simple process in a small, aquatic animal (e.g. Jalauka, samuddalikkha and some two-sensed aquatic animals).¹⁶ Dissolved oxygen from the surrounding pond water diffuses into the cells, carbon dioxide diffuses out, no special respiratory system (lungs, etc.) is needed. Such gas exchange brought about by āṇapāṇa¹⁷ or ucchvāsaparyāpti¹⁸ of beings is the direct respiration, as the cells

9. Chyle or molecules of nutrients (rasibhūtamāhāraṁ) are utilized by animals for the release of energy, the building of blood, tissue, fat, bone, marrow, semen, etc. successively with the vital force called śarīra-paryāpti, Lokaprakāśa, Pt. 1, 3rd Sarga, p. 65.
10. Biology, p. 28.3
11. Lokaprakāśa, Vol. I, 3.22 ; Tandula Veyāliya 4.
12. Navatattvaprakaraṇa, v. 6.
13. Viḷeṣāvāsya Bhāṣya, gāthā 2714
14. Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra v. 19; VIII. 12 (Bhāṣya)
15. Ibid. v. 19 ; VIII 12 (Bhāṣya) ; Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61. Tandula Veyāliya 4 ; Pannavaṇā Sūtra, Ucchvāsapada, 1,19.
"Prāṇapāṇapudgalagrahaṇasāmarthyajanakmucchvāsānāma |" Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra - Bhāṣya' 8-12. Ū:dhvagāmi samīraṇaḥ prāṇaḥ adhogatirapanāḥ prāṇapāṇavanatapradeśaskāndhapudgalapariṇāmajanyau tadyogyapudgālanāṁ grahaṇamādānaṁ tasya sāmartyam - atīṣyamjanayati yat taducchvāsānāmā yasyodayāducchvāsāniḥsvāsu bhavataḥ" T.S. Bhā., 8. 12, p. 158.
16. Navatattva Prakaraṇa 6. Two-sensed beings have fine paryāptis āhāra-sarīra indriya āṇapāṇa and bhāsa. Jalauka, etc. aquatic beings are two-sensed and have āṇapāṇaparyāpti which helps the exchange of gases in them.
17. Navatattvaprakaraṇam v. 6, p. 12.
18. Lokaprakāśa Pt. I, 3.22.

of organism exchange oxygen (usāsa) and Carbon-dioxide (nisāsa) directly (like lomāhāra) with the surrounding environment.

Indirect Respiration :

As animals appear to have evolved into higher, more complex forms, it became impossible for each cell to exchange gases directly with the external environment. Some form of indirect respiration involving a structure of body specialized for respiration was necessary, e.g. lungs (phopphasaphephasa).¹⁹ “For indirect respiration, fishes and many other animals developed gills”,²⁰ the higher vertebrates, reptiles (parisarpas), birds (pakṣins) and mammals including man developed lungs (phopphasaphephasa).²¹ In Jaina Biology an external and internal phase in indirect respiration can be distinguished in the exchange of gases between the body cells and the environment as suggested by its reference to āṇapāṇa²² or usāsa-nisāsa²³ or prāṇāpāna.²⁴ External respiration (prāṇa)²⁵ is the exchange of gases by diffusion between the external environment and the blood stream by means of the specialized respiratory organ, for example, lungs (phopphasaphephasa)²⁶ in the mammals including man. Internal respiration is by all means²⁷ the exchange of gases between the blood stream and the cells of the body, brought about by āṇapāṇa²⁸ or ucchvāsa²⁹ paryāpti. Between these phases the gases are transported by the circulatory system.

Structure of the Human Respiratory System :

Jaina Biology states that the respiratory system in man (and other air-breathing vertebrates) includes the lungs and suggests the existence of the tubes by which air reaches them (phopphasaphephasa).³⁰ Besides this statement, it does not go into details of the structure. The Buddhist work ‘Visuddhimagga’ throws some light in this respect. It is stated there

19. Tandula Veyāliya, 17, p. 38.

20. Biology, p. 284.

21. Tandula Veyāliya 17, p. 38

22. Navatattvaprakaraṇam 6, p. 12, ; Gommaṭasāra, Jivakaṇḍa, 119.

23. Tandula Veyāliya 4, pp, 8-9. ; Viśeṣavaśyakabhāṣya, gāthā, 2714.

24. Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra, v. 19 ; (Bhāṣya).

25. Sarvārthasiddhi v. 19 (Bhāṣya).

26. Tandula Veyāliya. 17, p. 38 ; Sarvārthasiddhi v. 19 (Bhāṣya)

27. Tandula Veyāliya, 4, p. 8, “Savvāo usasei savvao nisasei”

28. Navatattvaprakaraṇam, 6, p. 12.

29. Lokaparakāṣa, Pt. I. 3; 22.

30. Tandula Veyāliya 17, p. 38.

that “the lungs (Papphāsam) are located inside the body between the two breasts, hanging over the heart and liver and concealing them just as bird’s nest hanging inside an old barn”.³¹ “The spongy lung is divided into two or three pieces (lobes) having the red colour not very ripe (like) Udumbara fig fruits”. It is shaped like “unevenly cut thick slice of cake (Visamacchinnabahalapuvakhaṇḍasamṭhāvīa)”.³²

The medical science describes the lungs as the cone-shaped porous and spongy organs having right and left parts. “Right lung has three lobes, while the left has two only”.³³ “At birth the lungs are rose-pink-coloured, in adult life, a dark slaty mottled in patches” and with the advance of age, “this motting of its colour take up a black colour”.³⁴

According to modern Biology, the structure of the human respiratory system includes, besides the two lungs, the external nares, or nostrils, nasal chamber, internal nares, pharynx, larynx, trachea or wind pipe, two bronchi, one going to each lung, bronchioles and air sacs (alveoli),³⁵ Phoppaphephasa³⁶ of Jaina Biology includes the lungs and eparterial bronchioles of trachea.

The Mechanics of Breathing :

It seems that Jaina Biology keeps clear the distinction between respiration – the exchange of gases between a cell and its environment (which in man consists of the three phases of external respiration, transportation by the blood stream and breathing, which is simply the mechanical process of taking air into the lungs (inspiration) and letting it out again (expiration)³⁷.

Respiration (prāṇāpanā)³⁸ is material. A being exhales air from the lungs. The same being inhales air from the atmosphere. These acts of respiration are helpful to the being as they enable it to live.³⁹

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31. Visuddhimagga XI, 63. “Papphāsan sarirabbhantare jīṇṇakoṭṭhabbhantare lambamāno, etc.
 32. Ibid. VIII. 117. “Papphāsan ti dvattiṅsamāṇsākhaṇḍappabhedān etc.
 33. Anatomy and Physiology, pp. 92, 93.
 34. Human Anatomy, Henry Gray, p. 1382; Vide Sacitra Āyurveda–Viśva-Āyurveda Aṅka, 6. March, 1972, p. 75.
 35. Biology, p. 284.
 36. Tandula Veyāliya, 17, p. 38.
 37. Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra v. 19 ; VI 12. (Bhāṣya). See Sarvārthasiddhi, v. 19 (Commentary)
 38. Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra, 5.19.
“Ūrdhvagāmi samiraṇaḥ Prāṇaḥ I.” Adhogatirāpanaḥ I. TS. Bhā 8.12, p. 158.
 39. Ibid. Sarvārthasiddhi. v. 19 (Ṭīkā).

In the medical science the Jaina view of the mechanics of breathing briefly outlined is fully supported in the following manners: "The respiratory apparatus consists of the larynx, trachea, bronchi, lungs and pleurae.⁴⁰ When one breathes in the air, it goes through the trachea and bronchi to the air - sacs of the lungs which are surrounded by blood capillaries. According to the property of diffusion, the oxygen inside the alveoli and the carbon dioxide in the capillaries interchange themselves through the thin membranes. As the oxygen inside the alveoli is taken up by the blood, the air inside the lungs must be renewed to bring in a fresh supply of oxygen and the waste products, such as, carbon dioxide must also be thrown out of the body".⁴¹

The first process by which one breathes in air is called inspiration, i. e. the Jaina 'apāna', and the second one by which the impure air inside the lungs is thrown out is called expiration which corresponds to the Jaina 'prāṇa'.⁴² This combined process of inhaling and exhaling air is called respiration, i.e. apāna and 'prāṇa' of Jaina Biology. The absorption of oxygen by the red corpuscles of the blood and the removal of waste products, such as, carbon dioxide and water, take place in the lungs by this process of respiration.

Respiratory Devices in other Animals :

Respiration⁴² takes place in all other animals. But its detailed discussion is not found in Jaina Biology. It can be surmised from its references that external respiration in most lower animals is carried on by specialized structures - gills, for example, of fish, molluscs, e. g. Śaṅkha (Conchifera). Śuktika (Pearl-mussel), Śambuka (Helix) and many other arthropods (spider) (Nandyāvarta, but not insects) have these organs.

According to modern Biology, "In fish, water is taken in through the mouth, passes over the gills, and out the gill clefts. Gills like lungs, have thin walls, and are moist and well supplied with blood capillaries. Oxygen dissolved in the water diffuses through the gill

40. Human Anatomy, Henry Gray, p. 1016.

41. Ibid.

42. "Urdhvagāmi samīraṇaḥ prāṇaḥ / adhogatirapanāḥ prāṇaḥ /"
T.S. II, 8.12, Tikā, p. 158

"Udasyamānaḥ Koṣṭhāyo vāyurucchvāsalaḥ prāṇa ityucyate / Tenaivatmanā
vāhyo vāvurabhyantarikriyamāno nihsvāsalaḥ apanā ityakhyāsyate |
Sarvārthāṅgī Putyapāda v. 19 p.

43. Uchchvāsapada, Paṇṇavanā P. I, 7.

epithelium into the capillaries, and carbon dioxide diffuses in the reverse direction".⁴⁴

"Insects have quite a different system for getting oxygen to the cells. In each section or segment of the body is a pair of holes, called spiracles, from which a tracheal tube extends into the body, branching and rebranching until it reaches each cell".⁴⁵

"The body walls of insects pulsate, drawing air into the trachea when the body expands, forcing air out when the body contracts. Thus, in contrast to a fish or crab, in which blood is brought to the surface of the body to be aerated in a gill, the tracheal system conducts air deep within the insect body, near enough to each cell so that it can diffuse in through the wall of the tracheal tube".⁴⁶

44. Ibid.

45. Biology, p. 294.

46. Biology, p. 295.

(Third Section)

THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

The knowledge of food (āhāra)¹ in Jaina Biology reveals that all animals are heterotrophic² and must provide their constituent cells with a variety of raw material and sources of energy for the synthesis and maintenance of compounds present in the vital force of the body, i.e. "Carbohydrates, fats, proteins, vitamins, water and minerals"³ etc. according to modern Biology.

The analysis of the topic "Knowledge of food"⁴ of all animals, āhāraparyāpati⁵ (Vital force by which beings take, digest, absorb and transform molecules of food particles into waste products (khala) and chyle of molecules of nutrients or energy - (rasa), śarīraparyāpti⁶ (vital force by which chyle or molecules of nutrients (rasibhūtamāhāraṃ) are utilized by being for the release of energy, the building of blood, tissue, fat, bone, marrow, semen, etc.) throws some light upon the digestive system, metabolism and nutrition or animal organism.

The process of digestion from amoeba (Kuksikrmi, Krmi, etc.)⁷ to man (manusya)⁸ involves the same or very similar series of enzymes, but differs⁹ in where they act and the process is controlled, e.g. "Some beings, born in water, come forth as movable creatures in the water, produced by water-bodies. These beings feed on the humours of

1. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II 3, Āhārapada.

2. Ibid.

"organisms which cannot synthesize their own food from inorganic materials and therefore must live either at the expense of autotrophs or upon decaying matter, are called heterotrophs and their mode of nutrition is called heterotrophic. All animals fungi and most bacteria are heterotrophs", Biology, P. 85.

3. Biology P. 296.

4. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3. Āhārapada

5. "Tatraśāhāraparyātisvayādāya nijocitāṃ / pṛthakkkhalarasatvenāharaṃ pariṇā-
tīm, nayet /", Lokaprakāśa, pt. I, 3rd sarga, v. 17.

6. "Tāṃ rasibhūtamāhāraṃ yayā śaktyā punarbhavi /"
"Rasāsṛgmānsamedo asthimajjaśukrādi dhātūtaṃ /"
Nayedathasambhavaṃ sā debaparyāptirucyate // " Ibid., v. 19.

7. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Āhārapada, II, 3. ; Paṇḍavaṇā I, Āhārapada.

8. Ibid.

9. Ibid.

water-bodies, produced by water,¹⁰ where as the babies suck the mother's milk, but when they grow older, they eat boiled rice, etc."¹¹ Actually speaking, digestion is intra-cellular or extra cellular as found in Jaina Biology. According to modern Biology. "Digestion may be intracellular-food particles, may be taken into the cell by phagocytosis and digestive enzymes may act within the cell or extra cellular-the enzymes are secreted by the cells that produce them into some cavity, typically that of the gut, where hydrolytic cleavage takes place."¹² It is suggestive that two-sensed animals (i. e. protozoa) and the simpler animals take food into vacuoles within cells and digestion occurs, i. e. absorption of food and its digestion take place by the process of lomahāra (diffusion).¹³

In the course of evolution, as it appears, the higher, more complex animals including man have developed special organs¹⁴ for obtaining and digesting food. The products of digestion, i. e. chyle (rasa) are transported by the circulatory system (rasa - haraṇīyo śīrāo)¹⁵ to the cells of the body to be utilized. The digestive tract of man is essentially a long tube composed of several separate organs which carry out ingestion, digestion and absorption, such as, mouth cavity (mukha)¹⁶ tongue (Jihā),¹⁷ teeth (daṁtā),¹⁸ oesophagus, stomach (āmoru, udara)¹⁹ deudenum (pākkāśaya)²⁰ small intestine (taṇuyāṁta ?),²¹ liver (yakṛt)²² large intestine (Thulāṁta),²³ rectum (pāyu, gudā),²⁴ etc.

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10. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3. 'Ihagatiyā sattā udagaṇīyā... .. udagaṇāṁ siṅghamāraṁti /' (59) ; 'te jivā dāharā samānā māukkhirāṁ samppiṁ āhāraṁti ānupuvveṇāṁ ruḍdhā oḍaṇāṁ... āhāraṁti /' 56.
11. Ibid.
12. Biology. P. 296
13. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3, (comm.) "sparsendriyeṇa ya āhārah sa lomahāra it", p. 87.
14. Mouth (mukh), stomach (āmoru, udara), deudenum (pākkāśaya) (Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.4) small intestine (taṇuyāṁta /), large intestine (Thulāṁta) etc. (Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35 etc.)
15. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35,
16. Ibid., P. 36, (Comm.) "Mukhe aśucipārṇe prāyo dvātrīṁsaddantāḥ asthikbaṇḍāni bhavanti /"
17. Ibid., 16 p. 35, "Jibbhā" or "Jihā",
18. "Battisami daṁtā", Ibid.
19. "āmoru", Kalyāṇakāraka 3.4. "Udara", Tandula Veyāliya, 17, p. 38.
20. "Pākkāśaya", Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.4.
21. "Taṇuyāṁta", Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.
22. "Yakṛt", ; Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.4.
23. "Thulāṁta" Tandula Veyāliya p. 6, p. 35.
24. "Pāyu", One of the nine śrotas (orifices), Ibid., p. 38. "Gudā", Ibid., 16, p. 36,

The Mouth Cavity (Mukha)²⁵

The mouth cavity contains the tongue, the teeth, "salivary glands,"²⁶ according to modern Biology, etc. They play role in ingestion or digestion, etc.

The Tongue (Jihā)²⁷

The tongue consists of several sets of striated muscles oriented in different places, having a length of seven fingers.²⁸ Food is pushed by the tongue between the teeth to be chewed and then shaped into a spherical mass, called bolus (Kavala)⁹ to be swallowed by the process of prakṣepāhāra.³⁰ Swallowing is initiated when the tongue pushes a bolus³¹ into pharynx.

The Teeth (Daṁṭa)³²

There are stated to be thirty two teeth of (battisaṁ daṁṭā)³³ of man. The teeth of all vertebrates break up food into smaller particles "but they vary in size and shape according to the diet of the particular animal."³⁴

Modern Biology explains that "In man, each jaw on each side has, behind the canines, two premolars and three molars, with flattened surfaces adapted for crushing and grinding food".³⁵

25. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, (Comm.) p. 36

26. Biology, p. 297.

27. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.

28. Ibid 16, p. 35

"Caupaliyā Jibbhā... sattamguliyā Jihvāmukhabhyantvartimāmsakhaṇḍarūpā dairghyenaṭmaṅgulataḥ saptamgulā bhavati", Ibid. (Comm.), p. 36.

29. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. (Comm.) "Kāvalika āhāro Jihvendriyasay sadbhāvaditi", p. 38.

30. Prakṣepeṇa Kavalāderahārah prakṣepārah", Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. (Comm.), p. 87.

31. "Tatra yo jihvendriyeṇa sthūlaḥ śarīre prakṣipyati sa prakṣepārah", Ibid, p. 33;

32. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35, Visuddhimagga gives vivid description of teeth, see Vm. XI. 51. ; VIII. 92 "Dantā hanukaṭṭhikesu jāta /", etc. VM. XI. 51.

33. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35 ; See also Caraka Saṁhitā IV. 7,6. ; Suśruta III. 5. 19, 20, ; A.H. II. 3.16. (Ayurvedic Saṁhitas). Kashyapa deals with the names of the teeth, such as, Rajadanta (medical incisor), Vastau (lateral incisor and canine), danṣṭre (Premolars), hanavyas (molars). K.S., 1.20, vide Sacitra Āvur-veda, March, 1972, Avika; 1, p. 78

34. Biology, p. 298.

35. Ibid.. p. 298.

The Salivary Glands :

Jaina Biology does not make mention of the salivary glands, but its reference to saliva (lālā)³⁶ suggests that the Jainācāryas had some idea of salivary gland which assist the food in moving down the throat, as well as to begin its chemical breakdown by secreting two kinds of saliva—"one type is watery to dissolve dry food and the other contains mucus to lubricate the food as it passes down the oesophagus and to make the food particles stick together in a bolus (kavala) for swallowing."³⁷

Food passes from the mouth cavity to the stomach (āmoru or udara)³⁸ through the pharynx and oesophagus as a result of peristalsis. Similar peristaltic waves help the movement of the contents of eaten food through all the organs of the digestive tube. The live airs (Pancavāyus) – Prāna, apāna, samāna, Vyāna and udāna, causing the peristaltic waves, help the movement of the contents of food, its ingestion, digestion and absorption, etc.³⁹

The Stomach (Udara or Āmoru)⁴⁰

The stomach is a thick-walled muscular sac on the left side of the body just beneath the lower ribs. "Soon after the food reaches the stomach, peristaltic waves begin in the pyloric region as a result of the action of air (vāyu),⁴¹ passing from left to right, according to Modern Biology, toward opening into the into the intestine⁴² (amta) At intervals, the pyloric sphincter relaxes, and a small amount of chyme is pushed into the small intestine by the contraction of the stomach."⁴³

36. Aupapātika Sūtra, edited by Dr. Leumann, Leipzig, gātha. 55, (38) "Haya lālā-pelavāirege dhavau", 48.

37. Biology, p. 299.

38. Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.4 (āmoru) ; 'Udara', Tandula Veyaliya, p. 38.

39. "Prāṇasthāpānasamānasamjñāu / Vyāno apyathodāna-iti pradīṣṭah pañcaiva ti vāyava eva nitya - maharañihāravinirgamārthāḥ //", Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.9.

40. Tandula Veyaliya, 17, p. 38 ; Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.4.

41. Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.9 ; see the metabolism and nutrition discussed at the end of this section.

42. Biology p. 301.

43. Biology, p. 301.

Gastro-Intestinal Tract (Am̐ta)⁴⁴

There are stated to be two intestines (am̐ta) viz. small intestine (tanuyam̐ta) and large intestine (thūlam̐ta).⁴⁵ According to Visuddhimagga, antam̐ starts from the oesophagus to the rectum, "like the carcase of a large beheaded rat – snake coiled up and put into a trough of blood".⁴⁶ "This bowel tube looped in twenty one places is thirty two hands (cubits) long in men and twenty eight in women. It is white in colour like the lime mixed with sand."⁴⁷

Jaina Biology states that tanuyam̐ta having the length of five vāmās transforms urine,⁴⁸ while thūlam̐ta having the same length transforms stool (uccāra).⁴⁹ It is difficult to identify tanuyam̐ta of Jaina Biology with the small intestine of modern Biology on the basis of its function of transforming (producing) urine, for it is the function of kidney to produce urine, according to the latter. Thulam̐ta can be easily identified with the large intestine of modern Biology as per its function of transforming (producing) stool out of indigestible matter carried from the small intestine. "Some water is absorbed in the small intestine" that tanuyam̐ta have the function of producing of urine in addition to absorption of molecules of nutrients. But it may be identical with kidney of modern Biology on the basis of its function.

The Small Intestine (Tanuyam̐ta)⁵⁰

The small intestine is a coiled tube into which the chyle passes by the force of peristalsic waves caused by air (vāhu) in the stomach (udara or āmoru). The greater part of the digestive process and almost all absorptions occur here as is suggested by the reference to "Pakkāsāya"⁵¹ (the deudenum) the first segments of the intestine-organ for cooking, i. e. digesting food with pācakaśakti⁵² (digestive power)

44. Tandula Veyāliya, 16 p. 36.

45. Ibid.

46. Visuddhimagga, XI. 64.

"Antan galavāṭakakarīsamaggapariyanta sarirabbantare ṭhitan. Tatha, yatha lohītadonīkāya obhāñjitvā thapiṭe chinnasīradhamānikalevare etc."

47. "Antan ti purisassa dvattiyi sahatthay, iṭṭhiyā aṭṭhavisatīhāttan ekavīsatiyā ṭhanesu obhaggā antavāṭṭhi etc." Visuddhimagga VIII 18.

48. "Do am̐ta Pamcavāmā tatthā nam̐ je se tanuyam̐te Ten nam̐ pasavaṇe pariṇamāi" ; Tandula Veyāliya ; 16, p. 35. Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.4.

49. "Tattha nam̐ je se thūlam̐te teṇa uccāre pariṇamāi", Ibid.

50. Tandula Veyāliya, 16. p. 3' ;

51. Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra 2.43 (Comm.) p. 2#2

52. Tandula Veyāliya 4, Kalyāṇakāraka 3.7.

According to modern Biology, the three juices (1) bile (i. e. pitta⁵³ of Jaina Biology) from the liver (yakṛt)⁵⁴ (2) Pancreatic juice from the pancreas and (3) the intestinal juice are mixed in the small intestine and complete the digestive process begun in the mouth and stomach.⁵⁵

The Liver (yakṛt)⁵⁶

Because of its contribution of the digestive juice, bile (pitta), the liver is vitally important to digestion. Visuddhimagga states that the liver (yakanam) is placed near the right side between the two breasts like a twin lump of meat stuck on the side of a cooking pot⁵⁷; "it is a twin slab of muscle having brownish shed of red colour, but not too red like the backs of white water lily petals".⁵⁸

It is described in the medical science as wedge-shaped reddish brown in colour, having two lobes which are divided into four.⁵⁹ It is the largest gland in the body, occupying the entire upper part of the abdominal cavity, just below the diaphragm.⁶⁰ "In addition to its function in producing bile the liver is important in the storage and interconversions of sugars, the synthesis of plasma proteins—and a host of reactions of intermediary metabolism".⁶¹

The Absorption of Food :

Molecules of nutrients (rasa), after digestion, are absorbed into the body through the lining of the digestive tract by the āharaparyāti⁶² and transformed into blood, etc. by śarira or dehaparyāpti⁶³ as suggested by the reference to the action of pañcavāyus. Modern Biology explains that "most of the absorption is done in the small intestine, particularly in the lower part of this region. Water is absorbed by the

53. Kalyāṇakāraka 3.4.

54. Biology, p. 302.

55. Kalyāṇakāraka 3.4.

56. "Yakanan anto sarire dvīṇnan thanānam abhantare dakkhiṇapassan nissāya ḡhitan .. /" etc., Visuddhimagga XI. 60

57. Ibid, VIII. 114. "Yakanan ti yamakamansapaṭalan .. etc.

58. Gray's Human Anatomy, P. 1512.

59. Biology, P. 303.

60. Ibid.

61. Lokaprakāśa I. 3.17.

62. Ibid. I. 3.19,

63. See metabolism and nutrition; Kalyāṇakāraka 3.9

colon, but almost all organic and inorganic substances are absorbed through the small intestine.”⁶⁴

The Large Intestine (Thūlamta)⁶⁵

The material remaining, after the nutrients (rasa) have been absorbed, passes from the small intestine (taṇuyamta) into the large intestine or colon (Thūlamta) which is larger in diameter and with thicker walls with sixteen paṁtis (walls or folds)⁶⁶ than the small intestine, according to Biology.

The main function of thūlamta is to absorb water and reduce the wastes (Khala) to a semi-solid state (i. e. uccāra)⁶⁷ in addition to transporting the wastes to the rectum (pāyu) to be ejected from the body. In support of Jaina Biology for its function Modern Biology explains that “both churning and peristaltic movements occur in the colon, although both are ordinarily slower and more sluggish than those in the small intestine. Periodically more vigorous peristaltic movements force the contents along, until they finally reach the rectum”.⁶⁸

Comparison of Digestive System :

The Chemistry of digestion and paryāpti involved are much the same in man as in the amoeba (Kukṣi kṛmi or Kṛmi); the two-sensed animals (protozoa), whose bodies consist of single cells, do not of course have any digestive system, for they take food by the process of lomāhāra⁶⁹ (diffusion). So the digestion in them is inter-cellular. Modern Biology explains that “an ameba engulfs a bit of food and forms a food vacuole in which the food is surrounded by a membrane⁷⁰ (i. e. lomāhāra⁷¹ of Jaina Biology). Digestion occurs within this vacuole as it circulates in the cytoplasm. Digestive enzymes produced in the cytoplasm are poured into vacuole and digest the food within. The

64. Biology, p. 304

65. Tandula Veyāliya, 16. p. 36. Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.4.

66. Kalyāṇakāraka 3.4. Sthūtantrapamktiḥ ṣoḍaśaiva”.

67. Tandula Veyāliya ; 16, p. 35 ; “Teṇa uccāre pariṇamati”

68. Biology, p. 305.

69. “Tayā ya phāse ya loma āhāro /”, Bṛhat Saṅgrahaṇi 183.
; “Lomāhāraṣtu śariraparyāptyuttarakalam bahyaya tvacā, Lomabhirāhoro lomāhārah /” Sūtrakṛtaṅga II. 3. (comm.), p. 87.

70. Biology p. 310

71. “Oyāharajivā savve, apajjattagā muṇeyawā /
Pajjattangā ya loma, āhāro”, Pakkheve hoṁti bhāiavvā, Bṛhat Saṅgrahaṇi 182(4).

products are absorbed through the vacuole wall into the cytoplasm, where they are assimilated or used for energy”⁷²

Some of the two-sensed animals having the sense-organs of taste and touch, e. g. Nūpurakas (earth worms) take their food by the process of prakṣepāhāra⁷³ (i. e. through mouth). This Jaina view on the digestive system of earth worm as suggested by the statement of Bṛhat Saṅgrahaṇī on the process of taking food by the two-sensed animals and others is supported by modern Biology on its digestive system. To quote the same, “it has a complete digestive system with two apertures, mouth, a muscular pharynx, an esophagus, a soft walled crop where food is stored, a hard, muscular gizzard where it is ground up with the aid of small pebbles taken in with the food, along intestine when extracellur digestion and an anus through which undigested wastes pass”.

As the higher animals, such as, the five-sensed vertebrate evolved, the digestive system was gradually elaborated and organs⁷⁶ added, resulting in the complex human mechanism. The digestive system of the five-sensed vertebrate from the fish to man are similar and for all animals from the lowest to the most complex, the chemistry of digestion and the āhāra paryāptis involved are much alike, as it is suggested by the process of their taking food, i. e. lomāhāra and prakṣepāhāra”⁷⁴

Metabolism and Nutrition :

Food⁷⁶ is any substance taken into the body that can be used for the release of energy, for the building and repair of tissue. After being taken into the body the molecules of food participate in a variety of chemical activities of the organism called metabolism in modern Biology. The sum of all the chemical activities of āhāraparyāpti⁷⁷ (vital force by which beings take, digest, absorb, and transform molecules of food particles) into khala (waste products) and rasa (chyle)

72. Biology, p, 310

73. “Pakkhevāhāro puṇo, Kāvaliū hoi nāyavva //”, Bṛhat Saṅgrahaṇī, 183.
“Egomdiyadevānaṃ neraiyānaṃ ca natthi pakkhevo /
Sesānaṃ jivaṇaṃ saṃsāratthāṇa pakkhevo / Bṛhat Saṅgrahaṇī 185.
“Sesānaṃ āhāro, lome pakkhevau ceva”, Ibid. 186.

74. Biology, p. 73.

75. Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.4. 5.9. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 36 ; 17, p. 38.

76. ‘Lomāhāra egimdiya ya neraiyā suragaṇā ceva / sesānaṃ āhāro lome pakkhevau ceva//’, Bṛhat Saṅgrahaṇī 186.

77. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. (Ābārapada).

and śarīraparyāpti⁷⁸ (vital force by which chyle or molecules of nutrients (rasībhūtamāhāraṁ) are utilized by beings for the release of energy, the building of blood, tissue, fat, bone, marrow, semen, etc.,⁷⁹ which provide the energy for the growth, maintenance and repair of the organic system as well as its own growth with intensity.

The presence of the metabolic process as explained in the second section of the first chapter is one of the outstanding characteristics of living beings. After foods are absorbed from the intestine taṇḍuyānta, they are either built into new tissue or oxidized to provide energy. Some of this energy is used in the building of new tissue, some in the function of cells and so forth. For example the foetus in the mother's womb obtains food-substance from the mother's body and transforms the same into the forms of ear, skin, bone, marrow, hair, nail,⁸¹ etc. by the metabolic process and nourishment.

Molecules of nutrients absorbed from the intestine are utilized by the organism through śarīraparyāpti for the release of energy, the building of blood, tissue, fat, bone, marrow, semen, etc.⁸⁰

There are many ways of sub-dividing the general field of metabolism according to Jaina Biology. It is stated that there are five vāyus (airs) in the human body, viz. prāṇavāyu, apānavāyu, samānavāyu, vyānavāyu and udānavāyu. They help the ingestion, digestion, absorption and assimilation of food taken by the organism and the building of tissue and oxidation to provide energy and the excretion of the waste products (urine, faeces, etc.) from the body.⁸¹ This view of metabolism and nutrition has been elaborately explained in Āyurvedas in the following manner: The digestive tract from the mouth cavity and oesophagus to the rectum is known to be Mahāsrota, (the great channel). Food passes from the mouth cavity down the gullet (oesophagus) to the stomach by the action of prāṇavāyu (bio-motor force)⁸² (i. e.

78. Lokaprakāśa I. 3. 17.

79. Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61 ; Tandula Veyāliya 3, p. 7.

“Jive ṇam gabhgae samāṇe jaṁ āhāraṁ āharei taṁ cīṇai soimdiyattāe, cakku-
rimdiyattāe ghaṇimdiyattāe jibbhimdiyattāe, phasimdiyattāe aṭṭhiatṭhimimjakesa-
maṁsuroṁanaḥattāe /”

80. Lokaprakāśa I. 3. 19. “Rasāsṛgmāṁsa ... Śukṛādidhatutām.

81. Praṇastathāpānasamānasamjñāu / Vyāṇo, apyathodāna iti pradiṣṭaḥ /
Pañcaiva vāyana eva nitya-māharaniharaviniragamārthaḥ//” Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.9.

82. “Mukhe vasati yo, anilaḥ prathila namataḥ prāṇakaḥ praveśayati so' annapāṇ
praveśayate so' annapaṇamakhilāmiṣaṁ sarvadā /” Kalyāṇakāraka, 8.3.

a series of reflexes). There it gets mixed up first with a gelatinous mucus (phenibhūtakapham) and then it becomes acidulated by further chemical action of a digestive juice (vidāhādamlatām gataḥ),⁸³ i. e. gastric juice, as a result of peristaltic waves in the pyloric region.

An amount of chyme is pushed by samāna vāyu (i. e. due to the contraction of stomach) into the pittāśaya by means of the grahaṇī-nāḍī and next into the small intestine (āmapakkāśaya).⁸⁴ There bile (pitta) converts the chyme into chyle by peristaltic contractions and churning movements.⁸⁵ The essence of chyle (sūkṣmabhāga) from the small intestine is carried through by prāṇavāyu along a Dhamanī trunk (thoracic duct?) first to the heart and thence to the liver (and the spleen).⁸⁷ In the liver the pigment (the colouring substance) in the bile acts on the essence of the chyle, especially on the tejas-substance therein, and gives it a red pigment, transforms it into blood, but the grosser part of chyle (Sthūlabhāga) runs along the Dhamanīs, being carried by the vyāna vāyu (biomotor force) all over the body⁸⁶.

After the formation of blood, the essence of the chyle in the blood, acted on by vāyu and Māmsāgni (the flesh forming metabolic heat) forms the flesh-tissue.⁸⁷ The grosser part of the flesh-tissue thus formed proceeds to feed or replenish the flesh-tissue all over the body. The finer essence of flesh in the blood in the chyle, acted

83. "Ādau śadraśasamappannaṁ madhriubhūamīrayet, phenibhūtaṁ kaphaṁ yātam vidāhādamlatām gataḥ /"
Caraka-Dridhavalā Samhita quoted by Aruṇa in his commentary on Vāgbhaṭa ; Vide Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus, p. 207.
84. "Samāna iti yo anilo agnisakha ucyate sarvādā /
Vasatyudara' eva bhojanagaṇasya saṁpācakaḥ /" Kalyāṇakāraka, 8.5.
"Vayunā samānakhyena grahaṇīmabhiniyate / śaṣṭhī pittadharā nāma ya kalā parikirtitā /āmapakkāśayāntaḥsthā grahaṇī sā, abihdhiyate / agnyadhīsthanamanasaya grahaṇād grahaṇī matā /" Caraka-Dridhavalāsamhita quoted by Aruṇa in his comm. on vāgbhaṭa ... Vide Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus P. 27.
85. "Bhuktamamāśaye ruddha sā vipācyā nayatyadhāḥ /", Ibid., p. 207
86. Tataḥ sarābhūtasyaāhararasasya dvau bhāgau bhavataḥ / sthūlaḥ sūkṣmasca...tataḥ sūkṣmo bhāgaḥ prāṇavayunā prerito dhāmanimargeṇa śarīrārambhakasya raktasya sthānaṁ yakṣt-pleharūpam gatvā tena daha milito bhavati/" Ibid, pp. 207-8.
87. "Tataḥ prakṭanarakatadhātau eva tiṣṭhati / tataḥ sarābhūtasya āhararasasya dvau bhāgau bhavataḥ / sthūlaḥ sūkṣmaśca sthūlo bhāgo rañjakakhyena pittena raktikṣaṭh śarīrārambhakam raktam pośayan vyanavayunā prerito dhāmanībhīḥ sañcāran sakalāśariragatāni rudhirāni Puṣṇati /" Ibid, p. 208.
"Apāna iti yo'anila vasati bastipakkāśaye / sa vata mālemūtraśukranikbilorugarbhārtavam". 8.6. Kalyāṇakāraka.

on again by vāyu (bio-motor current) and the fat-forming metabolic heat (medo'agni) in the menstruum of lymph (Kapham samāśritya) receiving viscosity and whiteness forms the fat tissue. This fat in the chyle (or blood) or rather its grosser part replenishes the fatty tissue of the body but its finer essence in the flesh in the blood in the chyle, acted on by vāyu and the marrow-forming metabolic heat, in the menstruum of lymph (Sleṣmanāvṛta), becoming hard produces bone.⁸⁸ The essence of fat which fills the hollow channels of the bones gets transformed into marrow,⁹⁰ being acted on again by vāyu (bio-motor force) and metabolic heat. The marrow becomes similarly transformed into semen.⁹¹

It is to be observed that rasa (chyle) of fluid in the chyle or blood mainly acts as the menstruum throughout the metabolic process and each preceding elements of the body takes up the proper organic compounds from the food chyle to form the next element or tissue. In this process the chemical changes take place because of the metabolic heat which breaks up the compounds and recombines.

The successive formation of blood, flesh (blocks of muscle or tissue), fat, bone, marrow, semen, etc. as mentioned by Jaina Biology is fully corroborated and thus explained by the Indian Āyurvedas in details.

According to modern Biology, "there are many ways of sub-dividing the general field of metabolism, e. g. liver metabolism, carbohydrate metabolism, fat metabolism, etc. Carbohydrates, fats and proteins are the three types of fuels of the organism from which its cells obtain biologically useful energy for metabolism and nourishment"⁹².

In Jaina Biology there is a clear reference to fats (meda, vasā), but not to carbohydrates and proteins. Human beings can adapt to a variety of diets. So it is suggestive from the evidences of Jaina Biology that they obtain carbohydrates from sugars and starches (rice, wheat, etc.),⁹³ fats from oil, butter, clarified butter and proteins from pulses, meat, eggs, milk, etc.

88. Tataḥ sukṣmo bhagaḥ vyānavāyuna prerito dhamanibhiḥ śīrabhiḥca śarīrambhakāṇi māmsāni yati /", etc., Caraka, vide Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus p. 208.

89. Slesmānam ca samāśritya māmsam vāyavnīsamyutam, sthīratām prāpya saukalyam ca medo dehe abhijāyate / Caraka-Dṛidhavalā Saṁhita quoted by Aruṇa in his commentary on Vagbhat, vide Positive Sciences of the Hindus, p. 270.

90. Pṛthivyagnyanitadinām saṁghātaḥ śleṣmanāvṛtaḥ, kharatvaṁ prakārotyasya jāyate asthi tato nṛṇām / Ibid., P. 207.

91. "Karoti tatra sauśīryamasthnām madhye samīraṇaḥ /," medasa tani pūryante sneho majjā tataḥ smṛtaḥ /," Ibid.

92. "Tasmānmajjāśca yah snehaḥ śukram samjāyate tataḥ /" Ibid.

93. Biology.

94. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II-3.

(Fourth Section)

THE EXCRETORY SYSTEM

The normal process of cellular metabolism and the constant building up and breaking down of nutrients (rasa) by the power of paryāpti¹ result in the production of waste products (Khala), such as, mūtra³ (i. e. urea, uric acid or urine, etc.) and puriṣa⁴ (faeces), etc. The (nitrogenous) waste products are useless and toxic for the body. The kidneys⁵ (taṇḍuyānta) remove urine etc. from the blood of a normal man as rapidly as the tissues produce them.

Defecation means the elimination of wastes and undigested food collectively called faeces (uccāra or puriṣa) from the anus (gudā).⁷ They are not metabolic wastes (khala). Excretion refers to the removal of substances which are useless in the body from the cells and blood stream via urine and perspiration (mūtra⁸ and sveda).⁹

The excretory system of the body includes more than the kidneys and their ducts, viz. nine orifices (navasoe or navadvāras)¹⁰: two nostrils, two ears, one mouth, one ractum and one genital,¹¹ besides eighty lakhs

1. Tatraiṣāhāraparyaptiryāyadāya nijocitaṃ /
Pṛthakkhalarasatvenāhāram pariṇatiṃ nayet //”
Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I., Sarga 3, Vol. 17.
2. Ibid.
3. “Imassa jāntussa saṭṭhisirāsayaṃ nābhippabhavāṇaṃ ahogāmiṇiṇāṃ . . .mutta-
purisavāyukammaṃ pavvattai /” Tandula Veyāliya, 16, P. 35, see also Kalyāṇa-
kāra 3.12.
4. Ibid (Puriṣa)
In Visuddhimagga it is called Karisaṃ (faeces) which get accumulated in rectum
of large intestine (Thūlaṃta)--Visuddhimagga XI. 67.
5. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.
Taṇḍuyānta transforms urine like kidneys. Its function suggests its identifica-
tion with kidneys although it is to be identified with small intestine.
6. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.
7. Ibid (Payu, one nava śrotas), guda ; see Kalyāṇakāra 3.12.
8. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35. Kalyāṇakāra 3.11
9. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 40 ; Kalyāṇakāra 3.12.
10. Tandula Veyāliya, (Navasoe), 16, p. 35 ; Kalyāṇakāra, 3.12 (Navadvāra).
11. “Navaśrotas puruṣaḥ, tatra kaṇḍvaya 2-Cal śurcāvaya 2 Ghrāṇadvaya 2, mukha
7 payu 8 pastha 9 lakṣmaṇāni iti”
Tandula Veyāliya 16 (Comm., p. 38) Kalyāṇakāra, 3.5. 3.12.

of pores or hair follicles in the skin.¹² Women have got eleven orifices including two breasts.¹³

The function of the excretory system is to cause the elimination of carbon dioxide (apāna or niḥsvāsa)¹⁴ one of the most important metabolic wastes ; made by the lungs¹⁵ (Phopphas), of bile (pitta), the break down products of Hemoglobin, the liver (yakṛt)¹⁶ and the excretion of faeces (Purīṣa, etc. by the colon. (Thūlamta).¹⁷

The sweat glands or pores (romakūpas)¹⁸ are “primarily” concerned with the regulations of body temperature,¹⁹ according to modern Biology but they also serve the purpose of excreting certain percent of all metabolic wastes (as sveda).²⁰ “Sweat contains the same substances (salt, urea and other organic compounds) as urine”²¹

The kidney and its ducts :

Mention of Taṇuyamta with its function of producing urine²² and the excretion of urine (mūtra) through the genital²² (one of the nine orifices of the body) suggests clearly that the Jainācāryas had some knowledge of kidneys and their ducts. It is stated in the Tandula Veyāliya that Taṇuyamta transforms (produces) urine. Some adhogāmini śirās (ducts rising from the umbilical region) cause the excretion of urine.²³ In support of the Jaina view on the kidneys and their functions, Visuddhimagga explains that “kidney (Vakkaṃ) is situated

12. Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.5

13. “Ikkārasasoyā itthiyā” 16, p. 35.

“Pūrvoktāni nava stanadvayayuktānyekādaśa śrotāṇi strināṇi bhavanti,” Ibid. (Comm.). p. 38. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, (ye se taṇuyamta tena pāsavanta pariṇamai)

14. Tattvārthavadhigama Sūtra v. 19 ; Tandula Veyāliya, 4, p. 8.

15. Tandula Veyāliya 17, p. 38.

16. Ibid, 16. 17.

17. Kalyāṇakāraka 3.4.

18. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, Kalyāṇakāraka 3.4.

19. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.

20. Biology, p. 330.

21. Kalyāṇakāraka 3.12 (Svedam vamatī romakūpaiḥ)

22. “Je se taṇuyamte teṇaṃ pāsavaṇe pariṇamai /” Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.

23. “Navasoe”, Ibid.

(U)pastha”, Ibid. (Comm.), p. 38.

Dvārānyathatrapī navaiva dehe /” Kalyāṇakāraka 3.5 ; 3.11 ; 3.12.

on each side of the heart muscle being fastened by the stout sinews, it develops from a single root from the base of neck and divides into two after going short way like a pair of mango fruits attached together by their stalk".²⁴ According to Anatomy, this description of kidney is wrong in regard to its location, for the two kidneys are compound glands, situated at the back of the abdominal cavity, i. e. "one on each side of the spinal column and behind the peritoneal cavity. They correspond in position to the space included between the upper border of the 12th thoracic and the 3rd lumber Vertebrae."²⁵ "The kidneys are a pair of beanshaped structure about 4 inches long".²⁶

According to Visuddhimagga, "Kidney is dull red (reddish brown), like the colour of palibaddhaka (Erythrina Indica linn) seeds. It is shaped like a pair of child's play balls".²⁷

"The kidneys are the most important excretory organs of mammals, performing approximately 75 per cent of the work of excretion",²⁸ they have a number of other important functions as well. They regulate the concentration of various substances dissolved in the blood, maintain the balance between acids and bases and keep the blood volume constant. Since the concentration of substances in all body fluids is determined largely by their concentration in the blood, the kidneys indirectly regulate the composition of all body fluids."²⁹

Its ducts :

Jain Biology does not make direct mention of ureter connected with kidney at the upper end and with bladder at the lower end, but its reference to bladder (vathipuḍaya)³⁰ and the excretion of urine through (u)pastha)³¹ (urethra or genital urinal tract) throws some light upon its ducts for the excretion of urine. Visuddhimagga mentions the urinary bladder (*Vatthipuṭo*). It states that the urinary secretion

24. "Imassa jaṃtussa saṅghisirasayaṃ nābhīpabhavaṇaṃ ahogāmiṇṇaṃ gudappaiṭṭhāṇaṃ jaṇum si nirūvaghāṇaṃ muttapurisavaukammaṃ pavattai /"
Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.

25. "Vissuddhimagga XI. 58. Vakkāṃ galavāto nikkhantena ... ṭhitan" etc.

26. VM. XI. 58.

27. Anatomy and Physiology, pp. 617-48, Dey, vide Sacitra Āyurveda, p. 74, March, 1972.

28. VM. VIII. 110 "Vakkan li ekabandhana dve maṅsapīṇḍikā ... Taṃ vaṇṇatoman-darattan etc. /"

29. Biology, p, 330.

30. Ibid.

31. Nirayāliya 1.1 ; "vatthi avānaṃ" Paṇhavagaranā, 1.3, p. 58.

from the body enters the bladder which is like a porous pot without mouth put into cess pool. When the bladder is full of urine, animals feel the urge to pass urine.³²

That is to say, according to Modern Biology, "The urine, excreted by the kidney in a continuous trickle, collects in the pelvis and passes down the ureters by peristaltic waves of contraction of the ureter walls to the urinary bladder, a hollow muscular organ located in the lower, ventral part of the abdominal cavity. The muscular walls of the bladder relax and distend to make room for the urine as it accumulates. Valves at the openings of the ureters into the urinary bladder prevent the backflow of urine, and keep any bacteria that may be in the bladder from ascending to the kidney. As the volume of urine in the bladder increases, the distention of the muscular walls stimulates nerve endings located there to send impulses to the brain, producing the sensation of fullness. To make urination possible, impulses originating in the brain cause a contraction of the bladder and a relaxation of the sphincter guarding the opening from the bladder to the urethra."³³

As to the formation of urine, Jaina Biology states only that Tanu-yaṃta (Kidney) transforms (or produces) urine,³⁴ but it does not throw light upon the combination of the three processes of filtration, reabsorption and augmentation which enables the kidney to remove wastes but conserve the useful components of the blood.³⁵

Excretory Devices in other Animals :

Every organism had to solve the problem of getting rid of metabolic wastes (khala). In the two-sensed protozoa, such as, Kuṣṣikṛmi, Kṛmi etc. the wastes (khala) seem to diffuse through the cell wall into the outside environment where the concentration is lower, as they are lomāhārins. In support of this view, modern Biology, explains that "Protozoa living in fresh water have a special problem of getting rid of water, because their protoplasm, being hypertonic to pond water, tends to absorb it continuously. To control this situation, they have

32. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 38.

33. VM. viii, 138 ; xi, 80.

"Vatthi nāma vatthipuṣo vuccati", viii. 138 "Muttam vatthissa abbhantare thttam" etc. xi. 80.

34. Biology, pp. 33-331 ;

35. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.

"Tattha nam je se tanuyante teṇam pāsavaṇe pariṇamai'".

a contractile vacuole, a small vesicle in the protoplasm which empties water from the interior of the cell as fast as it is taken in".³⁶

"Earth worms have in each segment of their bodies a pair of specialized organs, called nephridia, which function in excretion".³⁷

"The excretory system of insects consists of organs called malpighian tubules. Waste products from the body cavity diffuse into these tubules and are excreted into the digestive tract, whence they are carried to the exterior with the undigested food".³⁸

The urinary systems of all the five-sensed vertebrates are essentially the same.³⁹ It is to be noted here that the child developing in the mother's womb does not pass urine or faeces,⁴⁰ as the excretory system of it is non-functional at this stage. All its waste products go the stream of the blood of the mother wherefrom they are excretory systems of the mother.⁴¹

The evolution of the urinary system is complicated by the fact that in many animals the reproductive system (U)pastha) has come to share some of the structures of the urinary system.⁴² so that several organs play, a dual role. This relationship is so close that according to modern Biology, "the two systems are frequently considered together as the urogenital system."⁴³

36. Biology, p. 331.

37. Biology, p. 335.

38. Ibid.

39. Ibid.

40. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35 ; Biology, p. 336.

41. Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7, 61-2 ; Tandula Veyāliya, 3, p. 7.

"Jivassa ṇaṃ gabbhagayassa samāṇassa natthi uccārei vā pāsavaṇei vā, etc. /"

42. (U)pasth is the genital, one of the nine orifices through which urine is excreted.

"Dvārānyathātrāpi navaiva dehe // " Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.5.

"Mūtram saretāḥ sapuriṣaraktam sravatyadhastādvivaradvaye ca", Ibid. 3.11.

43. Biology, p. 336.

(Fifth Section)

THE INTEGUMENTARY AND SKELETAL SYSTEM

The integumentary (camma) and skeletal (aṭṭhiya) systems function independently of each other. The skin¹ which covers the body, and the bony frame (aṭṭhiya)² which supports it, are both organ systems, groups of organs that act together to perform one of the primary life functions. They act as protective devices for the body and together with the muscles they determine the shape and the symmetry of the body.³

The Skin (Camma)⁴

All multicellular animals are covered externally by a skin or integument.⁵ The skin is one of the important organ systems and performs many diverse functions, according to modern Biology, “such as, (1) it protects the body against a variety of external environment, (2) it shields the underlying cells from mechanic injuries caused by pressure, friction or blows, (3) it protects the body against disease – producing organisms, (4) it protects the body with its water–proof quality from excessive loss of moisture or the excessive intake of water in the case of aquatic animals, (5) it affords protection to the underlying cells from the harmful ultra–violet rays of the sun, (6) it can produce suntan by virtue of the pigment.”⁶

“The skin also functions as a thermostatically controlled radiator, regulating the elimination of heat from the body, ... approximately 90

1. Tandula Veyāliya, P. 41. “Maṃsacammalevaṃmi.”

2. “Aṭṭhiyakaḍhiṇe “Tandula Veyāliya, P. 41. Tiṇṇi Āṭṭhidāmassayāṃ”, Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35, p. 41. “Aṭṭhi” Ibid 6, p. 10.

3. Aṭṭhiyakaḍhiṇe siranḥarubamḍhane maṃsacammalevaṃmi /, Tandula Veyāliya, p. 41
“Aṭṭhiyathanādhare, Paḥ, ṇharubamḍhanṇibaddhe /
tayamaṃsavasāchannammi. iṃḍiā’arakkhaguttāmi //”,
Saṃvegarāṃgāsalā. sūtra. 1860, p. 146,

4. Tandula Veyāliya, 3, p. 7. ; Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61.

5. “Maṃsacammalevaṃmi”, Tandula Veyāliya, p. 41.
“Bahim tu tae Vedhi athire /” Saṃvegarāṃgāsalā, Sūtra 1860, p. 146.

“Aṭṭhiyakaḍhiṇe siranḥarubamḍhane maṃsacammalevaṃmi /”
Tandula Veyāliya, p. 41. Visuddhimagga explains that whole body is covered with skin like a big lute covered with damp oxhide” VM XI. 5’. “Taco sakala sariram pariyanandhitva thito .yathā allagocamma pariyanaddhaya etc.”

6. Biology, p. 337.

percent of the total heat passes through the skin. The evaporation of sweat from the surface of the skin lowers the body temperature by removing from the body the heat necessary to convert liquid into water vapour".⁷ According to Jaina Biology, the skin contains number of different sense – receptors (sparśanendriyas = senses of touch) which are responsible for man's ability to feel pressure (guru) temperature, (tāpā) and pain (asāta-vedanā) and to discriminate the objects touched – cold (śīta) or warm (uṣṇa), rough (rūkṣma) and smooth (snigdha),⁸ etc.

The Jainacaryas mention 9900000⁹ or 8000000¹⁰ romakūpas (hair-follicles) in the skin of the body without hairs and beards, and 35000000¹¹ romakūpas (hair follicles) having hairs. That is to say, "there are specialized glands located in the skin for giving off a great amount of perspiration, getting rid of the necessary heat from the body to convert the liquid sweat into water vapour, etc."¹²

This view of Jaina Biology is supported to some extent by modern Biology which explains that "specialized glands are located in the skin. Some 2 1/2 million sweat glands occur all over the body, but are most numerous on the palms of the hands, the soles of the feet, in the arm pits and in the forehead; oils glands, too, are found all over the body, but are especially numerous on the face and scalp. They secrete film of oil to keep the hair moist and pliable and to prevent the skin from drying and cracking."¹³

Parts of the Skin :

According to Jaina Biology, there are seven parts (or layers) of skin.¹⁴ While modern Biology states that skin is composed of two main parts : a comparatively thin, outer layer, the epidermis, free of blood vessels, and an inner, thicker layer, the dermis, packed with

7. Ibid., p. 338.

8. Tatra sparśo' aṣṭavidhaḥ : Kaṣṭhinomṛḍurgururlaghu śītauṣṇaḥ snigdho rūkṣma iti // Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra, 5.23, Bhaṭṭya, p. 356.

9. Navanauim ca romakūvasayashassāim nivattei 9900000 viṇā kesamamsuṇā saha Kesamamsuṇā addhuḥḥāo romakūvakodīo nivattei "35000000" Tandula Veyāliya, 2, p. 6.

10. Lakṣaṇyaṣṭiśca hi romakūpā /", Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.5

11. Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6,

12. Biology, p. 338

13. Biology, p. 338.

14. "Tvac eva sapta", Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.4, p. 31.

blood vessels and nerve ending,"¹⁵ Visuddhimagga describes that the outer side is called the outer cuticle (germinative zone of the epidermis) which is black, brown or yellow in colour; "the skin itself is white and its whiteness becomes evident when the outer cuticle is destroyed by contact with the flame of a fire or the impact of a blow and so on."¹⁶

As to the shape of the skin, Jaina Biology states that it has different¹⁷ (ṇāṇā saṁthāṇā), while Visuddhimagga¹⁸ describes that it is of the shape of the body in brief. But the skin covering phalanges (Padāṅgulitaco) is of the shape of silk-worms cocoons, the skin covering metatarsal bones is that of shoes with uppers, the skin covering calf of fibula bone is like a palm leaf wrapping cooked rice) the skin covering the femur is of the shape of a long sack full of paddy, the skin covering the hip bone (buttock) has the shape of hide stretched over a plank, the skin of the belly is of the shape of the hide stretched over a guiver, the skin of the backs of the hand (radius) is like the shape of a razor box, or the shape of the comb, the covering phalanges and metatarsal bones is of the shape of a key box; the skin of the face resembles the shape of an insect's nest full of holes and the skin of the *cranium* is of the shape of a bowel bag.¹⁹ Buddhist description of the skin has been made in detail on the basis of the shapes of individual parts of the body which are covered by the skin.

Mention of seven layers of skin in Jaina Biology is supported by modern Biology in some respects when the latter describes that "the epidermis is really made up of several of different kinds of cells, which vary in number in different parts of the body".²⁰

"The dermis is much thicker than the epidermis and is composed largely of connective tissue fibers and cells".²¹

15. Biology, p. 338.

16. Visuddhimagga VIII, 93, vide Sacitra Āyurveda, p. 67. V;āvayurveda-aṅka. March, 1972.

"Tassa upāri kālasāmapitādivaṇṇā chavi nāma,Taco pana vaṇṇatō seto ye va. So C'assa setabhāvo aggijālābhighāta-, aharaṇa hārādīhi viddhansitāya chaviyā pakato hoti santhānato sarirasanthano va hoti /"

17. "Nāṇāsaṁthāṇasaṁthie paṇṇatti /", Paṇṇavaṇā. 15, Saṁthāṇadāraṁ.

18. "Taco ti śakalasarīram vethetva thita camman. santhānato sarīrasaṅthāno va hoti /", Visuddhimagga VIII. 93

19. "Vīthhārota pana. Pādāṅgulitaco Kosakāraka-Kosasaṅthāno . sisattaco pattattha vikasaṅthāno iti /"

20. Biology 338.

21. Ibid.

The reference in Jaina Biology to the covering of the body (or skeleton) with skin, fat and muscles suggests that “the epidermis with several layers is the portion which is tanned to make leather and below this and connected with the underlying muscles is a layer composed of many fat cells and a more loosely woven network of fibers.²⁴ This part of the dermis is one of the principal depots of body fat.

“This fat helps prevent excessive loss of heat and acts as cushion against mechanical injury. The dermis is richly supplied with blood and lymph vessels, nerves, sense-organs, sweat glands, oil glands and hair follicles.²⁵

Outgrowths of the Skin :

The hair²⁶ and nails²⁷ of man, the feathers²⁸ of birds, scales²⁹ of fish, snake, etc., claws³⁰ of some animals, hoofs³¹ and horns³² of other Vertebrates are actually derivatives of the skin. The entire skin, except the palms of the hands and soles of the feet, is equipped with lakhs of hair follicles³³—in-pocketing of cells (romakūpas) from the inner layer of the epidermis.

22. Saṃvegarāṅgaśālā Sūtra 1860, p. 146. Bāhiṃ tu tae Vedhie atthire /”
“Aṭṭhiyakadhīṇe siranharubamdhane maṃsacammalevam mi /”,
Tandula Veyāliya p. 41.
23. Biology. p. 338.
24. Ibid.
25. Biology, p. 338.
26. Bhagavati Sūtra, 1.7.61 ; Tandula Veyāliya, 2, p. 6.
27. Ibid.
28. Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 34 (Comm.) “Pakṣiṇām ca lomapakṣāṇām” ;
“Lomapradhānāḥ pakṣā yeṣāṃ te lomapakṣāḥ/” Ibid., (Ṭikā).
29. Matsya (fish), sarpa (snake), etc. as mentioned in Jaina Biology. have got scales.
30. Saṃpapphadā animals have got claws, such as śiṃha (lion), Vyāghra (tiger), etc.
Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta I, 74.
31. The hoofed animals have hoofs ; they are ekakṣurā (solidungular animals), e. g. horse ; dvikṣurā (biungular animals) e. g. cow see Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra, 1. 71-72.
32. Cows and deer have horns.
33. It is stated in the Tandula Veyāliya (2, p. 6,) that there are 35,000,000 romakūpas (hair follicles) with hairs and 9900000 (hair follicles without hairs). “Navanauṃ ca romakūvasayasahasāṃ nivatteti viṇa kesamaṃsuṇā saba Kesamaṃsuṇā addhuṭṭhāo romakūvakodho, nivatteti /”
Tandula Veyāliya, 2, p. 6. That is, except the palms of the hands and soles of the feet, the entire skin is equipped with lakhs of hair follicles—inpocketings of cells from the inner layer of the epidermis.

According to modern Biology, "these cells undergo division and give rise to the hair cells, just as the inner layer of the epidermis gives rise to the outer layers. But the hair cells die, while still in the follicle, and the hair visible above the surface of the skin consists of tightly packed masses of their remains. Hair grows from the bottom of the follicle, not from the tip".³⁴

There are stated to be twenty nails including all finger nails and toe nails.³⁵ They also "develop from the in-pocketings of cells from the inner layer of the epidermis and the growth of nails is similar to that of hair".³⁶

It is suggestive from the statement in Jaina Biology that "sweat flows through the hair follicle"³⁷ that "oil and sweat glands are derived from the inner layer of the epidermis by in-pocketings which go deep into the dermis. Each hair follicle is associated with oil glands".³³

Head Hair (Keśas)³⁹ :

Head hairs are called Keśas which grow on the inner skin (reticular layer of the dermis) of scale of cranium. Visuddhimagga states that they grow on the reticular layer of the dermis of scalp of cranium (sīsakaṭāhapalivethanacamme jātā), just as kuntha grasses grow on the top of ant-hill.⁴⁰

As to location, of (hair follicle) it is the wet inner skin (dermis) that envelops the skull, "it is bounded on both sides by the root of the ears, in front by the forehead and behind by the napkin. As to delimitation, they are bounded below by the surface of their own roots which are fixed by entering to the amount of the tip of a rice grain into the inner skin that envelops the head."⁴¹

34. Biology, p. 339.

35. "Samkhyā nakhānamapi vimśatiḥ syāt /". Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.6, p. 31.

36. Biology, p. 339.

37. "Svedam Vamatyutkaṭaromakūpair /" Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.12 ; p. 32.

38. Biology, p. 339.

39. Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61, ; Tandula Veyaliya 2, p. 6 ; p. 7

40. VM XI 48. "Ime Kesā nāma sīsakatahapalivethanacamme jātā ?" "Kesā tava ... Pacchato Galavātā.. -- .. Paricchinnā.. -- .. okāsa / Paricchadato kesā heṭṭhā āttano mūlatalena.. paricchinnā /" "Sātā"

41. Ibid. VIII. 83.

Body Hair (Loma)⁴² :

Body hairs are called romas in Jaina Biology, they grow on the inner skin. Visuddhimagga also states that “the inner skin envelops the body (sariraveṭhanacamme jātā) just as dabbha grasses (Desmostachya bipinnava staff) grow on the square in a lonely village”.⁴³ Body hairs are not pure like heap hairs but blackish brown (Kālapingalā); they resemble calm roots with the tips bent down, they lie in the two directions, they are found on nearly every part of the surface of the body, but are absent from the palms of the hand and sole of the feet⁴⁴ as (they) are indicated in Jaina Biology,⁴⁵

According to modern anatomy,⁴⁶ ‘the dorsal surface of distal phalanges, the umblicus. the glans penis, the inner surface of the prepuce and inner surface of labia majora and minora are free from lomas (body hairs)’.

Visuddhimagga states that hair roots are embedded in the skin to the extent of likha”.⁴⁷

Nails (Nakhas)⁴⁸

Nails (nakhas), as mentioned in Jaina Biology, are anatomically speaking, appendages of the skin (stratum corneum of epidermis) and composed of clear horny cells of the epidermis.⁴⁹ In support of this contention, Visuddhimagga states that nails grow on the tips of the fingers and toes (dorsal surface of the terminal phalanges) just as children play a game by piercing madhuka fruit (Bassia, latifolia) kernel with sticks,⁵⁰

42. Bhagavatī Sūtra 1.7.61. Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6; p. 7.

43. VM. XI 49. “Lomā sariraveṭhanacamme jātā Tāthā, yathā suṅṅagamaṭṭhām jātesu dabbatiṇakesu..//”.

44. VM. VIII 93. ‘Tattha loma tāva . Kālapingalā .. hatthapādatalāni ca yebhnyyena avasesasariraveṭhnacamme jātā etc.’”

45. Tandula Veyāliya, 2, p. 6.

46. Gray's Anatomy, p. 1347.

47. VM. VII 90. “Pariccedato sariraveṭhana camme likhāmttan pavisitva patiṭṭhitena, etc.”

48. Bhagavatī Sūtra 1.7.61 ; Tandula Veyāliya, 2, p. 6 ; 3. p. 7.

49. Anatomy and Physiology, pp. 674, 676 Dey.

50. VM XI, 50. “Nakhā aṅṅulinan aggesu jātā. Tattha, yathā, Kumārakesu daṇḍakeh madhukaṭṭhike vijjhivā kilantesu na dāṇḍakā jānanti //”

The Skeleton (Aṭṭhiya),⁵¹

The first and most obvious function of the skeleton is to give support and shape to the body. In order that an animal may rise off the ground, some hard, durable substance is needed to maintain the soft tissues against the pull of gravity and act as a firm base for the attachment of muscles. These requirements are met by the bones.⁵²

The skeleton also protects⁵³ the delicate underlying organs, such as, the brain (matthu), lungs (phopphasaphephasa),⁵⁴ etc. from injury. The marrow tissue (aṭṭhimiṃjā)⁵⁵ within the cavity of the bones “performs”, according to modern Biology, the special tasks of manufacturing all red corpuscles and some kinds of white ones.⁵⁶

The Skeleton (Aṭṭhiya).⁵⁷

According to Jaina Biology, the human skeleton system consists of three hundred pieces of bones⁵⁸ and one hundred and sixty joints.⁵⁹ It is not composed solely of bones; but its connective tissue fibers (māmsapeśis)⁶⁰ and tendons (māmsarajju)⁶¹ are important in helping to maintain body form by holding the organs together. Two specialized kinds of connective tissue fibers, ligaments⁶² and tendons⁶³ (Kaṃdarā) (māmsarajju) attach bones to bones and muscles to bones, respectively, thereby playing an indispensable role in locomotion.

Types of Skeletons :

The skeleton of an animal may be located on the outside of the body (an exoskeleton) or inside the body (an endoskeleton). The hard

51. Tandula Veyāliya p. 41. “Aṭṭhiyakadhina”

52. “Aṭṭhiyanthiṇādarie, pae ṇhārubandhaṇṇibaddhe / tayamaṃsavasāchannammi, iṇḍiā / ārakkhaguttami” Saṃvegaramgāsālā, Sūtra, 1860, p. 146.

“Aṭṭhiyakadhine siraṇhārubandhame maṃsacammalevammi /”

Tandula Veyāliya, p. 41.

53. Saṃvegaramgāsālā, Sūtra 1860 p. 146

54. Tandula Veyāliya 17, p. 38

55. Ibid 6, p. 10

56. Biology, p. 339.

57. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 41.

‘Aṭṭhiyakadhine’. “Aṭṭhiya is a term for both a single bone and a frame work of bones. See, Visuddhimagga VI. 10.

58. “Tiṇṇi aṭṭhidāmasayāmi” Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 36.

59. Saṭṭhi saṃdhisāyam”, Ibid. ; Kalyāṇakāraka mention 300 Joints, 3.2.

60. Tandula Veyāliya, 2, p. 6., 16, p. 36.

61. Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.4, p. 31.

62. “Kandarā (?)” Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.3.

63. Māmsarajjam, Ibid. 3.4

shells of Śāṅkha (conchifera), Suktika (pearl mussel) and Śambuka (Helix),⁶⁴ etc. are examples of exoskeleton. Man and all the other five-sensed vertebrates characteristically have endoskeleton.⁶⁵ As mentioned, the human skeleton consists of three hundred bones.⁶⁶ There is a divergence of views among the Indian sciences of Biology on the total number of bones of the human body. Caraka⁶⁷ mentions three hundred and sixty bones including teeth and their alveolii, Suśruta⁶⁸ enumerates three hundred bones like Jaina Biology. Visuddhimagga⁶⁹ shares this view in this matter, while Vāgbhat⁷⁰ supports Caraka in his contention. But modern Biology⁷¹ states that the human skeleton consists of approximately two hundred or two hundred and six⁷² bones. "The exact number varies at different periods of life, as some of the bones which at first are distinct gradually become fused⁷³". Most of the bones are hollow and contain the bone marrow (aṭṭhimimjā).⁷⁴

Parts of the Skeleton :

The five-sensed Vertebrate human skeleton as found in Jaina Biology may be divided into the axial skeleton (the bones and cartilages in the middle or axis of the body),⁷⁵ and the appendicular skeleton (the bones and cartilages of limbs).⁷⁶ The axial skeleton includes the skull (siraṁ),⁷⁷ backbone (piṭṭhakaramḍā),⁷⁸ ribs (pāmsaliyārūvakaramḍā)⁷⁹ and breast bone (sternum = Kaḍāha).⁸⁰

64. Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra, II, 24.

65. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35; p. 41 (Aṭṭhiyakaḍbina),

66. "Tiṇṇi" aṭṭhidāmasayāim", Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.

67. Carakasmṛhita IV. 7.6

68. Śuśruta Saṁhita III. 5.50. "Evaṁasthoṇāṁ triṇi śatāni pūryante /"

69. Visuaddhimaggā VI. 89 "atirekatisata aṭṭhikasamamussayan"

70. A. H. II. 3.16.

71. Biology, p. 339.

72. Vide Sacitra Ayurveda, p. 69, March, 1972.

73. Biology, p. 339.

74. Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61. ; Tandula Veyāliya., p. 3, p. 7; 6, p. 10.

"aṭṭhiṭṭhāṭṭhimimjakesa.etc.,

75. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.

76. Ibid 17, p. 38 ; p. 41.

77. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.

"Caukavālaṁ siraṁ" "Caturbhi kapālaiḥ-asthikhaṇḍarūpaiḥ śiro bhavati (Comm.)
Ibid.

78. Aṭṭhārassa ya piṭṭhakaramḍakya-pṛṣṭhi Vamśasya sandhaya granthirūpā bhavabts
yathā vamśasya parvani, teṣu (comm).

79. "Barasa pamsaliya karamḍa" Ibid.

Sarire dvādasa (Pamsulkaripah Karandakahvamsaka bhavati (comm).

80. Chappamsuttie Ibid 16. See its comm. kadahe.

The skull (siraṁ)⁸¹ is made up of a number of bones fused together ; the cranium or bony case (siroghaḍi) immediately around the brain (Matthu),⁸² and the bones of the face (mukham)⁸³.

The backbone (Piṭṭhakaraṁḍa) including grivā (neck)⁸⁵ is made of separate vertebrae⁸⁶ in different points along the spine. Different vertebrae (Karaṁḍaga)⁸⁷ have different projections for the attachment of ribs (paṁsaliya) and for articulating (joining)⁸⁸ with neighbouring vertebrae.

The rib basket⁸⁹ is composed of a series of flat bones which support the chest wall and keep it from collapsing "as the diaphragm contracts".⁹⁰ The ribs are attached dorsally to the vertebrae, each pair of ribs being attached to a separate vertebra⁹¹ of the twelve pairs⁹² of ribs in man, the (first) six are attached ventrally to the breast bone,⁹³ the rest are attached indirectly by cartilages without having attachments to the breast bone.⁹⁴

The bones of the appendages or arms (bāhu)⁹⁵ and legs (urujānghā)⁹⁶

81. "Caukavalam siraṁ", Tandula Veyāliyaṁ 16, p. 35.
 "Cauturbhiḥ kāpālah-asthikhaṇḍarūpāih ḡiro bhavanti ? Ibid., Comm., p. 36,
 "sariraṁ sīsaghaḍi", Tandula Veyāliya 17, p. 38.
82. Imaṁ ca sariraṁ sīsaghaḍi "Matthu".
 Ibid "Siraṣa ghaṭiva mastakahaḍḍam-medaṣca-asthikṛt etc. (comm.) Ibid ; p. 38
83. Tandula Veyāliya p. 40
84. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.
85. Grivā consists of 7 Vertebrae, having the length of 4 fingers. According to Tandula Veyāliya, there are 16 bones of neck - solasa givāṭṭhiya muṇeyavvā", Ibid, p. 41.
86. Aṭṭhārasa ya piṭṭhakaraṁḍaga-Ibid 16, p. 35,
87. "Bārasa paṁsaliya", - Ibid.
88. "aṇupuvveṇam karaṁḍa" aṭṭhārasa ya piṭṭhakaraṁḍasamdhio", Ibid
89. Bārasa paṁsaliyā karaṁḍā chappaṁsulie Kaḍāhe bihatthiyā Kucchi /", Ibid.
90. Biology, p. 340.
91. Samdhio anupuvveṇam aṭṭhārasa ya piṭṭhakaraṁḍagasamdhio-here bārasa paṁsaliyā karaṁḍa chappaṁsulie kaḍāhe. Tandula Veyāliya. 16
92. "Bārasa Paṁsaliyā, Ibid.
93. "Chappaṁsulie kaḍāhe", Ibid.
94. "Bārasa Paṁsaliyā Karaṁḍā", Ibid.
95. "Aṁsalagabābulaga aṁguli" Tandula Veyāliya, 17. p. 38.
96. "Urujāṇujāṅghāpāya", Ibid.

and the girdles⁹⁷ (kaḍi) which attach them to the rest of the body, make up the appendicular skeleton.

The pelvic girdle⁹⁸ consists of three fused hip bones, and the pectoral girdle⁹⁹ consists of the two collar bones, or clavicles, and two shoulder blades (aṃsalaga) or scapulas. The pelvic girdle is securely fused to the vertebral column¹⁰⁰ whereas the pectoral girdle is loosely and flexibly attached to it by means of muscles.

The appendages of man are comparatively primitive, terminating in five digits – the fingers¹⁰¹ and toes.¹⁰²

The bones of the arm¹⁰³ are the humerus of the upper arm, the radius and ulna of the lower arm, the eight tiny carpals of the wrist, the five slender metacarpals of the palm, and the fourteen phalanges, or finger bones¹⁰⁴ two in the thumb¹⁰⁵ and three in each finger. The leg bones are the femur in the thigh, the tibia and fibula in the shank,¹⁰⁷ the seven tarsals in the ankle, the five metatarsals across the instep and the fourteen phalanges in the toes. The great toe has only two phalanges, every other toe having three. The patella or knee cap¹⁰⁸ is a separate bone of the leg; there is no counterpart for it in the arm^{108a}.

The Joints (Sandhi):

The joint (sandhi)¹⁰⁹ is the point of junction between two bones, such as, those between the bones of the skull (siraṃ),¹¹⁰ the

97. "Kaḍi", Tandula Veyāliya, p. 41. 'Aṃsalagabahulaga... .. saṃdhi saṃghāya-saṃdhiyaṃ' Ibid, 17; "Urujaṇusaṃghapāyasaṃdhiyaṃ" Ibid, 17.

"Jāṃghaṭṭhiyaṣu ūru paṭṭhiya taṭṭhiya Kadipiṭṭhi" Ibid p. 41

98. "Kaḍipiṭṭhi / Kaḍiyaṭṭhivedhiyaṃ aṭṭharasa piṭṭhiyaṃ" Tandula-Veyāliya, p. 41.

99. "Aṃsalaga-aṃsayoh-skandhayoh, etc." Ibid (Comm.). p. 39.

100. Taṭṭhiya Kadipiṭṭhi Kadiyaṭṭhivedhiyaṃ aṭṭharasa piṭṭhiyaṭṭhiṇi", Ibid, p. 41.

101. "Aṃguli-aṃgutṭha", Tandula Veyāliya 17, p. 38.

"Piṭṭhakaramdaga", Ibid., p. 16. p. 35.

102. Ibid, 17, p. 38.

103. Biology, p. 341

104. "Bāhulaga-aṅguli", etc. Ibid., 17, p. 38.

105. "Aṃgutṭhega" Ibid.

106. "Uru", "Jāṃghaṭṭhiyaṣu ūru paṭṭhiya", Ibid., p. 41.

107. "Jāṃghā", Ibid, p. 41

108. Jānu, Ibid, 17. p. 38.

108a Biology, p. 341

109. "Saṭṭhi saṃdhisayaṃ", Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35; Ibid. 17, p. 38.

110. "Caukavālaṃ siraṃ," Ibid. 16, p. 35; Sisaghaḍi, Ibid, p. 38.

; "Aṣṭhikhaṇḍarūpaiḥ śīro bhavati", Ibid. (comm.) p. 36.

articulation of the humerus to the scapula¹¹¹ or the femur¹¹² to the hip bone,^{112a} etc.

As pointed out, according to Jaina Biology, there are stated to be one hundred sixty joints (sandhis).¹¹⁴ Visuddhimagga mentions one hundred and eighty joints, while Suśruta¹¹⁵ refers to two hundred and ten joints. Jaina Biology speaks of some major joints like Visuddhimagga.¹¹⁶ such as, shoulder joints,¹¹⁷ arm-joints,¹¹⁸ and nail joints,¹¹⁹ etc.

Types of Locomotion :

The Jaina classification of animals into egakhurā (Solidungular), dukhurā (Biungular), Gaṇḍipadā, (Multiungular) and Saṇapphadā (animals having toes with nails, such as, lions, tigers, etc.)¹²⁰ reveals that animals differ as to the part of the foot they put on the ground in walking and running. Man walks flat on the palm of the foot “a type of locomotion adapted by bear also.¹²¹ It may be called “Plantigrade.”¹²² Some animals, such as, dogs (Suṇagā) and cats (Viḍāla), i.e. Saṇapphadā, have become adapted to running on their digits, “a type of locomotion called digitigrade.”¹²⁴ Some animals, such as, horses and deer (assa and miya),¹²⁵ i.e. hoofed animals egakhurā and dukhurā, walk and run upon the tips of one or two digits of each limb, “a type of locomotion called “unguligrade.”¹²⁶

111. Aṃsalagabāhulaga ...saṃdhisamghāyasaṃdhiyaṃam”, Ibid., 17, p. 38.

112. “Uru....saṃdhisamghāyasaṃdhiyaṃam”, Ibid., Jaṃghaṭṭhi ūrupaiṭṭhiya ...

112a “Tatthiyā Kaḍipiṭṭhi” Ibid., p. 41.

113. Ibid., 16, p. 35 ; “Imaṃmi sarīre saṭṭhi saṃdhisayaṃ”.

114. VM. VI. 45.

115. Suśruta III. 5.6.

116. VM. VI. 45 mentions 14 major joints – shoulder joints-2, elbow joints-2, wrist joints-2, hip-joints, 2, Knee-joints two, ankle joints - 2, Crancovertebral joint-1 sacro-iliac joint 1.

117. “Aṃsalaga bāhulaga aṃguliāṃguṭṭhagaṇṇhasaṃdhisamghāyasaṃdhiyaṃam /” Tandula Veyāliya, 17, p. 38.

120. Paṇṇavanā, 1.70

121. Biology. p. 343

122. Ibid. p. 343

123. Paṇṇavanā, 1-70, 74.

124. Biology, p. 343

125. Paṇṇavanā, 1. 71-72.

126. Biology. p. 343

Besides one hundred sixty joints, Jaina Biology mentions six Saṁnahaṇas (Saṁghayaṇa) (firm joints or firmness of joints) viz. (1) Vajra - ṛṣabha - Nārāca - Saṁhanana, (2) Rṣabhanārāca - saṁhanana (3) Nārāca Saṁhanana, (4) Ardhanārāca - Saṁhananā, (5) Kīlikāsaṁhanana and (6) Sevārta (or chedapṛsthā) Saṁhanana.¹²⁷

The first one is an excellent joining of the gross body. The two bones are hooked into each other; through the joining a tack (vajra) is hammered and the whole is surrounded by a bandage. The second is not so firm a joining as the preceding one, because the bandage is missing. The fourth one is a joining which is on the one side like the preceding one, whilst on the other the bones are simply pressed together and nailed. The fifth one is a weak joining by which the bones are merely pressed together and nailed. The sixth one is quite a weak joining, by which the ends of the bones only touch one another.¹²⁸

127. Vide Lokapṛakāśa, 3-399, p. 132.

“Vajjarisahanaṇāyaṁ paḍhamāṁ biyaṁ ca rishanāyaṁ Nārāyamaddhanāya-kiliyā tahaya chevaṭṭham” ; Karmagrantha I. 38-39.

128. Lokapṛakāśa I. 3, 400-405.

“Saṁghayaṇamaṭṭhinicayo, taṁ chaddhā vajjarisahanāyaṁ
Tahaya risahanāyaṁ, nārāyaṁ addhanāyaṁ (38)
Kiliya chevaṭṭham iha risaho. pattolya vajjam
Ubhao makkaḍabamdhao, nārāyaṁ imamuralaṁge //” (39) Karmagrantha I.

(Sixth Section)

THE MUSCULAR SYSTEM

In man (manuṣya) and most animals the ability to move depends upon a group of specialized, contractile cells, the muscle fibers. Man and most five-sensed vetebrates are quite muscular animals. Almost half of the mass of the human body consists of muscle tissues (māmsapeśi).¹ According to Jaina Biology, there are stated to be five hundred muscle-tissues or (blocks of muscle) of man, four hundred and seventy of woman, and four hundred and eighty of enuch (neuter belonging to the third sex)².

Visudhimagga mentions nine hundred muscles in the human body³ which plaster over the frame work of bones like a well plastered with thick clay,⁴ while the Suśruta⁵ refers to five hundred muscles like Jaina Biology. Visuddhimagga further states "muscle lies in both directions (origin and insertion) and it is plastered over the three hundred and odd bones and is bounded below by its surface which is fixed on to the collection of bones above by the skin all round each by each other."⁶

According to this work, the shape of the muscles of the calves (fibulae) is like that of cooked rice in a palm-leaf bag, that of the muscle of femur (quadriceps femoires) is like that of a rolling pin (nisadaota), that of the muscle of the buttock (gluteus maximus) is like that of the end of an even, that of the muscles of the back (trapezius and Latissimus dorsi) is like the shape of slab of palm sugar, that of the muscle between each two ribs (Serratus anterior or Inter-costalis Internus) like that of clay mortar squeezed thin in a flattened opening, that of the muscle of the breast (Pectoralis major) is like that of a lump of a clay made into ball and flung down, and that of the

1. Tandula Veyāliya, 2, p. 6 ; 16, p. 36. ; Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.2, p. 30.
"Pañca pesīsayāim purisassa,....etc."

2. "Pañca pesīsayāim purisassa tīsūñāim
itthiyāe visuñāim paṇḍagassa /" (16), Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.

3. VM. XI 53 (navapesi-satappabhedena māmsena litto ti)

4. Ibid. (yatha mahāmattikālitṭāya bhittiyā na bhitti, jānāti).

5. Suśruta III, 5.6, "Pañca pesīśatāni /".

6. VM. VIII. 97, 98, vide sacitra Āyurveda, p. 68. March, 1972.

"Māmsam ti nava māmsapesīsatāni...97)" V.M.

; Disato dvisu jātam lokāsato sādḥikāni tīṇi atthīsatāni anulimpitvā tḥitam
paricchedato heṭṭhā aṭṭhisāṅghāte patiṭṭhitatalena, upari tacena...etc." (98) VM.

muscle of arm bone (Biceps and triceps branhii) is like the shape of a large skinned rat and twice the size.⁷

Mention of 500 muscles of man, 470 muscles of woman and 480 muscles of the neuter in Jaina Biology suggests that in the Vertebrates three types of muscles have evolved to perform various kinds of movements. (1) skeletal muscle, which is attached to and moves the bones of the skeleton, (2) cardiac muscle which enables the heart (hiyaya) to move and moves the blood through the circulatory system (śirā, dhamanī and srota) and (3) smooth muscle, which makes up the walls of the digestive tract and certain other internal organs, and moves material through the internal hollow organs.

The Muscles of Lower Animals.

The muscles of all animals from the flat worm to man are similar in that they are all made of long cylindrical or spindle-shaped fibers "which are contractible because of the protein chains."⁸ Most of the invertebrates (two to four-sensed animals) have only smooth muscle; whereas arthropods (gaṇḍūpada=knotty-legged and Nandyāvarta=spiders, Arthropoda, etc.) have only striated muscle.

7. Ibid. (97)

"Saṅgghanato jaṅghapiṇḍikamaṁsaṁ tālapaṇṇaputabhattasaṅghānam Ūrumaṁsaṁ nisadapotasamṅghānam / Ānisadamaṁsaṁ - uddhanakoṣisanthānaṁ / piṭṭhimaṁsaṁ tālagulapatalasaṁghānampāsakadvayamaṁsaṁ koṭṭhāṅikāya kucchiyaṁ tanumat-tikalēpasāṅghānāntibanamaṁsaṁ vaṭṭevtvā avakkhittmattikapiṇḍasaṁghānaṁ . pakaṭam hoti" (97).

"Disato dvīsu disāsu jātam. Okāsaṁ sādḥikāni tiṇi aṭṭhisatāni anulimpitvā ṅhitāni . etc.", Ibid, 93.

8. Biology, p. 350.

(Seventh Section)

THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

The nervous system is a complex co-ordinating device to keep the various parts of anything as complicated as the human body functioning. It integrates the activities of all the parts of the body. The nervous system (ṇāhru)¹ is composed of brain (matthu),² spinal cord (pitthakaramḍā?)³ and nerve trunks (anegaṇhāru),⁴ it connects receptors (eyes, ears, nose, tongue and skin) with effectors (muscles and glands) and conducts impulses from the one to the other. The two main functions are conduction and integration.

According to Jain Biology, there are stated to be nine hundred ṇhārus (nerves),⁵ sixteen ligaments (kaṃdasās?)⁶ to bind two pieces of bones at the joints, two tendons for every muscle (dve māṃsarajju)⁷ to attach itself to pieces of bones with the two tapered ends.

Visuddhimagga explains that the “ligaments are found in the anterior of the body binding the bones together as withies and sticks are bound together with creepers”.⁸

A like Jaina Biology both Visuddhimagga^{8a} and the Suśruta⁹ saṃhitā mention nine hundred nerves (navasṇāyuśatāni).

The Nerve Impulse :

The study of the nature of the nerve impulse in Jaina Biology is fraught with difficulties because nothing visible occurs when an impulse passes along a nerve. But its reference to the process of sense-perception that “the ear hears the touched and entered sounds, the

1. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.

2. Ibid, 17, p. 38.

3. Ibid 16, p. 36.

4. Ibid, 17, p. 38.

5. “Nava ṇhārusayāim” Tandula Veyāliya 16, “ṣṇāyunam asthibandhanaṣirāṇam navaśatāni,” (Ibid., comm.), p. 37.

6. Kalyāṇakāraka 3.3., p. 30. “Ṣoḍaśa Kaṃdarāni”, Ibid. 3.4, p. 31.

7. “Dve māṃsarajju”, Ibid, 3.4, p. 31.

8. Visuddhimagga XI 54

“Nharū sārirabbhantare aṭṭhiniābandhamānā ṭhitā, tatthayathā vallīhi-vinaddhesu kuḍḍadārusu, etc.” Sacitra Āyurved, p. 68, March 1972.

8a Visuddhimagga VIII 99. (Nharū ti nava ṇhāru-satani)

9. “Suśruta III. 5.6. “Nava snayūśatāni”, p. 479.

eye sees the non-touched and non-entered sense-objects, the nose smells the touched and entered smells, the tongue tastes the touched and entered objects in the mouth and the skin experiences the touches of the touched and entered objects",¹⁰ suggests that the nerve system, composed of brain, spinal cord and nerve trunks, connects receptors, (muscles and glands) and conducts the impulses from one to the other in such a way that when a given receptor is stimulated the proper effector responds appropriately. That is to say, in the words of modern Biology" the impulses transmitted by all types of neurons—motor, sensory and connector—are essentially alike. The fact that one impulse results in sensation of sight, another in a sensation of sound, and another in muscle contraction, and another in glandular secretion, is due entirely to the nature of the structures to which the impulses themselves".¹¹

The Central Nervous Systems :

The nine hundred nerve cords¹² that make up the nervous system in Jaina Biology may be divided into two main parts : those belonging to the central nervous system which make up the brain (matthu)¹³ and spinal cord (piṭṭhakaramḍā?)¹⁴ and those belonging to the peripheral nervous system, which make up the cranial and spinal nerves.¹⁵

The Spinal Cord (Piṭṭhakaramḍā ?)¹⁶

It is the tubular spinal cord, surrounded and protected by the neural arches of the vertebrae, it has two important functions: "to transmit impulses to and from the brain and to act as a reflex centre",¹⁷ according to modern Biology.

10. Bhagavati Sūtra, 2.4.99.

"Prajñāpanā Sūtra Indriyapada, Puṭṭhadāram, 15. 1-194-195

"Puṭṭhāim saddāim suneti... . . .

Paviṭṭhāim saddāim suneti taha pavivṭṭhānivi".

Paṇṇavanā, puttadāram 15. 194-195

11. Biology, p. 356.

12. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.

13. Ibid 17, p. 38.

14. Ibid 16, p. 36.

15. "Etto nāḍidāram, nāḍi ca tihā bhaṇamāti tavviṇṇo / padḍhamā idā parā piṅgalā ya taiyā susumaṇā ya (3123)", Saṁvega Ramgasalā, p. 243. edited by Shah

"Idā ca piṅgalā caiva suṣumnā ceti naḍikāh /"

61, Yogasāstra, Hemacandra, p. 347.

16. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.

17. Biology, p. 360.

The Brain (Matthu)¹⁸

It is the enlarged, anterior end of the spinal cord. "In man the enlargement is so great that much of the resemblance to the spinal cord is obscured, but in the lower animals the relationship of brain to cord is clear."¹⁹ The brain contains brain matter (matthulumga).²⁰ The detailed anatomy of the brain which is exceedingly complex is not given in Jaina Biology. According to modern Biology, there are six main regions, medulla, pons, cerebellum, midbrain, thalamus and cerebrum."²¹

The Peripheral Nervous System

The paired cranial (siraṅhāru)²² and spinal nerves, emerging from the brain and spinal cord and conducting with every receptor and deffector in the body make up the peripheral nervous system. (Iḍā, piṅgalā, suṣumṇā)²³

Cranial Nerves (Siraṅhāru)²⁴

Cranial nerves originate in different parts of the brain (matthu) and innervate primarily the sense-organs, muscles and glands of the head. It appears from the reference to the sense-perceptions caused by the nerve impulse through the activities of the five sense-organs (eye, ear, nose, tougue and skin)²⁵ that some of the 900 nerves act as cranial nerves so that they innervate primarily the sense-organs of eye, ear, nose, tongue and skin muscles and glands of the head. As a result one impulse results in a sensation of sight, another in a sensation of sound, another in a sensation of smell, another in a sensation of taste, another in a sensation of touch, another in muscle contraction of the head²⁶ and so on—all due entirely to the nature of the structures to which the impulses travel, aṣ suggested by the different structures of the five sense-organs and their modes of function.²⁶

18. Tandula Veyāliya, 17, p. 38.

19. Biology, p. 361.

20. Tandula Veyāliya, 17, p. 38.

21. Biology, p. 361.

22. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 41.

22a Saṁvegarāṅgasala 3123; Yogaśāstra 61, Hemacandra,

23. Biology, p. 366.

24. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 41.

25. Prajñāpanā Sūtra, Indriyapada Puṭṭhadara, 15, 1. 194.5.

26. Ibid.

According to modern Biology, "twelve pairs of nerves originate in different parts of the brain and innervate primarily the sense-organs, muscles and glands of the head. The same twelve pairs, innervating similar structures, are found in all the higher vertebrates—reptiles, birds and mammals, fish and amphibia have only the first ten. Like all nerves these are composed of neurons, some have only sensory neurons, some are composed almost completely of motor neurons and others are made up of both sensory and motor neurons."²⁷

As explained in the Suśruta, the cranial nerves are as follows : "(1) Four pairs of sensory nerves carrying sensory impulses from the sense-organs to the heart, viz. the optic, auditory, olfactory and gustatory nerves,²⁸ and (2) six pairs of motor or mixed nerves, e. g. three pairs of motor nerves for the eye (Motores oculorum, Pathetic and Abducentes) working on the levator palpebrae and other muscles of the orbit; one pair of motor nerves for articulation (the Hypoglossal); one pair of motor nerves for the larynx the pneumogastric), and another pair connected with mammae and (in the case of the male) the seminal duct".²⁹ "Other motor or sensori-motor impulses are carried by some of these cranial nerves, viz. those which produce sighs and sobs, yawning, laughter, and hunger. Evidently some of the functions of the pneumogastric and the spinal accessory nerves are intended, as also phrenic and other nerves of the servical plexus".

Spinal Nerves :

All spinal nerves are mixed nerves, having motor and sensory components in roughly equal amounts, as they are suggested by the reference in Jaina Biology to *Idā*, *Suṣumṇā* and *Piṅgalā nāḍis*³⁰ along the spinal cord. The *Suṣumṇā* is the central cord in the vertebral column,

26a Paṇṇavaṇā 15, Indriyapada, Saṁhāṇadāraṁ. Puṭṭhadaram and Paviṭṭhadaram, etc.

27. Biology, p. 366.

28. *Urdhvagaḥśabḍaīṅparasagandhaprasvāsochvāsaviṅmbhitakṣuddhasitakathitarudī-tādiṅviṣeṣān abhivahataḥ śarīraṁ dhārayanti tā stu hṛdayamabhipratipannās-tridhā Jāyante tāstrimśat tāsanu vātapittakaphaṣoṅitarasān dve dve vahatastā-daṣa / śatdarūparasagandhān aṣṭābhīrgṅhite dvābhyāṁ bhasate, dvābhyāṁ ghoṣam..karoti/dvābhyāṁ svapiti/dvābhyāṁ pratibudhyate/dve ca āśruvāhinyau / dve stanāsamśrite / te eva śukraṁ barasya stanābhyāṁ abhivahataḥ //"*
Here *Dhamanīs* act as nerves. *Suśruta*, *Śarīrasthāna*. Chap. IX.

29. *The Positive Science of the Ancient Hindus*, p. 218.

30. "Etto nāḍiddāraṁ, nāḍi ca tihā bhanānti tavviṅṇo.

Paḍhamā idā parā piṅgalā y: taiyā

Suṣumaṇā ya (3123)", *Saṁvega Raṅgasālā*, p. 243 "see *Yogasāstra of Hemacandra*

"*Idā ca piṅgalā caiva suṣumṇā ceto nāḍikah*(61)

i.e. it is in the central channel of the spinal cord. The two chains of the sympathetic ganglia on the left and the right are named Iḍā and Pingalā respectively³¹. Iḍā, the left sympathetic chain, lies stretching from under the left nostril to below the left kidney, in the form of a bent bow, while the pingalā is the corresponding chain on the right.³²

According to Saṅgīta-ratnākara,³³ “of the seven hundred nerve-cords of the sympathetic-spinal system the following fourteen are most important, viz. (1) Suṣumnā, in the central channel cord.

31. “Vamavahā aīllā, dāhīnaparivāhīni bhave biya
Taiyā puṇa ubhayavahā..... (3124)”, Saṁvega Raṅgasālā ; p. 243
“Vamagā iḍā nāḍī śaḡīnaḥ sthānaṁ dakṣiṇagā pingalā nāma raveḥ sthānaṁ
madhyamagā suṣumnā nāma sivasthānaṁ (61)”
Yogaśāstra, Hemacandra ; p. 347
32. Ibid.
33. Saṅgītratnākara, Svarādhyāya, Piṇḍotapattiprakaraṇaṁ Slokas 151-163.
“Tāsa bhūrītarāstāsu mukhyāḥ prokṭāścaturdaśa / Suṣumṇedā piṅgalā ca kuhūra-
tha sarasvatī (151)
Gāndhārī hastijihvā ca varuṇī ca yaśasvini / Viśvodarā saṅkhini ca tataḥ pūṣā
payasvini (152).
Alambuseti tatrādyāstisro mukhyatamā matāḥ / Suṣumṇā tiṣṣu śreṣṭha vaiṣṇavi
muktimārgagā (153).
Kāmdamādhye sthitā tasyā iḍā savye ‘atha dakṣiṇe / Piṅgaleḍāpiṅgalayoścaratas
candrabhaskarau (154).
Kramātkalagaterhetu suṣumṇā kalāśoṣiṇī / Sarasvatī kuhūścāste suṣumṇāyāṣtu
pārīvayoh (155).
Idayāḥ Pṛṣṭhāpūrvasthe gāndhārīhastijihvike / Kramātpūṣāyaśasvinyau piṅgalā-
pṛṣṭha pūrvayoh (156).
Viśvodarā madhyadeśe syātkuhūhastijihvayoh / Madhye kuhūyaśasvinyorvaruṇī
samsthitā matā (157).
Pūṣasrasvatīmadhyamādhyamādhiśete payasvini / Gāndhārikasarasvatyormadhye
vasati śaukhini (158).
Alambusā kāmdamādhye tatreḍāpiṅgale kramāt / Savyadakṣiṇanāś’antaṁ Kuhūra-
mehanaṁ purah (159).
Sar’svatyurdhvamājihvam gāndhārīyā pṛṣṭhataḥ sthitā / Āvāmanetramāsavypa-
dāṅguṣṭhāṁ tu samsthitā (160).
Hastijihvā sarvagā tu varuṇyatha yaśasvini / Āsamguṣṭhādakṣiṇāṅgadhristhā
dene viśvodarā’akhilāṁ (161).
Saṅkhini savyaakarṇantaṁ pūṣā tvā yāmanetratāḥ / Payasvini the vitatā
dakṣiṇāśṭravaṇūvadhi (162).
Alamvusa pāyueṁūamavaśābhyā vyavasthitā.
Evamvidhe tu dehe’ asminmalasamcayasaṁvite “163”.
Saṅgīta-ratnākara 151-163 pp. 59-61. Sāraṅgadeva.

(2) *Idā*, the left sympathetic chain stretching from under the left nostril to below the left kidney, in the form of a bent bow. (3) *Piṅgalā*, the corresponding chain on the right, (4) *Kuhu*, the pudic nerve of the sacral plexus, to the left of the spinal cord, (5) *Gāndhārī*, to the back of the left sympathetic chain, supposed to stretch from below the corner of the left eye to the left leg, (6) *Hastijihvā* to the front of the left sympathetic chain, stretching from below the corner of the left eye to the great toe of the left foot. (7) *Sarasvatī* to the right of *Suṣumnā*, stretching up to the tongue (the hypo-glossal nerves of the cervical plexus), (8) *Puṣā*, to the back of the right sympathetic chain, stretching from below the corner of the right eye to the abdomen (a connected chain of cervical and lumbar nerves). (9) *Payasvinī*, between *Puṣā* and *Sarasvatī*, auricular branch of the cervical plexus on the right, (10) *Saṅkhinī*, between *Gāndhārī* and *Sarasvatī*, auricular branch of the cervical plexus on the left, (11) *Jaśasvinī*, to the front of the right sympathetic chain, stretching from the right thumb to the right leg (the radial nerve of the brachial plexus continued on to certain branches of the great sciatic), (12) *Vāranā*, the nerves of the sacral plexus, between *Kuhu* and *Jaśasvinī* ramifying over the lower trunk and limbs, (13) *Viśvodarā*, the nerves of the lumbar plexus, between *Kuhu* and *Hastijihvā*, ramifying over the lower trunk and limbs, and (14) *Alambuṣā*, the coccygeal, nerves proceeding from the sacral vertebrae to the urinogenital organs".³⁴

Modern Biology explains that "All the spinal nerves are mixed nerves, having motor and sensory components in roughly equal amounts. In man they originate from the spinal cord in thirty one symmetrical pairs, each of which innervates the receptors and effectors of one region of the body. Each nerve emerges from the spinal cord as two strands or root which unite shortly to form the spinal nerve. All the sensory neurons enter the cord through the dorsal root and all motor fibers leave the cord through the ventral root.

The size of each nerve is related to the size of the body area it innervates, the largest in man is one of the parts supplying the legs. Each spinal nerve, shortly beyond the junction of the dorsal and ventral root, divides into three branches: the dorsal branch, serving the skin and muscles of the back; the ventral branch, serving the skin and muscles of the sides and belly; and the autonomic branch, serving the viscera".³⁵

34. *The Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus*, p. 228 see *Sangita ratnākara*, *Svarādhyāya*, *Piṅḍotpattiprakaraṇam-s'loka* 151 - 161, pp. 59-61.

35. *Biology*, pp. 366-7.

The autonomic nervous system³⁶ consists of a special set of peripheral nerves which innervate the heart, lungs, digestive tract and other internal organs. This system in turn is composed of two parts, (1) the sympathetic and (2) parasympathetic nerves. The autonomic system contains only motor nerves, and is distinguished from the rest of the nervous system by several features. The sympathetic system³⁷ consists of nerve-fibers whose bodies are located in the lateral portions of the gray matter of the spinal cord. The parasympathetic system³⁸ consists of fibers originating in the brain and emerging via the third, seventh, ninth and especially the tenth or vagus nerves, and of fibers originating in the pelvic region of the spinal cord and emerging by way of the spinal nerves in that region".³⁹

36. *Ibid.* p. 369

37. *Ibid.*

38. *Ibid.*

39. *Ibid.*

(Eight Section)

THE SENSE-ORGANS (INDRIYAS)¹

The body of two-sensed animals-kṛmis (worms), Kukṣikṛmis (amoeba) and other single-celled animals is sensitive to touch and taste (sparśa and rasa)² as evidenced by the fact that it will move away from bright lights, etc. But on a higher, more complex level of existence, where the activities of searching for food, attracting a mate, etc., e.g. of five-sensed animals, are correspondingly more complex and hazardous, the animal needs specialized cells sensitive to one or a few types of stimuli, to help him in his struggle for life.³ As found in Jaina Biology, such receptors (sense-organs) in the evolutionary process have been developed, they are called indriyas (sense-organs).⁴ The receptors in these organs are remarkably sensitive to the appropriate stimulus; the eye (cakṣu) is stimulated by an extremely faint beam of light, whereas a strong light is required to stimulate the optic nerve directly, as it is suggested by the statement that the eye sees the non-touched and non-entered objects⁵ (i. e. an image of objects is reflected when a strong light stimulates the optic nerve directly).

All beings from the earth quadrates and two-sensed worms (Kṛmis) to man (manuṣya) have sense-organs (indriya) in the evolutionary process varying in numbers from one to five (ekendriya-pañcendriya)⁶ to help them in their struggle for life. Beings have been classified by Jaina Biology on the basis of the number of their sense-organs (indriyas) into one-sensed up to five-sensed animals (Pañcendriyas)⁷.

1. Paṇṇavanā, Indriyapadaṃ "Pañcendriyāṇi", T.S., 2:15.
2. "Beṃdiyāṇaṃ.. do indriyā paṇṇattā taṃjahā - Jibhiṃdie ya phāsiṃdie ya /, Paṇṇavanā 15 Indriyapadaṃ, 987 ; Tattvarthādhigama Sūtra, 2.7.24. p. 174
"Kṛmyādināṃ.. pṛthivyādibhya ekena vṛdhe sparśanarasanendriye bhavatah /"
3. tato' apyekena vṛddhāni pipilikā - rohiṇikāprabhṛtīnāṃ trīṇi sparśana
rasana - ghrāṇāni / tato, apyekena Vṛddhāni bhramara pataṅgadināṃ
catvāri sparśana-rasana-ghrāṇa-cakṣūṃśca/śeṣāṇāṃ ca tiryagyonijaṇāṃ matsya....
manuṣyadevānāṃ pañcendriyāṇi /" TS. Bhāṣya II. 24, p. 174.
4. "Pañca indriya paṇṇattā, taṃjahā soṃdie 1 Cakkhiṃdie 2 ghāṇiṃdie 3
Jibhiṃdie 4 phāsiṃdie" 5. Paṇṇavanā. Indriyapada 15-973, p. 288.
"Sparśanarasanaghrāṇacakṣūṣrotraṇi, T.S., 2-20, p. 169.
5. 'Apuṭṭhāim rūvāim pasati" Paṇṇavanā 15, Indriyapada, Puṭṭhadāvaṇi, 990, 2.
6. Paṇṇavanā 15, Indriyapada, 985-98*, 241-243 "Vāyvantānāmekam" TS., II. 23,
p. 172 "Kṛmiṃpipilikābhramaramanuṣā dināmekakaivṛddhāni" TS. II. 2-24,
p. 163 ; TS. 2-20.
7. Ibid

Traditionally men have five-sensed organs,⁸ viz. organs of touch, taste, smell, sight and hearing,⁹ but it is misleading for some of the five can be divided into several completely different senses. Thus, touch, (sparśa) can be divided into eight kinds, viz cold (śīta) and heat (uṣṇa) and others¹⁰ which are all included under the sense of touch (sparśanendriya).

According to modern Biology, "In addition there are more vague and generalized, but nevertheless important senses for determining internal states of the body. The receptors for such senses are located in the Viscera, the throat, and other places."¹¹

"Stimulation of one sense-organ, e. g. skin, initiates what might be considered" a coded message", transmitted by the nerve fibers and decoded in the brain. How the sense-organ initiates different codes and how the brain analyzes and interpretes them to produce various sensations are still unknown,"¹²

The Stimulus Receiving Process ;

For all types of sense-organs¹³ the actual excitation of the sensitive cell is either mechanical or chemical. The stimulation of touch (sparśa) and pressure receptors is (i. e. sense-organs of touch) or the skin (sparśanendriya) depends on the mechanical stresses transmitted through the surrounding capsules as it is suggested by the statement in Jaina Biology that the skin experiences the sensation of touch of the touched and entered objects.¹⁵

That is to say "the proprioceptors (kinesthetic receptors) respond to the mechanical pressure exerted on them when the surrounding muscle cells or tender fibers are stretched or compressed."¹⁶

8. "Mānuṣya devānām pancendriyāṇi" Ibid II 24, Bhaṣya, p. 174

9. Ibid ; Paṇṇavaṇā, 15, Indriyapadaṁ 15.

10. "Tatra sparso aṣṭavidhah kaṭhino mṛdurgururlaghuḥ śīta uṣṇah etc...i", TS. V. 23, Bhāṣya, 356 see also TS., II. 23, 24.

11. Biology, p, 273.

12. Biology, p. 374.

13. Paṇṇavaṇā, 15, Indriyapadaṁ

14. Ibid, Puṭṭhapāram.

15. (Puṭṭhāim) ...evam r. śaṇavi phasāṇavi /", Paṇṇavaṇā, Puṭṭhādāraṁ, Indriyapada, 900, 4, p. 243

16. Biology, p. 374.

The sensitive cells in the organs of hearing (śravaṇendriya) and balance are excited by the ripples or waves in the fluids bathing them as implied by the reference in Jaina Biology to the statement that the organ of hearing hears the touched and entered sounds into it.¹⁷

In contrast, the olfactory cells of the nose (ghrāṇendriya) and the taste buds of the tongue (Jibhendriya) are stimulated chemically by the molecules that come in contact with them, as suggested by the fact that the tongue tastes the touched and entered objects into the mouth,¹⁸ while the nose smells the touched and entered fine particles of matter into it.¹⁹ The receptors for heat (uṣṇa) and cold (śīta) respond to chemical changes induced in them by changes of temperature as implied by the suggestion that śīta (cold) and uṣṇa (heat or hot) are two of the eight touches inherent in matter (puḍgala). The statement "the eye sees the non-entered objects"²⁰ implies that the images of objects perceived by the eye are reflected on the retina of the eye. That is to say, "the cells of the retina respond to the chemical reactions that occur when light falls on them".²¹

The Perception of Sensations :

After the stimulus receiving process through the five sense-organs, there follows the perception of sensations. Jaina Biology describes the perception of sensations in its own manner ; e. g. different kinds of touch (sparsa), taste (rasa), smell (gandha) and colour (varna).²² It is suggestive from this fact that "the qualitative differentiation of stimuli depends on the sense-organ itself and brain, for man's ability to discriminate red from cold is due to the fact that particular sense-organs and their individual sensitive cells are connected to particular parts of the brain"²³ and only those nerve impulses that reach the brain can result in sensations."²⁴

17. Paṇṇavaṇā, Indriyapada, 15, Puṭṭhadāraṃ, 99)
Puṭṭhāim saddāim suṇei, no apuṭṭhāim saddāim suṇei.
18. "Puṭṭhāim (rasāim) evaṃ rasāṇavi,
Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, 15, Indriyapadaṃ, Puṭṭhadāraṃ, p. 243
19. "Puṭṭhāim gaṃdhāim agghāi /" Ibid.
20. "Apuṭṭhāim rūvāim pasāti /", Ibid.
21. Biology, p. 374.
22. "Tatra sparśo aṣṭavidhah – kaṭhino mṛdurgururlaghuḥ śīta uṣṇah snigdho ruḥṣma iti / rasa pañcavidhaḥ tiktah kaṭuh kaṣāyic, amlo madhu iti / gandho dvididhah – surabhirasurabhiḥca / varṇah pañcavidhah; kṛṣṇo nilo lohītah pītah śukla iti //"; Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra, Bhaṣya V. 23, p. 356.
23. Biology, p. 374.
24. Ibid.

The Tactile Senses (Sparśanendriya)

The skin contains several different types of simple sense-organs, as they are indicated by the eight kinds of touch of matter²⁵ and their further divisions as felt by the skin when it comes into contact with them. According to modern Biology, "each muscle, tendon and joint is equipped with nerve endings, called proprioceptors, which resemble certain sense-organs of the skin." These are sensitive to changes in the tension of the muscle or tendon and initiate impulses to the brain which are responsible for our awareness of the position and movement of the various parts of the body, the sense referred to as kinesthesia."²⁶

The Chemical Senses of Taste and Smell :

The statement in Jaina Biology that the tongue tastes the touched and entered objects in the mouth and the nose smells the touched and entered particles of attenuated matter²⁷ suggests that "the sensation of tastes and smell result from the stimulation of chemoreceptor cells in the tongue, and nose respectively by specific substances"²⁸. The tongue taste the material objects which come into contact with it and the nose smells the thing when it comes into contact with the former.²⁹ How is it possible ? Modern Biology explains that "embedded in the mucous membranes of the tongue and soft palate are special sense-organs known as taste buds, each of which consists of a few sensitive cells surrounded by supporting cells."³⁰ In Jain Biology it is stated that there are five basic taste-sensations, viz. tikta (bitter), kaṭu (pungent) kaṣāya (astringent), amla (sour) and madhura (sweet),³¹ each due to a different kind of taste bud as explained by modern Biology. "The buds are distributed unevenly over the surface of the tongue so that certain parts are especially sensitive to sweet things, others to sour things, and so on".³²

The flavour of a substance depends only partly on the sense of taste (rasanendriya), according to Biology, "the rest is due to the

25. Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra, Bhāṣya V. 23, p. 356.

26. Biology, p. 375

27. Pañṇavaṇa Sutta, 15, Indriyapadam, Puṭṭhadāraṃ, p. 243.

28. Biology, p. 376

29. Pañṇavaṇā 15, Indriyapadam, puṭṭhadāraṃ, p. 243.

30. Biology, p. 376.

31. Tattvarthadhigama sūtra, V. 23 (Bhāṣya

32. Biology, p. 376

sense of smell, substances pass from the mouth through the internal nares into the nasal chamber and stimulate the sense-organs there. When one has a cold, foods are relatively tasteless because the sense of smell is partly or wholly lost".³³

The statement in Jaina Biology that the sense-organ of smell (ghrāṇendriya) smells the particles entering the nostrils and touching their sensitive cells³⁴ implies the suggestion that "the sense-organs of smell are located in the epithelial lining of the upper part of the nasal cavity in a region not ordinarily washed by the incoming air.³⁵ Particles entering the nostrils reach them by diffusion and dissolve in the mucus covering the sensitive cells".³⁴

In contrast to the sensation of taste (rasa) the various odours (gandha) cannot be classified into definite types except into two categories: surabhi gandha and asurabhi gandha (pleasant and unpleasant),³⁷ for each substance has its own distinctive smell. "The olfactory organs respond to remarkably small amounts of a substance".³⁸

Vision of Eye ;

According to Jaina Biology, only the four-sensed and five-sensed animals have the vision of eye.³⁹ But modern Biology states that the light sensitive cells exist in almost all living matter."⁴⁰ It should be noted here that all animals have five bhāvendriyas including cakṣurindriya,⁴¹

33. "Biology, p. 376.

34. Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, Indriyapadaṃ Pūṭṭhadāraṃ.

35. Biology, 377.

36. Ibid.

37. "Gandho dvididhah - Surabhirasurabhīṣca /".
Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra V. 23, Bhāṣya, 356.

38. Biology, p. 377

39. "Tato' apyekena vṛddhāni bhramara - vaṭarasāraṅgmakṣikā - puttikā-damśa-maṅga-kavṛṣcika - nandyavartakiṭa - patāṅgādīnām catvāri sparśana - rasana - ghrāṇa - cakṣūmsi /" TS. II 24, Bhāṣya.

"Sesāṇam ca tiryagyenijānaṃ matsyoraṅga-bhujāṅgapakṣi-catuṣpadānām sarveṣāṃ ca nāraka-manuṣyadevaṇām pañcendriyāṇi," Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra, II 24, Bhāṣya. 3. 174 Paṇṇavaṇā 1.15 (Indriyapada), p. 253 11.1028

"Caurimdiyaṇam ...do netṭā 2 do ghāṇā 4 Jihā 5 phase 6" Sesāṇam jahā neraṭṭyaṇam (sū 1076) jāva vemāṇiyaṇam / Ibid 11. 1029, p. 253

40. Biology, p. 377

41. Through Bhāvendriya all-beings may be sensitive to light, as all beings have five bhāvendriyas. "Pañca bhāvimdiya soimdie iava phasimdie" Paṇṇavaṇā, 12.1056 "evam jassa jati imdiya tassa tattiya bhāṇiyavva' jāva vemāṇiyaṇam /" Paṇṇavaṇā 1.15, p. 259. ; see also TS. II-16, p. 163.4 (Bhāṣya).

“Even protozoa respond to changes in light intensity, usually moving away from the source of light.”⁴² Most plants orient their leaves and flowers toward the sun,⁴³ although they have no special light sensitive structures. In most of the higher animals (particularly four-sensed and five-sensed animals) this light-sensitivity is located in certain cells and is highly developed.⁴⁴ The human eye⁴⁵ is an excellent example of an extremely sensitive specialized organ for perceiving light.

Some two-sensed protozoa “have “eye spots” which are more sensitive to light than the rest of the cell.”⁴⁶

The eyes of insect (three-sensed and four-sensed animals) are “mosaic” eyes, quite different from the camera eyes of vertebrates. “Mosaic eyes are composed of many, sometimes thousands of visual units, each with a small bundle of light sensitive cells and a fixed, immovable lens. Such an eye does not give a single, sharp picture but produces a mosaic to which each unit of the eye contributes a separate image.”⁴⁷

The Human Eye :

The human eye is like a lenti⁵⁰ or “a de luxe leica loaded with extremely sensitive colour films”⁴⁹ It sees the reflected objects on the retina as it is suggested by the statement that “the eyes see the non-touched and non-entered objects.”

“The analogy between the human eye, and camera is complete. The eye has a lens which can be focussed for different distances, a diaphragm (the iris) which regulates the size of the light opening (the pupil) and a light sensitive retina located at the rear of the eye, corresponding to the film of the Camera. Next to the retina is a sheet of cells, filled with black pigment which absorbs extra light and prevents internally reflected light from blurring the image (Cameras are also painted black on the inside). This sheet, called the choroid also contains the blood vessels which nourish the retina.”⁵⁰

42. Biology, p. 377.

43. “Tathā padmādīnām prātaurikasīnam /” Śāddarśana Samuccaya. Guṇaratna, Jainamātām, V. 49 (Tīkā), p. 158.

44. TS. 2. 13; Biology, p. 377.

45. Ibid Paṇṇavaṇā I, 15, Indriyapada, paṭṭhadāra.

46. Biology, p. 377

47. Biology, p. 377 Bees, etc. have mosaic eyes.

48. Māsuraśāntasāntihānasāntihic paṇṇatte /”

48a, Paṇṇavaṇā, paṭṭhadāraṁ. Paṇṇavaṇā, 1.15, 974, p. 238.

49. Biology, p. 377.

50. Biology, p. 377. Paṇṇavaṇā, 18. Indriyapada, paṭṭhadāra.

The Ear (Srotendriya) :

As described in Jaina Biology, the ear is of the shape of Kadamba Puṣpa⁵¹ (Kadamba flower). It is suggestive from the statement “the ear hears the touched and entered sound”⁵² that the organs of two different senses, hearing and equilibrium, are located in the ear.⁵³ According to modern Biology, “these organs are buried deep in the bone of the skull. and a number of accessory structures are needed to transmit sound waves from the outside to the deep lying sensory cells.”⁵⁴

INDRIYAS (SENSE – ORGANS)

Conclusion :

Indriyas have been studied in Indian Philosophy from the points of view of etymology of the word ‘Indriya, cause of indriyas, their place, (subtraction), their number, their object, their shape, their mutual identity and difference, their kinds and distinction of apprehensibility of substance – quality (dravyaguṇagrahitvaviveka, etc.) The earliest reference to its etymology is come across in the Pāṇini Sūtra.⁵⁵ The same etymology of the word ‘Indriya’ found its way in the early Buddhist and Jaina texts like Visuddhimagga⁵⁶ and Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra’s Bhāṣya⁵⁷ respectively. Besides, it is also recorded in the Jaina Āgama Bhagavati Vyākhyāprajñapti.⁵⁸

In the history of the etymology of the word ‘Indriya’ there are mainly two things to be noted – the one is that the Buddhist grammarian Panini’s commentator have given place to that etymology in their respective works in details, while. Ācārya Hemchandra,⁵⁹ the Independent Jaina grammarian also has given position to it in his own Vyākaraṇa

51. Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra 1. 15 Indriyapadam, Saṁtḥāṇadāram.

52. Ibid., Puṭṭhadāram. Indriyapadam.

53. Biology, p. 382.

54. Ibid.

55. Indriyamindralingam indradṛṣṭamimdraṛṣṭamindrajuṣṭamindradattamiti 5.2.93

56. VM. XVI, Indriyasaccaniddesa, 4, 5, 6 ; Darśana and Chintana, p. 134.

57. “Pancendriyaṇi bhavanti / ārambho niyamārthah ṣaḍādiṣṭhādhārthaṣca / indriyamindraliṅgamindraṛṣṭa mindrajuṣṭa mindradattamiti va” (pā, A. 2.pā. 5, sū 93) / indro jivaḥ sarvadravyeṣvaviśvavyayogāt viśayeṣu vā paramaiśvaryayogāt, tasya liṅgamindriyam, liṅganāt sūcanāt pradarśanādupaṣṭambhanād – vyañjanacca jivasya liṅgamindriyam”, TS. Bhā., II. 15, p. 162,

58. Bhs., 1-7-61.

59. ‘Indriyam’, Hemaśabdānuśāsanam, 7.1.174, p.128.

Sūtra and Vṛtti in full details. The other point is that the etymology of the word 'Indriya' is not found in any Vedic philosophical work except in the very oldest commentarial works of the Pāṇini Sūtra, just as it is come across in the Buddhist and Jaina texts. It is known that the etymology of the word 'Indriya', having found place in the Buddhist and Jaina philosophical treatises, became the subject of speculation of the philosophers. As for example, in the Māṭharavṛtti,⁶⁰ the oldest Vedic philosophical treatise, there is preserved the etymology of the word 'indriya', but it is quite different and distinguishable from that recorded in the Buddhist and Jaina works. It is gratifying to note that when the nirukti (etymology) of this word 'Indriya', having left the field of word, entered into that of the philosophy, then the stamp of the philosophical community got impressed on it. Buddhaghoṣa⁶¹ speaks of all those meanings as spoken of by Paṇini in the nirukti of the word 'Indriya', but he has made attempt to adopt it by starting the the meaning of Indriya as Sugata.⁶² The Jaina Ācāryas interpret the meaning of the word 'Indriya' as only Jiva generally, they have not made the meaning of it as Tirthaṅkara like Buddhagoṣa as desired by himself.

According to the Sāṃkhya, the material cause of the indriyas (sense-organs) is abhimāna (ego) which is a kind of fine substance produced from the Prakṛti.⁶³ This view is acceptable to the Vedānta. The Nyāya⁶⁴ maintains that the cause of the indriyas is the five elements like earth, etc., which are nothing but non-living substances. This view is acceptable also to the Pūrva Mīmāṃsakas. According to the Buddhist Philosophy, the five sense-organs, because of being produced from Rūpa (Matter), are called rūpa (Matter), which is particularly non-living. Jaina Philosophy also makes reference to particular matter as the cause of the gross physical sense-organs (dravyendriyas), which is a particular non-living substance only.

The external shapes like karṇaśaṣkuli, akṣigolakakṛṣṇasāra, tripuṭikā, jihvā and carma (ear-drum, eye-socket-pupil, nose, tongue and skin),

60. "In iti viṣayānām, nāma, tāninaḥ viṣayān prati dravantiti indriyāṇi"
Māṭharavṛtti, kā 26, p. 43.

61. "See Tippan, 2, Darśara and Cintana, p. 134.

62. "Ko pana nesam indriyattho nāmāti ? indalimṅgattho ; indriyattho ... bhagava hi sammāsāmi buddho paramissariyabhāvato indo.... ..atthātovinischayo /", VM. XVI, 4, 5 6.

63. Sāttvika ekādaśakaḥ pravartate vaikyādahankārāt /
Bhūtādestanmātraḥ sa tāmasaḥ, taijasādubhayaṃ // Sāṃkhyakarikā, 25.

64. "Ghrāṇarasanacakṣustvak śrotrāṇindriyāṇi bhūtebhyaḥ", NS., 1.1.12.

which the common people call by the order of the name – karna, netra, ghrāṇa, rasana and tvak – indriyas (sense-organs of hearing, sight, smell, taste and touch) respectively, have been accepted as indriyādhiṣṭhanas⁶⁵ (places or substrata of sense-organs) in all Indian systems of thought, but not as indriyas. Indriyas have been accepted as intangible entities existing in those shapes whether they are material or egoistic. Jaina Philosophy, having accepted those material adhiṣṭhānas (places or substrata) as dravyendriya (physical sense-organ) even, has indicated the same idea that adhiṣṭhānas (places of or substrata sense-organs) are not really the indriyas. According to this school, the indriyas are intangible, but they, being not material (bhautika) or egoistic non-living substance, are consciousness like or sentient capacity-like which is called bhāvendriya (psychical sense-organ) by the Jainas. The sixth indriya called manas (mind) has been accepted as the internal sense organ in all Indian systems of thought. Like this six buddhindriyas (organs of intellect) are common to all philosophies, but it is only the Sāṃkhya Philosophy which mentions eleven indriyas⁶⁶ by counting the five karmendriyas (sense-organs of action), viz. speech, hands, foot, anus and the organ of procreation⁶⁷ as indriyas. Just as Vācaspati Miśra and Jayanta⁶⁸ spoke against the acceptance of the karmendriyas (the sense-organs of action) of the Sāṃkhya as indriyas, just so Ācārya Hemacandra also, having refuted the indriyatva (the state of sense-organ) of the karmendriya, followed the previous Jaina Ācāryas like Pūjyapāda and others who argued in this manner. “This is the section dealing with consciousness. Those that are the instruments of consciousness alone are mentioned here, and not those that are the instruments of activity as these have no such limit. All the limbs and minor limbs are the instruments of activity. And these are determined by nāma – karmas of limbs and minor limbs. Moreover, the instruments of action are not five only”.⁶⁹

Here the question arises when Ācārya Pūjyapāda and other old Jainācāryas and scholars like Vācaspati, Jayanta and others have forcefully refuted the eleven indriyas of the Sāṃkhya, then why have they

65. Nyāyamañjarī p. 477.

66. “Abhimāno’ ahaṅkāraśāsmād dvidvidhaḥ pravartate sargaḥ / Ekādaśakaśca gaṇastanmatraḥ pañcakaścaiva //” Sāṃkhyakārikā, 24.

67. “Buddhindriyāṇi cakṣuśrotraghrāṇārasanaśparsanakāni / Vākpañipādapāyūpasthan karmendriyānyāhuḥ //, Sāṃkhyakārikā, 26.

68. Tātparyatīkā, p. 531 ; Nyāyamañjarī, p. 483.

69. “Pañcendriyāṇi bhavanti / ārambho niyamārthaḥ śaḍādipratīṣedhārthaśca //” TS. Bhā., p. 162 ; Sarvārthasiddhi, p. 174.

not denied or mentioned the number of twenty-two indriyas which are well-known in the Buddhist Abhidharma work.⁷⁰ It is known that in the Buddhist Abhidharma tradition there was a common custom of referring to every mānasaśakti (mental power) by the word 'indriya'. Having thought thus, they have not mentioned or refuted that tradition. Objects like sound, colour, smell, taste, touch, etc., are always apprehensible to the six sense-organs. In this regard all the systems of thought are of one view, but there is the difference of opinion of the Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika from all other systems of thought with regard to the apprehensibility of substance by the indriyas (sense-organs). All other philosophies, even having accepted indriyas as the apprehenders of quality, admit six sense-organs as the apprehenders of substance, while the Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika and the Pūrvaśālikas call eye, tactile organ (sparśan-indriya) and mind as the only apprehenders of substance, but not others.⁷¹ Ācārya Hemacandra has expressed this difference of opinion, having spoken of karmabhāva-pradhānavyutpatti of the words, such as, sparśa (touch), etc., and along with it he followed the previous Ācāryas.

The discussion on indriya-ekatva (singleness or oneness of sense-organ) and multiplicity of indriyas is very old in the metaphysical tradition.⁷² Some, having accepted the sense-organ as one, have supported its many functions by its sthānas (places), while all the advocates of the multiplicity of sense-organs maintained only the principle of multiplicity sense-organs by refuting the view of singleness of the sense-organ. In regard to this Ācārya Hemacandra, having recourse to the method of the relative point of view, followed the Jainācāryas by making a synthesis of both the theories, i. e. mutual singleness and multiplicity in the sense-organs, and avoided the faults attributed to each other in the case of every extreme view.

Indriyas (sense-organs) are of two kinds, viz. Dravyendriya (physical sense-organ), and Bhāvendriya (psychic sense-organ) Dravyendriya, because

70. "Dhatūnām anantaryam uddhiṭṭhāni paśya, indriyāni ti bhāṣati indriyāni; cakkhundriyam sotindriyam ghaṇindriyam jivhindriyam kayindriyam manindriyam itthindriyam purisindriyam jivindriyam sukhindriyam dukkhindriyam somanas-sindriyam domanssindriyam upekkhindriyam, saddhindriyam viriyindriyam satindriyam samādhindriyam, paññindriyam, anaññātanaññāmitindriyam aññindriyam aññātavindriyam ti," VM. XV II.
71. Abhidharmakośa Sphutarthā p. 95; VM., XVI. 1,2, ff see Darśan and Cintan, p. 137. . .
72. Muktāvali, kā, 53-56
73. "Sthānānyate nānātyādavayavinānāsthānatvācca saṁśayaḥ /", NS., 3.1.52.
74. "Dvividhanindriyāni bhavanti - dravyendriyāni bhāvendriyāni ca /", TS. Bhā., II. 16, p. 163.

of being produced from matter is non-living matter—because it is the mode of cetanaśakti (capacity of consciousness).⁷⁵ Dravyendriya is produced by the rise of aṅgopāṅga (limbs)—and nirmāṇanāmakarma (i. e. constitution—making—nāma karma).⁷⁶ There are stated to be two divisions of it, viz. nirvṛtti and upakaraṇa⁷⁷ (accomplishment and means). The name of the shape of the sense-organs is nirvṛtti. It is also divided into two kinds, viz. bāhya (external), and ābhyantara (internal).⁷⁸ The external shape of the sense-organ is called bāhyanirvṛtti, while the name of the internal shape is ābhyantara nirvṛtti. The external part is just like the sword, while the internal part is like the sharpness of it which is made of very fine translucent atom. Both material and psychical natures of the internal nirvṛtti have been described. Upakaraṇa is the means of nirvṛtti; it is also external and internal.⁷⁹ In regard to the shape of the sense-organs it should be noted that there are many kinds of shape of skin, as already pointed out but there is no difference in its external and internal shapes.

The internal shape of skin of any being is just like the external shape of skin.⁸⁰ But in the case of other sense-organs it is not so. Except skin the internal shape of all other sense-organs are not identical with their external shapes. The internal shapes of kindred sense-organs of all classes of animals have been accepted as of one and the same type. As for instance, the internal shape of the ear is like the shape of a kadamba-flower, that of the eye is like the lentil, that of the nose is like the atimuktaka flower, that of the tongue is like khurupa (dagger or weeding agricultural implement). The internal shape of the skin is of different kinds. The external shapes of all the sense-organs are different in all cases of animals, as fore example, the ears, eyes, noses and tongues of man, elephant, horse, cow, cat, rat, etc.⁸¹

75. "Sāmānyataḥ dravyamayāṇi dravyātmkāṇi dravyendriyaṇi bhāvendriyaṇi tu bhāvātmakānyātmāpariṇatirūpāṇi /" TS. Bhā., 164.

76. Ibid., p. 164.

77. "Nirvṛtṭyupakaraṇe dravyendriyam" TS., II. 17;

78. "Nirvṛttiraṅgopāṅganāmanirvartitanindriyadvārāṇi, karmaviśeṣasamaṅskṛtāḥ śarīrapradeśāḥ nirmāṇanāmaṅgopāṅgapratya mūlaguṇanirvartanetyartaḥ", Ibid, p.164.

79. TS. Pt. pp. 164, 165.

80. TS., Pt. I, 165.

81. Bhs., 2, 4. 499; Prajñāpanā 15. 191; Pancadaśa, Indriyapada, Prathama Uddeśaka, Prajāpana, pada, 15; Fourth Karmagrantha, pp. 36-37; TS., Ch. II. 17-18 and vṛtti: Viśeṣava, śyākabhāṣya Gāthā. 2993-3003 and Lokapra kāṣi, sarga, 3, Sl. 464 ff.

82. TS., p. I, pt. 165.

All these five sense-organs are individually an innumerableth part of an aṅgula (finger) by thickness (bāhalla), while ear is an innumerableth part by width (pohattā), thus upto that of the eye and nose; the tongue is one aṅgula (finger) by width (pohatta); and the skin is equal to the extent of the body. These five sense organs are endowed with infinite units (ananta-pradeśikas) and immersed in countless space-points (asamkhyeyaprade śavagadha). The least of all these is the eye.⁸³

The capacity of apprehending objects by internal nirvṛtti formation is called upakaranendriya.⁸⁴

Bhāvendriya (psychic sense-organ) is of two kinds, viz. labdhirūpa (mental faculty-like) and upayogarūpa (consciousness-like).⁸⁵ The kṣayopaśama of Matijñānāvarana – the particular capacity of consciousness is called labdhirūpabhāvendriya. The pṛavṛtti (action) which takes place in the apprehension of objects by soul according to this labdhirūpabhāvendriya is called upayoga-rūpa bhāvendriya.⁸⁶

According to the Buddhist Philosophy, “The translucent matter of sense-organs (rūpaprasada) is very subtle; it is like the shining of a jewel, it cannot be cut in two,⁸⁷ it cannot be burnt,⁸⁸ it has no weight⁸⁹, it disappears without a residue at death.⁹⁰ It is nevertheless atomic, and is represented by five different kinds of atoms. The atoms of the organ of sight (eaksurindriya) cover in concentric circles the eye-ball. The atoms of the organ of taste, or, more precisely that matter which is supposed to convey the sensation of taste, covers in concentric semi-circles the tongue. The atoms of the organs of touch (kāyendriya) cover the whole body.⁹¹ The idea that all these different kinds of special matter are, indeed, the same translucent subtle stuff covering

83. Paṇṇavana Sutta 15, Indriyapada, appābahudāraṃ p. 166.

84. TS., Pt. I. p. 164.

85. ‘Labdhyupāyogau bhāvendriyam //’. TS., II. 18, p. 166.

86. ‘Labdhirūpayogastu bhāvendriyam bhavati / labdhirnāma gatijātyādinamakarmajanitā tadāvaraṇīyakarmakṣayopasamajanitā ca / indriyāśrayakarmodayanirvṛttā ca jivasya bhavati //’, TS., Bhā. p. 166.

87. ‘Chinatti chidyate caiva bāhyam’ dhatu catuṣṭayam / Dahyate tulayatyevam vivādo dagdhṛtulyayoh //’, Abh. K., 1.36 Tibetan, Text, p. 63; Abh. K. 1.36. Yasamitra Comm. 1.36.

88. Abh. K., 1.36, Tibetan, Text. p. 63.13.

89. Ibid.

the whole body and disappearing at death had also its advocates, who consequently reduced all senses to one, the sense of touch. But this did not find general acceptance. Being as subtle as the shining of a jewel, this matter cannot appear alone; it is supported by gross matter (mahābhūta), of which the eye-ball and flesh in general consist-⁹²."

The comparative study of Indriyas by all Indian systems of thought in brief reveals that the Jaina view on them from their physical and psychical aspects is more subtle and thought-provoking as they have been accepted as representing translucent matter like that of the Buddhists.

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90. "Vipākajaupacayikāḥ pañcadhyātmaḥ vipākajah/" Na śabda apratighā aṣṭau" naiṣyandikavipākavipākajah /; "mṛtasyānanuvṛtteh /" ; Abh. K., 1.37, Yasomitra.
91. "Tribhirghrāṇādibhistulyaviśayagrahaṇam matam / Caramasyāśrayo atitah /", Abh. K., 1.44.
92. The Central Conception of Buddhism. pp. 10-11.

(Ninth Section)

THE ENDOCRINE SYSTEM

The integration of the activities of the various parts of the bodies of higher animals is achieved by two co-ordinating systems – the nervous system, (ṅhārus) as already discussed, and the endocrine system. (stomach, liver, kidney, ovaries, testes, etc.). The long-term adjustments of metabolism, growth, reproduction are typically under the control of the endocrine system.

As found in Jaina Biology, the endocrine system consists of stomach, liver, kidney, ovaries, testes, etc. Modern Biology adds to them pineal gland, pituitary gland, thyroid gland, parathyroids and thymus, adrenals, etc.¹

Stomach (āmrou or udara),^{1a} a liver (Kāhjjam or yakṛt) and kidney (taṅuyamta?)^{1b} have already been discussed in the sections on “Digestive and Excretory systems”. Ovaries (Kucchi=Kukṣī)² and testes (Vasāṇa – aṇḍakaṣa)³ have both external secretions, via ducts and internal secretions carried by the blood stream. “The endocrine glands are distinguished by the fact that they secrete substances into the blood stream rather than into a duct leading to the outside of the body or to one of the internal organs.”⁴

According to modern Biology, “some glands—thyroid, parathyroids, pituitary and adernal function only in the secretion of hormones and are strictly ductless glands; others, such as, the pancreas, ovaries, and testes have both external secretions carried by the stream.”⁵

Testes :

In addition to cells that manufacture sperm (sukka),^{5a} “the testes contain cells that produce, the male sex hormone, testosterone”.⁶ It is

1. Biology, p. 389.

1/a Kalyāṇakāraka 3.4, Tandula Veyāliya 17, p. 38.

1/b Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.

2. Tandula Veyāliya 2. p. 6. Ovaries are connected by 2 fallopian tubes.

3. Paṇḍavagāraṇa 1.3 ; see Pāśāḍḍa mahāṇṇa, p. 752.

4. Biology p. 3-8.

5. Biology p. 388.

5a Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35 ; sthānāṅga 5 (sukkapoggale)

6. Biology, p. 399 ; Sukka, Tandula Veyāliya. 2, p. 6.

suggestive from the mention of ten Śukradhāriṇi śirās⁷ (seminal ducts) that “these hormone cells are located between the seminiferous tubules which produce sperm”. “Testosterone stimulates the development of the so-called secondary male sex characters – the beard śmaśru), the growth and distribution of hair on the body, the deepened voice, the enlarged and stronger muscles and the accessory gland, seminal vesicles and penis”.⁸

The Ovaries⁹ (Kucchi)^{9/a}

Like the testes, ovaries are indocrine glands and secrete soṇiyātavayā (drops of blood) in addition to producing eggs (ojas) for reproduction.¹⁰ “Both ovaries and testes develop from mesoderm, from the genital ridge on the Ventral side of the mesonephric kidneys,”¹¹ according to modern Biology.

The two fallopian tubes of two ovaries are puṣpanālikākāra¹² (of the shape of the stalk of lotus or flower). According to Biology, “the two ovaries are beam-shaped structures, about 1 1/2 inches long, supported in the back part of the abdominal cavity by mesenteries. The outer layer of each gland is the germinal epithelium, from which the eggs develop, while the central part is composed of connective tissue and blood vessels. Just under the germinal epithelium is a thick layer of spherical groups of cells or follicles, each enclosing one egg.”¹³

It is indicative in Jaina Biology that each month,¹⁴ one or more

7. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.

8. Biology, p. 399 ; Tandula Veyāliya, p. 6.

“Mehanam Kharatā dardhyaṃ ṣaundiryam śmaśrujdhṛṣṭā/strīkāmīti lingāni, sapta puṃstve pracakṣati /” Tandula Veyāliya, p. 6.

9. Tandula Veyāliya p. 3, Reference to fallopian tubes sirādugam suggests the existence of ovaries. Tandula Veyāliya p. 3.

9/a Ibid 16, p, 35, p. 39.

10. Itthie nābhihiṭṭhā sirādugamte riukāle phuḍiyā soṇiyalavayā vimoyānti II, Ibid, p. 3

11. Biology, p. 400

12. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 3.

13. Biology, p. 400

14. Itthie nābhihiṭṭhā sirādugam pupphanāliyagaram / tassa ya hiṭṭhā yoni ahomuha saṃthiyā kosā (9) II / Tassa u hiṭṭhā cūyassa mamjari (jārisi) tārisā u māmsassa / te riukāle phuḍiyā soṇiyalavayā Vimoyānti // Kosāyaram jonim saṃpattā sukkamisiyā jaiyā / taiyā jivuvavāe juggā bhāṇiyā jinimdehim // Tandula Veyāliya p. 4.

Masi masi rajah striṇāmajasram śravati tryaham” Sthāraṅga Ṭīka, vide Tandula Veyāliya p. 4.

of the follicles begins to enlarge and become distended with follicular fluid, until finally protrudes above the surface of the ovary and bursts, releasing (Vimoyimti) the egg cell contained in it. This process is known as ovulation¹⁵ (ṛtu). The released egg passes by way of a channel called oviduct (sirādugaṃ pupphanāliyagāraṃ) to the uterus (yoni).¹⁶ If the egg meets and is fertilized by a sperm (Sukkamisiya yaiya) in the upper part of the oviduct, it eventually becomes embedded in the uterine wall and begins to develop into an embryo.¹⁷ If no sperms are present, the egg degenerates.¹⁸

“Whether or not fertilization occurs, the follicular cells left after the rupturing of the follicle in ovulation multiply rapidly and fill the cavity left by the previous follicle¹⁹.”

Estrous and Menstrual Cycles :

In most mammalian species, the females demonstrate rhythmic variations in the intensity of the sex urge.²⁰ “The period when it is at its height is known as estrus in Biology and the animal is then said to be in “heat.”²¹

The estrous cycle is marked not only by the changes in the lining

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15. Tassa ya hiṭṭha chuyassa maṃjari (jarisi) tarisā u maṃsassa / te riukāle phudīya soṇiyalavayā vimoyamti 10. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 3.
 16. Tassa ya hiṭṭhā joni ahomuhā samṭhiya kosā / Kosāgāraṃ joniṃ sampattā sukkamisiya jaiya / taiya jivavavāe jugga /” Tandula Veyāliya, p. 3.
 17. “Kosāgāraṃ joniṃ sampattāe sukkamisiyā jaiyā / taiyā jivuvavāe juggā bhaniyā jiniṃdehim //” Tandula Veyāliya p. 3.
“Pamcahim ṭhaṇehimitti puriṣeṇa saddhiṃ asaṃvasamaṇivi gabbhaṃ dharejjā, taṃ dūtvippayadā dunnisannā sukkapoggale adhiṭṭhijjā/sukkapoggalasaṃsaṭṭhe va se vaṭṭhe aṃte yonīe aṇupavejjā 2 sayāṃ va se sukkapoggale 3 paro va se sukkapoggale aṇupavejjā, sīdagaviyaḍeṇa va se ayamāmaṇie sukkapoggale aṇupavejjā, iccetehiṃ pamcajvadharejjā’ Sthānaṅga Sūtra 5 vide Tandula Veyāliya, pp. 3-4.
 18. “Bārasa ceva muhuttā uvariṃ vidāhaṃsagacchaī sā u /” Tandula Veyāliya p. 4
 19. Biology, p. 400.
 20. “Pamcahim ṭhaṇehimitti puriṣeṇa saddhiṃ asaṃvasamaṇivi gobbhaṃ dharejjā, taṃ dūtvippayadā dūtvippayadā dunnisannā sukkapoggalasaṃsaṭṭhe va se vaṭṭh : aṃto joniṃ aṇupavejjā 3, etc.” Thānaṅga 5
 21. Biology, p. 401

of the vagina and uterus which make the latter better able to receive a fertilized egg.²²

Jaina Biology indicates that the uterine lining becomes softer and thicker, while its blood vessels and glands increase in number and size. These processes reach their height a short time after ovulation (Riukāla)²³ The Jaina view on menstruation every month is supported by Indian modern Biology in this manner that “ Human antheropoid ” ape females do not experience any distinct period of estrus; instead the cycle is marked by periods of bleeding, known as menstruation, which occur about every twenty-eight days and last about four days. The menstrual flow consists of pieces of the ruptured uterine lining and blood from its vessels.^{24,}”

After the egg has been released from the ovary and is passing down the oviduct, it can be fertilized only within a short time, probably about twenty-four hours (Bārasa ca muhuttā uvarim viddhamsagacchae sāu).²⁵ When the sperm are deposited, through intercourse in the female reproductive system, they quickly lose their ability to fertilize an egg, within forty eight hours at the most²⁶. The period of maximum fertility in human beings, then, narrows to the time of ovulation, about midway between successive menstrual periods.

The placenta (Māṛjivarasaharaṇi)²⁷

Although the placenta, (maṛjivarasaharaṇi) is primarily an organ for the support and nourishment of the developing embryo, it is also an endocrine gland. According modern Biology, “it secretes estradiol, progesterone, adrenal corticoids and chorionic gonadtropin, a substance similar to the luteinizing hormone of the pituitary.²⁸

22. Tassa ya hiṭṭhā joni ahomuhā saṁthivā kosā (9) tassa ya hiṭṭhā cūyassa maṁjari (jārisi) tarisā u maṁsassa / te riukāle phuḍiyā soṇiyalavayā vimoyamti Kosāyāram joniṁ saṁpathā sukkamisiyā jaiyā / taiyā jivuvavāc juggā bhaṁṁiyā jīṇimdehim.” Tandula Veyāliya, p.3.

23. Tassa yā hiṭṭi cūyamamjari ... te riukāle phuḍiyā soṇiyalavayā Vimoyamti Tandula Veyāliya p. 3.

24. Biology, p. 4.1

25. Tandula Veyāliya p. 4,

26. Ibid.

27. Bhagavati Sūtra 1:7,61 Tandula Veyāliya 4, p.9

28. Biology, p. 403,

Other Endocrine Glands :

According to Biology, "certain other organs of the body, although not usually considered endocrine glands, do produce hormones. These include the small intestine, (which yield secretin, responsible for the flow of pancreatic juice.) and the hormone cholecystokinin, which stimulates the contraction of the gall bladder."²⁹

"The stomach, liver and kidney also are believed to have endocrine functions but the evidence for this is not yet conclusive."³⁰

"The thymus, a fairly large gland, existing only during childhood, lies in the upper part of the chest, covering the lower end of the trachea."³¹

"The pineal glands, a small, round structure on the upper surface of the thalamus, between the two halves of the cerebral cortex, has long been suspected of endocrine activity, largely because it has no other known function."³²

29. Biology, p. 403

30. Ibid;

31. Ibid, p. 403

32. Ibid. ; see Jolley's chart on Anatomy, vide Brahmavidya Vol. XXXVIII, 9.75.
Dr. Mrs. Colette Caillat on the medical doctrines and anatomy in Tandula Veyaliya.

(FIFTH CHAPTER)

Reproduction :

ASEXUAL AND SEXUAL REPRODUCTIONS, HUMAN REPRODUCTION AND EMBRYONIC DEVELOPMENT.

(First Section)

Reproduction Asexual Reproduction and Sexual Reproduction.

The survival of each species of plant or animal requires that its individual members multiply¹ that they produce new individuals to replace the one killed by predators,² parasites³ or old age⁴ and disease⁵. The actual process of reproduction varies tremendously from one kind of animal to another,⁶ but two basic types of reproduction, Saṁmūrchima and Garbhavyutkrāntika,⁷ can be distinguished. Even the highest animals reproduce asexually as evidenced by the fact that “the production of identical twins from the splitting of a single fertilized egg, is a kind of asexual reproduction.”⁸

Saṁmūrchima⁹ (asexual birth or reproduction) involves only a single parent, (i.e. it does not require parent) which splits, buds or

1. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 19, etc.
2. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 17, “macchāṇaṁ susumāraṇaṁ.....egādesenaṁ oyaṁahareṁti, etc. e.g. fishes, porpoises, as long as they are young, they feed on the mother’s humours, or both movable and immovable beings.
3. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 128 (ānūsūya) “ānūsūttāc viṣṭānti”
4. Jarāe pariṇāmao.... Jarāghare viṇassaṁte, jivo vasaikāmao” //9// (40), etc. Tandula Veyāliya 41, p. 16.
5. “Himābhinnasaro diṇo, vivarīo vicittao /”... dubbalo dukkhiṇo suyai /” Ibid. “dubbhito – rogādīpidalakṣavyāptah”, Ibid (comm.), p. 17 old age (jarā) and disease (roga) are the two of the ten conditions of life. Ibid (comm.)
6. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3; Paṇṇavanā I. Jivapaṇṇavana; see births of Beṁdiya – to pañcēndiya Jivas – Saṁmūrchima and Vyutkrāntika, etc. Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra, II. 24, 34.
7. Bhagavati Sūtra 7.5.282; Jivābhigama 3.1.96; 1.33.36 Uttarādhyayana XXXVI. 171; Paṇṇavanā Jivapaṇṇavanā (from two-sensed to five-sensed animals).
8. Biology. p. 411. See Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, XXXVI 170. All pañcendriyas are both Saṁmūrchima and Garbhaja, (i. e. they have asexual and sexual reproduction).
9. Bhagavati, 7.5.282; Jivābhigama Sūtra 3.1.96 1–33.36. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra XXXVI. 170; Paṇṇavanā Jivapaṇṇavanā. 1.57, p. 27 see dvindriya to pañcendriya Jivapaṇṇavanā.

fragments to give rise to two or more offsprings which have hereditary traits identical to those of the parents.¹⁰ Garbhavyutkrāntika (Sexual reproduction) involves two parents,¹¹ each of which contributes a specialized or gamete (eggs and sperm)¹² which fuse to form the zygote or fertilized egg.¹³

According to modern Biology, "The egg generally is non-motile and large, with a store of yolk to supply nutrients for the embryo which results when the egg is fertilized; sperms are usually small and motile, adapted to swim actively to the egg by beating of its tail. The biologic advantage of sexual reproduction is that it permits the recombination of the best inherited characteristics of the two parents; thus offspring may be better able to survive than either parent".¹⁴

Asexual Reproduction (Sammūrcchima Vakkaṁtiya) ¹⁵

Living things or animals can give rise to a new generation asexually in a number of ways, such as, by fission among the single-celled animals like kṛmis (worms) and Kukṣīkṛmis (amoebas)¹⁶ and by budding, e. g. "yeasts",¹⁷ according to modern Biology.

It is observed that many higher animals, such as, lizards (gṛhagolikās),¹⁸ etc. can grow new tail or other organ if one is lost. "When this ability is carried to an extreme, it becomes a method of reproduction, called fragmentation. The entire body of the parent may break

10. Offspring of two-sensed or three-sensed animals born by the process of asexual reproduction have hereditary traits identical to those of the parents, e.g. worms (Kṛmis), etc.
11. All five-sensed animals are both sammūrcchima and Garbhavyutkrāntika, i. e. from five-sensed lower animals to man, all have asexual and sexual reproduction. See Uttarādhyayana Sūtra XXXVI 1-0; Paṇṇavanā, Jivapaṇṇavanā, Tirikkhijivapaṇṇavanā upto Manussajivapaṇṇavanā.
12. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 21. "Itthiḥ purusassa ya kamma kaḍai jōṇie etthia ṇam meḥuṇavattiyāe nāmaṇ samjoge samayjjai" "te rudhirabindavaḥ koṣākaraṁ yoniḥ samprāptaḥ santaḥ śukraṁśritāḥ ṛtudinatrāyānte puruṣasaṁyogena apuruṣasaṁyogena vā puruṣavīroṇa militāḥ yadā bhavanti tadā jīvotpāde - garbhasaṁbhūtilakṣaṇeyogyā bhāṇita." Tandula Veyāliya, p. 5.
13. Ibid.
14. Biology.
15. Bhagavati Sūtra 7.5.2-2; Jivābhigama Sūtra 3.1.96; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra XXXI 170.; Paṇṇavanā Sutta, Jivapaṇṇavanā.
16. Paṇṇavanā, Veṁḍiyajivapaṇṇavanā.
17. Biology, p. 418.
18. Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra II. 34.

into pieces as many as several hundred - each of which develops into a new animal. This is particularly common among the flat-worms,"¹⁹

Some animals and most plants reproduce asexually by means of spores,²⁰ which are special cells with resistant coverings, e. g. maṣaka, "the single-celled animal plasmodium, which causes malaria. "The organism has a complex life cycle involving both man and the Anopheles mosquito."²¹

Sexual Reproduction in Animals. (Garbhavyutkrāntika)²²

According to Jaina Biology, a few animals, such as, five-sensed lower animals (tirikkhajoṇiyajivas),²³ have alternate sexual and asexual generations,²⁴ but most of them reproduce solely by sexual means,²⁵ and have permanent sex organs. Modern Biology mentions the coelenterates which have alternate sexual and asexual generations, but "most animals having permanent sex organs reproduce solely by sexual union."²⁶

Many species of five-sensed lower animals farther along the evolutionary scale, have permanent structures,²⁷ for sexual reproduction. Among the Vertebrates a wide assortment of accessory structures has evolved to facilitate the union of egg and sperm, and to ensure the development of the embryo.²⁸

19. Biology, p. 49.

20. See Uttarādhyayana Sūtra XXXVI. 146 (masagā); Paṇṇavanā Sutta 1.58. Some of the four-sensed animals e.g. maṣakaṣ (mosquitoes), etc. reproduced by spores. TS. II. 24.; Biology, p. 49

21. Biology, p. 419.

22. Bhagavati Sutra 7.282.; Jivābhigama Sūtra 3.1.96 etc.; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra XXXI. 170; Paṇṇavanā Sutta, Pañcēndiya Tirikkhajoṇiyajivapaṇṇavanā.

23. Paṇṇavanā Sutta, I. Tirikkajivapaṇṇavanā 61-91.

24. Some aquatic animals, fish etc and some terrestrial animals, egakhurā, etc. are mentioned as Saṁmūrccima and garbhavyutkrāntika. "Te samāsato duvihā pannattā / tamjahā - samṁucchima ya gabbhavakkamtiya ya /". Ibid.

25. Ibid.

26. Biology, p. 420.

27. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.36 "Itthie purisassa ya Kammakadāe Jōṇie ettha mehuṇavattiyāe-samjōe samuppajjai/" Tandula Veyāliya. "Itthie nābhihiṭṭhā sirādugaṁ pupphanāliyāgāram / tassa ya hiṭṭhā jōṇi ahomuhā samṁhiyā kosā // 9 // tassa ya hiṭṭhā cuyassa māmjari (jārisi) tārisā u māmsassa, etc., p. 3.

28. "Itthie ya purisassa ya kammakadāe jōṇie mehuṇavattiyāe nāmam samjōe samuppajjai, te dihao siṇham samcinamti tattha nam havvamāgacchati /".

Types of Fertilization.

Most aquatic animals²⁹ simply liberate their sperm and eggs into the water and their union occurs by chance as suggested by the fact that they are sammurchimasjivas. "No accessory structures are needed, except the ducts that transport the cells to the outside of their bodies. It is called external fertilization for obvious reasons."³⁰ When the development of the fertilized egg takes place out of the female's body, it is called oviparous (anḍaja), when it takes place in the uterus it is called viviparous (jarāyuja) e. g. mammals.

Other animals, especially those living on land,³¹ have accessory sex organs for transferring the sperm from the body of the male to that of the female, so that fertilization occurs within the latter³². It is called internal fertilization which requires co-operation of the sexes³³ and "many species have evolved elaborate patterns of mating behaviour to insure that it takes place."³⁴

As it appears from the study of Jaina Biology, the evolution of instincts for the care of the young has accompanied the evolution of more efficient methods for bringing about fertilization.³⁵ Biology observes that "Fish and amphibia (frog) in general take no care of the developing eggs, and great quantities are laid each year in order that by chance a few will develop. The eggs of reptiles are usually laid in the sand or mud, where they develop without parental care, warmed only by the sun. Birds lay their eggs in nests, and incubate them by sitting

29. Biology, p. 420 Bhagavati, 2.5.105.

30. Paṇṇavanā Sutta 1.62 ; Macchā 1 kacchahā 2 gāhā 3 magarā 4 su-usumārā (fish tortoises varamidae (Lizards, Reptili) coscodiles, dolphins), etc. appear to liberate their sperm and eggs into the water.

31. Biology, p. 420.

32. Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 34

33. Cauppayathalayarapaṇḍemdiyatirikkhajoṇiyā ya parisapathalayarapaṇḍemdiyatirikkhajoṇiyā ya /" Quadruped - terrestrial five - sensed lower animals, and terrestrial five sensed animals which move on breasts and arms respectively. Paṇṇavanā Sutta, 1.69

34. "Te samasato duvihā paṇṇattā / tamjhā - sammucchimā ya Gabbhavakkamtiyā ya", Ibid. 1.75 ; 1.84. Fertilization occurs in the female animals due to the transfer of sperm from the sex organ of the male to that of the female, Tandula Veyaliyā, p. 3; Sūtraṅga II. 3.56.

35. Gabbhavakkamtiyā means that those terrestrial animals are born as a result of internal fertilization which requires the co-operation of both the sexes. The quadrupeds, reptiles, aerial animals have different pattern of mating behaviour.

on them. The newly hatched birds are quite helpless and require parental attention for several weeks.’³⁶

“In contrast to these eggs which develop more or less at the mercy of the environment, the mammalian egg....develops within the uterus of the female, where it is safe from predators and from environmental changes until it is able to cope with them.’³⁷

In the evolution of the Vertebrates from fish to man,³⁸ the trend has been toward the production of fewer eggs, and the development of instincts for parental care of the young.³⁹ It is indicative that the fish⁴⁰ produces” eggs a year, which develop into adult fish, while mammals⁴¹ have few offspring,” but take such good care of them that the majority reach adulthood,”⁴²

In the Vertebrates a number of accessory structures⁴³ have developed to facilitate the transfer of sperm from the male to the female reproductive tract⁴⁴ and to provide a place for the development of the fertilized egg.⁴⁵ “These structures have evolved either from or with the urinary system, and the two systems together are frequently referred to as the urogenital system”⁴⁶ in modern Biology.

36. Biology, p. 421.

37. Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra II 34. The following classes of animals—Aṇḍaja-oviparous (pisces, Reptilia, Batrachia), Jarāyuja (mammals born with placenta, including all mammals other than the potaja) and potaja (a class of placental mammals comprising the Decidua with the exception of Man, the Apes and the carnivora) indicate that the evolution of more efficient methods for bringing about fertilization has been accompanied by the evolution of instincts for the care of the young.

38. Biology, p. 421.

39. Biology; p. 421.

40. Paṇḍavanā I. 63-92.

40/a Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3 (See Ahāraṁkṣepa for the bringing up of mammalian young kiddies)

41. ‘Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.22. ‘Aṇḍajānām ...matsya, etc.’, TS. II. 34.

42. “Jarāyujānām manuṣya - go - mahiṣajāvikaṣca upto marjārādinām. “Potajānām śallaka - hasti . . . garbhe jānma /”, TS. II. 34.

43. Biology, p. 421.

44. “Itthiṇe nābhihiṭṭha sirādugaṁ pupphanāliyagaram / tassa ya hiṭṭha yoni ahamuhā saṁṭṭhiyā kosā // 9 // Tassa ya hiṭṭha cuyassa mamjari (jarisi) tarisa u maṁsassa / Tandula Veyāliya, p. 3.

45. “Te riukale phudiyā soṇiyalavayā vimoyami o kosayaram jonim sāmpatta sukkamāsiya jaiya / taiya jivuvavāh juggā //”, Ibid.

46. Biology, p. 421.

(Second Section)

HUMAN REPRODUCTION.

Human reproduction,¹ in common with that of most animals, is accomplished sexually by the union of specialized gametes – ova or eggs produced by the female and sperm produced by the male.² A man and a woman combine in cohabitation in a cunnus (Jōṇie) and there they deposit their humours (siṇehaṁ). Therein are born the souls of different men.³ That is to say, “all the parts of the complicated reproductive system in both sexes, as well as the various physiologic and psychologic phenomena associated with sex, have just one purpose to insure the successful union of the egg and sperm, and the subsequent development of the fertilized egg into a new individual.”

The Male Reproductive organs :

The testis (vasaṇa) discussed previously as an endocrine gland, performs an equally important function as the source of the male sex cells.⁵ Jaina Biology refers to sperm duct or seminal vesicle (śukradhā-riniśīrā),⁶ penis (upastha),⁷ sperm or semen (Śukka)⁸ etc. But like modern Biology it does not go into the detailed descriptions of the male reproductive organs—scrotal sac, testes, seminiferous or testicular tubules, vas efferens, epididymis, vas deferens (sperm duct), seminal

1. Kosāyāraṁ jōṇim sampaṭṭā sukkamāsiyā jaiyā taiyā Jivuvavāe juggā bhaṇiya bhaṇiya jiniṁdehim”, Tandula Veyāliya. p. 3.
2. Ibid.
- “Pamcahim ṭhāṇehimitthi puriseṇa saddhim asaṁvasamāṇivi gabbhaṁ dharejjā, tam-itthi duvviṇṇapayadā dunnasannā sukka oggale adhiṭṭhiṇṇija, sukkapoggalasam-saṭṭhe vā se vatthe aṁto jōṇie aṇupavesejjā 2 sayam va se sukkapoggale-aṇupavesejjā 3 paro va se sukkapoggale aṇupavesejjā 4 siodagaviyaḍe ṇa vā se āyamamāṇie sukkapoggale aṇupave.ejjā 5 icceteḥim pamcajāvadharejjā /”, Sūtrakṛtaṅga II. 3, 56 Sthānaṅga Sūtra, pamcamosthāna
3. Sūtrakṛtaṅga II. 3. 56
“Tesim ca ṇaṁ ahāḍiṇaṁ ahāvagaseṇaṁ itthie purisassa ya kammakaḍe jōṇie ettha ṇaṁ uchuṇavattiyāe (va) ṇamaṁ samjoge samuppajjai duhaovi siṇehaṁ sāmciṇaṁti / tattha ṇaṁ Jiva itthittae purisattae ṇapumsagattae viuttamti /”
4. Biology, p. 421.
5. Biology, p. 421.
6. Tandula Veyāliya p. 16, p. 35.
7. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 38,
8. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 3.

fluid, seminal vesicles, prostate glands, Cowper's glands, urethra and penis.⁹

According to Biology, a pair of these testes (glands) "develops within the abdominal cavity of all vertebrates, but in man and some other mammals they descend shortly before or after birth into the scrotal sac, a loose pouch of skin which is an outpocketing of the body wall."¹⁰

"Each testis consists of about one thousand highly coiled seminiferous tubules which actually produce the sperm. The seminiferous tubules are lined with a germinal epithelium made up of rounded cells with large nuclei. These cells undergo division to form cells which develop into the sperm, with compact heads, containing the nucleus, and a long whiplike tail for locomotion."¹¹

"At one end of each seminiferous tubule (testicular tubule) is a fine tube called the vas efferens, which connects it to a single, complexly coiled tube, the epididymis, where the sperm are stored. Each of the two epididymides lies close to the base of the testis to which it is attached. From each epididymis a duct, the vas deferens (sperm duct), passes from the scrotum through the remains of the inguinal canal, into the abdominal cavity and over the urinary bladder to the lower part of the abdominal cavity, where it joins the urethra.

The sperm are suspended in a liquid, the seminal fluid, secreted from the seminal vesicle and the prostate gland. These secretions together with sperm, constitute semen. The urethra is a tube leading from the urinary bladder to the outside of the body. In the male the last part of it runs through the penis, the external representative organ, just above and in front of the scrotal sac. Within the penis the urethra is flanked by three columns of erectile tissue which is spongy and capable of being filled with blood."¹²

The female reproductive organs :

It appears from the statement "Ithhie nābhihiṭṭhā sirādugam̐ pupphānāliyāgaram̐"^{12a} that the egg-producing organs of the female—the ovaries (kucchis) are held in place by ligaments within the lower part

9. Biology p, 422

10. Ibid., p. 421,

11. Ibid, p. 423.

12. Biology. p. 492.

12/a Tandula Veyāliya p. 3

of the abdominal cavity¹³ between the hips. Each of the pairs of fallopian tubes coviducts(= sirādugam̃) is about the size and shape of a pupphanāliyagāram̃ (lotus stalk ?).¹⁴

The reference to R̥tukāla (menstruation period) every month¹⁵ after reaching the puberty and the discharge of menstrual blood¹⁶ for three days¹⁷ each month, the closing of yoni (uterus) after 12 muhūrtas and its occurrence each month¹⁸ upto 55 years¹⁹ in Jaina Biology is suggestive that “when a girl reaches puberty there are many thousand eggs in each of her ovaries. Apparently no new ones are ever produced thereafter.”²⁰

Since normally a woman ovulates thirteen times a year and but a single egg ripens each month,²¹ “only 400 or so of these eggs ever reach maturity and escape from the ovary, the rest degenerate and are absorbed.

According to modern Biology, the ovaries alterate in releasing their eggs, but the alteration is irregular and unpredictable.

Jaina Biology, explains that the egg is released into the abdominal cavity at the time of ovulation,²² whence it passes into one of two tubes called the oviducts (sirādugam̃)²³ or fallopian tubes. The oviducts empty directly into the upper corners of a koṣa—shaped organ, the uterus or womb which houses the developing embryo until the time of birth.²⁴ This organ lies in the middle of the lower part of the abdominal

13. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 3

14. Ibid.

15. Ibid (riukāla).

16. Ibid.

“Te riukāle phuḍiyā soṇiyalavayā Vimoyam̃t̃s”.

17. Ibid, Ta mañjarayaḥ striṇām̃ māsaṅte, yadajasramiṣraṁ dinaṭrayam̃ śravati”.

18. Māsi māsi rajaḥ striṇām̃ ajasraṁ śravati tryaham̃ Vatsaraṁ dvadaśadurdhvam̃”
Ibid, p. 4, see Sthānāṅga t̃kā,

19. “Paṇapannāya pareṇam̃ yoni pamilāyae /”, Ibid., p. 4.

“Yāti pañcāsataḥ kṣūyam̃ /, Sthānāṅgat̃kā vide Ibid., p. 4.

20. Biology, p. 423.

21/a Ibid.

21/b Ibid.

22. “Itthie nābhihiṭṭhā sirādugam̃ pupphanāliyāliyāliyagāram̃ / tassa ya hiṭṭha Joni ahomuha samṭṭiyā koṣā // 9 // tassaya hiṭṭhā cūyassa mañjari (jārisi) tārisā u māmsassa” etc. “Te riukāle phuḍiyā soṇiyalavayā vimoyam̃ti /”
Tandula Veyāliya, p. 3.

23. “Itthie nābhihiṭṭhā sirādugam̃ pupphanāliyagāram̃ /”, Ibid.

cavity²⁵ just behind the urinary bladder. Modern Biology state that "it is about the size of a clenched fist and has thick muscular walls and a mucous lining richly supplied with blood vessels."²⁶ From the centre of its lower end (ahomuhā) a single muscular tube, the vagina,²⁷ passes to the outside of the body. The vagina²⁸ serves both as receptacle for the sperm and so must accommodate the penis, and as the birth canal when prenatal development is complete. The uterus²⁹ (yoni) terminates in a muscular ring, (cūyassa mamjari.... . mamśassa), i.e. "the cervix, which projects a short distance into the vagina."³⁰

Fertilization :

In the act of sexual intercourse or copulation the erect penis is inserted into the vagina, where it ejaculates about 900000³¹ sperm in the maximum, (200,000,000 sperm, according to modern Biology.)³²

In one life or birth (Bhava) there may come one or two or three sperm of a male person in the minimum and 9 lakh sperm in the maximum as issue. Because there takes place the sexual activity called 'mehuṇavattie' in the heated sex-organs of the female and the male and both of them cause to combine semen (sperm) and blood (egg) into zygote in cohabitation in Yoni (cunus) by their intercourse. Thus one or two or three sperm in the minimum and nine lakh sperm in the maximum may be ejaculated.³³

24. "Kosāyaram jōṇim sāmṡattā sakkamśiyā jāyā / taiyā jivuvavāe / Ibid.

25. "Tassa ya hiṡṡhā jōṇi ahomuhā sāmṡhiyā kosā (9)" / Ibid.

26. Biology, 423 : "Tassa ya hitṡṡhā tarisā u mamśassa - Tandula Veyāliya, p. 3.

27. "Ahomuhā sāmṡṡhiyā tassa kosāiya hiṡṡhā cūyassa mamjari (jārist) tarisā itassa Tandula Veyāliya, p. 3.

28. Cūsssa mamjari (jārisi) tarisā u mamśassa / te riukāle phuṡiya .. upto taiyā jivuvavāe/" Ibid.

29. "Tassa ya hiṡṡhā jōṇi ahomuhā sāmṡhiyā kosā", Ibid.

30. Biology, p. 423.

31. "Egajivassya egabhavaggahaṇenaṡ jahaṇṇenaṡ ikko vā do vā tinni vā ukkoseṇaṡ - sayasahass. puhattaṡ jivānaṡ puttattāe havvaṡmāgacchaṡṡi / Itṡṡe ya purissassa ya kammakaṡāe jōṇṡe mehuṇavattie nāmaṡ samyoṡe samup ajjai, te duhao sṡṡeṡaṡ sāmciṡaṡṡi ..tattha naṡ jāyanaṡm....havvaṡmāgacchaṡṡi /", Bhagavatī 2. 5, 0.

"Jivānaṡ parisāmkhā lakkhapihuttaṡ ca ukkosam" //2//, Tandula Veyāliya, p. 4.

32. Biology, p. 424.

33. Bhagavati Sūtrā, 2, 5. 105 ; Tandula Veyāliya, sec also Sutrakṡṡāṡa 11.5.

It appears that the sperm travel up the vagina into the uterus partly under their own power and partly by force of the muscular contraction of the walls of these organs.³⁴

Most of the sperm become lost on the journey,³⁵ but a few find their way to the openings of the oviducts and swim up them, as suggested by the statement "Egajivassa... ikko...vā do vā tinni vā... puttattāe havvamāgacchānti."³⁶

If ovulation has occurred shortly after or before copulation, the egg which passes into the oviduct probably will be fertilized by one of the sperm.³⁷ "Only one of the millions of sperm deposited at each ejaculation fertilizes a single egg,³⁸ according to modern Biology.

As soon as the egg has united with a sperm³⁹ it develops a fertilization membrane that prevents the entrance of others as is suggested by the fact that the unused sperm and unfertilized eggs die⁴⁰ in the oviducts or uterus.

After fertilization has occurred, the zygote, while passing down the oviduct to the uterus, begins to divide.⁴¹

34. Paṁcabiṁ thāṇehimittḥi purisena saddhiṁ asaṁvasamaṇivi gabbhaṁ dharejjā, taṁittḥi duvviṇṇayaḍā dunnisannā sukkhappoggale addhiṭṭijjā sukkappoḡala-saṁsaṭṭhe va se sukkapoggale aṇupavesejjā sīyodagaviyaḍeṇa vā se āyamamāṇie sukkapoggale aṇupavesijjā icceteḥim paṁcajavadharejjā / Sthānāṅga Sūtra V. vide Tandula Veyāliya, pp. 3-4.
35. "Bārasa ceva muhuttā uvariṁ viddhaṁsa gacchai sā u /" Tandula Veyāliya p. 4. "Ṛtuvante striṇāṁ naropabhogena dvādaśa muhūrtamadhya eva garbbabhavaḥ tadanantaram vīryavināśāt garbbabhava iti /", Ibid p. 4.
36. Bhagavati Sūtra, 2. 5. 105.
37. "Kosāyaram jōṇim sarpattā sukkamisiyā jaiya / taiyā jivuvavāe juggā bhaṇiā jīṇimdehiṁ /" Tandula Veyāliya, p. 3. "Ṛtudinatrayante puruṣasaṁyogena apuruṣasaṁyogena vā puruṣavīryeṇa milita yadā bhavanti tadā jīvotpāde - garbbasambhūtilakṣaṇe योग्या भवन्ति (comm.) Ibid, Bhagavati, 2,5.105
38. Biology, p. 424.
39. Kosāyaram jōṇim sarpattā sukkamisiyā jaiyā taiyā jivuvavāe juggā bhaṇiā jīṇimdehiṁ", Tandula Veyāliya, p. 3.
40. Bārasa ceva muhuttā uvariṁ viddhaṁsa gacchai sā u / Tandula Veyāliya. p. 4. Rattakkadā u itthi lakkhapuhuttam ca bārasa muhuttā / piṣaṁkha sayapuhuttam ca bārasavāsā u gabbhassa // Ibid., p. 5 See its commentary. "Raktena, ukāyayāḥ puruṣavīryayuktayonyāśca ekasyāḥ striyāḥ garbhe iaghaṇyataḥ eko dvau vā trayo vā utkṣṣṭatastu lakṣapṛthakavāṁ...nispattim ca prāyāḥ eko dvau vā agacehataḥ śeṣastvalpajivitāttraiva mṛyante /", Ibid.
41. Imo khalu jivo ammāpiṣaṁyoge māu uḍam pinsukkaṁtam tadubhayasaṁsaṭṭhaṁ gabbhattāe vakkamai (1)

Seven⁴² or eight to ten days elapse from the time the egg is fertilized until it is implanted in the uterine wall as suggested by Jaina Biology. Until it is firmly implanted, the developing embryo is nourished by a secretion of the uterine glands known as "Kalusam Kibbisam."⁴³ (uterine milk?). At implantation the embryo consists of a cluster of several hundred cells derived by division from the original, fertilized egg⁴⁴ as indicated by the statement "Sattāham Kalalam hoim, sattāham hoi abbuyam", etc.

Implantation :

It appears that the implantation of the developing embryo in the lining of the uterus is the process that involves activity on the part of both embryo and uterine lining.⁴⁵ "The embryo secretes substances which destroy a few of the cells of the lining and then penetrates at the point. This stimulates the uterine tissue to grow and surround the embryo".

Nutrition of the Embryo

As pointed out, after implantation in the uterine the embryo at first feeds on the menses of the mother and the semen of the father or both combined into an unclean, foul, (substance).⁴⁶ In other words, "The embryo continues to develop at first obtaining its nourishment by enzymatically breaking down the cells of the uterine wall immediately around it."⁴⁷ And later it absorbs with a part of its bodies the essence of whatever food the mother takes.⁴⁸ That is to say, later it continues

42. "Sattāham Kalalam hoim sattāham hoi abbuyam / Tandula Veyāliya, p. 6.

43. "Imo khalu jivo ammāpiusamyoge māuyam piusukkam tam tadubhayasamsattham kalusam kibbisam tappadhmayāe ahāram āhāritā gabbhattāe vakkamai /" etc, Tandula Veyāliya. 1, p. 6. See Bhāgavati Sūtra 1. 7 61-62.

44. "Sattāham kalalam hoim, sattānam etc." Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6.

45. Tassa phalabimāsarisa uppalanalovamā bhavai nābhirasaharaṇi jāṇaṇie sayā im nābhia padibaddhā. nābhie tie gabbho oyām āiyai aṇhayaṇtie oyāe tie gabbhi vivaddham jāva jāva jāutti /"

46. Bio ogy p. 425 Tandula Veyāliya

47. Biology p. 425

48. Sūtra Kṛtāṅga II 3.21 ; Bhāgavati Sūtra 1.7 61.

"Imo khalu Jivo ammāpiusamyoge māuyam piusukkam tam tadubhayasamsattham kalusam Kibbisam tappadhmayāe ahāram āhāritā gabbhattāe Vakkamai /, Tandula Veyāliya p. 6.

to develop by extracting the nutritional essential from the blood stream⁴⁹ of the mother "via blood vessels of the placenta."⁵⁰

The new human being develops only from the cells which tie along one side hollow ball originally implanted in the uterus, like a stalk of fruit or lotus.⁵¹ "The other cells form membranes which nourish and protect the developing child eventually form part of the after-birth."⁵²

The Placenta (Mātrjivarasaharāṇī⁵³)

The placenta in the female uterus is the organ made up of the villis plus the tissues of the uterine wall in which they are embedded. By means of this placenta the developing embryo obtains nutrients,⁵⁴ and "oxygen and gets rid of carbon dioxide and metabolic wastes"⁵⁵ as explained in modern Biology.

According to Jaina Biology it appears from the statement "māujivarasaharāṇī puttajivarasaharāṇī māujivapaḍibaddhā puttajivam phuḍā" that there are many capillaries in the villi which receive blood from the embryo by way of one of the two umbilical arteries and return it to the embryo by way of the umbilical vein (nābhirasaharāṇī)⁵⁶

49. Biology p. -25.

50. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3 ; Bhagavati Sūtra 1. 7. 62

"Jam se māyā nānavihāo navarasavigaio... davvāim āharei tao egadisenam oyamahārei /", Tandula Veyāliya, 5, p. 9

51. "Tassa phalabimtasarisā uppanālovamā bhavai nābhirasaharāṇī Jāṇāṇie sayā im nābhiē Paḍibaddhā nābhiē tie gabbho oyam āiyai aṇhayam tie oyātie gabbho vivaḍḍhai Jāva Jāutti", Tandula Veyāliya 5, p. 9. Mauji varasaharāṇī Puttajivarasaharāṇī māujivapaḍibaddhā puttajivam paḍibaddhā maujivaphuḍā tamhā ciṇāi /", Ibid, 4, p. 9.

52. Biology, p, 425. Tandula Veyāliya 5, p. 9.

53. Tassa phalabimtasarisā uppanālovamā bhavai.....Jāṇāṇie sayā imnābhiē paḍibaddhā nābhiē tie gabbho oyam āiyai aṇhayamtie oyae tie gabbho vivaḍḍhai jāva jāutti /", Tandula Veyāliya, 5, p. 9.

54. Biology, p. 425.

55. Tandula Veyāliya 4, p. 9

56. Māujivarasaharāṇī puttajivarasaharāṇī māujivapaḍibaddhā puttajivam phuḍā tamhā āharei tamhā pariṇāmei avarāvi ṇam puttajivapaḍibaddhā maujivaphuḍā tamhā ciṇāi /", / Ibid. ; Tassa phalabimtasarisā uppanālovamā bhavai nābhirasaharāṇī Jāṇāṇie sayā im nābhiē paḍibaddhā nābhiē tie gabbeo oyam āiyai aṇhayamtie oyae tie gabbho vivaḍḍhai Jāva Jāutti /" Ibid, 5, p. 9.

According to Modern Biology "The bloods of the mother and foetus do not mix at all in the placenta or any other place, the blood of the foetus in the capillaries of the chorionic villi come in close contact with the mother's blood in the tissues between the villi, but they are always separated by a membrane, through which substances must diffuse or be transported by some active energy-requiring process"⁵⁷.

It is suggestive from the statement in Jaina Biology. "The foetus transforms whatever nutritive substance it takes from the mother's body into the five sense organs, bone marrow, hair, etc.⁵⁸ and makes respiration⁵⁹ but it does not pass stool nor urine,⁶⁰ etc., like the living man "that the placenta (mātrjivarasaharṇī) is an important endocrine gland serving as the nutritive, respirative and excretory organ of the foetus"⁶¹.

It is natural that the uterus (yoni) increases in size as the foetus grows and "by the end of nine months its mass is twenty four times as great as the beginning of pregnancy"⁶² Within the uterus the foetus assumes a characteristic foetal position with elbows, hips and knees bent, arms and legs crossed' back curved and head bowed, and turned to one side, as suggested by the statement in Jaina Biology that the foetus in the mother's womb exists like an umbrella or the side ribs of human body,⁶³ it is like hunch-backed (crooked shaped) mango (āmbakhujae) and also it stays standing, sitting and lying there.⁶⁴

56/a Biology p. 426.

57. Māujivarasaharṇī puttajivarasaharṇī maujivapaḍibaddhā puttajivam phudā tamhā ahārei tamhā pariṇāmei avarāvi ṇam puttajivapaḍibaddha Māujivaphudā tamha ciṇāi" Ibid 5 p. 9.

58. Tassa phalabimṇasarisā uppalaṇālovamā bhavai nābhīrasaharṇī Jāṇāṇie sayā im babbhā paḍibaddhā nabhiē tise gabbha oyaṁ āiyai aṇhayaṁtic oyaē tise gabbho vivaḍḍhai jāva jāutti / Tandula Veyāliya p. 9.

59. Biology, p. 427.

60. "Jivassa ṇam bhāṁte, gabbhagayassa samāṇassa atthi uccārei vā pāsavaneī vā khīlei vā.... no iṇāṭṭhe samāṭṭhe, jīve ṇam gabbhagae samāṇe jaṁ āhāraṁ ahārei tam ciṇāi soṁdiyattāe etc. upto nahattāe /" Natthi uccārei vā Jāva soṇeī vā (3)" Tandula Veyāliya p. 7.

61. Jive ṇam gabbhagae samāṇe savvaō ahārei savvaō pariṇāmei savvaō usāsei savvaō usāsei savvaō nisāsei abhikkhaṇaṁ ahārei abhikkhaṇaṁ pariṇāmei abhikkhaṇaṁ usāsei, nisāsei māujivarasaharṇī puttajivarasaharṇī maujivapaḍibaddhā. Tandula Veyāliya 4. p. 9.

62. Ibid, 3, p. 7.

63. Biology, p, 427.

64. Biology 427.

When the mother sleeps, wakes up, and becomes happy and unhappy the foetus also sleeps, wakes up and becomes happy and unhappy⁶⁵ respectively.

A child is born after the complete course of pregnancy of full nine months and seven and a half nights and days,⁶⁶ At the time of delivery if it comes out, being led first by the head or feet, it comes out in right way, if it comes out crosswise, it attains death.⁶⁷ That is to say "At birth the foetus usually is turned head downward so that its head emerges first, but occasionally the buttocks or feet are presented first, making delivery more difficult."⁶⁸

65. "Gabbhagae samāne uttānae vā pasillae vā ambakhujjāe vā acchijja vā chittijja vā nisiijja vā tuyajujja vā āsaijja vā upto dukkhiḥ bhavai (9)", Bhagavatī 1.7.61. Tandula Veyāliya, 9, p. 13.

66. Ibid.

67. Ibid.

68. Bhagavatī Sūtra 1.7.62; Tandula Veyāliya, p. 13.

69. Bhagvatī, 1.7.22 Aha nam pasavaṇakālasamayamsisiseṇa vā pāchīm vā āgacchai samāgacchai tiriyaṃgacchai viṇighāyamāvajjai" Tandula Veyāliya 9, p. 13. (II)

70. Biology, p. 427.

(Third Section)

EMBRYONIC DEVELOPMENTS

Jaina Biology throws some light upon the division, growth and differentiation of a fertilized egg into the remarkable complex and interdependent system of organs which is the adult animal.¹ The organs are complicated and reproduced in each new individual with extreme fidelity of pattern, but many of the organs begin to function while still developing.² It appears from the study of embryonic development as revealed in Jaina Biology that the pattern of cleavage, blastula formation (hollow ball of cell-formation or first element formation) and gastrulation is seen, with various modifications,³ in all men and in all multicellular animals, according to modern Biology.⁴ The main outlines of human development can be discerned by studying the embryos of rats or pigs or even chicks or frogs.

Cleavage and Gastrulation :

In Jaina Biology it is found that the process of cleavage⁵ takes place in a single fertilized egg and helps it to develop into a many-

1. Sattāham Kalalam hoiṃ, sattāham hoi abbūyam, abbūyā jāyae peṣī, resioya ghaṇāmbhave (17, to paḅhame māse karisū ṇaṃ palaṃ jayai 1 biye māse peṣī samjāyae ghaṇā 2 taie māse maue dohalaṃ janai 3 cautthe māse maue aṃgāim pīnei 4 paṃcame māse paṃcā piṃḍiyāo paṇiṃ pāyaṃ sirāṃ ceva nivvattei 5 chaṭṭhe māse pittasoṇiyāṃ uvaciṇei 6 sattame māse sirasayāim 700 paṃca pesisayāim 500 navadhamāṇiṃ navanauim ca romakūvasayasahasāim nivvattei 9900000 vinā kesamaṃsuṇā sahā kesaunaṃsuṇā āddhuḅhāo romakūvakodīo nivvattei 35000000, aṭṭhāo romakūvakodīo nivvattei 35000000, aṭṭhame māse vittikappo havai 8” Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6.
2. e. g. Putrajīvarasaharaṇī (umbilical cord) functions to absorb food from the stream of mother’s blood.
3. Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6.
“Atha daṣarātrataḅ kālalatāmupayati niḅsvabhāvato/daṣadaṣabhirdinaih Kaluṣatāṃ sthīratāṃ vrajalia karmaṇā punarapi buddhdatvaghanatā bhavati, pratimāsa māsaṭaḅ / pṛṣṭitaviśalātā ca bahikṛta sa hi paṃcamāmsataḅ // 53. Avayavasāṃ-vibhāgamadhigacchati garbhagato hi māsaṭaḅ / punarapicarmaṇā nakhāṃgaruhodagama eva māsaṭaḅ / usaṣuṣīramuttāmāṃgamupalabhya muhuḅ sphuraṇaṃ ca masato / Navadaṣamāsaṭo nijanijaviniṅgamaṇaṃ vikṛtistato anyathā (54)” Kalyāṇakāraḅ, 2nd chap., vv. 53. 54, p. 27.
4. Biology, p. 430.
- 4/a Biology, p. 430.
5. Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6
“Sattāham kalalam hoiṃ, sattāham hoi abbūyāṃ /... upto atthame māse vittikappo havai /”

celled embryo indicating that the egg cell splits or divides.⁶ This division called mitosis in modern Biology is “accompanied by a complicated series of processes within the nucleus and cytoplasm of the cells.”⁷

Blastula Formation :

As the cells undergo further division, a spherical mass) Kalalam, abbuyam pesi, ghanam, palam, etc.)⁸ is formed; in the centre of it a cavity appears as it is suggested by the reference to the additional cleavages until finally the embryo consists of several hundred cells, arranged in the form of a hollow ball (arbuda or piṇḍa)^{8/a} from which differnt organs develop. At this stage the embryo is called a blastula by Modern Biology.⁹

Gastrulation :

It is suggestive from the mention of the successive stages of development of parts of the body of the embryo “Kalalam, abbuyam, pesi, ghanam, palam, piṇḍa, pāṇi, pāyam, siram, pitta, soṇita, sirā, pesisayāim, navadhamaṇi, romakūpa, kesa, maṁsu.¹⁰” etc. that almost as soon as the single-layered blastula is formed, it begins to change into a double-layer gastrula. “In simple, isolecithal eggs gastrulation occurs by the pushing (invagination) of a section of one wall of the blastula.¹¹ “The pushed-in wall eventually meets the opposite wall so that the original blastocoele is obliterated. The new cavity of the gastrula is known as the archenteron (meaning primitive gut), because it forms the rudiment of what is to become the digestive system. This opens to the outside by the blastopore, which marks the place where the indentation for gastrulation began. The formatlon of the two-layered embryo is accompanied by rapid growth and division of the cells, and the resulting gastrula has about the same diameter and shape as the blastula from which it came. The outer of the two walls of the gastrula is called the ectoderm (outer skin); it eventually gives rise to the skin and nervous system. The inner wall, lining the archenteron, is known as the entoderm (inner skin); it finally becomes the digestive tract and its outgrowths—the liver, lungs and pancreas.”¹²

6. Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6.

7. Biology, p. 431.

8. Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6

8/a Ibid, 2, p. 6.

“Paṁcame māse paṁca piṇḍiyāo pāṇam payam siram ceva nivvaṅṅai”

9. Modern Biology, p. 431,

10. Tandula Veyāliya, 2, p. 6.

11. Biology, p. 431-432.

12. Biology p. 431-432

Cleavage and Gastrulation in the Human Egg

After fertilization Kalala¹³ (zygote or flat disc) is formed within seven days, next arbuda¹⁴ (*slightly hard mass or solid ball of cells or cylindrical embryo*) develops within seven days; peśis¹⁵ (tissues) are formed out of arbuda (solid ball of cells); ghana¹⁶ with four angles is next formed from peśis, i. e. blastula and so on.

That is to say, "the early cleavage of the human or mammalian egg resembles that of Amphioxus in forming cluster of cells called blastocyst. After this the mammalian egg differs in that the mass of cells divides into two parts—an outer, hollow sphere of cells and attached to one side of this, an inner, solid ball of cells (i.e. arbuda). The outer sphere is one of the foetal membranes, the other embryonic membranes develop from the inner, solid ball of cells. The inner ball proceeds to form a gastrula, consisting of ectoderm and entoderm. Within the inner cell mass two cavities form simultaneously. The upper one is the cavity of the amnion, lined with ectoderm. The lower one is the cavity of both the yolk and the primitive gut, lined with entoderm. Between the two cavities the cells spread out in the shape of a flat, two-layered plate, from which the embryo develops. At what is to become the posterior end of the embryo this plate connects with the outer chorion by a group of cells known as the body stalk. Into the body stalk grows the (non-functional) allantois which has developed as a tube from the rear end of the entodermal (yolk) sac. Thus we find, after about two weeks of development that the human embryo consists of a flat, two-layered disc, about 0.01 inch across, and a stalk which connects the disc with the outer chorion."¹⁷

"In all animals (except sponges and coelenterates) a third layer of cells, the mesoderm develops between ectoderm and entoderm."¹⁸

Notochord (Prestage of Piṭṭhakaramḍaga backbone)

The reference to the vertebral column (Piṭṭhakaramḍaga) in Jaina Biology presupposes the notochord (prestage of Piṭṭhakaramḍaga) which is a flexible unsegmented, skeletal²⁰ (karamḍa) which extends longi-

13. Tandula Veyāliya 2 p. 6.

14. Ibid

15. Ibid

16. Ibid

17. Biology, p. 435

18. Ibid

19. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35

The short lived 'Noto Chord' is replaced by backbone in developed child.

20. Ibid

tudinally along the dorsal middle (piṭṭha) of all chordate embryos and is formed at the same time as the mesoderm.²¹ Biology explains that "In all Vertebrates the notochord is short-lived structure, eventually replaced by the vertebral column".²²

It seems from the absence of notochord with a proper nomenclature in Jaina Biology that the Jainācāryas did not mention it because it was a short-lived structure, eventually replaced by the vertebral column.

Development of the Nervous System

Although the two week old human embryo is a simple arbuda²¹ (a simple solid ball of cells or a simple flat disc, according to Modern Biology,) the two month old embryo has nearly all its structure in rudimentary form.²² The brain (Śira or matthu) and the spinal cord are among the earliest organs to appear. It is stated in Jaina Biology that in the fifth month there develop fully the five piṇḍas (two arms, two legs and head),²⁴ while śirās, dhamanīs (circulatory vessels) and Snāyus (nerves) develop later on. According to Modern Biology, "All the regions of the brain are established by the fifth week of development, and a week or two later the outgrowths which will form the large cerebral hemispheres begin to grow,"²⁵

Development of Body Form :

The conversion of the two-week old flat disc (arbuda) into a roughly cylindrical embryo is accomplished by three processes. (a) the growth of the embryonic disc into peṣī (blocks of muscles-māmsakhaṇḍarūpa),²⁶ (b) the underfolding of the embryonic disc, especially at the front and rear ends into ghana (sama caturasraṃ māmsakhaṇḍaṃ bhavati - square-shaped blocks of muscles)²⁷ and (c) the construction of the Ventral body wall to form the further umbilical cord (nābhi).²⁸

21. Biology, p. 437

22. Biology, p. 437. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.

23. Tandula Veyāliya, 2, p. 6.

24. Ibid. "Bic mase peṣī samjāya ghaṇā" 2

It suggests that the two-month old embryo has nearly all its structure in rudimentary form.

25. Tandula Veyāliya 2 p. 6.

26. Biology p. 447.

27. "Sattācraṃ kalalam hoim. sattāhaṃ, hoi abbhuyāṃ /

abbuyā jāyae peṣī, peṣio, ya ghaṇāṃ bhave //", Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6.

28. Ibid.

Growth is rapid at the end of the embryonic disc and in the fifth month of the embryonic development the head, two arms and two legs bulge forward from the original embryonic five piṇḍas (areas).²⁹ That is to say, "The head region bulges forward from the original embryonic area. The tail, which even human embryos have at this stage, bulges, to a lesser extent over the posterior end. The sides of the disc grow downward, eventually to form the sides of the body. The embryo becomes elongated, because growth is more rapid at the head and tail ends than laterally."³⁰

In the first month the embryo which is about Karṣonam palam³¹ long is now recognizable as a vertebrate of some kind. It appears that "It has become cylindrical, with a relatively large head region, and with prominent gills and a tail.³² In the second month blocks of muscle (peṣī) become a little solid square-like shaped (ghanā).³³ According to modern Biology, in the month-old embryo "blocks of muscle, known as somites, (i. e. peṣī) are forming rapidly in the mesoderm on either side of the notochord and the beating heart is present as a large bulge on the ventral surface behind the gills. The arms and legs are still mere buds on the sides of the body."³⁴ "By the end of six weeks the embryo is about half an inch long."³⁵ "At the end of two months of growth, when the embryo is an inch long, it begins to look definitely human."³⁶ According to Jaina Biology, in the fifth month the head, two arms and two legs develop from the five piṇḍas (mass or areas) of the embryo.³⁷

But Modern Biology states that at the end of two months of growth, "The face has begun to develop, showing the rudiments of eye,

29. Tassa phalabimṭasariā uppalanālovamā bhavai nābhirasaharaṇī jaṇaṇīe sayā im Nābhīe paḍibaddhā nābhīe tie gabbho oyaṁ āiyai aṇhayaṁtie oyaē tie gabbho vivaddhai java jāuti" Tandula Veyāliya, 5, p. 9.

30. Tandula Veyāliya, 2, p. 6.

31. Biology. p. 438.

32. "Paḍhama māse Karisuṇam palam Jayai." Tandula Veyāliya, 7, p. 6.

It is about one fifth of an inch long in the 1st month, according to Biology, p. 348.

33. Biology, p. 438.

34. Tandula Veyāliya, 2, p. 6 "Bīe māse peṣī sāmjāyae ghanā"

35. Biology, p. 438.

36. Ibid.

37. Ibid.

ear and nose. The arms and legs have developed, at first stage resembling tiny paddles but by this stage the beginnings of fingers and toes are evident."³⁸

In the six-month old embryo bile and blood get generated and in the seventh month 700 śirās (circulatory vessels), 500 tissues of muscle and nine dhamanīs (veins or arteries ?), 9900000 hair follicles without hair and beard and 35000000 hair follicles with hair develop; in the eighth month the embryo (foetus) is almost at full term, ready to lie born.³⁹ The course of the development of body form of the foetus as described in Jaina Biology is supported by modern Biology to some extent, when it explains that most of the internal organs are well laid out so that development in the remaining seven months consists mostly of an increase in size and the completion of some of the minor details of organ formation. The embryo is about 3 inches long after three months of development, 10 inches long after five months, and 20 inches long after nine months.⁴⁰

During the third month the nails begin forming and the sex of the foetus can be distinguished. By four months the face looks quite human; by five months, hair appears on the body and head. During the sixth month, eye-brows and eye-lashes appear. After seven months the foetus resembles an old person with red and wrinkled skin. During the eight and ninth months, fat is deposited under the skin, causing the wrinkles partially to smooth out; the limbs become rounded, the nails project at the finger-tips, the original coat of hair is shed, and the foetus is "at full term" ready to be born."⁴¹

Here is the point to be noted that both Jaina and Modern Biologies agree to the fact that during the eighth⁴² and ninth^{42a} months there take place the full development of the foetus and it is "at full term," ready to be born. The child is born after the gestation period of nine months

38. Pañcame mase pañca Pimḍiyo Pāñim siraṃ oeva nivvatte,
Tandula Veyaliya 2, p. 6.

39. Biology, p. 438.

40. "Chaṭṭhe māse pittasoniyam uvaciṇi 6 sattame mase satta sirāsayaīm 700 Pañca pesisayaīm 500 navadhamāṇiṇo navanuim ca romakūvasayasahassayaīm nivvattei 9900000 viṇā Kesamamsuṇā saha Kesamamsuṇā addhuṭṭhāo romakuva-koḍiṇo nivvattei 35000000. aṭṭhame māse vittikappo havai /",
Tandula Veyaliya 3, p. 6.

41. Biology, p. 439

42. Biology, p. 439.

42/a Biology, p. 439.

and seven and half days and nights of the embryonic development.⁴³ This total gestation period or time of development, for human beings is almost equal to “the total gestation period of about 280 days for human beings, from the beginning of the last menstrual period before conception until the time of birth”, as explained by modern Biology.⁴⁴

Formation of the Heart (Hiyaya)^{44/a}

Jaina Biology does not throw much light on the formation of the heart. But its reference to the generation of *soṇita* (blood) in the sixth month of the growth of the foetus⁴⁵ and the development of circulatory vessels (700 *Śirās* and 9 *dhamanis* in the seventh month)⁴⁶ and to heart (*hiyayaṁ*) in the adult suggests that in contrast to many⁴⁷ organs which develop in the embryo without having to function at the same time, the heart and the circulatory system function, while undergoing development.

According to Modern Biology,⁴⁸ “The heart forms first as a sample tube from the fusion of two thin-walled tubes beneath the developing head”. In this early condition it is essentially like a fish heart, consisting of four chambers arranged in a series: the sinus venosus, which receives blood from the veins, the single atrium, the single ventricle, and the arterial cone, which leads to the aortic arches.⁴⁹

“In the beginning the heart is a fairly straight tube, with the atrium lying posterior to the ventricle; but since the tube grows faster than the points to which its front and rear ends are attached it is forced to bulge out to one side. The ventricle then twists in an S-shaped curve down and in front of the atrium, coming to lie posterior and ventral to it as it does in the adult. The sinus venosus gradually becomes incorporated into the atrium as the latter grows around it, and most of the arterial cone is merged with the wall of the ventricle”.⁵⁰

43. *Tandula Veyaliya*, 2, p. 6

43/a *Bhagavati Sūtra*, 1.7.62.

44. *Bhagavati Sūtra*, 1.7.62,

45. *Biology*, p. 440.

45/a *Tandula Veyaliya* 16, p. 35

46. *Tandula Veyaliya* 2 p, 6.

47. *Ibid.*

48. *Ibid.* 16, p. 35.

49. *Biology*, p. 440

50. *Biology* pp. 440-1.

“The embryonic heart, when it first appears is a single structure with only one of each chamber, whereas the adult heart is a double pump, with separate right and left, atria and ventricles.

The heart begins separating into four chambers at an early stage. The two ventricles are completely separated but complete separation does not occur until after birth, when the oval window between them finally closes.”⁵¹

Development of the Digestive Tract :

It is suggestive from the reference to the taking of food by the foetus through diffusion,⁵² but not through mouth, that the digestive tract of the foetal child is first formed as separate foregut and hindgut by the growth and folding of the body wall.⁵³ Modern Biology explains that this body wall “cuts the foregut and hindgut off as two simple tubes from the original yolk sac. These tubes grow as the rest of the embryo grows, becoming greatly elongated.”

“The mouth cavity arises as a shallow pocket of ectoderm which grows in to meet the anterior end of the foregut ; the membrane between the two ruptures and disappears during the fifth week of development. Similarly the anus is formed from an ectodermal pocket which grows in to meet the hindgut ; the membrane separating these two disappears early in the third month of development”.⁵⁵

The Development of the Kidney

The development of the Kidney (taṇḍuyamṅta ?)^{55/a} is “one of the finest and most clear cut examples of the principle of recapitulation” according to Modern Biology.⁵⁶ There is no clear mention of the formation of kidney in the embryonic development in Jaina Biology, probably because of its non-function in this stage. It is stated that the foetus does not pass urine, while developing, for whatever food – sub-

51. Biology p. 441.

52. Ibid, p. 441.

53. “Jive ṇaṁ gabbhagae samāne no pahū muheṇam Kāvāliyam ahāram ahārittae ? savvaḥ ahārei savvaḥ pariṇāmei abhikkhaṇam ahārei abhikkhaṇam pariṇāmei /”, Bhagavati Sūtra 1 7.61. ; Tandula Veyāliya 4, p. 7.

54. Biology p. 441

55. Biology, p. 441.

55/a Ibid p. 442.

56. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35

stance it absorbs from the mother's stream of blood is transformed into five sense-organs, etc. But the statement that "tanuyamta⁵⁷ (Kidney or small intestine?) in the adult transforms urine" presupposes the development of kidney as one of the finest and most clear cut examples of recapitulation.

The Jaina Biology's view on the non-functional kidneys suggests that "within the sub-phylum of vertebrates are three different types of kidney : 'A man develops first a non-functional pronephros, then a mesonephros, which may be functional during foetal life, and finally the permanent metanephros. The three kidneys develop one after another in both time and space, each new kidney lying posterior to the previous one'.⁵⁹

"The pronephros, which in the human embryo consists of about seven pairs of rudimentary kidney tubules, develops in the mesoderm and degenerates during the fourth week of embryonic life. From the tubules a pair of ducts grows back to the hindgut and connects with it."⁶⁰

"The tubules of the mesonephros originate during the fourth week, reach their height at the end of the seventh week, and degenerate by the sixteenth week. These tubules connect with the ducts left by degenerated pronephros, and empty into them. In the female the mesonephros and its ducts degenerate completely except for a few non-functional remnants, but in the male some of the tubules remain and are converted into the epididymides, while the ducts become the vas deferens."⁶¹

Formation of Lungs (Phopphasaphephas) :

Jaina Biology does not throw light upon the formation of lungs in the developing foetus, for they are non-functional at this stage, although it refers to the respiration of the foetus at every moment (abhikkhaṇam usasei abhikkhaṇam nisasei)⁶² through the mother's organ, while developing in her womb. This fact suggests the non-

57. Biology, p, 442.

58. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35

"Je se taṇuyamte teṇa pāsavane pariṇamei."

59. Biology, p. 443.

60. Ibid.

61. Ibid.

Tandula Veyāliya (7) p. 38.

62. Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61 "Tandula Veyāliya 4, p. 9-10.

functional lungs of the foetus as explained in Modern Biology;⁶³ according to which, not much blood passes through the embryonic lungs. "In the foetus only a small amount of blood passas through the embryonic lungs, to the left atrium."⁶⁴

Thus Jain Biology reveals that reproduction involves many complex and interdependent processes, the elaboration of śukrasoṇita (semen-blood)⁶⁵ which regulate the development of the gonads⁶⁶ (Jananagranthis) of secondary sex structures⁶⁷ and the production of gametes⁶⁸ in the parents; behaviour patterns⁶⁹ which bring the parents together to release their gametes at such a time and in such a place that their union is probable⁷⁰; the union of male and female pronuclei⁷¹ followed

63. Biology, p. 441

64. Ibid.

65. Tandula Veyāliya.

66. "Itthie ya purusassa ya Kammakaḍāe Jonie mehuṇavattie nāmāṃ saṃyoe samuppajjai", Bhagavati, 2.5.105 Joṇi ahomuhā saṃthiyā kosā / tassa ya hiṭṭhā cūyassa mamjari (jārisi) tarisā maṃsassa / te riukāle phuḍiyā / Tandula Veyāliya, p. 3.

67. "Itthie nābhi hiṭṭhā sirādugaṃ pupphanāliyagāraṃ / tassa ya hiṭṭhā Joṇi ahomuhā saṃthiyā kosā," tassa ya hiṭṭhā cūyassa mamjari (jārisi) tarisau maṃsassa / te riukāle phuḍiyā soṇiyalavayā vimoyanti 10 Tandula Veyāliya, p. 3.

68. "Kosāyaraṃ jōṇiṃ saṃpattā sukkamisiyā jaiyā 1 taiyā jivuvavāe jigēā bhāṃiyā jīṇiṃdehīṃ / Tandula Veyāliya, p. 3.

69. "Pamcahiṃ thāṇehimīṭṭhi puriseṇa saddhim asaṃvasamāṇivi gabbhaṃ dharejja, tam. Itthi duvippayadā dunṃsannā sukkapoggale adhiṭṭhijjā / sukkapoggale adhiṭṭhijjā / sukkapoggalasamṣaṭṭhe va se vatthe aṃto jōṇie aṇupavesejja 2 sayam se sukkapoggale aṇupavesejja 3 paro va se sukkapoggale aṇupavesejja 4 siodagaviyadena va se āyamamaṇie sukhapaggale aṇupavesejja 5 iccetaṇiṃ pamcajavadharejja" Sthānāṅga Sūtra 5 vide Tandula Veyāliya p. 3-4.

70. Itthie purisaesa ya Kammakadoe Joṇie attha ṇaṃ mahūṇavattiyāe (va) nāmāṃ saṃjoge samppajjai, duhaovi siṇchaṃ saṃciṇānti, /" Sūtrakṛtaṅga II, 2. 56., p. 98.

71. "Te rudhirabindavaḥ 'kośākāraṃ yōṇiṃ samprāptāḥ santaḥ śukramiśritāḥ ṛtudinatrayānte puruṣasaṃyogena apurussasaṃyogena vā puruṣaviryēṇa militāḥ yadā bhavanti tadā Jivotpade garbhasambhūtilakṣṇe योग्या भण्णिā//'" Tandula Veyāliya, p. 3.

by cleavage, gastrulation and morphogenesis⁷² and devices for the care and protection of the developing young.⁷³

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72. "Imo khalu Jīva ammapiusaṃyoge māuuyam piusukkam..sattaham kalalam hoi abbuyam abbuyam / abbuya jāyae pesio ya ghanam bhavae / to padhame māse karisūm palam jāyai / bic māse pesi samjāyae ghanā 2.....aṭṭhame māse vittikappo havai /" Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6.
73. Jam se māyā nāpavihāo nava rasavigaio tittakaḍuyakasāyambilamahurām dāvām āhārei tao egadesenaṃ oyamaharei ... - tassaphalabimṅasarisa uppalanalovamā bhavai nābhirasaharaṇi jamaṇe im nābhe tie gabbo oyam āiyai aṇhayaṃtie oyae tie gabbho vvaḍḍhai jāya jautti /", Tandula Veyāliya, 5. p. 9.
 "Sa tisata ...taṃgabbham, nāisichim nāiṇṇehim, naitittehim etc. vavagaya roga – soga – moha – bhaya – parissamā sā join tassa gabbhassa hiam miyam Pattham gabbha posanam tam dese ya Kāle ya āharaamā haremani...gabbhm parivahail /", Kalpasūtra, 95.

SIXTH CHAPTER

THE MECHANISM OF HEREDITY

(First Section)

The Physical Basis of Heredity¹

It appears from the study of Jaina Biology that heredity is the tendency of individuals to resemble their progenitors¹ or the tendency of like to beget like. Each new generation of organisms from two-sensed to five-sensed closely resembles their progenitors as is evidenced by the fact of the classification of animals in Jaina Biology on the basis of the senses and structures² and certain distinctive parental characteristics³ which appear frequently in successive generations of a given family tree.

Although the resemblances between parents and offsprings are close, they are usually not exact. The offsprings of a particular set of parents differ from each other and from their parents in many respects to different degrees due to Karma.⁴ "These variations are characteristics of living things,"⁵ according to Biology. Some variations are inherited ; that is, they are caused by segregation of *hereditary factors*

1. "tao mauyaṅgā paṇṇattā, tamjahā - maṁsey 1 soṇie 2 matthulunge 3 tao piuyamgā paṇṇattā, tamjaha - aṭṭhi / aṭṭhimimjā 2 kesamaṁsuromanāhā 3," Bhagavati Vyākhyāprajñapti, 1.7.61 ; Tandula Veyāliya, 6 p. 10.

That is to say, the individuals resemble their Progenitors structurally with some traits. Further it is stated in the Bhagavati Sūtra that the united body of the mother and father in the child lasts as long as its worldly body exists, but it comes to an end with the perish of the physique of the child at last after getting weaker and weaker, Bhagavati 1.7.61.

2. Paṇṇavanā Sūtra 1, 56-91

(Beiṁdiyajivapaṇṇavanā up to Paṁcīṁdiya - manussajivapaṇṇavanā / ; see Paṇṇavanā Sutta 1.70 "Egakhurā dukhurā gaṇḍipadā saṇappadā /" Paṇṇavanā 1.70, p. 30.

3. Solidungular, biungular, multiungular animals, and animals, having toes with nails (egakhurā, dukhurā, gaṇḍipadā and saṇappadā ; Uttaradhyayanā, 36.179 ; Paṇṇavanā 1.70) have distinctive parental characteristics which appear in successive generations.

4. Kṣamābhḍraṅkakayormaniṣijādayoḥ sadrūpauṛu ayoh, Śrīmadḍurgatayorbalābalavatornirogārttayoh / Saubhāgyasubhagatvasaṅgamajuṣostulye api nṛive antaram, yat tat karmanibandhanam tadapi no Jivam vinā yuktimat//", 1st Karmagrantha, p. 2, Devendraśūriviracita - Svopajñāṅkopceiaḥ"

5. Biology, p. 452.

amongst the offspring. Other variations are *not inherited* but are *due to the effects of Karma*^{5a} or "of temperature, moisture, food, light or other factors in the *enviroment on the development of the organism*",⁶ as Biology explains.

The expression of inherited characters may be strongly influenced by the environment in which the individual develops as is evidenced in Jalacara (aquatic), sīhalacara (terrestrial) and khecara (aerial) animals^{6/a}". "So studies of heredity consist, according to Biology in examining the traits of successive generations of organisms and inferring from the visible likeness and variations what the heredity of the genes has been".⁷

The transmission of specific characters :

In the Jaina Āgamas the Jainācāryas have touched upon the questions what parental characters⁸ are transmitted to offsprings, how specific characters⁹ are transmitted and why the offspring is of the same species as the parental organism, e. g. the human species¹⁰ or bovine species,¹¹ the equine species¹² or the Aśvattha species¹³ (*ficus religiosa*).

Jaina Biology holds the view that the foetus or rather the fertilized ovum¹⁴ develops by palingenesis¹⁵ (instead of epigenesis,¹⁶), in other

5/a 1st Karma grantha, p. 2 with Sopajñavivaraṇopetaḥ, Devendrasūri.

6. Biology, p. 452.

6/a e.g. Jalacara (aquatic), Sīhalacara (terrestrial) and Khecara (aerial) animals have the expression of their inherited characters, Paṇṇavanā Sutta 1. 61-91.

7. Biology, p. 452.

8. "Tao māuyamgā paṇṇattā, tamjāhā. māṃse 1 soṇie 2 matthulūmgea 3 tao piuyamgā paṇṇattā, tamjāhā - aṭṭhi 1 aṭṭhimimjā 2 kesamaṃsuromanahā 3 /" Bhagavati Vyākhyaprajñāpti, 1.7 61. Tandula Veyāliya, 6, p. 10.

9. "Egakhurā dukhurā gaṇḍipadā and saṇapphada". These specific characters solidungularity, biungularity, multiungularity and the toes with nails of different species of animals are transmitted to their progenies, as indicated by their mode of classification. (Utt., 36. 179. ; Paṇṇavanā 1.70.)

10. Paṇṇavanā Sutta 192. (Maṇussajīvapaṇṇavanā 1.70)

11. Ibid ; 1.72 (oṇa, gavaya, etc.)

12. Ibid., 1.71 (assa, asstara, ghoḍaga. etc.)

13. Ibid., 1.14. 16 (asothe)

14. Bhagavati Vyākhyaprajñāpti 1.7.61-62.

Tandula Veyāliya, 1-2, 3, 5. (Jīveṇṇam gabbhagae).

15. i.e. exact reproduction of ancestral character.

16. i.e. formation of organic germ as a new product in process of reproduction.

words all the organs are potentially present therein at the same time and unfold in a certain order,¹⁷ e. g. the fertilized ovum contains in miniature the entire structure of the organism (man).¹⁸ Skeleton (aṭṭhiya), muscle (maṃsa), blood (śoṇita), arteries (śirās?), Veins (dhamanī?), nerves (ṇharos = snāyus), etc.^{18a} which appear separated and distinct in the full man, though from their excessive minuteness, they are undistinguishable in the fertilized ovum.¹⁹

The inheritance of specific characters is explained in Jaina Biology in accordance with this view. It assumes that the sperm-cell (sukka?) of the male parent,²⁰ contains minute elements derived from each of its organs and tissues (piṭṭ-aṅgas.)^{20a}. Similarly it is suggestive that the egg (oyam)²¹ of the female parent contains minute elements derived from each of its organs and tissues (matṭ-aṅgas).^{21/a} The sperm-cell (the seed in the case of a plant) and the egg cell represent in miniature every organ of the present organism and contains in potentia the whole organism that is developed out of it.²²

The fertilized ovum²³ is composed of elements which arise from the whole parental organism but it is not the developed organ²⁴ of the parents, with their idiosyncracies or acquired characters that determine or contribute the elements of the sperm-cell. Here lies the variation. The parental germ-plasm (piusukka?)²⁵ contains the whole parental organism in miniature (or in potentia) but it is independent of the

17. "Imo Khalu Jivo ammapiusamyoge māu-uyam piusukkham tam tadubhay - samsaṭṭham Kalusam gabbhattae Vakkamai (I) "Sattaham Kalulam hoi upto aṭṭhame māse Vittikappo havai /" (2) Tandula Veyaliya 1, 2. p. 6.

18. Ibid.

18/a Tandula Veyaliya. 1, 2, 3, 16.

19. Ibid., 1, 2, 3. (gabbham)

20. Imo Khalu Jivo ammapiusamyoge māu-uyam piusukkham tam tadubhayasam - saṭṭham Kalusam gabbhattae vakkamai (I)" etc. Tandula Veyaliya, 1-2. Sūtrakṛāṅga II.3.21,

2/a Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61 ; Tandula Veyaliya, p. 10

21. Tandula Veyaliya 1-2. (māu-uyam)

21/a Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61 ; Tandula Veyaliya 6.

Tandula Veyaliya 1 2.

2. Ibid.

23. Ibid. Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61.

24. Tandula Veyaliya 16, p. 35

25. Tandula Veyaliya, 1,2.

parents' developed organs (mātr-āngas and pitṛ-āngas)²⁶ and is not necessarily affected by their idiosyncracies.

In fact, the parental seed is an organic whole independent of the developed parental body and its organs. According to Brahmanical Biology "In the parental (seed) an element representing a particular organ or tissue may happen (for this is accidental, daiva) to be defective or underdeveloped or otherwise abnormally characterized, and in this case the corresponding organ or tissue of the offspring will be similarly characterized."²⁷

The Śukradhāriṇī Śīrās²⁸ (seminal nerves or ducts) contain the parental seed (piusukkaṃ)²⁹ which is a minute organism deriving its elements from the parental organs but distinct from the latter, and independent of their peculiarities and it is the combination and characteristics of these constitutional elements of the parental seed in the reproduction tissue that determine the physiological characters and predispositions of the offspring. Germplasm (sukka ?)³⁰ is not only the representative of the "Somatic" tissues (muscular, (māmsapeśī), adipose (meda), bone (asthi) connective and nervous tissues etc. but also generates^{31/a} and is generated³² by the latter. This mutual interaction of the germ-plasm and so matic tissues (peśī) is a distinctive feature of Jaina Biology's hypothesis, the value of which should be estimated by the Biologists.

26. Tandula Veyāliya 6.

"Yaccoktaṃ yadica mamanuṣyo manuṣyārābhahkṛsmāna jaḍadibhyo jātāḥ piṭṛsadṛśārūpā na bhavanti, tatrocyate yasya yasyashi aṅgāvayavyasya bije bijabhāva upatāpto bhavati tasya aṅgāvayavya vikṛtiḥ upajayate /", Caraka, Śīrāsahāṇḍ. 3rd paricchda.

27. P. S. A. H., p. 235.

Śarvarya ya ca atmajanīndriyāṇi tesāṃ bhāvābhavahetiḥ dairam /" Caraka, Sarīrasthāna. 3rd pariccheda.

28. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.

29. Ibid, 1-2

30. Tandula Veyāliya 1.

31. Lokaprakāśa 1.3. 9, (Rasaṣṭgmaṃsamedo asthimajjaśukrādi dhātutāṃ /"

"Paitṛkāṅgāni śukravikārahulaityarthāḥ /" Tandula Veyāliya 6 (commentary)

31/a Tandula Veyāliya, 1, 2, p. 6

"Imo Khalu Jivo ammaṃpiusaṃyoge mau-uyāṃ piusukkaṃ taṃ tadubhayasāṃ - sattaṃ Kalusaṃsattāḥ Kalalam hoi, sattāḥ hoi abbuyāṃ / abbuya Jayae peśī,700 paṃca peśisayāṃ," etc.

32. Lokaprakāśa, 1.3.19.

Jaina Biology emphasizes the influence of the constituents of the food, etc.³³ on the character of the seed in the reproductive tissue especially as regards the stature of the offspring.

“The peculiar characteristics or idiosyncracies of the elements that combine to form the Bija (seed) must be regarded as a matter of chance (daiva), in other words, “the truly congenital variations are accidental.”³⁴

The Development of Genetics :

As discussed above, Jaina Biology indicates that parental characters are transmitted through both the sperm and egg.³⁵ It is suggestive from this fact that inheritance is governed by units (factors) present in the cells of each individual as is evidenced by the embryonic development³⁶ and the transmission of Parental Characters or traits.³⁷

This view on the development of genetics as implied in Jaina Biology is explained by Modern Biology in this manner that there are two such factors (embryonic characters). “In the adult plant which segregated in the formation of pollen or eggs so that there was only one of each kind of factor in the egg or sperm.”³⁸ This contention of Biology on the

33. Tam gabbham naisiehim, naiuñhehim, naitittehim, naikañuehim, naikasāehim, nai-amvilehim, naimahurehim, naiñiddhehim, naiñukkhehim, naisukkhehim, .. bhoyañacchāyañagamñdhallehim, vavagaya-roga-soga-moha-bhaya-parissamā sā Jam tassa gabbhassa hiam miyam pattham / gabbhaposanam tam dese ya kale ya aharamaharemani” etc, Kalpasūtra, 95, p. 85. “Tanñutaktam Varṣāsu lavañamamñtam śaradi Jalam gopayaśca hemante / śiśire cāmalakacaraso, gñtam vasante guḍaśca ante”, Ibid., p. 85 Subdhikā” Yaduktam Vagbhāṭṭe - Vatalaiśca bhaved-garbhah kubjandhajañavamañah / pittalaiñ khalatiñ puñgah, svitri pañduñ Kaphatabhiñ / Tathā atilavañam netraharam, atisitam marutam prakopayati / atyuññm harati balam, atikamam Jivitam harati “2”, Ibid, p. 86.
34. Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus, p. 237 add here.
35. Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61 ; Tandula Veyāliya 1, 2. “Imo Khalu Jivo ammapiusa-mnyoge mau-uyñ piusukkam sañsaññham...gabbhattāe vakkamai etc” .. up to vittikappo havai /” Māu-añgā - mañse mathulañge peo - añgā - aññhi, aññhi-mimja etc.) Tandula Veyāliya 6 ;
36. Tandula Veyāliya 1, 2, 6
37. Tao māu-añgā paññattā, tamjahā mañse 1 soñe 2 matthuluñge 3.....Tao piuañgā paññattā, tamjahā - aññhi / aññhimimjā 2 kesamañsuromanahā 3”, Tandula Veyāliya 6 ; Bhagavati Sūtra 1.7.61-61. Matthuluñceti mastakabhejjakam anye tvāhuñ - Medañpphiphisadiñ mastuluñgamiti 3 Paitykuñgāusukravikarabahu-lamityarthah prajñaptāni ? / Śukraññitayoh samavikararūpatvat mātapitroh sādharāññiti //, Tandula Veyāliya 6. p. 10 (comm entary).
38. Biology, p. 453.

development of genetics is implied in the Jaina view when the details of cell division and fertilization are known from the evidences furnished by Jaina Biology.³⁹ It should be noted in this connection that the growth of each plant or animal is due to cell divisions plus increases in the size of the cells which comprise the organism. "This division of cells is an extremely regular process called mitosis⁴⁰" in modern Biology.

The Determination of Sex

Jaina Biology explains that the relative predominance of the sperm (Sukka ?) and germ cells (Ojaṃ ?) in the fertilized ovum (gabbhagaya jiva) is a factor which influences the sexual character of the resulting offspring. Excess of the sperm-cell produces the male, that of the germ-cell - the female. If the sperm-cell and germ-cell are equal, a neuter is born.

The Jaina view on the determination of the sex is further stated that it depends in part on a periodicity to which the life-history of the ovum in the female parent is conceived to be subject - a law under which the fertilization of the ovum on the fourth day after the menstrual discharge, or on the alternate (even) days succeeding is favourable to the foetus developing the male sexual character, and on the fifth, seventh and alternate following days to the foetus assuming the female sex.⁴²

It seems from the study of garbhapoṣaṇa (nourishment of embryo) by the mother that there is an influence of nutrition on the ovum especially as regards the stature of the resulting offspring.⁴³

The Jaina view on the determination of the sex finds support in Brahmanical Biology in the same manner that it emphasises the relative predominance of the sperm and the germ cells in the fertilized ovum.

39. Tandula Veyāliya, 1-2.

40. Biology p. 453.

41. "Appaṃ sukkaṃ bahum uyaṃ. itthi tattha jāyai / appaṃ uyaṃ bahum sukkaṃ, puriso tattha jāyai 2(1) (22) duṇḥampi rattasukkāṇaṃ, tullabhāve napumsao 3 itthiuyasamāoge, bimbaṃ tattha jāyai" 4 (2) (23) Tandula Veyāliya, p. 13.

42. "Rtusu dvādaśa niśāḥ, pūrvastisro atra ninditāḥ / ekadaśi ca yugmāsu, syāputro anyāsu kanyakā // 4 //" Tandula Veyāliya, Ṭikā, p. 4.

43. Taṇṇaṃ sā Tisalā . . . taṃ gabbhaṃ nāisēhiṃ. nāiṇḥehiṃ, . . . sā jaṃ tassa gabbhassa hiraṃ miyaṃ patthaṃ gabbhaposāṇaṃ taṃ dese ya kāle ya āhara - māharemaṇi, etc. suhaṃ parivahai //" Kalpasūtra 95. pp. 86-87 with Subodhikaṭikā.

“Excess of the sperm-cell produces the male, that of the germ-cell the female.”⁴⁴ “The sexual character of the offspring depends in part on a periodicity to which the life-history of the ovum in the female parent is conceived to be subject—a law of alternate rhythmic change (not unlike what we now know to regulate the development of several orders of bacteria or unicellular organisms), a law under which the fertilisation of the ovum on the fourth day after the menstrual discharge, or on the alternate days succeeding, is favourable to the foetus developing the male sexual character, and on the fifth, seventh, and alternate following days to the foetus assuming the female sex.”⁴⁵

The Prayogachintāmani states that the latter occurs on even days and the former on odd days. Influence of nutrition on the ovum, especially as regards the sex, stature and colour-pigment of the resulting offspring is emphasized in this way that “in general way ghee and milk for the male, oil and beans for the female parent are favourable to the bija.”⁴⁸

The Jaina view on the determination of sex is indirectly supported genetically by Modern Biology in the following manner. “In man and perhaps in other mammals maleness is determined in large part by the presence of Y chromosome. An individual who has the XXY constitution is a nearly normal male in his external appearance, though with underdeveloped gonads. An individual with one X but no Y chromosome has the appearance of an immature female’.⁴⁹

“Eggs contain one X chromosome; half the sperm have an X chromosome, the other half have a Y. Fertilization of an X-bearing egg by an X-bearing sperm results in an XX, female, zygote. The fertilization of an X-bearing egg by a Y-bearing sperm results in an

44. “Ādhikye retasaḥ putraḥ, kanyā syat ārttave adhike //, Caraka, Śarīrasthāna, vide Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus, 239.

45. “Snānāt prabhṛti yugmeṣu ahasu saṅgametām putrakāmau tau ayugmeṣu duhitṛkāmau, etc. Ibid. Vide Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus pp 236, 38.

46. Vide the Positive Sciences of the Ancient Hindus, p. 237.

47. “Upācarecca madhurausadhasamkṛtābhyām gṛtākṣīrābhyām puruṣam striyantu tailamaṣābhyām !.” Caraka, Śarīrasthāna, vide the Positive Sciences of Ancient Hindus, pp. 237-38.

48. Biology, p. 474.

49. Ibid.

XY, male, zygote. Since there are equal numbers of X- and Y - bearing sperm, about equal numbers of each sex are born."^{49/a} "This XY mechanism of sex determination is believed to operate in all species of animals and plants with separate sexes."⁵⁰ "In birds and butterflies (Lepidoptera) the mechanism is reversed; males are XX and females are XY. Sex chromosomes have been detected in some plants, notably in the strawberries, and probably exist in other plants with separate sexes. The members of many species have the organs of both sexes present in each individual. In such organisms, termed 'hermaphroditic,' if animals and monoecious if plants, sex chromosomes have not been found".⁵¹

These hermaphroditic animal monoecious plants without having chromosomes may be compared with the Saṃmurechima prāṇis (animals) and Vanaspatis (plants) without having sperms and egg, and pollens and ovules respectively.

49/a Ibid.

50. Ibid

51. Ibid.

(Second Section)

I
INHERTANCE IN MAN

Some of the phenomena in human inheritance have been observed by the Jainācāryas. Some principles apply to the inheritance of human traits as are suggested by the study of Jaina Biology¹ and Daśadaśās (ten stages of life).²

The Inheritance of Physical Traits :

The study of some evidences in the Jaina works suggests that the development of each organ of the body is regulated by a large number of genes³ (units of inheritance). The age at which a particular gene expresses itself phenotypically may vary widely as is suggested by ten daśās (stages)⁴ of human life.

Most characteristics⁵ develop long before birth but some, such as, hair and eye colour, etc.⁶ may not appear until shortly after birth. Some

1. The child inherits muscles, blood, brain matter from the mother and bone (i.e. skeleton), marrow of the bone, hair on head, beard, hair on body and nail from the father. Besides it inherits five sense-organs, circulatory and respiratory systems, excretory system, endocrine system, digestive system, nervous system, etc. See Tandula Veyāliya 1, 2, 3, 16.
2. "Āuso ; evaṃ Jāyassa Jāntussa kāmeṇa dasa dasā evamāhijaṃti tamjahā - Bālā 1 Kidḍā 2 maṃdā 3 balā ya 4 paṇṇā ya 5 hāyaṇī 6 pavamca 7 pabbhāra 8 mummuhī 9 sāyaṇī ya dasamā ya 10 Kaladā (1) (31)". Tandula Veyāliya p. 15.
3. Biology, p. 501 "gene applies to any hereditary unit that can undergo mutation and be detected by the change it produces in the pheno type of the organism," Ibid, p. 485.
4. Tandula Veyāliya pp. 15-16. "Jāyamittassa, Jāntussa, Jā sā paḍhamiṃyā dasā / na attha suhaṃ dukkhaṃ vā, nahie jāṇaṃ'i bālayā (1) (32) Biiyaṃ ca dasaṃ patto, naṇākilāhim kiḍai / na ya se kāma bhogeṣu, tivvā uppajjai raī (2)(33). Taiyaṃ ya dasaṃ patto. paṃkāmaguṇe nara / samattho bhūmjiuṃ bhoḥ, jai se atthi gharo dhuvā. (3) (34) Cautthi u bala nāma, Jān nara dasamassio / samattho balaṃ dariseum, Jai bhava nuruvaddavo (4) (35) paṃcamis dasaṃ patto, ānupuvve Jo nara / samattho' aṭṭho viciteuṃ, kudumbaṃ cābhigacchai (5) (36) Chaṭṭhio hāyaṇī nāma, Jān nara dasamassio / virajjai u kāmesuṃ, imḍiesu ya hāyai (6) (37) sattamī ya pavamcā o, Jān nara dasamassio / nicc-hubhai cikkaṇaṃ khelaṃ, khāsaī ya khāṇe khāṇe (7) (38) samkuiyavalicammo, sampatto aṭṭhamidasam / nāriṇaṃ ca aṇiṭṭho ya, Jarāe pariṇāmino / Jarāghare viṇassaṃte, jivo vasai akāmao (9) (40) hiṇabhinnasaro diṇo, vivario vicittao / dubbalo dukhio suyaī, sampattoo dasamīn dasaṃ" (10) (41) Tandula Veyāliya pp. 15-16.
5. Tandula Veyāliya 1, 2, 3, 6.
6. Ibid, p. 15 (Prathama daśā)

such as amaurotic idiocy (bālatva or mandatva)⁷ becomes evident in early childhood and still others, such as, cough, phlegm, bending of the body, feeble sense-organs, etc.⁸ develop only after the individual has reached maturity.

The Inheritance of Mental Abilities :

“The inheritance of mental ability or intelligence is one of the most important, yet one of the most difficult problems of human genetics”⁹ as indicated by Biology. The reference to the fact in the Jaina works that the mental capacities of people form a continuous series from idiot (manda or Jaḍa) to genius (maṇiṣī)¹⁰ suggests that “intelligence is inherited by a system of polygenes^{10a} brought about by Karma,¹¹ other evidence¹² substantiates this hypothesis. According to modern Biology, “The inheritance of feeble-mindedness (maṇdatā or Jaḍatā or bālatva) is due to a single recessive gene.”¹³

It is now evident that the inheritance of mental defect is much more complex. Feeble – mindedness may be caused by diseases,¹⁴ or by other environmental factors,¹⁵ but “the majority of cases are due to inheritance.”

7. Ibid, p. 15 (Prathāma and Tṛtīyadaśā)

8. Ibid, p. 16 (thāyanī – 6th daśā, Pavāṃca (7th daśā), Saṃkulyavālicamma 8th daśā), etc.

9. Biology, p. 504.

10. “Maṇisimanda”, 1st Karmagrantha with sopajñāṭikā by Devendrasūri. p. 2.

10a The term ‘polygenic inheritance’ or multiple factor inheritance is applied when two or more independent pairs of genes affect the same character in the same way and in an additive fashion, e.g. skin colour in man, Biology, p. 47.

11. Maṇisijaḍayo..... Karmanibandhanam.

Karmagrantha I, with Sopajñāṭikā Devendra Sūri, p. 2.

12. “Kṣāmbhṛdrankakayormanisijaḍayoḥ, sadrūpanirūpayoḥ, śrīmadgurgatayorbalābalavatornīrogarogarttayōḥ // Saubhāgyasubhagatvasaṅgamajuṣostulye ‘api hṛtve yat tat karmanibandhanam tadapi no antaram, Jivam vinā yuktimat /” Ibid. (comm.) Polygenic Inheritance : Many human characters – height, body, form, intelligence and skin colour etc.... cannot be separated into distinct alternate classes, and are not inherited by a single pair of genes, Biology p. 470.

13. Biology, p. 504.

14. Biology, p. 504 ; “Micchabhavaṃtarakevalagelannapamādamatīṇā nāso / ‘Aha kimattham nāsati kimjīvatotayam bhiṇṇam / (537), Viśeṣāvaśyakabhāṣya, gāthā (53 L. D. Series ; 1st Ed. (540), p. 113 “Aparasya tu glānavasthāyām anyasya kimāpunaḥ pramāḍadīnā iha bhavē api tasya (śrutajñānasya) nāso bhavati /” Ibid Vṛtti on 54). p. 291. i.e. śrutajñāna gets destroyed because of feeble mindedness caused by diseases.

15. Viśeṣāvaśyakabhāṣya, 537.

According to Biology, "special abilities—musical, artistic, mechanical and mathematical have a heredity basis and their inheritance is separate from that of general intelligence."¹⁶

Heredity and environment :

It is suggestive from the study of the rise of Karma, etc. from the points of view of dravya (substance), kṣetra (locus), kāla (time), bhava (life of birth) and bhāva (condition)¹⁷ that both physical and mental traits are the result of the interplay of both genetic (i. e. from the aspect of dravya) and environmental factors (i.e., from the aspects of Kṣetra, kāla, bhava and bhāva.)

According to Biology, "A few genes, such as, those that determine the blood groups, produce their effect regardless of the environment. The expression of other genes may be markedly affected by altered environment."¹⁸ The upper limit of a person's mental ability is determined genetically as is indicated in the later stages (daśās)¹⁹ of his life but how fully he develops inherited abilities is determined by environmental inferences²⁰ by his training and experience.

It is easy to understand why the offspring of intelligent parents are sometimes less intelligent (manda) than either parent because of past Karma.²¹ Biology explains this point in this way that "Since the co-ordinate action of many pairs of genes is involved in intelligence the fortunitous combination of those which produced the intelligent parents be broken up by genic segregation. Conversely, the chance recombination of favourable genes may produce a brilliant child from average parents, (but geniuses are never produced by feeble-minded parents).²²

16. Biology, p. 504.

17. "Udayakkhayakkhayovasamovasamā Jam ca kammuṇo bhaṇitā / Devvaṃ Khettaṃ kālāṃ bhavaṃ bhāvaṃ ca saṃppappa", Viśeṣāvaśyakabhāṣya. gāthā 572, L.D. Series, p. 119.

18. Biology, p. 506.

19. Saṃkuiyavalicammo, sampatto aṭṭhamīdasam / nāṇāṃ ca aṇiṭṭho ya, Jarāc pariṇāmiyo" (8) (39) navamīnumuḥi nāma, Jam nara dasamassio / Jarāghare viṇassante, jivo vasai akāmao / (9) (40) hīna bhinnasaro diṇo, vivavio vicittao / dubbalo dukkhiyo suyāi, sampatto dasamī dasam (10) (41)" Tandula Veyaliyā, p. 16.

20. "Khettaṃ Kālāṃ bhavaṃ bhāvaṃ ca saṃppappā /", Vbha. Gā 572, p. 119 ;

21. First Karmagrantha with auto-commentary, Devendrasūri, p. 2.

"Kṣamābhṛdaṅkakayormaniṣijaḍayoh. Karmanibandhanaṃ /"

22. Biology, p. 506.

SEVENTH CHAPTER

EVOLUTION OF ORGANIC LIFE IN JAINA BIOLOGY.

(First Section)

PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIC EVOLUTION IN JAINA BIOLOGY.

The Jaina concept of organic evolution may be formed on the basis of detailed comparisons of the structures (saṁsthānas)¹ of living forms,² on the sequence of appearance and extinction of species³ in past ages, on the physiologic and biochemical similarities⁴ and differences⁵ between species as revealed in Jaina Biology and “on the analyses of the genetic constitution of present plants and animals”⁶.

According to modern Biology, “The term ‘evolution’ means an unfolding or unrolling – a gradual, orderly change from one condition to another”.⁷ “The principle of organic evolution states that all the various plants and animals existing at the present time have descended

1. Ekeṅdriyajīva up to pañcendriyajīva have many types of shapes by which they may be distinguished. ‘Saṁsthānādesao vāvi, vihāṇāim sahasaso.’ Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36, 88, 91, 105, 116, 125, 135, 144, 151, 169, 178, 193, 202. e.g. Egakhurā, dukhurā ceva, gaṁdipayā saṅappayā Hayamāi Goṇamāi, gayamāi sihamāiṇo”. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.180 ; see Paṇṇavanā, 1.70.
2. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 68–197 ; Paṇṇavanā Sutta 1. 8. 147 (Saṁsṛasamāvāṇṇa jīva paṇṇavanā).
3. E.g. Sthalācarajīvas (terrestrial animals) are beginningless (anādiya) and endless (apajjavasiya) with regard to Santati (series of issues–generations, but they have a beginning and an end with regard to duration (ṭhiti) of an individual soul as Sthalācara during life, i.e. birth and death because of the sequence of their appearance and extinction in past ages.
“Saṁtāim pappā nāiyā, apajjavasiyāvi ya / ṭhiim paḍucca sāiyā, sapajjavasiyā ya //” Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 113.
4. E.g. ‘Egakhurā, dukhurā ceva, gaṁdipayā saṅappayā Hayamāi, goṇamāi, gayamāi sihamāiṇo” Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.180. Paṇṇavanā Sutta, 1. 70–74 (Tirikkha-joṇiya paṇṇavanā) See the second section “The living evidence for evolution”
5. Ibid.,
6. Biology, p. 512.
“Shāvaram purakkhāyam savve paṇā savve bhutā savve jīvā savve sattā nāṇāvī-haṇṇiyā nāṇāvīhasambhavā nāṇāvīhāvukkamā sarirajoṇiyā sarirasambhavā sarirasambhavā sariravukkamā sarirāharā kammovagā kammaniyāṇā kammagatiyā kammaṭhiya kammanā ceva vippariyāsamuveṅṅi / se evamāyāṇaha se evamāyāṇitta āhāragutte sahie samie sayā jae Hībemi samie” suz. 362 Sūtrakṛtaṅga II 3.62.
7. Ibid.

from simpler organism by gradual modifications which have accumulated in successive generations⁸.”

It appears from the study of Jain Biology that the Jainācāryas have worked out a theory of a sort of gradual evolving life-forms on the basis of sense-organs⁹ from the micro-organisms (nigodas)¹⁰ - one-sensed up to the five-sensed animals - men,¹² according to their metaphysical belief that the *Karmaprakṛti* strives to change from the simple and imperfect to the more complex and perfect as a result of modifications of karmas^{12a} accumulated in successive births in past ages.

There are infinite micro-organisms¹³ (nigodajivas) which do not attain the state of life of movable animals (trasādīs), i.e. they do not evolve into movable beings or undergo gradual, orderly change. They are born and die, in their inclusion bodies (sādhāraṇaśarīras); again they continue their life in the same stage.¹⁴

It is further stated that whatever number of beings from amongst the number of Saṃvavahārarāśīs (from gross one-sensed beings up to five-sensed beings-men) attains perfection, their equal number of beings from amongst beginningless fine plant-lives evolves into saṃvavahārarāśīs (gross one-sensed movable beings up to five-sensed beings).¹⁵

Here it is suggestive from this statement that the process of evolution of organisms has not ceased, “but is occurring more rapidly to-day than in many of the past ages according to modern Biology.

8. Ibid.

9. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 68-197; Paṇḍavanā Sutta 1. 19-55 (Egimdiyajivapaṇḍavanā) up to 1-92. 138 (Pamcendiya manussajivapaṇḍavanā)
10. Bhagavati Sūtra 25. 5. 749; Jivābhigama Sūtra pp. 997; Paṇḍavanā Sutta 1.55. 102; Lokaprakāśa 1-4th Saṅga, v. 32; Nigodasaṅgrahāṇī, Gommatasara (Jiva), 73.
11. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36, 68 ff., Paṇḍavanā Sutta 1.19-55.
12. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 194-7; Paṇḍavanā Sutta 1.92.138
- 12/a Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.62 “Savve paṇā savve bhūta.ceva vippariyāsamuvanti”
13. Atthi aṇāntā jivā, jehim na patto tasai pariṇāmo. Uppajjanti cayamti ya, punvi tattheva tattheva.” Bṛhatsaṃgrahaṇī, v. 277; see also Visesaṇavati, “Te vi : ṇāntāṇāntā nigodavāsāni aṇuhavanti,” vide Lokaprakāśa 1.4.67.
14. Bṛhatsaṃgrahaṇī v. 277.
15. Sijjhanti jattiyā kira iha saṃvavahārarāśi majjāo / Inti aṇāvaṇassaimajjāo tattīa tāmmi // 58 /, Prajñāpanāvṛtti, vide Lokaprakāśa, 1.4.58, p. 328.
16. Biology, p. 512.

The Jainācārayas believe that organisms are guided through their lives by an innate and mysterious force called paryāpti¹⁷ which enables them to over-come handicaps in their metabolism and environment.

These adaptations¹⁸ once made are transmitted from generation to generation. "But acquired characteristics cannot be inherited, for such characteristics are in the body-cells only, whereas an inherited trait is transmitted by the gametes - the eggs and sperm"¹⁹, as it is suggested by the statement that the child in the mother's womb inherits (receives) flesh, blood and brain matter from the limbs of the mother and bone, marrow, hair, beard and hair on the body and nail from the limbs of the father,²⁰ the combined body of the parents in the child (first as gametes, next as developed body) lasts as long as its worldly body exists²¹

The study of Jaina Biology indicates that variation²² is the characteristic of every group of animals and plants, and organisms may differ in many ways.²³ Animals and plants exhibit many variations which are neither a help nor a hindrance to them; these will be transmitted to succeeding generations.²⁴ There may be georgaphic or genetic or ecologic isolation of incipient species to prevent interbreeding.

Modern Biology explains that variations arising from changes in the genes or chromosomes - called mutations - are the raw materials for evolution by natural selection. Obviously, then, evolution cannot take

17. See the 1st section of the 1st chapter for paryāpti and its function.

18. Beings adapt themselves to different environment in their life's struggle for existence as it is found in the case of Sthalacara (terrestrial), Jalacara (acqatic) and khecara (aerial) prāṇīs (animals). See Sūtrakṛtāṅga, Śrutaskandha II, Adhyayana 3, Bhagavati Sūtra 7.3.275. Paṇṇavanā Sutta, Sthā-apadam; Jivā-bhigama Sūtra 1. 34-36; Tarkarabasyadīpikā, v. 49 (Jainamatam), Ṭīkā by Guṇaratna.

19. Biology, p. 514.

20. Bhagavati Sūtra, 1.7.61. Tandula Veyāliya, 6.

'Tao māu-aṅgā paṇṇattā, tamjahā. mamse 1 soṇie 2 matthuluṅge 3 tao piu-aṅgā paṇṇattā. tamjahā-aṭṭhi 1, aṭṭhimimja 2 kesamamsuromaṇahā 1''.

21. Bhagavati Sūtra 1. 7. 61.

22. See the chapters on the classifications of plants and animals and their reproductions - 2nd chapter and 3rd chapter. The Evolution of Plant Reproduction and Reproduction (5th chapter). Variations are based on structure, sense-organs, habitat (sthalajala, nabha etc.), reproduction, etc.

23. Ibid.

24. See the 6th chapter on the Mechanism of Heredity.

place without mutations, and although natural selection does not create new characteristics, it plays an important part in determining which of them shall survive".²⁵ Truly speaking, "The evolution of new species involves both mutation and natural selection".²⁶

The origin of life :

Now the question is how the ultimate origin of life on this planet took place. The Jainācāryas do not believe in the origin of life as modern Biology advocates. Plant life²⁷ and animal life²⁸ are, according to them, beginningless (anādi) and endless (aparyavasitā) with regard to santati (series of species).²⁹ But Jaina Biology conceives the different states of birth of the world of life: plants and animals in some sort of evolutionary relationship. So according to its concept, the first living organisms are the infinite Nigodas (micro-organisms),³⁰ continuing their life in inclusion bodies (sādhāraṇa śarīras)³¹ like huge colonies of viruses, but most of them do not attain the state of movable animals.

It appears that they exist in an atmosphere, presumably obtaining common energy and common respiration by the fermentation of certain of the organic substances (i. e. molecules of the common body), as it is suggested by the statement that "common differentia of these Nigodas (micro-organisms) is said to be the common food and common respiration."³³

These heterotrophs could survive only as long as the supply of organic molecules accumulated from the past lasted, as is implied by the words that "in that common inclusion body when one Nigoda (micro-organism) dies, there is the death of infinite Nigodas

25. Biology p. 515.

26. Ibid, p. 517.

27. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.131. "Santaim pappā nāyā, apajjavasiyāvi ya /
Thiim puḍucca sāiyā, sapajjavasiyāvi ya //"

28. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36, 131, 140, 150, 159, 174, 183, 189, 198.

29. Ibid.

30. "Atthi ananta jiva, jotiṃ na patta tasāpariṇamo," Bṛhatsamgrahaṇi, v. 277, p. 2^a.

31. Gommatasāra, Jivakāṇḍa 191.

32. Bṛhat Samgrahaṇi, v. 277.

33. "Sāhāraṇamahāro sāhāraṇamāpāṇagahaṇam ca / Sāhāraṇajivāṇam sāhāraṇalak-
khaṇam bhāṇiyam //". Gommatasāra, 192 (Jivakāṇḍa).

(micro-organisms) (with it), (while) when one Nigoda is born, there is the birth of infinite Nigodas there."³⁴

In the next stage it is suggestive that before the supply of organic substances was exhausted, the heterotrops (some sūkṣma Nigodas) evolve further and become autotrophs³⁵ (bacteria saṁvavahārārāsis), which are able to make their own organic molecules by chemosynthesis or photosynthesis³⁶ as is suggested by the reference to sevāla, and green plants in summer that many uṣṇayonika beings (plant bacteria?) get generated as plant-bodied beings (vanaspatikāyikas) in certain numbers, and they increase and decrease also in certain numbers and they are born again, for this reason many plants, having leaves, flowers and fruits, remain (or look) green and shining in summer season.³⁷

Modern Biology explains this evolution of heterotrops into autotrophs in this manner: "An organism might acquire by successive mutations, the enzymes needed to synthesize complex from simple substances, in reverse order to the sequence in which they are normally used."³⁸

"When, by other series of mutations, the organism was finally able to synthesize all of its requirements from simple inorganic substances, as the green plants can, it would be an autotroph".³⁹ "And once the first simple autotrophs had evolved, the way was clear for the evolution of the vast variety of green plants, bacteria, molds and animals that inhabit the world".⁴⁰

It is suggestive from these considerations of the world of life that the origin of life, as an orderly natural event on this plan was possible, although the Jainācāryas have worked out a theory of a sort of gradual evolving life – forms according to their metaphysical belief that all life

34. "Jatthekka marai jivo tattha du maraṇaṁ have aṇaṁtānaṁ / Vakkami jattha ekko vakkamaṇaṁ tatthaṇaṁtānaṁ," Ibid, 193.

35. "Sijjhantī jattiyā kira iha saṁvavahārāsimjjāo Inti aṇāivaṇassaimājjaō tattiyā tammi /" Prajñapanāvṛtti, vide Lokaparakāṣa, 4.50, p. 328.

36. Green algae, etc. can make their photosynthesis, sevāla, (algae, etc., are mentioned in the Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 54.

37. Bhagavati Sūtra 7.3.275.

38. Biology, p. 522.

39. Ibid, p. 523.

40. Biology, p. 523.

was beginningless and endless with regard to santati (series of issues or species).⁴¹

It seems unlikely that men will ever know how life originated, whether it happened only once at many times or whether it might happen again.

The Jain theory of the origin of life is suggestive in this matter that (1) some organic substances were formed from organic substances by the action of physical factors in the environment, (2) they interacted to form more and more complex substances, eventually enzymes and self-reproducing systems "free genes" and (3) "these genes" diversified and united to form primitive virus like heterotrophs and autotrophs.⁴² This theory may be plausible and certain parts of it are possibly subject to scientific verification as implied by the statement "Sijjhanti Jattiyā kira iha saṁvavahara-rāsīmajjāo/inti anāivaṇassaīmjjāo tattiyā tammi."⁴³

But the Jainācāryas conceive the existence of all types of life: micro-organisms, four quadrates, plants and animals, as beginningless and endless with regard to santati (series of issues or species,⁴⁴) as already pointed out.

As regards the principles of organic evolution in Jaina Biology it is suggestive from the study of the anatomy, physiology and biochemistry of plants and animals, their embryonic and genetic histories as outlined in, -Jaina Biology and the manner of distribution of plants and animals over the earth surface and also the statement "sacitta-sitasamṛttaḥ setarā miśraścaikaśastadyonayaḥ"⁴⁵ that some principles seem to have been followed in this matter: "Changes in the chromosomes and genes are the raw materials of evolution"⁴⁶; some sort of isolation is necessary for the setting up of new species; and natural

41. "Saṁtāim pappā ṇāiyā apajjavasiyavi ya," Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.79, etc.

42. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3. 54 (Sevāla, panaga, etc.)

43. Prajñāpanāvṛtti, vide Lokaprakāśa 1. 4th Sarga, v. 58, p. 328.

44. See Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 79. etc.

45. Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra II. 33, p. 110.

"Samsāre Jivanāmassya trividhasya janmaha etaḥ sacittādayaḥ sapratipakṣa miśraścaikaśo yonayo bhavanti / tadyathā - sacittācittā, śītā, uṣṇā, śitoṣṇā, samvṛtā, vivṛtā, samvṛtavivṛtā, iti /"

46. Biology p. 522.

selection is involved in the survival of some, according to Darwin, but not all, of the mutations which occur.”⁴⁷

According to modern Biology,

- (1) “Evolution occurs more rapidly at some times than at others. At the present time it is occurring rapidly, with many new forms appearing and many old ones becoming extinct.
- (2) Evolution does not proceed at the same rate among different types of organisms.

In general, evolution occurs rapidly when a new species first appears, and then gradually slows down as the group becomes established.

- (3) New species do not evolve from the most advanced and specialized forms already living, but from relatively simple, unspecialized forms.
- (4) Evolution is not always from the simple to the complex. There are many examples of “regressive” – evolution, in which a complex form has given rise to simpler ones.
- (5) Evolution occurs by populations, not by individuals by the processes of mutation, natural selection and genetic drift”⁴⁸

47. Biology, p. 523.

48. Ibid. p.523.

(Second Section)

THE LIVING EVIDENCE FOR EVOLUTION

The evidence obtained from the study of the anatomy,¹ physiology and biochemistry² of plants and animals, their embryologic³ and genetic⁴ histories as outlined in *Jaina Biology* and the manner in which they are distributed over the earth's surface⁵ suggest that a sort of organic evolution has occurred.

Taxonomy – the science of naming, describing and classifying organisms as dealt with in *Jaina Biology* has been touched upon in brief in the second and third chapters. Like Ray and Kinnaeus⁶ the Jainācāryas are firm believers in the unchanging nature of species as is evidenced in their classifications,⁷ “but present-day taxonomists are concerned with describing species primarily as a means of discovering evolutionary relationships.”⁸

From their points of view an evolutionary relationship among the species of organisms – plants and animals may be discovered on the

1. See the fourth chapter – Organisation of the Body, Blood and Circulatory systems (1st section), the Respiratory system (2nd section), the Digestive system (3rd section), the Excretory system (4th section), the Integumentary and Skeletal system (5th section), the Muscular system (6th section), the Nervous system (7th section), the Sense – organs (8th section), the Endocrine system (9th section).
2. See the second and third sections of the second chapter : second section – General properties of Green plant, Cellular Respiration, The skeletal system of the plants, Plant Digestion, Plant Circulation, Plant Saps, Plant Excretion, Plant Co-ordination, Transmission of Impulses of Plants, and Sleep Movement of Plants ; third section – The structures and Functions of a Seed Plant. the Roots and its functions, The Environment of roots : Soil, The stem and its functions, the leaf and its function, Transpiration, The movement of Water, and the Storage of Food.
3. See the 5th Chapter – Reproduction, second section Human Reproduction, third section – Embryonic Development.
4. See the 6th chapter – The Mechanism of Heredity, the 1st section – The Physical Basis of Heredity, The Development of Genetics.
5. See *Tānāpadam. Paṇṇavana Sutta* 2.148 – 150, (pṛthivikāya– upto 166 (paṁcim-diyāḥāṇa)
6. *Biology* p. 543
7. *Uttarādhyayana Sūtra*, 36 ; *Paṇṇavana Sutta, Jivapaṇṇavana.*
8. *Biology*, p. 543.

basis of their anatomy, physiology and biochemistry, their embryologic and genetic histories, etc.

The fact that the characteristics of living things – size and shape, metabolism, movement, irritability, growth, reproduction and adaptation, as discussed in the second section of the first chapter, are such that they can be fitted into a hierarchical scheme of categories – species, genera, etc.⁹ – can best be interpreted as indicating evolutionary relationship.

The evidence from Anatomy :

Homologous organs ; Comparisons of the structure of group of animals and plants as described in Jaina Biology reveal that each organ system has a certain basically similar pattern that is varied to some extent among the members of a given phylum. The skeletal, circulatory and excretory systems of vertebrates (pañcendriyajivas)¹⁰ provide particular clear illustration of this. “Only similarities based on homologous organs are valid in attributing evolutionary relationship”.¹¹ Homologous organs are basically similar in structure, in their relationships to adjacent structures, in their embryonic development and in their nerve and blood supply.¹² For example, a bat’s (valguli)¹³ wing, a cat’s (mārjāra)¹⁴ paw, a horse’s (aśva)¹⁵ front leg and the human (manuṣya)¹⁶ hand and arm, (pāṇi)^{16/a} though superficially dissimilar and adapted for quite different functions, are homologous organs.

According to modern Biology, “each consist of almost the same number of bones, muscles, nerves and blood vessels, arranged in the same pattern and with very similar modes of development.”¹⁷

A study of the evidence of the existence of such homologous organs indicates a common evolutionary origin of these

9. See Second Chapter and Third Chapter.

10. See the fourth chapter – organisation of the body, its fifth, first and fourth sections respectively.

11. Biology, p. 544.

12. Ibid.

13. Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra II 34.

14. Ibid.

15. Ibid.

16. Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra II. 34.

16/a Tandula Veyāliya 2,

17. Biology, p. 544.

animals, although the Jainācāryas do not believe in this evolutionary relationship.

The Evidence from Comparative Physiology & Biochemistry :

In general, if the important physiologic processes of a rat (muṣika)¹⁸ and those of man (mansuṣya),¹⁹ as both of them belong to the five-sensed mammalian group, are compared in the light of modern Biology, it is revealed that a rat has a replica of the human heart (hṛdaya), lungs (phopphasa), stomach (udara) and most of the other organs. "These structures of the rat are functioning in a manner almost identical to those of human beings"²⁰ "There are, of course differences – in the vitamin requirements, in the arrangement of a few blood vessels and in the workings of the reproductive system, but in general, the important physiologic processes of respiration, and nervous response are the same as ours, yet rats and human beings belong to different orders of the class."²¹

It has been revealed by blood tests involving different animals that there is a basic similarity between "the blood proteins of all the mammals, the degree of relationships being indicated by how much antigen and antibody result in visible precipitation."²²

Man's closest "blood relationships" as determined in this way, are the great apes, then, in order are the old world monkeys, the new world prehensile-tailed monkeys and tarsioids."²³

The evidence from Embryology :

The study of the embryonic development in Jaina Biology reveals that human embryos in the course of development repeat the evolu-

18. Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra II 34.

Muṣika (rat) belongs to potaja group (a class of placental mammals comprising the Decidua with the exception of Man, Apes and the carnivora).

19. Ibid. Manuṣya belongs to Jarāyuja group. (Mammals born with placenta).

20. Biology, p. 544.

21. Biology, p. 445.

In Jaina Biology Rat and Man belong to Potaja and Bhuja apasarpa group and Jarāyuja group respectively, TS. II. 34. (Bhāṣya)

21. Ibid.

22. Ibid.

23. Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6.

"Sattamham Kalalam hoim, sattaham hoi abbuyam / abbuya jayae pesi pesio ya ghanam bhava / to padhame mase karisunam palam jayai / bie mase pesi samjayae ghanā 2 upto aṭṭhame mase vittikappo havai /".
The embryo repeats here the evolutionary history of his ancestors.

tionary history of their ancestors in some abbreviated form²⁴. "In 1866 Ernst Haeckel developed his theory that embryos, in the course of development, repeat the evolutionary history of their ancestors in some abbreviated form".²⁵ This idea, succinctly stated as "Ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny". . . . focussed attention on the general resemblance between embryonic development and the evolutionary process. It is now clear that the embryos of the higher animals resemble the embryos of lower forms, not the adults, as Haeckel had believed. The early stages of all vertebrate embryos are remarkably similar and it is not easy to differentiate a human embryo from the embryo of pig, chick, frog, or fish."²⁶

In Jaina Biology it is found in connection with the human embryonic development that in recapitulating its evolutionary history in a few days, weeks or months,²⁷ the human embryo eliminates some steps and distorts others. In addition, some new characters have evolved which are adaptive and enable the embryo to survive.²⁸

The human embryo develops kalala (zygote or flat disc²⁹) after fertilization within seven days, arbuda (cylindrical embryo or hard mass) develops within next seven days and so on up to in the seventh month of pregnancy, there develop 7000 śirās (veins ?), 500 muscles, 9 dhamaṇīs (arteris ?), 9900000 hair follicles without hair and beard, and 35000000 hair follicles with hair.³⁰ That is to say "During the seventh month of intra - uterine development the human embryo resembles - in being completely covered with hair and in relative size of body and limbs - a baby more ape than it does an adult human."³¹

24. Biology, p. 544.

25. Biology, p. 545.

26. Ibid, p. 546.

27. Tandula Veyāliya, 2, p. 6.

28. Ibid.

29. Ibid.

30. Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6. "Sattāham, Kalalam, etc."

"Sattāham Kalalam hoim, sattāham hoi abbuyam upto sattame māse satta sirāsayaīm 700 paṃca pesīsayāīm 500 navadhamaṇīo navanauīm ca romakūvasayasahassāīm nivattei 9900000 viṇā kesamaṃsunā saha kesamaṃsuna addhuṭṭhāo romakuvakoḍīo nivvattei 3500000 /."

31. Biology, p 547.

“The concept of recapitulation must be used with due caution, rather than rigorously, but it does not provide an explanation for many otherwise inexplicable events in development.”³²

The Genetic Evidence :

The species of plants, and animals are not, as the Jainācāryas believe, unchangeable biologic entities each of which originated separately, but groups of organisms which have arisen from other species and which can give rise to still others, as it is suggested by the statement in Jaina Biology that “Here in the East, West, North and South there are, all in all, in the world four kinds of seeds : Seeds generated at the top (of the plant), at its root, at its knots at at its stem, etc.”³³

The selection and breeding of domesticated animals³⁴ and cultivated plants³⁵ as described in Jaina Biology indicates the models of how some of the evolutionary forces operate.³⁶ The present-day varieties of cultivated plants developed by the cultivators were produced from one or a few forms by selection and inter-breeding. Many varieties of rice or wheat have been produced by selection, each adapted for certain growing conditions. Thus there are śāli (dhānya), brihi (a kind of dhānya), etc., godhūma, (wheat) yava, (barley) etc.³⁷

Similarly, all the varieties of present day dogs (suṇagā)³⁸ are descended from one or a few related species of wild dog or wolf having nails (saṇapphadā) and yet they vary tremendously in many characteristics.³⁹

32. Ibid, p. 546.

33. Sūtrakṛtaṅga II. 3. 43

“Iha khalu pāṇaṃ vā 4 savvato savvavaṃti ca ṇaṃ logaṃsi cattari biyakayā evamaḥijjanti - taṃjaha aggabiyā mūlabiyā porabiyā khaṃdhabiyā /, etc.”

34. Paṇṇavanā I. 71 (assa assatara ghoḍaga), etc. I. 72 (Uṭṭā, goṇā etc.)

35. “Śāli bihi 2, godhūma 3 javajava 4 kala 5 masūra 6 tila 7 muggā 8 etc.” Paṇṇavanā 1.50.

36. See the fifth section of the second chapter “The Evolution of Plant Reproduction”

36. Paṇṇavanā 1.50.

38. Ibid. 1.74.

39. Biology, p. 547. Paṇṇavanā, 1.74

Evidences from the Geographic Distribution :

It appears from the study of the world of life plants and animals and their classification in the second and third chapters respectively that not all plants and animals are found in all parts of the world,⁴⁰ they are not even found everywhere.⁴¹

This fact suggests that “they could survive, as one would expect, if climate and topography were the only factors determining distribution.”⁴² For example, elephant (hasti), lion (simha), deer (mṛga), tiger (vyāghra), etc.⁴³ as mentioned in Jaina Biology are not found everywhere in the world or in every part of India, although there may be similar climatic and other environmental conditions. Assam has wild elephants, there are lions in Gujarat's Gir forest, royal Bengal tigers in the Sunderbans in Bengal.

The present distribution of organism as described in Jaina Biology is understandable on the basis of the evolutionary history of each species.

As one would expect, regions, such as, Gujarat and Bengal have been separated by a long distance, have a flora and fauna which is peculiar to them. The Sunderbans has a population of royal Bengal tigers found nowhere else.

It is suggestive from the study of the classifications of five-sensed animals⁴⁴ in Jaina Biology and their habits that “the primitive mammals

40. Egavihamanattā, suhumā tattha viyrhiyā / Suhumā savvalogammi, logadese ya bayarā, etc. Uttarādhyayana Sutra 36.100 etc.

(2 sensed being – logegadese te savve, na savattha viyāhiyā, Ibid, 36.130.

(3 sensed beings), – Logegadese te savve, na savvattha viyāhiyā “Ibid, 36.139

(4 sensed beings) – Logassa ega desammi, te savve parikittiyā / Ibid.. 36-149.

(5 sensed beings)– Logassa egadesāmmi, te savve u viyāhiyā 1, Ibid, 158

(Aquatic animals–fish, tortoise. etc.) Loegadese te savve, na savvattha viyāhiyā/ Ibid., 173.

(Terrestrial animals) Loegadese te savve, na savvattha viyāhiyā, Ibid , 36.182.

[Aerial animals] “Loegadese te savve, na savvattha viyāhiyā, Ibid, 36.188.

(Human beings) “Loassa egadesamm, te savve viyāhiyā /, Ibid 38.197.

; See Paṇṇavane Sutta, Thanapayam.

41. Ibid.

42. Biology, p. 548

43. See the 3rd chapter, Classification of Animals” ; Paṇṇavanā 1 72-74

44. See the 3rd Chapter “Classification of Animals”

gave rise to a variety of forms which were able to take advantage of the different habitats available.⁴⁵

Some plants⁴⁶ and terrestrial animals⁴⁷ as mentioned in Jaina Biology are indigeneous, but those of every other parts of India resemble every other species and those of other places resemble some other place's species. It may be inferred from this fact that organisms from the neighbouring parts might have migrated or were carried to the new land and subsequently evolved into new species. It should be noted that there is no indigeneous camel⁴⁸ in Bengal, even though there are tigers, etc. in the Sunderbans in Bengal, ideally suited for such creatures, because this animal (camel) cannot survive being exposed to Bengal's climatic conditions.

There are many facts about the present distribution of animals and plants as described in Jaina Biology which can be explained only by their evolutionary history. Allegators⁴⁹ are found only in rivers of some parts of India. Some plants and trees grow only in some parts of India, e. g. *cāpavamśa*⁵⁰ (a kind of bamboo) found in Assam and Bengal. There are described many kinds of bamboos⁵¹ and allegators⁵² in Jaina Biology. It seems that because the bamboo plants and allegators have been separated respectively for several thousand years in their respective habitats, they have followed separate evolutionary pathways, and are slightly different, but they are still closely related species of the same genera⁵³ in their respective taxonomy.

According to modern Biology, one of the basic tenets of Biogeography is that "each species of animals and plants originated only once."⁵⁴ From its headquarters each species probably spread out

45. Biology, p. 548.

46. See the second chapter : "Types of Plants".

47. See the 3rd chapter "Classification of Animals".

48. Uttā. (Paṇṇavaṇā 1. 72).

49. Gāhā (Paṇṇavaṇā 1. 65).

50. Cāvavamśa (Paṇṇavaṇā 1. 46)

51. Vamśe velū kaṇṇe kaṇkāvamśe ya cāvavamśe ya /" Udae Kuḍae vimae Kam-dāvelū ya Kaltāṇa /" Paṇṇavaṇā 1. 46.34.

52. Paṇṇavaṇā 1. 65. "Dilī vedhalā muddhaya pulagā śimāgāra /" Setam gāhā

53. Biology, p. 548.

54. Biology, p. 548

until halted by a barrier of some kind – physical, such as, an ocean, a river, a desert, a mountain and environmental, such as, an unfavourable climate or biologic, such as, absence of food or presence of enemy organizations which prey upon it or compete with it for food or shelter.”⁵⁵

The question why certain animals and plants are present in one region but are excluded from another in which they are well adapted to survive (and in which they flourish when introduced by man) can be explained only by their evolutionary history.

55. Ibid, p. 549. The Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3 (knowledge of food) suggests that there is a biologic barrier for plants and animals to survive because of absence of food or presence of enemy organizations which prey upon a species or compete with it for food or shelter.

(Third Section)

PRINCIPLES OF ECOLOGY

A close study of the world of life—plants and animals as presented in Jaina Biology reveals that there is a remarkable fitness of the organism for the place (ṭhāṇa)¹ in which it lives, e. g. water for aquatic animals, land for terrestrial animals and air for aerial animals² as indicated by their classifications and habitats. It is suggestive from this fact of fitness of organisms for the habitats in which they live that this fitness of their structure, of function, even of behaviour pattern, has arisen in course of evolution by natural selection³ as explained by modern Biology.

“The outcome of evolution is a population or organisms, a species, adapted to survive in certain type of environment.”⁴

The species mentioned in the classifications⁵ of plants and animals in Jaina Biology show adaptations both in the physical environment and biotic environment which includes all the plants and animals in the same region,⁶ e. g. some plants and animals live on land in the same region, while some plants and animals live in the region of water⁷ as indicated in the sthānapada of the Paṇṇavaṇā sūtra, regarding the habitats of plants upto those of five-sensed animals.

Some of the fundamentals of ecology, the study of the interrelations between living things and their physical and biotic environment, etc. have been discussed in the first section “Biologic Interrelation” of the second chapter : “The World Of Life.” Now the problems of

1. Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta 2, Ṭhāṇapayaṃ, Sūtras 148-166, etc.

2. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.17i.

3. Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra 1. 61-91. Biology, p. 570.

4. Biology, p. 570.

5. See Ṭhāṇapayaṃ of Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta, 160 - 162. “Vañāssaikayaṭhāṇāim”, “Agadesu taḍāgesu nadīsu dahasu vaviṣu pukkharāṇīsu dīhiyaṣu guṃjaliyaṣu saresudīvesu samuddesu savvesu ceva jalāsaesu’.

See also “Veṃḍiyaṭhāṇāim”, Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta 163-166. “Agadesu tataesu nadīsu dīvesu samuddesu savvesu ceva jalāsaesu /”, etc.

6. See the second chapter : The World of Life, first section - Biologic Inter-relationship, Ecosystem, Habitat and Ecologic Niche, Types of Interactions between species of Plants and Animals, etc.

7. Ṭhāṇapayaṃ, Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta 2.

ecology will be discussed here more in detail as revealed in Jaina Biology.

Factors Regulating the Distribution of Plants and Animals ;

The study of the classification of organisms and their habitats reveals that probably no species of plants or animals is found everywhere in the world,⁸ for some parts of the earth are too hot, too cold, too wet, too dry, too something else⁹ for the organism to survive. That is to say, all the environments may not be suitable for each of the species of plant or animal for their survival.

Modern Biology also explains that “most species or organisms are not even found in all the regions of the world where they could survive. The existence of barriers prevents their further dispersal and enables us to distinguish the major biogeographic realms characterized by certain assemblages of plants and animals.”¹⁰

It is found in Jaina Biology that each species requires certain materials for growth and reproduction.¹¹ It is presumable that it can be restricted if the environment does not provide a certain minimal amount of each one of these materials.

The distribution of each species is determined by its range of tolerance to variations in each of the environmental factors¹² as it is indicated by the birth of different species of plants and animals in different habitats – land, water and air,¹³ etc.

8. “Suhumā savvalogammi, logadese ya bāyarā /”, Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.100 ; “Beimdyā u. negahā evāmāyao / logegadese te savve, na savvattha viyāhiyā /”, Ibid, 36.130.

“Teimdiya–logegadese te savve, Ibid, 36.139.

“Caurimdiyā – logassa egadesammi, te savve parikittia (149) Ibid.

Paṁcemiya – “logassa e. adesammi, te savve u viyāhiyā /”, Ibid, 36.158,

Macchā, etc... “Loegadese te savve, na savvattha viyāhiyā /” Ibid 36.173

About birds “Logegadese te savve, no savvattha viyāhiyā /”, Ibid, 36.188.

9. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.

10. Biology, p. 570

11. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. (Āhāranikṣepa) ; Knowledge of food

12. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 43-62.

13. See Ṭhānapayam, Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta 2 ; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36.171 ; Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra 1.61.

“Jalacara paṁcimdyatirikkhajōṇiyā thalacarapaṁcimdyatirikkhajōṇiyā khaba-
carapaṁcimdyatirikkhajōṇiyā /”

It has usually been observed that certain stages in reproduction are critical in limiting organisms; seedlings¹⁴ and larvae¹⁵ are usually more sensitive than adult plants and animals.

According to modern Biology, "Some organisms have very narrow range of tolerance to environmental factors, others can survive within much broader limits. Any given organism may have narrow limits for another."¹⁶

It appears from a close study of the world of life in Jaina Biology in regard to the ecosystem that temperature,¹⁷ light,¹⁸ water,¹⁹ atmospheric gases²⁰ and food²¹ are some of the important limiting factors regulating the distribution of plants and animals.

"Temperature is an important limiting factor, as it is demonstrated by the relative sparseness of life in the desert and arctic. The role of light is important in controlling plants and animals. Plants and animals must have light for their survival but they had to evolve mechanisms for protection against too much or too little light.

Water is a physiologic necessity for all organisms, but it is a limiting factor primarily for land organisms.

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14. Stages of embryonic seed (Jonibhūe bīe), hypocoty (first radicle = mūla), cotyledons (prathamapatras), epicotyle (prathamakisalaya) and its development or growth (vivaddhamta), Paṇṇavaṇā 1. 154. 9. 97-98. Biology, p. 571.
15. See Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 19-20; Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra II. 24. Three sensed beings e.g. Pipilikā (ant), trapusa vinas (cucumber weevils), tṛṇapatra (hāraka) (Plant lice) and four sensed beings e. g. kṛṣa (butter flies and moths), Pataṅga (grass hoppers and locusts) have larvae stage before coming into being (adult). Biology, p. 51.
16. Ibid, p. 571.
17. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.
18. Bhagavati Sūtra 7. 3. 274-5.
19. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.
20. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.
21. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. "Āhāranikṣepa". "Some beings are born in earth as trees. These beings feed on the liquid substance of these particles of earth, the origin of various things; these beings consume earth-bodies, water-bodies, fire-bodies, wind-bodies, bodies of plants, etc. "Puḍhavisu rukkhattāo viuṭṭanti te jivā tesim nāṇāvihajoniyaṇaṃ puḍhaviṇaṃ sinehamāhāreṃti, te jivā ahāreṃti puḍhavisariraṃ āusariraṃ teusariraṃ vāusariraṃ vaṇassaisariraṃ" II. 3. 43, p. 91.

Atmospheric gases – the amount of dissolved oxygen is a limiting factor for certain forms living deep in the soil or on mountain heights and aquatic environments.²²

Even fire²³ may be a factor of ecologic importance.

“The knowledge of food for plants and animals as revealed in the Jaina work²⁴ shows that the need of living things for energy is food. Modern Biology defines that “the transfer of food energy from its ultimate sources in plants, through a series of organisms each of which eats the preceding and is eaten by the following is known as food – chain.”²⁵

“Man is the end of a number of food – chains, for example, man eats big fish, which ate little fish, which ate small invertebrate which ate algae.”²⁶

“The ultimate size of the human population is limited by the length of our food – chain, the per cent efficiency of energy transfer at each step in the chain, and by the amount of light energy falling on the earth.”²⁷

It is to be noted in Jaina Biology that parasites (anusūyas)²⁸ may also exist as members of food chains for example, mammals and birds are parasitized by fleas,²⁸ etc. and in the fleas, (daṁśa)^{28/a} etc., live

22. See Biology, p. 571. See also Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3 for environment.

23. “te jivā abharenti teusarīram” Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 43, p. 91.

24. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. Āhāranikṣepa

25. Biology, p. 572.

26. Ibid

27. Ibid.

28. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 53.

“Nāṇāvihāṇaṃ tasathāvarāṇaṃ poggalāṇaṃ sarīresu vā, sacittesu vā, acittesu vā, anusūyattāc viuṭṭānti, te jivā tesim nāṇāvihāṇaṃ tasathāvarāṇaṃ pāṇāṇaṃ siṇhamāhareṃti, etc. up to tesim tasathāvarajoniyāṇaṃ anusūyagāṇaṃ sarīra nāṇavaṇṇā javamakkhāyaṃ /”

“Te jivā vikalendriyaḥ sacittesu manuṣyadīgarīreṣu yūkalikṣadikatvenotpadyante tathā tatparibhujyamāneṣu mañcakādīṣvacitteṣu matkuṇatvenāvīrbhavanti /”

Ṭikā. ibid p. 102

28/a Bhaga 9.33.3`4

protozoa²⁹ (kṛmi) which are in turn hosts of bacteria³⁰ “since the bacteria might be parasitized by viruses there could be a five-step parasite food – chain.”³¹

It is known from the study of the classification of plants and animals and their distribuion on land and in water that each region is inhabited by a host of animals and plants and there are many interrelationships³² – competition, commensalism, predation and other factors³³ between them that are also involved in determining whether or not some single species can survive there.

A biotic community³⁴ as found in Jaina Biology is composed of smaller groups, members of which are more intimately associated.³⁵ According to modern Biology, it is also known as populations, for there is no sharp distinction between a population and a community.³⁶ So a biotic community as noted in Jaina Biology is an assemblage of population living in a defined area or habitat (ṭhāṇa)³⁷ it can be either large

29. Tāthā acittibhūteṣu manuṣyādiṣarirakeṣu vikalendriyaṣarīreṣu vā te jivā anusyū-tatvena-paraniṣṭayā kṛmyāditenotpadyante /” Ṭikā, Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II. 3. p. 102
‘ Evaṃ durūvasāmbhavattāe evaṃ khuradugattāe” Ibid II. 3.58.

“Khuradugattāe – carmakīṭatayā samutpadyante, idamuktaṃ bhavati–jivatāmeva gomahīṣyādināṃ carmaṇo, antaḥ prāṇinaḥ saṃmūrccyante, te ca tanmāmsacarmanī bhakṣayanti, bhakṣayantaṣcarmaṇo vivarāṇividahati, galacchoṇiteṣu vivareṣu tiṣṭhantastadeva śoṇitamāharayanti, tathā acittagavādiṣarīre api, tathā sacjttā-cittavanaspatisarīre api ghuṇakīṭakāḥ saṃmūrccyante, te, ca tatra saṃmūrccyantastaccharīramāharayantīti /” Ibid. (Comm.) p. 102.

31. Biology, p. 572.

32. See the second (types of plants) and third (Classification of Animals) chapters.

33. See the first section of the second chapter. “Biologic Interrelationship.” “The classification of living substances. “Mode of Nutrition of Plants and Animals,” “Ecosystem, Habitat and Ecologic Niche” “Types of Interactions Between Species of Plants and Animals.”

34. Ibid., Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3, Āharanikṣepa; see the 1st section of 2nd chapter. “Interactions Between Species of Plants and Animals.”

35. See the first section of the 2nd chapter; “Biologic Interrelation’.,” Sūtra-kṛtāṅga II. 3.

36. Biology, p. 572.

37. See Ṭhāṇapayaṃ, Paṇṇavāṇā Sutta; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3; Ecosystem and Habitat and Niche, of 1st section 2nd chapter.

or small. The concept that animals and plants live together³⁸ in an orderly manner in their habitats, not strewn haphazardly over the surface of the earth is "one of the important principles of ecology."³⁹ Modern Biology explains that "Biotic communities show marked vertical stratification. In a forest there will be successive strata of plants, mosses and herbs, shrubs, low trees and high trees.⁴⁰ Each of these strata has distinctive animal populations, even such highly motile animals as birds have been found to be restricted to certain layers - some are found to be restricted to certain layers - some are found only in shrubs, others only in the tops of tall trees".⁴¹

38. See Ecosystem, Habitat and Ecologic Niche of 1st section, 2nd chapter; Sūtra-kṛtāṅga II. 3; Ṭhānapada, Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra.

39. Biology, p. 577.

40. See the type of plants in the second chapter, fourth section and B.

41. Ibid, p. 578.

(Fourth Section)

THE OUTCOME OF EVOLUTION : ADAPTATION

Although a clear cut idea of the outcome of evolution of plants and animals is not found in Jaina Biology, it has been noted in the second section of the first chapter "Characteristics of Living Substances" that each particular species of plant or animal has the ability to become adapted by seeking out an environment to which it is suited to make it better fitted to its present surrounding.¹ It appears from the study of Jaina Biology that in course of time organisms have become adapted and **readapted**² many times as their environment changed or as they migrated to a new environment.³

The analysis of this topic "The knowledge of food of organisms",⁴ the types of plants and animals⁵ and their habitats,⁶ etc. as recorded in Jaina Āgamas reveals that there is a tendency for each group of organisms to spread out⁷ and occupy as many different habitats as they can reach and which will support them⁸ because of the struggle for food and living space.⁹

1. See the second section "Characteristics of Living Substances", the first chapter "Cell structures and Functions".
2. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3 ; Bhagavati 7. 3. 275 ; Paṇṇavaṇā, Ṭhaṇapayaṃ ; Jivābhigama, 1. 34-36; Tarkarahasyadipikā, V. 49 (Jaina mataṃ), Ṭikā by Guṇaratna.
3. Ibid, see the second chapter, the first section "Biologic Inter-relationship" Mode of Nutrition of Plants and Animals, "Ecosystem", "Habitat and Ecologic Niche" and the third section "Principles of Ecology" of the seventh chapter 'Evolution'.
4. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.
5. See the second chapter, fourth section - A and B "Types of Plants", and the third chapter "Classification of Animals".
6. Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra, Ṭhaṇapayaṃ ; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.
7. Trasa animals (motile animals) always move on for food and shelter.
All movable beings spread out for food. Even the immovable plants spread out their roots for food. See Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3, 43.
8. See Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. All motile animals do so for food and space.
9. Ibid.

According to modern Biology, "This evolution from a single ancestral species, of a variety of forms which occupy different habitats is adaptive radiation."¹⁰

As indicated in the topic "the knowledge of food", this adaptive radiation is obviously advantageous in enabling organisms to tap 'new sources of food'¹¹ and to escape from some of enemies.¹² The placental mammals¹³ provide a classic illustration of the process. There are dogs (suṇagā or Śvaḥ)¹⁴ and deer (mṛgas),¹⁵ etc., adapted for terrestrial life¹⁶ as shown by their classification into sthalacara (terrestrial) group¹⁷ in which running rapidly is important for survival; bats (valgulī),¹⁸ etc. equipped for flying in the air as khecara (aerial)¹⁹ being, the completely aquatic whales (timī)²⁰ and porpoises (śiśumārā)²¹ etc. as Jalacara²² aquatic animals in water. The classification of animals into sthalacara (terrestrial), Jalacara (aquatic) and Khecara²³ (aerial) animals in Jaina Biology throws light upon their habitats and ecology²⁴ to which they could grow and adapt, and make themselves better fitted in their survival.

Modern Biology states that "The number and shape of the teeth, the length and number of leg bones, the number and attachment sites

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10. Biology, p. 582.
 11. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. Mode of Nutrition of Plants and Animals (first section, second chapter)
 12. For example, movable animals deer (mṛga) can escape from its enemy tiger (vyāghra) sometimes with its swiftness of biungular feet. See Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 23. (Knowledge of food)
 13. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 23
 14. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 23; Uttarādhyāyana 36.180.
Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta 1.74 (Suṇagā); Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 34.
 15. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3, 23; Uttarādhyāyana Sūtra 36. 180; Paṇṇavaṇā 1.72 (miyā) Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 34.
 16. Paṇṇavaṇā 1. 69, 72, 74.
 17. Ibid., Uttarādhyāyana Sūtra 36. 180.
 18. Paṇṇavaṇā 1. 87.
 19. Ibid 1. 86; Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II, 34.
 20. Paṇṇavaṇā 1. 63. (timī)
 21. Ibid. 1. 62, 67; Uttarādhyāyana 36. 171.
 22. Ibid 1. 62.
 23. Uttarādhyāyana Sūtra 36. 171, Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra 1. 61, 86
 24. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.

of muscles, thickness and color of the fur, and so on, are some of the structures that are involved in adaptation."²⁵

Conversely, it is found in Jaina Biology that many of the animals inhabiting the same type of habitat (e. g. water) have (developed) similar structures which make them superficially alike, even though they may be but distantly related. For example, the dolphins and porpoises (śiśumāras)²⁶ (which are mammals), both bony and cartilaginous fishes, "have all evolved streamlined shapes, dorsal fins, tail fins and flipper like fore and hind limbs which make them look much alike."²⁷

In Modern Biology "this evolution of similar structures by animals adapting to similar environments is known as convergent evolution."²⁸

It is suggestive from the study of Jaina Biology that adaptations for survival are evident in the colour^{28/a} and pattern of plants and animals²⁹ as well as in their structures and physiologic processes.³⁰

The evolution and adaptation of each species as suggested by biologic interrelation³¹ in Jaina Biology have not occurred in a biologic

25. Biology, p. 583.

26. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 57 (macchāṇaṃ java saṃsamāraṇaṃ)
Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 172 ; Paṇḍavaṇā Sūtra I. 67.

27. Biology, p. 583.

28. Biology, p. 583.

28/a "Nimbamba Jambu ... Palāsa karaṃjeya" Paṇḍavaṇā I. 40. 13 – four sensed beings Kīṇhapattā nilapattā lohīyapattā haliddapattā sukkilapattā cittapakka vicittapakka etc.

The adaptations of the four sensed beings such as, Andhiya (a kind of four sensed beings), pottiya (gnats), makṣikā (flies), maṣaka, (mosquitos), pataṅga (grasshoppers) etc. for survival are evident in the colour as is evidenced by the fact of the mention of others in the same class kīṇhapattā, (four sensed beings having black-coloured wings), nilapattā (four sensed beings having blue coloured wings) etc.

29. "Eesim vaṇṇao ceva, gaṃdhao rasaphasao /
Saṃghānaḍesao vāvi, vihānāim sahasraso //",
Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.115, 116, 135, 144, 154. 169, 178. 193, 202.

30. See the second chapter and the fourth chapter for the plant structure and plant physiologic processes and animal (man's structure and physiologic processes respectively.)

31. See the first section of the second chapter "Biologic Interrelationship".

vacuum, independent of other forms ; instead many species have had a marked influence on the adaptation of other species. As a result many types of cross-dependency between species³² have arisen. Some of the clearest and best understood of these types involve insects (kīṭa), e.g. bhramaras (bees), kīṭa - pataṅga (butter-flies and moths)³³. Insects are necessary "for the pollination of a great many plant"³⁴ e.g. gourd plant (tumbi).³⁵ It may be said that flowering plants have developed bright colours and fragrance, presumably to attract insects and birds and ensure pollination, e. g. Utpala³⁶ (Nymphaea caerulea, blue lotus), pauma³⁷ (Nelumbium Speciosum, lotus), Nalina³⁸ (water-lily, Nelumbium Speciosum).

Other types of species to species adaptation are found as ones of host-parasite,³⁹ prey-predators,⁴⁰ commensals⁴¹ and mutualistic interdependence.⁴²

Terrestrial Life Zones (Sthalacarasthānas) : Biomes

As pointed out in the first section of the second chapter in connection with the habitat and niche of the living things-plants and animals, a physical area, some specific part of the earth surface, the place where an organism lives, air, soil, or water and the status of an

32. See the first section of the second chapter "The world of Life Plants"; Biologic Interrelationship and types of Interactions between Species of Plants and Animals.
33. Uttarādhayayana Sūtra 36.146 : Paṇṇavaṇā Sūtra 1.58 ; Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra II. 24
34. Biology, p. 586.
35. Paṇṇavaṇā I. 4. 5. (Tumbi)
36. Bhagavati Sūtra 9. 33. 385 ; 11. (I-8). 416.
37. Ibid. 11. (1-8). 416.
38. Ibid,
39. Sātrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 58.
"Te jiva .. nāṇāvihāṇaṃ tasathāvaraṇaṃ poggalaṇaṃ sariresu vā .. aṇusūyattae viṣṭānti"
40. Ibid. II. 3.43.
"Te jiva nāṇāvihāṇaṃ tasathāvaraṇaṃ pāṇāṇaṃ sariraṃ accittaṃ kuvvaṃti etc."
41. Ibid. II. 3. 44.
42. Ibid. II. 3, 64. (Kūhana), 54 (Sevali), 55 (taṇa), etc.

See the first section of the second chapter "Biologic Interrelationship" Types of Interactions Between Species of Plants and Animals" for all these facts of species adaptation.

organism within the ecosystem form the two basic concepts – habitat and niche which are useful in describing the ecologic relations of organisms.⁴³ In dealing with the ecosystem and adaptation of organisms in Jaina Biology it is revealed that the biogeographic regions of the world are regions composed of a whole continent (dvīpa) or a large part of it (i. e. sthalacarasthānas)⁴⁴ and characterized by certain unique animals and plants.⁴⁵ Within these biogeographic divisions and arising as a result of complex interactions of climate, other physical factors and biotic factors are large, distinct, easily differentiated community units, called biomes in modern Biology.⁴⁶

It is suggestive from the study of the classification of plants⁴⁷ into bacteria, algae, fungi, herbs, shrubs, creepers, grasses and trees in Jaina Biology that in each biome the kind of climax vegetation is uniform, but the particular species of plant may vary in different parts of biome. The kind of climax vegetation depends upon the physical environment and the two together determine the kind of animals present.⁴⁸

According to modern Biology, “The definition of biome includes not only the actual climax community of a region, but also the several intermediate communities that precede the climax community⁴⁹”.

Aquatic Life Zones (Jalacarasthānas)

Aquatic Life Zones may be divided into Marine Life zones⁵⁰ and Fresh Water Life zones for the convenience of study of biomes in these habitats.⁵¹

43. See the first section of the second chapter for Habitat and Niche and Ecosystem.

44. See Paṇḍavanā Sutta 2, Tṭhānapayaṃ.

45. Paṇḍavanā Sutta 1.69.

“Thalayarapaṃcēṃḍiyatirikkajoṇīyā duvihā paṇḍatta / tamjahā – cauppayathalayarapaṃcēṃḍiyatirikkajoṇīyā ya parisaprathalayarapaṃcēṃḍiyatirikkajoṇīyā ya / etc. Besides, all the beings from one-sensed plants and animals upto five sensed animals live on earth, according to Sthānapada, Prajñāpanā Sūtra II. 148-150, etc.

46. Biology, 586.

47. See the second chapter, four section A and B : “Types of Plants” etc.

48. See the first section of the second chapter : ‘Biologic Inter relationship.’

49. Biology, p. 586

50. See Tṭhānapayaṃ, Paṇḍavanā Sutta 2. All beings from one-sensed except air bodied and fire bodied beings up to the five-sensed beings live in Aquatic life zones – Marine life zones and Free water Life zones. See also the habitats of ap-kāyajīvas, Jalaruhas (Paṇḍavanā 1.51), Pañcēṃḍriya Jalacarajīvas (Paṇḍavanā 1.62).

51. Tṭhānapayaṃ, Paṇḍavanā 2

Marine Life Zones :

The ocean (samudda)⁵² is one of reservoirs of living things. It is clear that the total weight of living things (biomass) in the ocean far exceeds that of all living things on land fresh water as it is suggested by the sthānas (habitats) of all beings from one-sensed to five-sensed animals.

“The seas are continuous one with another and marine organisms are restrained from spreading to all parts of the ocean only by factors, such as, temperature, salinity and depth. The currents of the water of the sea not only influence the distribution of marine forms but also have marked effects on the climates of the adjacent land masses”.⁵⁴

The study of the habitats of Tiryāñcajivas from one-sensed beings except vāyukāyajivas and Tejakāyajivas up to five-sensed animals in Jaina Biology reveals that like the land the ocean (samudra) consists of regions characterized by different physical conditions and consequently inhabited by specific kinds of plants⁵⁵ and animals.⁵⁶

Fresh Water Life Zones :

As described in the Jaina literature, fresh water habitats of plants and animals may be divided into two zones, viz. standing water-lakes (dahesu), ponds (pukkhariṇisu) and swamps (vāvisu?) and running water-river (nadisu), creeks (bilesu?) and springs (ujjharesu – nijjharesu),⁵⁷ each of which may be further sub-divided. It is noted in Jaina Biology that biotic communities⁵⁸ of fresh water habitats are in general more familiar than the salt water ones of the ocean.

52. Ibid

53. Ibid,

54. Bioiogy, p. 591.

55. Samuddesu...bādaravaṇassaikaīyāṇam pajjattāṇam ṭhāṇā paṇṇatta, etc. Paṇṇavanā, 2, Ṭhāṇapayam.

56. Ibid.

57. Ṭhāṇapayam, Paṇṇavanā Sutta 2, 151-153.

“Talāesu ‘nadīsuṅ dahesu vāvīsu pukkhariṇīsu dīhiyasu gumjāliyāsu saresu sarapaṁtiyāsu sarasapaṁtiyāsu bileṣu ... ujjharesu nijjharesu cillalesu pallalesu vappiṇesu dīvesu samuddesu savvesu ceva jalāsaesu jalāṭhānesu 4, etthaṇam badara avkkāiyāṇam pajjattāṇam ṭhāṇā paṇṇattā / Ibid. 1.163 ; 1.164. 1.165 1.166.

58. See the second chapter, fourth section A and B.]

“Types of plants” and the third chapter “Classification of Animals”.

'Fresh water habitats change much more rapidly than other life-zones ; pond becomes swamps, swamps become filled in and converted to dry land, and streams erode their banks and change their course.'⁵⁹

It is found that the aquatic plants and animals as described in Jaina Biology may change markedly and show ecologic successions similar to those on land. The large lakes (hada) are relatively stable habitats and have more stable populations of plants and animals.⁶⁰

The Dynamic Balance of Nature

A close study of the biologic inter-relationship of plants and animals, their mode of nutrition, ecosystem, habitat and niche, and types of interactions⁶¹, and principles of evolution, its living evidence, principles of ecology and the outcome of evolution : adaptation⁶² as explained in Jaina Biology in some form reveals that the communities of plants and animals are constantly undergoing an analogous reshuffling⁶³ and the concept of the dynamic state of communities is a valid one. Plant and animal populations are constantly subject to changes in their physical and biotic environment⁶⁴ and must adapt or die as suggested by Āhārapadanikṣepa (knowledge of food) of the Sūtrakṛtāṅga.⁶⁵

"A population may vary in size but if outruns its food supply, like the Kabab deer or the lemmings, equilibrium is quickly restored."⁶⁶

Communities of organism-plants and animals as described in Jaina Biology exhibit growth,⁶⁷ specialization⁶⁸ and interdependence,⁶⁹ charac-

59. Biology p. 594.

60. See Tṛaṅgapaṇṇā, Paṇṇavaṇā 2.

61. See the first section "Biologic Interrelationship", etc. of the second chapter : The world of Life : Plants. See also Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. Āhāranikṣepa (knowledge of food)

62. See The 7th chapter and 1st chapter second section.

63. See Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. Āhāranikṣepa (knowledge of food).

64. See the first section of the second chapter "Biologic Interrelationship", etc.

65. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II 3.

66. Biology, 594.

67. Tarkarahasyadīpikā, Tīka on V. 49 (Pratiniyatavṛddhi).

68. See the 2nd chapter 1st section - "Distinction Between Plants and Animals".

69. See the 1st section of the second chapter "Biologic Interrelationship", etc.

teristic form,⁷⁰ and even development from immaturity to maturity old age and death.⁷¹

70. See the 1st section of the first chapter- "Characteristics of Livings substances", the second chapter on plants structure and the fourth chapter "Organisation of the body."

71. Tarkarahasyadipikā, Ṭīkā on V. 49, Guṇaratna, p. 159.

"Vanaspatayaḥ śacetanā bālakumāravṛddhāvasthā-pratiniyatvṛddhi-svāpaprabodhasparśādihetukollāssasamkocāśrayopasarpaṇādiviśiṣṭānekakriyāchinnāvayavam-tanī-pratiniyatapradeśāhāragrahaṇavṛksāyurvedābhīhitāyuskeṣṭāniṣṭāhārkdimmittāvṛddhihāni, etc. upto viśiṣṭāstrīsarīravat" / "śacetanā vanaspatayo janmajarāmerāṇarogādīnām samudītanām sadbhāvāt /" Ibid. p. 159.]

Ten daśās, "Evaṃ jāyassa jāntussa kameṇa dasa dasā evamaḥijjanti tamjaha bālā 1 kiḍḍā 2 maṃdā 3 balā ya 4 paṇṇā ya 5 hayaṇi 6, pavamca 7, pabbhāra 8, mummūhi 9 sayaniya dasamā ya 10 kalādasā 1 31", Tandula Veyāliya, p. 15

EIGHTH CHAPTER

CONCLUSION

A Survey of the Plant and Animal Kingdoms as revealed in Jaina Biology in the light of modern Biology

A study of the plant and animal kingdoms as found in the Āgamas and post-āgamic works reveals that Jaina Biology is the science of living thing (jivadravya) which is different from non-living (ajivadravya)¹. The thought on the world of life : plants and animals, began with the Jainacāryas on the basis of the concept of animism and non-violence (ahimsā) in the ancient past, along with the idea of the requirement of food to sustain life with a sense of the spiritual value of the life of all beings. They have studied the plant and animal kingdoms with some carefully controlled observation and made a discovery in the world of life : Plants and animals, by their critical observation and methods in some details so that their followers also can repeat them in their field. They have recorded the results of their observations, made discussion on the conclusion to be drawn from them, perhaps formulated a theory to explain them and indicated the place of these biological facts in the present body² of scientific knowledge contained in the Jaina Āgamas and post-āgamic works, of course without scientific verification of modern Biology.

The facts of Jaina Biology as embodied in the Jaina Āgamas are gained by the application of the scientific method, yet it is difficult to reduce this to a simple set of modern Biology that can be applied to the Jaina Biological science, for the confirmation of the statement by the independent observation of another in any scientific investigation is demanded by the sceptical scientists of the present age.

A method has been followed by the Jainacāryas to see through a mass of biological data. The idea that living systems are distinguished from non-living ones by some mysterious vital force (parypāti?) has been accepted in Jaina Biology. There appear to be no exceptions to the generalization that all life comes only from living things.

1. Bhagavati Sūtra 25. 2. 720 ; Sthānāṅga 2. 95; Paṇṇavanā Sutta 1,3, p. 4 ; Jivabhogama. p. 5.
2. Bhagavati. Sthānāṅga ; Paṇṇavanā ; Jivabhogama ; Acārāṅga ; Sūtrakṛtāṅga, etc.

Jaina Biology provides connecting proof that micro-organisms (nigodas), bacteria (earth quadrates, etc.) are not capable of originating from non-living material by spontaneous generation. It seems that micro-organisms (nigodas) require the presence of pre-existing micro-organisms (nigodas).

Nigodas do not arise de novo from non-nigodas, just as viruses do not arise from non-viral material.³ Elements of the idea that all of the many types of plants and animals existing at present time were not created de novo and were externally existing and have descended from previously existing organisms are clearly expressed in the Jaina Āgamas but they have their gradations.

The studies of the development of many kinds of plants and animals from embryo or fertilized egg to adult as found in Jaina Biology lead to the generalization that organisms tend to repeat in the course of their embryonic development, some of the corresponding stages of their evolutionary ancestors, i.e. embryos recapitulate some of the embryonic forms of their ancestors.⁴

A careful study of communities of plants and animals in a given habitat as described in the Jaina Āgamas reveals that all living beings in a given region are closely inter-related with one another and with the environment.⁵

It conceives the idea that particular kinds of plants and animals are not found at random over the earth but occur in interdependent communities of producer, consumer and decomposer organisms together with certain non-living components. Those communities can be recognised and characterized by certain dominant members of the group, usually plants, which provide both food and shelter for many other forms of life. This ecosystem is one of the major unifying generalizations of Biology.⁶

Jaina Biology explains that the fabric of life of all plants and animals is paryāpti (vital force) or prāṇa (life force) in another way, i. e. paryāpti like protoplasm appears to be the actual living material

3. Bhagavati 25. 5. 749 ; 12. 2. 443 ;
Biology, C. A. Villee p. 9.

4. Bhagavati, 1. 7. 61 ; Tandulaveyāliya, 6, p. 10,

5. Bhagavati 6. 7. 246 ; 6. 5. 330 ; 7. 3. 277 ; 8. 3. 324, 8. 5. 330 ; 21. 2. 691 ;
22. 6. 692 ; 23. 1. 693 ; etc. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II. 3.

6. Iblid.

of all plants and animals. Jain paryāpti⁷ and prāṇa,⁸ the two unique forces, not explainable in terms of physics and chemistry, are associated with and control life. The concept of these forces may be called vitalism which contains the view that living and non-living systems are basically different and obey different laws. It is reasonable to suppose that paryāpti, a mysterious aspect of life, although not identifiable with protoplasm, comes nearer to the latter because of its unique functions.⁹

All living substances (Jivadravyas) have, to a greater or lesser extent, the properties of specific size¹⁰ and shape,¹¹ metabolism,¹² movement,¹³ irritability,¹⁴ growth,¹⁵ reproduction,¹⁶ and adaptation.¹⁷

Many of the phenomena of life that appear to be so mysterious, as explained by the Jainācāryas, such as, respiration, instinct, specch,

7. Navatattva prakaraṇa v, 6, p. 12, Dharmavijaya. Gommaṣasāra, Jivakaṇḍa, vv. 118 - 119, Nemicandra; Lokaprakāṣa, Vinayavijayaji, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, vv. 15ff.
8. Jivavicāra, vv. 42, 43; Gommaṣasāra (Jiva). v. 129.
9. See Biology, p. 16.
10. Bhagavati 19. 3. 652-53; 25.1. 717; Uttarādhyayana 35.70; Paṇṇavanā (sūkṣma-bādara etc); Gommaṣasāra (Jivakaṇḍa), v. 177, v. 183.
11. Paṇṇavanā, Saṃhāṇādaracchakam, 983-89, p. 241; Bḥatsaṃgrahaṇī, Candrasūri, vv. 243-5. Mūlācāra, Pt. III, 12, v. 49, Paryāptyadhikāra, Vaṭṭakhera with ṭikā of Vasunandi Siddhānta Cakravarttin, p. 207; Lokaprakāṣa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, vv. 205-10, pp. 98-99. Gommaṣasāra (Jivakaṇḍa), v. 211.
12. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3; Bhagavati 7, 61-63; 7. 3. 275-6; Paṇṇavanā, Āhārapadam, Pajjattidarām, 2nd uddeśaka, p. 406. Tandulaveyāliya, pp. 3-10; Navatattva prakaraṇa, v. 6, p. 12. Lokaprakāṣa, Pt. 1, 3rd Sarga, vv. 15-21ff; Gommaṣasāra (Jiva), Ch. III, vv. 119 - 121; Mūlācāra II, 12 - 4; Tarkarahasyadīpikā on Śaḍdarśana Samuccaya, Jainamataṃ, v. 49, Guṇaratna.
13. Ācāraṅga, Book I, 9. 1. 14; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 2. 18, 60, Sthānaṅga 2. 4. 100; Bhagavati, 25. 4. 789, Uttarādhyayana, 36.68, Jivabhigama; p. 12. Mūlācāra, Pt. I, 30 (226), p. 295; Tattvartha Sūtra, Umasvati, 2. 12-14, Tarkarahasyadīpikā, Guṇaratna v. 49.
14. Bhagavati 3. 9. 170; 2. 4. 99; Paṇṇavanā, Indriyapadam 15, Puṭṭhadāram, etc. Jivabhigama, Jyotiṣka, Tarkarahasyadīpikā, v. 49.
15. Abbuya (cells?), Tandula Veyāliya, 2, p. 6. It is also suggestive from the reference to lakhs of follicles (pores) in the skin of the human body that there are cells in the body of man and other vertebrates, Ibid, 2. p. 6.
16. Pesi (muscle tissues). Ibid, p. 6.
Pesi (tissues) is made of abbuyas (arbudas=cells).
17. A single fertilised egg (Kalala) develops gradually into many-celled or five-celled embryo (pañcapiṇḍas) by the process of cleavage, indicating that the egg cell splits or divides. Out of five piṇḍas 2 arms, 2 legs, and the head come into being, Tandula Veyāliya 2, p. 6.

passion, senses, condition of soul (leśyā), feeling (vedanā), etc. of living things, have proved to be understandable by invoking a unique life force, while other aspects of life can be explained by physical and chemical principles in the light of future research in the fields of Biology.

The study of the organizations of plants and animals, from the finest plants (sūkṣma vanaspatis) to higher plants (bādara vanaspatis) and from the finest earth quadrates (pṛthivikāyaḥṛvas, etc.) to man (manuṣya) as described in the Jaina Āgamas and post-āgamic works reveals that the bodies of all plants and animals are composed of cells¹⁸ and tissues.¹⁹ But the Jainācāryas do not make any clear analytical study of cells and tissues of plants and animals there as they are treated in modern Biology. New cells can come into being only by division of previously existing cells.²⁰

There takes place the cellular metabolism of animal organisms, e.g. men, from the moment of their birth up to their death in the following manner that the food-stuff, when taken in, is transformed into molecules of nutrient and chyle which in turn get transformed by vital force into different elements of organism, such as, blood, flesh, fat, bone, marrow, semen, etc. in successive order.²¹

The metabolic activities of animals, plants, and bacteria cells are remarkably similar,²² despite the difference in the appearances. One of the metabolic difference between plants and animals is the ability of green plants²³ to carry on photosynthesis, to trap the energy of sunlight and to use it to synthesize compounds.

In addition to the general metabolic activities Jaina Biology throws some light upon special metabolic activities of certain animals and

18. Lokaprakāśa, Pt. I, 3rd Sarga, vv. 18-21.

Navatattva prakaraṇa, v. 6, pp. 12, 13, 14, 15. 16.

19. ṣaḍdarśana Samuccaya with Guṇaratna's Commentary, Tarkarahasyadīpikā, 158-9.

20. Bhagawati 7. 3. 270,

21. Bhagawati 7. 3. 275-6.

22. "Bādarasyodyotena sahitasya". One-sensed bacteria, water-bacteria and plant-bacteria emit cold light, Karmagrantha 6th. p. 186.

Two-sensed worms-kṛmis - (protozoa) emit cold light. Uttarādhyayana 36. 128. See Tattvārthasūtra II. 24

23. Karmagrantha I, p. 85; Nūpuraka (Annelida). TS., II. 24; (Gaṇḍupada) (Crustaceans), Ibid. Śatapadi (Centipedes), Ibid. Śaṅtha (Molluscs), Ibid ; Khadyota (Glow worm), Tarkarahasyadīpikā 156.

plants, Green plants²⁴ can photosynthesize; certain bacteria²⁵ and animals²⁶ can produce light. Certain plants produce wild variety of substances—flower, pigments,²⁶ perfumes,²⁷ many types of drugs,²⁸ and bacteria,²⁹ and molds, certain animals can make deadly poisons³⁰ and also antibiotics³¹ like the best chemists.

The world of Life : Plants. Biologic Inter-relationship.

At first glance the world of living substances (Jivadravyas) as revealed in the Jaina works appears to be made up of a bewildering variety of plants and animals,³² all quite different and each going its separate way at its own pace.

A close study of the world of living things as described in the Jaina Āgamas reveals that all organisms, whether plant or animal, have the same basic needs for survival, the same problems of getting food³³ for energy, getting space to live,³⁴ producing a new generation³⁵ and so on.

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24. Mañjiṣṭhā (Indian Madder), Bhagavati, 8.6.334.
 25. Ketaki flower (Forula, Asafotida), Bhagavati, 22. 2. 692 ;
Haritaga (Terminalia Chebula), Ibid, 21. 2. 692;
Bhallāya (Acajou, especially acid quicea for medicine). Ibid.
 26. Arjuna (the plant Calotropis Gigantea for optic nerve), Ibid, 2. 3. 1. 693 ;
Bhaṅgī (Cannabis Sativa), Ibid., 23. 5. 693 ;
Tulsī (Roly basil), Ibid., 21. 8. 691.
 27. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.
 28. Vṛścika (Scorpion), Maṅḍūka (frog), uraga (snake), Bhagavati, 8. 7. 376.
Abi (a class of snake), Ajagata (a class of snake), Ibid, 15. 1. 560.
 29. Nakula (mongoose), Ibid., 8. 3. 325, 15. 1560.
 30. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3. Bhs. 33. 1. 844, 7 ; 5. 282, etc.
Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 68-202.
Paṇṇavana, jivapaṇṇavana 1. 14-138
Gommaṭasāra (Jivakāṇḍa), 1. 35, 70, 71, 72, etc.
 31. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 40-62.
 32. Ibid.
 33. Ibid.
 34. It is suggestive from the study of the world of life in Jaina Biology on the basis of the structures (Saṁsthāna) of living form—plants and animals, on the physiologic and biochemical similarities and differences between species, etc. and on the analysis of the genetic constitution of present plants and animals, i. e. anatomy, physiology and biochemistry of plants and animals, their embryologic and generic histories as outlined in Jain Biology and the manner in which they are distributed over the earth's surface.

In solving their problems, plants and animals have evolved into a tremendous number of different forms, each adapted to live in some particular sort of environment. Each has become adapted not only to physical environment, but also to the biotic environment, all plants and animals living in the same general region. Living organisms are inter-related in two main ways, evolutionary descent³⁶ and ecologically,³⁷ one organism may provide food or shelter for another³⁸ or produce some substances harmful to the second.

The Jainācāryas have tried to set up systems of classifications of plants and animals based on natural relationships,³⁹ putting into a single group those organisms which are closely related in their evolutionary origin.⁴⁰ Since many of the structural similarities⁴¹ depend on evolutionary relations,⁴² classification of organisms is similar in many respects to one of the principles based on logical structural similarities.⁴³ Many plants and animals fall into easily recognizable, natural groups; their classification presents no difficulty.

It is indicated in Jaina Biology that some organisms can synthesize their food,⁴⁴ hence they may be called autotrophic (self-nourishing),

35. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3, 43-62; Bhagavati 7. 5. 282

36. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3, 43-62

37. Bhagavati 8. 2. 316

38. E. g. ekendriya, dvīndriya, caturindriya and pañcendriya organisms are classified on the basis of natural relationships. Similarly, Jalacara and Khecara organisms are classified to their natural relationships, as they are closely related in their evolutionary origin.

39. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3; Jivābhigama 3. 1. 96

Bhagavati 7. 5. 282 (aṇḍaja, potaja and saṁmurcchima);

Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 35, 171 ff.; Jivābhigama Sūtra 33.1 34, 35; Paṇḍavanā, Jivapaṇḍavanā (Jalacara, Sthalacara and Khecara and Manuṣyaprajāpanā) 29-34.

Aquatic, terrestrial and aerial organisms have been classified into three single groups as the members of each of them are closely related in their evolutionary origin.

40. Bhagavati 8.3.324; 7.3.277; 7.5.282; Jivābhigama Sūtra, 3.1.9; 1.33, 1.34; 1.35, 1-36; Uttarādhyayana, 36.135, 144, 154, 169, 178, 179-186, 191, 202; Paṇḍavanā pp. 30, 31; TS. 2.24, 34,

41. Ibid.

42. Ibid.

43. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.

44. Bhagavati 7. 3. 275.

e. g. green plants⁴⁵ and purple bacteria⁴⁶ (i. e. sulphur bacteria=Saugamdhie); some organisms cannot synthesize their own food from inorganic materials, therefore, they live either at the expense of autotrophs or upon decaying matter.⁴⁷ They may be called heterotrophs. All animals, fungi (paṇaga) and most bacteria are heterotrophs.

A study of the mode of nutrition of all organisms including plants, aquatic, terrestrial and aerial beings, and man, etc. as mentioned in the Jaina Āgamas shows that plants and animals are not independent of other living things but are interacting and interdependent parts of larger units for survival. So their interaction and interdependence bring to light that ecosystem which is a natural unit of living and non-living parts that interact to produce a stable system in which the exchange of materials between living and non-living parts follows a circular path, e.g. aquatic organisms—fish, green plants, like sevāla, etc. and snail (śambūka)⁴⁸ form a very small ecosystem in their habitat—water in a pond or lake.

The outline of ecosystem of Jaina Biology brings to light two basic concepts—the habitat⁴⁹ and ecologic⁵⁰ niche useful in describing the ecologic relations of organisms.

There take place the different types of interactions between species of plants and animals in several different ways due to their search for food, space or some other needs, e.g. the relationship of competition⁵¹

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45. Sulphur bacteria (Saugamdhie) (Uttarādhyayana and Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.61) may be identified with purple bacteria of Biology.
46. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II, 3, 20, 21, 22–28. All animals live at the expense of autotrophs in one way or other except some carnivorous animals, Ibid II. 3 16.
47. Fungi and some bacteria feed on the decaying matters, as it is found that some beings are born in earth, growing there in particles of earth that are the origin of various things, some issue forth as Aya, Kāya, Kuhana (mushroom). etc. from the decomposed things in the earth.
48. Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra II 24.
49. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 1–12, 3 ; (trees), 16 (soil), 17(water), 18 (trees), 21 (earth), 22 (water), 23 (earth surface), 26 (arial), 27 (animate or inanimate bodies).
50. Ibid., II. 3.2 (liquid substance) of the particles of earth, the bodies of manifold movable being, 3–5 (sap of the trees), 20 (sap of trees), 21 (mother's milk) boiled rice, etc.), 22 (mother's humours and plants), 23 (both movable and immovable beings), 24 (wind), 27 (the immovable creatures).
50. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.2.
51. Ibid. II. 3.3.

or predatorism, commensalism,⁵² and mutualism,⁵³ parasitism⁵⁴ between them.

The brief survey of the classifications of living things—plants and animals, their distinctions, mode of nutrition, ecosystem, habitat, and ecologic niche, and types of interactions between species as found in Jaina Biology gives a picture of the world of plants and animals, all related closely or distantly by evolutionary descent, and bound together in a variety of inter specific interactions.

As regards the properties of green plants Jaina Biology reveals that the green plants are the primary producers of the living world. The properties of the pigment that gives them their green colour, i. e., chlorophyll, enable them to utilize the radiant energy of sunlight to synthesize energy-rich compounds, such as, liquid substance (sineha)⁵⁵ from water and air.⁵⁵

Land plants⁵⁶ absorb water required for the photo-synthetic process through their roots; aquatic plants⁵⁷ receive it by diffusion from the surrounding medium.

The reference to the taking of air⁵⁸ by plants suggests that the cellular respiration⁵⁹ of plants utilizes ucchvāsavāyu⁶⁰ (oxygen ?) and releases nihsāsavāyu⁶¹ (carbon dioxide ?) from the liquid substances to the forms of biologically useful energy. These occur in green plants as they do in every living cell of organism.

Land plants have the cellular thick wall (tvac)⁶² as in the woody stems of trees and shrubs. They serve directly for the support of the plant body and they have also rather thin wall⁶³ which provides support indirectly by way of pressure. Besides, trees and shrubs have gūḍhaśirā (xylem) and ahirūyam⁶⁴ (phloem) to help support their trunk.

52. Bhagavati, 7.3. 275 ; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.16 (Kuhana), 18 (sevala), etc.

53. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 27.

54. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 43.

55. Ibid,

56. Lokaprakāśa, I, Sarga 5, vv. 107-8 ; see Bhagavati 7. 3. 276.

57. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.54.

58. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.43.

59. Ibid., Lokaprakāśa, 5. 75, p. 361.

60. Lokaprakāśa, 5. 32, 33. p. 35 ; Navatattva prakaraṇam p. 14

61. Lokaprakāśa 5, 75, p. 361 ; Navatattva prakaraṇa, p. 14,

62. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3, 47 ; Lokaprakāśa, 1. 5. 79, p. 363,

63. Lokaprakāśa, 1. 5. 96, p. 365.

64. Paṇṇavanā, Vanaspatikayajiva Paṇṇavanā, 54-84 ;

Jivavicāra, 12 ; Gommatasāra v. 187 (Jivakāṇḍa)

The nutrients of plants are either made within the cells or are absorbed through the cell membranes. The nutrients synthesized are either used at once⁶⁵ or transported to another part, such as, the stem, or root⁶⁶. The insectivorous plants,⁶⁷ although without an organized digestive system etc. do secrete digestive enzymes⁶⁸ similar to those secreted by animals.

Plants accumulate reserves of organic materials for use during those times when photosynthesis is impossible at night or over the winter⁶⁹ when leaves fall.

An embryo plant cannot make its own food until the seed has sprouted and the embryo has developed a functional root,⁷⁰ leaf⁷¹ and stem⁷² system.

The simpler plants consisting of single cell or small group of cells⁷³ have no circulatory system. It is suggestive in Jaina Biology that simple diffusion, augmented in certain instance by the process of active transport by air⁷⁴ suffices to bring in the substance,⁷⁵ required by the plant. Gūḍhaśiras⁷⁶ (Xylem) tubes probably transport water and minerals from the roots up the stem to the leaves, while ahirūyam⁷⁷ (phloem) tubes may probably transport up as well as down the nutrient stems for storage and use them in the stems and roots etc.

The circulatory systems of higher plants are simpler than those of higher animals and constructed on an entirely different plan in Jaina Biology. Plants have no heart and blood vessels. Transportation of

65. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 43.

66. Ibid, II. 3. 46.

67. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 27.

68. Ibid.

69. Bhagavati, 7.3. 274 ; Lokaprakāśa, 1. 5 109-10.

70. Vide Lokaprakāśa, 1. p. 361, 1. 5. 74.

71. Ibid.

72. Ibid.

73. Uttarādhyayana 36.92 ; Paṇḍavanā, Vanaspatikāyajivapaṇḍavanā, 1.35. p. 16. (Sūkṣma Vanaspati).

74. Lokaprakāśa, 5. 75, p. 361.

75. Ibid. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.43.

76. Paṇḍavanā, Vanaspatikāyajiva Paṇḍavanā, 54-84 ; Jivavicāra, 12 ; Gommaṣāra (Jivakāṇḍa) v. 187

their nutrients from soil is accompanied by the combined forces of transpiration⁷⁸ pull and root pressure.⁷⁹

Plant sap (siṅha or rasa)⁸⁰ as mentioned in Jaina Biology is somewhat analogous to the blood plasma of man and higher animals, which is complex solution of both organic and inorganic⁸¹ substances which are transported from one part of the plant to another by the combined action of suction force which is connected with transpiration pull and root pressure.⁸²

A striking difference between plants and animals as found in Jaina Biology is that plants excrete little or no waste. Since plants are lomāhārins⁸³ (absorbers of nutrients through the epidermal cells) nor carry on muscular activity like kabalāhārin⁸⁴ man and higher animals, "the total amount of nitrogenous waste is small and may be eliminated by diffusion as nitrogen containing salt from the root into the soil."⁸⁵

The activities⁸⁶ of the various parts of a plant are much more autonomous than are those of the parts of an animal. The co-ordination between parts that does exist is achieved largely by direct chemical and physical means,⁸⁷ since plants have evolved or developed no specialized sense-organs except that of touch (sparśanendriya) and no nervous system as found in man and higher animal. They have sensitiveness generated by stimulus.⁸⁸

Actively growing plants can respond to a stimulus⁸⁹ coming from a given direction by growing more rapidly or bending away from the

77. Ibid.

78. Lokaprakāśa, 1.32, 34. p. 35.

79. Ibid. 1.5. 107-8 pp. 367-8.

80. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 43. Lokaprakāśa, 1. v. 33.
Tarkarahasyadipikā (comm. on v. 47), 159.

81. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 43-44 ;

82. Lokaprakāśa, 1, 5. 32, 33, p. 353 ; 5. 107-8, p. 367-ū.

83. Bṛhatsaṃgrahaṇī, v. 200.

84. Ibid, vv. 18¹, 82.

85. Biology, p. 107, C.A. Villee.

86. Tarkarahasyadipikā, p. 157.

87. Ibid., p. 159.

88. Ibid., p. 159.

89. Ibid., p. 189.

stimulus.⁹⁰ If an organism (e.g. creeper) is motile, it may respond to stimulus by moving toward it for support.⁹¹

The root of a plant is positively geotropic and negatively heliotropic and the shoot is negatively geotropic but positively eliotropic.⁹²

In a few plants the responses to stimuli take place rapidly enough to be readily observed, e. g. the response of the sensitive plant "Mimosa-pudica" (Lajjavattlatā,⁹³

Some plants as described in Jaina Biology change the position of their leaves or flower plants in the late afternoon or evening (Sandhyā)⁹⁴ and their parts return to their original position in the morning. Several kinds of flowers close at night and open in the morning⁹⁵ with the sunrise and some soon open at night with the rise of the moon⁹⁶ and close in the day, e. g. lotuses and water lilies respectively. These changes in position have been termed sleep movements in Botany, although they are in no way related to the sleep of animals.

In the more primitive plants the basic functions⁹⁷ common to most green plants' cells may all take place in a single cell, but in the higher plants cellular specialization has occurred. The Jainācāryas have differentiated the several parts of a plant, such as, root, stem, leaf, etc.⁹⁸ and have dealt with some of the details of seed plant structure and certain functions localized in particular parts of the plant. The most obvious function of the root is to anchor⁹⁹ the plant and hold it in an upright position ; to do this, it branches and rebranches extensively through the soil.¹⁰⁰ Its second and biologically, more important function

90. Ibid., pp. 158-9 ; Lokaprakāśa 5.38.

91. Tarkarahasyadīpikā, p. 159.

92. Lokaprakāśa 1. 5. 74 ; Tarkarahasyadīpikā 157.

93. Tarkarahasyadīpikā p. 157.

94. Ibid., p. 158.

95. Ibid. p. 158.

96. Ibid.

97. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3 ; Lokaprakāśa 1, 5th Sarga ; Tarkarahasyadīpikā, Ṭīkā on v. 49, pp. 157-159.

98. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 46 ; Gomṃṣāra (Jivakāṇḍa). vv. 186, 189. Paṇḍavanā, Vanaspatikāya (Jivapaṇḍavanā) 1, 40, p. 17.

99. Lokaprakāśa, 1. 5. 107.

100. Ibid.

is the absorption on water and minerals¹⁰¹ from the soil and the conduction of these substances to the stem.¹⁰²

The stem¹⁰³ consisting of trunk, branches and twigs¹⁰⁴ is the connecting link between the roots, where water and minerals enter the plant, and the leaves¹⁰⁵ which manufacture food. The vascular tissues of the stem are continuous¹⁰⁶ with those of root and leaf and provide a pathway for the exchanges of materials. The stem and its branches support the leaves so that each leaf is exposed to as much sunlight as possible. Besides, stems also support flowers and fruits¹⁰⁷ in proper position for reproduction to occur. The stem¹⁰⁸ is the source of all leaves and flowers produced by a plant, for its growing points produce primordia of leaves (kisalayas) and flowers (Puṣpa). It should be noted that root and stems are sometimes confused because many kinds of stems grow underground¹⁰⁹ and some roots¹¹⁰ grow in the air.

The leaf may be filled with kṣīra (a waxy cutin?) or may not be so (niḥkṣīram) and may have fine veins (gūḍhaśīram) and their invisible joints (parvas) in between two half parts of it,¹¹¹ i.e. the upper and lower layers of the leaf epidermis filled with thin walled cells called mesophyll which are full of chloroplast. Each leaf is a specialized nutritive organ whose function is to carry on photosynthesis".¹¹²

The suction force¹¹³ connected with transpiration pull contributes to the economy of the plant by assisting the upward movement of water through the stem by concentrating in the leaves the dilute solutions

101. Bhagavatī 7. 3. 275 ; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 43 ; Lokaprakāśa, 1. 5, 107-108.

102. Ibid. (Lokaprakāśa 1. 5. 107-108)

103. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 46, ; Lokaprakāśa 1. 5. 77 : Paṇḍavanā 1.41, pp. 17-18 ; Gommatasāra (jīva) v. 189.

104. Ibid.

105. Ibid.

106. Ibid. Bhagavatī, 7.3.275. Lokaprakāśa 1. 5. 107-108.

107. Ibid.

108. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 343 ; Bhagavatī 7. 3. 275; Paṇḍavanā, 1, 41, pp. 1. Lokaprakāśa, 1. 5. 77 ; 5. 107-108.

109. Vide Lokaprakāśa 1. 5. 88-92 ; Uttaradhyayana 36. 97, 98, 99.

110. Jīvavicāra, v. 12. Paṇḍavanā, 1. 54. 7. 85 ; Lokaprakāśa 1. 5, 84.

111. Paṇḍavanā 1. 54. 7. 85 ; Lokaprakāśa 1.5, 84.

112. Biology, p. 126.

113. Lokaprakāśa 1. 5. 33, 34, 5. 107-8

of minerals absorbed by the roots¹¹⁴ and need for the synthesis of new vital force by cooling the leaves.

In the synoptic survey of the plants and animals given here plants and animals may be arranged under the phyla within the kingdoms and the classes within the phyla in the order of increasing complexity as far as possible in the light of modern Biology. The numbers given are estimates of known species in the phylum.

Organism classified as plants usually have stiff cell walls and chlorophyll.

Subkingdom : Thallophyta :

Plants not forming embryos without true roots, stems or leaves ; the body is either a single cell or an aggregation of cells with little differentiation into tissues.

Phylum Cyanophyta :

The blue green algae (sevāla) with no distinct nuclei or chloroplasts, probably the most primitive of existing plants.

Phylum Chlorophyta ; The green algae¹¹⁵ (sevāla), with definite nuclei and chloroplast.

Phylum Schizomycophyta : The bacteria¹¹⁶ (Plant bacteria)

Phylum Eumycophyta : The true fungi (Paṇaga)¹¹⁷

Class Basidiomycetes : Mushroom (Kuhaṇa),¹¹⁸ toadstools (e. g. Sarpachatra)

Subkingdom Embryophyta : Plants forming embryo

Phylum Bryophyta : Embryophyte-plants without conducting tissues. Multicellular plants, usually terrestrial.

114. Ibid.

115. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 35 ; Paṇṇavanā 1. 51, p. 21 ; Jivavicāra 8.

116. Bhagavatī 7. 3. 275, 276 ; 8. 3. 324 ; Uttarādhyayana 36-96, e.g. aluka, mūlaka, etc. contain bacteria ; Paṇṇavanā 1. ; 40 ff ; Gommaṣāra (Jivakāṇḍa), v. 189, p. 117.

117. Jivavicāra 8, ; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3, 55 ; Uttarādhyayana, 36. 103-104 ; Paṇṇavanā 1. 51, p. 21.

118. Paṇṇavanā 1. 52, p. 21 ; Jivābhigama p. 46 ; e. g. Sarpachatra, mushroom (toad stool)

- Phylum Tracheophyta** : Vascular plants.
- Sub Phylum pteropsida** : Class Gymnospermae e.g. green trees (vrkṣas),¹¹⁹ shrubby Plants (Gucchas)¹²⁰ shrubs (gulmas).¹²¹ No true flowers or ovules are present, the seeds are born naked on the surface of the conescales.
- Subclass Coniferophytae** : Order Gnetales : Climbing shrubs shrubs shrubs (latā), or (Vallī),¹²² small trees in common with the angiosperms.
- Class Angiospermae** : Flowering plants with seeds enclosed in an ovary (Osahi),¹²³ e.g. rice, wheat pulses, etc.
- Subclass Dicotyledoneae** : Most flowering plants.¹²⁴ Embryos with two cotyledons or seed leaves.
- Subclass Monocotyledoneae** : The grasses (tṛṇa),¹²⁵ water lilies (Nalina)¹²⁶ orchids, etc. Leaves with parallel veins, stems in which the vascular bundles are scattered, and flower parts in three or six. The embryo has only one seed-leaf.

It is suggestive from the study of the Jaina Āgamas that in plants, much more clearly than in animals, an evolutionary sequence is evident ranging from forms, such as, the blue greens (algae) (sevāla)¹²⁷ and plant bacteria¹²⁸ (Vanasatikāyika Jiva) which reproduce by asexual means (saṃmurcchima) to ones with complicated life cycles and

119. Bhagavati 8. 3. 324 ; Paṇṇavanā, 1. 39 ; Jivābhigama p. 44, etc.
120. Bhagavati 24. 4. 692.
121. Paṇṇavanā 1, 43, p. 18.
122. Ibid, 1. 45, p. 19.
123. Ibid, 1.50, pp. 20-21.
124. Bhagavati 6. 7. 249 ; 2. 2. 693.
125. Paṇṇavanā 1. 47. p. 20.
126. Bhagavati Sūtra 21. 6. 691.]
127. Sevāla, Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 55 ; Paṇṇavanā 1. 51, p. 2 ; Jivavicāra 8.
128. For plant bacteria see Bhagavati 7. 3. 276 ; 8. 3. 324 ; Uttarādhyayana 36.96 ; Paṇṇavanā 1. 40 ff. ; Gommatṣāra ; (Jivakaṇḍa), v. 189. p. 117. for earth quadrates see Sūtrakṛtāṅga Book 1 ; Bhagavati 33. 1. 884 ; Uttarādhyayana 36. 70 ; 84, 92, 108, 117 ; 1. 19. 55 (Ekendriyajiva Paṇṇavanā) ; Gommatṣāra, (Jivakaṇḍa), v. 89, p. 68 ; Lokaprakāśa, 4th Sarga, v. 25 ; Sarga, v. 123 ff.

highly evolved adaptations until it is capable of leading an independent life. Some of the lower forms, such as fungi (paṇaga)¹²⁹ which has no reproductive specialization, produce billions of spores so that by chance a few will fall in an environment favourable for generation and survival. The higher plants may produce no more than a few score seeds¹³⁰ per plant (e.g. aggabiya) but each seed has a fairly good chance of growing into a mature plant.

In the Jaina Āgamas four kinds of seeds of plants are mentioned for reproduction, (1) seeds generated at the top of the plant (aggabiya), (2) at its root (mūlabiya), (3) as its knots (porabiya) and at its stem (Khaṁbhabiya).¹³¹

Jaina Biology throws some light upon the germination of the seed and its embryonic development. When the seeds are ripe, they are shed from the parent plant, but a few of them do germinate shortly after being shed, most of them remain dormant during the cold or dry seasons and germinate only with the advent of the next favourable growing season.¹³²

When glanced back over many types of plant life cycles that are found from algae to angiosperms, a number of evolutionary trends appear to be evident in plant kingdom of Jaina Biology. One of these is a change from a population that is mostly haploid individuals to one that is almost entirely diploid—an evolutionary trend toward a greater size and importance of the sporophyte and a reduction in the size of the gametophyte generation.¹³³

129. Sūtrakṛāṅga II. 3. 55 (paṇaga) ; Paṇṇavanā 1. 51, 21 ; Jivavicāra, 8.
(Panaga-sevalabhūmiphoda ya")

130. Sūtrakṛāṅga II. 3. 43 (aggabiya)

131. Sūtrakṛāṅga II. 43 ; Gommaṣāra (Jiva) v. 186.

132. Bhagavati 15. 1. 54

It refers to the germination of sesamum seeds with the advent of favourable growing season after the uprooting of the sesamum plant by Gośāla Man-khalipūtra.

133. Sūtrakṛāṅga II. 3. 43.

ANIMAL KINGDOM :

A classification system of animals has been formulated by the Jainācāryas on the basis of the observation of their structural similarities,¹ sense-organs,² mode of origin³ and development.⁴ In the study of taxonomy they have differentiated superficial and accidental similarities from the significant and fundamental ones. Homologous structures⁵ of various animals have been distinguished from analogous structures.⁶ Structure of animals may be both homologous and analogous, for example, the wings (pakṣas) of birds and bat⁷ (valgulis) have a similar structural plan and development as well as the same function.⁸ Because all animals have essentially the same problems to solve for survival, there is the basic unity of life among them.

The Basis For Animal Classification according to Jain Biology

According to Jain Biology, the main divisions of the animal kingdom, the phyla, are differentiated by basic characteristics which usually are not unique for a single phylum, but occur in unique combinations in various ones. Some factors basic to the determination of an animal's classification are as follows :

(a) The presence or absence of cellular differentiation⁹ and the presence of sense-organs two to five-sense-organs.¹⁰ Animals may be

1. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 179-181 ; Paṇṇavanā 1.69. 70 ; 1. 76
Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 24.
2. Bhagavati 1. 5. 48-49 ; 2.1.83-84 ; 9.32.375 ; 20.1.663 ; 24.17. 708-712.
Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 127 ; 136 ; 150-155 ; Paṇṇavanā 1.55, 57, 58, 61-91,
92-138 ; TS. II. 24
3. Bhagavati 7.5.282 ; 9.32.375 ; Uttarādhyayana 36.170 ; Jivābhigama 1.33, 57, 58,
68 ; 75 (Gabbhavukkāmtiya), 84, 85, 91.]
4. Ibid.]
5. Arms of man, wings of birds, fin of fish are homologous-Tattvārtha Sūtra II. 34.
6. Wings of bat and bird are analogous structures 1. 62-63. Paṇṇavanā, 1.62-63
7. Wings of Cammapakṣi and Lomapakṣi, Paṇṇavanā 1.86.
8. Ibid. (Wings of bats and birds have the same function)
9. Most of the two-sensed animals have one-celled body, e.g. kṛmi (worm), while
the five-sensed animals have cellular differentiation.
10. Bhagavati Sūtra, 1. 5. 49 ; 2.1. 83-84 ; 9.32. 375 ; 20.1.663 ; 24.17. 108-155
Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 127 ; 136 ; 150-155 Paṇṇavanā Sutta, 1. 56. 57, 58,
61-91, 92-138 ; Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 24.

either single-celled, e. g. kṛmi¹¹ (the protozoa), or composed of many kinds of cells, specialized to perform particular tasks in the body's economy, e. g. higher animals and man having five sense-organs.¹² In all the higher animals, cells are differentiated and specialized. Besides, animals may be either two-sensed¹³ or three to five-sensed.¹⁴

(b) The type of body-symmetry, whether *spherical*¹⁵ *radial*¹⁶ or *bilateral*.¹⁷ Animal bodies may be organized to one of these three types of symmetry.

(c) The number of modes of origin; generation, e. g. Saṃmūrechi-ma¹⁸ (generation aequivoca or asexual reproduction) and Garbhavyutkraṅtīka,¹⁹ (generation from the womb, sexual reproduction) – aṇḍaja (Oviparous generation), Jarāyuja (Viviparous) and Potaja (viviparous generation without the placenta).²⁰ Some of the metazoa (higher animals) have only two embryonic cell layers or germ layers—an outer ectoderm and an entoderm, e. g. Jarāyujas and potajas.²¹

(d) The presence or absence of segmentation.²² The members of several phyla are characterized by the fact that their bodies consist of

11. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 128; Paṇṇavanā 1.56; Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra II. 24. (Kṛmyādinām, etc.)
12. Pañcendriyas .. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.155 ; 170, etc. Paṇṇavanā Sutta, 1.61, 62, 63, upto 91. 1.62 ; Tattvārthādhigamasūtra II. 24.
13. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 128 ; Paṇṇavanā Sutta 1.56 ; Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra II. 24.
14. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 155 ; Paṇṇavanā Sutta 1.61-91 ; 1.62.
15. A few of the lowest animals have this type of spherical symmetry.
16. In radial symmetry two sides are distinguishable, a top and a bottom, as in a starfish.
17. Human beings and all higher animals have bilateral symmetry, in which only one special cut will divide the body into two equal halves, e. g. the body of a man has bilateral symmetry—anterior and posterior, dorsal and ventral sides.
18. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36. 170; Bhagavati Sūtra 7. 5. 282 ; Paṇṇavanā 1.56, etc.
19. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36. 170 ; Bhagavati 7. 5. 282; Jivābhigama Sūtra 1. 1. 33. Paṇṇavanā, 1. 68, etc.
20. Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra II. 34 (Potaja) ; see also Bhagavati, 7. 5. 282 for Aṇḍaja and Potajā, Jivābhigama, 3. 1. 96.
21. Tattvārthādhigama Sūtra II. 34.
22. e. g. Kṛmi has no segmentation, whereas Pipilikā (ant) upto man, i.e. some higher Invertebrates and the Vertebrates have segmentation.

a row of segments,²³ each of which has the same fundamental plan, with or without variation, as the segments in front and behind. In some segmented animals, such as, man and most vertebrates the segmental character of the body is obscured.²⁴ In man the bones of the spinal column – the Vertebrae – are among the few parts of the body still clearly segmented.

(e) Unique features: There are only a few structures that belong exclusively to one phylum of the animal world. e.g. vṛścikas (scorpions)²⁵ alone have sting cells (nematocysts), although many kinds of animals have a nervous system, only the chordates to which man belongs, have a dorsally located, hollow nerve cord.²⁶

In Jaina Biology, animals are also classified according to the environment in which they live, e. g. Jalacara (aquatic), Sthalacara (terrestrial) and Nabhacara or Khecara (aerial),²⁷ but some of them are found in only one type of habitat, the members of certain phyla always live in the sea,²⁸ while the members of others are always parasitic²⁹ and so on.³⁰

A comparative study of the basis for 'Animal Classification of modern Biology may be made in the following manner :

Organisms classified as animals usually lack stiff cell walls and have no chlorophyll, mode of their nutrition is either holozoic or parasitic. Modern animal classification with illustrative examples of animals according to Jaina Biology.

Phylum protozoa : Microscopic, unicellular animals, which sometimes aggregate in animals (e. g.

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23. e. g. the body of Nūpura (Neura) (earthworm, Annelid) has got several segments, each having the same fundamental plan.
24. The segmental character of the body of man is obscured by the covering of the skin.
25. Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra II. 24, Paṇṇavanā 1.58 (vicchuta).
26. Snāyu (ṅhāru) see Kalyāṇakāraka, 3, 2, which mentions 9.0 nerves in human body.
(snāyu .. n.va .. śatāni)
27. Bhagavati Sūtra 7. 5. 282; Jivābhigama Sūtra I. 34, Paṇṇavanā Sūtra I. 61. ff.
28. Paṇṇavanā Sthānapada, 1.66 ff. e.g. Samuddalikkha.
29. Sūtrakṛtāṅga, II. 3. 27; SBE. XLV, p. 295.
"Ihegatiyā Sattā ... nānavihaṇaṃ tasathāvarāṇaṃ poggāṇaṃ sariresu vā, sacittesu vā, acittesu vā, aṇusūyattee viṣṭānti /", Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.58.
30. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 1: 7.

- Kukṣīkṛmi,³¹ etc.), which sometimes aggregate in colonies (e.g. sādharmaṇa-śāntiras). Some are free-living and others are parasitic (anusyūta)
- Phylum p'atyhelminthes** : The flat worm, with flat, and either oval or elongated, bilaterally symmetrical bodies (a type of kṛmi).³²
- Class Castoda** : The tape worms (a kind of kṛmi),³³ parasitic flat worms with no digestive tract, the body consists of a head and a chain of "segments" of individuals which bud from the head.
- Phylum Nematoda** ; The round worms (a kind of kṛmi).³⁴ An extremely large phylum characterized by elongated. Cylindrical, bilaterally symmetrical bodies, they live as parasites in plants and animals or are free living in the soil or water.
- Phylum Annelida** : The segmented worms (Nūpurka).³⁵ There is a distinct head, digestive tract, and some non-jointed appendages. The digestive system is divided into specialised regions.
- Class Hirudinea** ; The leeches (Jalūkā)³⁶ flattened annelids lacking bristles and parapodia, but with suckers at anterior and posterior ends.
- Phylum Arthropoda** : Segmental animals with jointed appendages and hard, chitinous skin, with body divided into head, thorax and

1. Uttarādhyayana 35. 128 ; TS. II 24 ; Paṇṇavanā 1. 50, 56.

2. Ibid.

3. Ibid.

4. Ibid,

35, Paṇṇavanā 1.56. 1 ; Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra II 24.

36. It come under the category of Annelids. ; See Paṇṇavanā 1.56 ; TS., II. 24.

- abdomen, e. g. gaṇḍupada),³⁷ (knotty legged, Arthropada, including crustacea, Myriapoda, etc.)
- Class Crustacea** ; Lobsters, crabs, etc. (a class of gaṇḍupada).³⁸ Animals that are usually aquatic have two pairs of antennae, and respire by means of gills.
- Class Chilopoda** ; The Centipeds (Śatapadika).³⁹ Each body segment except the head and tail has a pair of legs.
- Class Arachnoidea** ; Spiders (Nandyāvarta),⁴⁰ scorpions (Vṛścikas).⁴¹ Adults have no antennae. The first pair of appendages ends in pincers, the second pair is used as jaws and the last four pairs are used for walking.
- Class Insecta (kīṭa)** ; The largest group of animals, mostly terrestrial. The body is divided into a distinct head, with four pairs of appendages; the thorax has three pairs of legs and usually two pairs of wings the abdomen has no appendages. Respiration by means of tracheae. There are different orders of insects⁴²
- Order Orthoptera** ; Grass-hoppers (Patanga)⁴² etc.
- Order Isoptera** ; Termites (Kāṣṭhāhārakā),⁴⁴ etc.
- Order A noplura** ; Lice (Kārpāsāsthika),⁴⁵ (Aptera, Ametabola)

37. Ibid.

38. Ibid.

39. Paṇṇavanā 1.57 1. ; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra ¶ 137-138. ; TS. II. 24.

40. Uttarādhyayana 36. 146-149 ; Paṇṇavanā 1. 58.
Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II. 34.

41. Ibid.

42. Uttarādhyayana, 36. 146-149 Paṇṇavanā 1.58. 1.
Tattvārthadhigama Sūtra II 34,

43. Ibid.

44. Paṇṇavanā 1. 57. 1. ; Uttarādhyayana 36. 137-138 ; TS., II. 24.

45. Ibid.

- Order Coleoptera**⁴⁶ ; Cucumber – Weevils (Trapusamimjiya), etc.⁴⁷
- Order Lepidoptera** ; Butterflies and moths (Kiṭa).⁴⁸
- Order Diptera** ; Flies (Makṣikā) mosquitos (maśaka) and gnats (Puttika).⁴⁹
- Order Hymenoptera** ; Ants (pipilikā),⁵⁰ wasps (Varaṭa)⁵¹ bees (bhramara)⁵² and gall flies (Damaśa)⁵³
- Phylum Mollusca** ; Unsegmented, soft-bodied animals, usually covered by a shell, and with a ventral muscular foot. Respiration is by means of gills, protected by a fold of the body wall, e. g. Saṅkha (conchifera, Lamelli Branchiata), Śuktika (pearl – mussels) Lamelli Branchiata).⁵⁴
- Class Gastropoda** ; Snails (Śambuka),⁵⁵ etc.
- Phylum Echinoderamata**⁵⁶ ; Marine animals which are radially symmetrical as adults, bilaterally symmetrical as larvae.

46. Ibid.

47. Ibid.

48. Uttarādhyayana 36. 146-149 ; Paṇṇavanā 1. 58. 1. Tattvarthādhigama Sūtra II. 34.

49. Ibid.

50. Paṇṇavanā 1, 55. 1. ; Uttarādhyayana 36. 137-138; TS., II. 24.

51. Uttarādhyayana 36. 146-149 ; Paṇṇavanā 1. 58. 1. Tattvarthādhigama Sūtra II. 34.

52. Ibid.

53. Ibid.

54. Paṇṇavanā 1. 56 ; Tattvarthādhigama Sūtra II. 24.

55. Ibid.

56. See Paṇṇavanā for four-sensed Jalacarajivas.

- Phylum Chordate**⁵⁷ : Bilaterally symmetrical animals with a notochord, gill clefts in pharynx, and a dorsal, hollow neural tube.
- Subphylum Vertebrata**⁵⁸ : (Five – sensed Animals),
Animals having a definite head, a backbone of vertebrae, a well-developed brain and usually, two pairs of limbs. They have ventrally located heart, and a pair of well developed eyes.
- Class Chondrichthyes**⁵⁹ : Sharks, etc., e.g. Fishes with a cartilaginous skeleton and scales of dentin and enamel imbedded in the skin.
- Class Osteichthyes**⁶⁰ : The bony fishes e. g. Rohitaka (Labeo – Rohita Selley fish)
- Class Amphibia**⁶¹ : Frog (Manduka), toads, (a kind of maṇḍūka), Salamanders, (lizard like animal), etc.

As larvae these forms breathe by gills, as adults they breathe by lungs. There are two pairs of five-toed limbs ; the skin is usually scaleless.

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57. The animals (man and higher animals) having five sense organs fall under the class phylum chordate which consists of the subphylum, vertebrate, animals, such as fishes (maccha), amphibia (frogs–manduka, (Bhs. 12. 8. 446), reptiles (parisarpas), birds (pakhi and mammals including man (manuss), see Uttarādhyayana 36, 155, 170, 172. 180, 18 . 187, 194 ; Paṇṇavanā 1. 61, 62, 63, 70, 7 . 72, 73, 74, 92 ; Tattvārthādhigamasūtra II. 34.
58. The five-sensed animals of Jaina Biology can be classified into eight classes of the sub-phylum vertebrata of Modern Biology, viz. (1) the Agnatha the Jawless fishes, e. g. Saṃhamaccha, lamprey cells, etc. (2) the placodermi—the Jawed fishes (3) the chondrichthyes, e. g. sharks (timi ?) with cartilaginous skeletons, (4) the osteichthyes the bony fishes, e. g. Rohiyamaccha (Labeo–Rohita), (5) the Amphibia (frogs, Maṇḍūka) (6) the Reptilia (parisarpa) – lizards, snakes, the warm blooded fur bearing animals that suckle their youngs (Sthalacaracatuspada prāpi, Apes and Man.
59. Sharkas (timi ?), etc. ; See Paṇṇavanā 1.63.
60. Rohita fish found in big pond, river and sea. See Paṇṇavanā 1.71.
61. Bhagavati Vyākhyāprajñapti 8. 2. 316 ; 12. 8. 460.

- Class Reptilia** : (Parisarpa).⁶² Lizards (gr̥hagolikā), snake (ahi), turtles (kūrma), crocodiles (makara), etc.
- The body is covered with scales derived from the epidermis of the skin. The animals breathe by means of lungs and have a three-chambered heart.
- Class Aves**⁶³ : The birds (Pakṣin) : Warm blooded animals whose skin is covered with feathers (loma or pakṣa).
- Class Mammalia**⁶⁴ : Warm - blooded animals whose skin is covered with hair. The females have mammary glands, which secrete milk for the nourishment of the young, e. g. cow (go), buffalo (mahiṣa), goat (aja), sheep (avika), horse (aśva), ass (Khara), camel (uṣṭra), deer (mṛga), etc. up to man (manuṣya)
- Sub Class Eutheria** : The placental mammals (Jarāyuja). The young develop within the uterus of the mother, obtaining nourishment via the placenta, e. g. Man, cow, buffalo, goat, sheep. etc.⁶⁵ Potajas also, e. g. elephant.
- Order Insectivora** : Primitive Insect - eating mammals ; moles and shrews, e. g. Śvavita and Lāpuka⁶⁶ (Hedgehogs and other creatures that lap up) Insectivora.⁶⁷
- Order Chiroptera** : Bats (Valguli).⁶⁸

62. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 131 ; Paṇṇavaṇā Sutta 1. 76. TS., II. 34.

63. Paṇṇavaṇā 1. 86 ; Uttarādhyayana 36. 187. Tatvarthādhigama Sūtra II. 34.

64. TS., II. 34.

65. Ibid.

66. Ibid.

67. Ibid.

68. Ibid.

Order Carnivora	: Dogs (Sunaga or Sva), Cats (Bidāli), bears (Rkṣa), etc. ⁶⁹
Order Rodentia	: Rats (mūṣikā), squirrels (śayika), beavers and porcupines (śallaka) etc. ⁷⁰
Order Lagomorpha	: Rabbits ⁷¹ (Śaśaka) and hares (Śasā).
Order Primatee	: Monkeys, apes ⁷² and man (manuṣya). ⁷³
Order Antiodatyla	: Even-toed ungulates (dukhurā), ⁷⁴ e.g. and cattle, deer, camels etc.
Order Perissodactyla	: Odd-toed ungulates (egakhurā) horses rhinoceroses, etc. ⁷⁵
Order Proboscidea	: (Gaṇḍipadā) : Elephants (Hasti) ⁷⁶
Order Cetacea	: Whales (Timi). ⁷⁷

It is suggestive from this survey of the classification of the animal kingdom that the Jainācaryas recognized in principle the grades of likeness or similarity in animal classifications, viz. (1) the complete identity of type which exists within a single species, (2) The likeness between species of the same great genus (such species have the same great genus) such species have the same bodily parts, differing only in degree in number, size, etc. and (3) the likeness by analogy between greatest genera themselves, on the basis of sense-organs, for they grasped firmly the homology between arm, foreleg, wings, fin, between bone and fish spine, between feather and scale.⁷⁸

They never applied any cut-and-dried method of classification of animal. They were well aware of the difficulties of the existence

69. Ibid.

70. TS. II. 34.

71. TS. II. 34.

72. Bhs. 12. 8. 450.

73. TS, II. 34 ; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36. 194 ; Paṇḍavanā 1. 72.

74. Paṇḍavanā 1. 72.

75. Ibid., 1. 71,

76. Ibid. 1. 73,

77. Paṇḍavanā 1. 63,

78. Bhagavati Vyakhyāprajñapti, 1, 5. 49; 2. 1. 83-34; 9-32-375; 20. 1. 1. 663
24. 17. 708-12; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 127; 136; 150-155.

of isolated genera and species intermediate between two such genera. But their classification is clear enough in its main lines. It was in great advance of anything that preceded it in the Vedic period and no further advance on it was made in the field of Ancient Indian Biology⁸⁰.

The widest divisions are Dvindriya (two-sensed), Trindriya (three-sensed), Caturindriya, (four - sensed) and Pañcendriya (five-sensed) animals answering to the modern in vertebrates (two-sensed), three-sensed and four-sensed animals and Vertebrates (five-sensed animals) respectively on the basis of the number of sense-organs⁸¹ possessed by each of them and also on that of habitat-Jalacara (aquatic), Sthalacara (terrestrial) and Nabhacara (aerial).⁸¹ Of the pañcendriyas (five-sensed animals) the main genera are viviparous quadrupeds (cetacea) (Jarāyuja) and oviparous (aṇḍaja) birds (pakṣin), apoda-oviparous reptiles (parisarpa) and amphibia (frog-maṇḍūka) and oviparous fishes (matsya).

Besides these, there are the isolated species-man and certain intermediate species - monkey (golāṅgūla), etc. Dvindriya, Trindriya, and Caturindriya prāṇīs (lower and higher invertebrates) that are divided on the basis of the consistency of their inner and outer parts and sense-organs.

Each of these genera has many differentiae and they can accordingly be grouped in many ways, but the most illuminating of these as indicated by Jaina Biology is that which depends on the mode of generation - Saṁmūrccchima⁸² (asexual reproduction or spontaneous generation) and garbhavyutkrāntika⁸³ (sexual reproduction) - Aṇḍaja (oviparous), Jarāyuja and Potaja (viviparous) (placental). The highest types of animal are Jarāyujas and Potajas (vivipara).⁸⁴ That is to say, those which have vital force to reproduce sexually offspring qualitatively

80. Bhagavati Vyākhyāprajñapti 1. 5. 48; 2. 1. 83-84; 9. 32. 375 ; 20. 1. 663.

24. 17. 708-12; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 127; 136; 150-155 Paṇḍavana Jivapaṇḍavanā 1. 56. 57, 58, 61-91, 92-138; Tattvarthadhigama [Sūtra II. 24. 34.

81. Bhagavati 7. 5. 282 ; Uttarādhyayana 36. 171 ; Paṇḍavanā, 1. 61. p. 29.

82. Uttarādhyayana 36. 170 ; Bhagavati 7. 5. 282 ; Jivābhigama Sūtra 1. 33. Paṇḍavanā 1. 56. etc.

83. Uttarādhyayana 36. 170 ; Bhagavati 7. 5. 282 ; Jivābhigama 1. 33. Paṇḍavanā 1. 68, etc.

84. Bhagavati 7. 5. 282 ; Jivābhigama 3. 1. 96; Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra II. 34.

like the parents. The next type is that in which an egg is produced.

Lower still come the types of animals which produce asexually (Saṁmūrcchima) a slimy fluid from which the younger ones develop, while in others the young simply bud off from the parents.

And finally in all lower types and occasionally even as high as in the fishes there occurs spontaneous generation (saṁmūrcchima) from lifeless matter such as sveda (dirt or sweat).⁸⁵

It is found in Jaina Biology that the organization of the body of developed animals includes the transport system of the body, i. e. blood and blood vessels⁸⁶ that supply all cells with nutrients (rasa)⁸⁷ and the waste products⁸⁸ (mutta, etc. of metabolism and the circulatory system,⁸⁹ the digestive system together with metabolism and nutrition, the excretory system, the integumentary and skeletal systems which protect and support the body, the muscular system which moves the various parts of the body one on another, the nervous system, the sense-organs by which animals obtain and process information regarding the external environment, and the endocrine system in brief.⁹⁰

Enumerating the contents of the human body the Jainācāryas state that usually this body is a collection of blood (Śoṇita)⁹¹ and blood vessels—seven hundred śirās (Veins?), twenty four dhamanis (arteries?) carrying nutrients, eight srotas (currents),⁹² lungs (phopphasaphephasa)⁹³ including eparterial bronchioles of trachea, gastro-intestinal tract starting from the mouth cavity, Oesophagus up to the column of the large intestine (Thulamta),⁹⁴ the excretory organs—kidney (Taṇṇuyamta)⁹⁵

85. There may be germs of life in dirt or sweat according to the Biological Science, 16, pp. 34–35.

86. Tandula Veyāliya 16, pp. 34–35 Ibid. ; Kalyāṇakaraka 3. 4.

87. Ibid., 16. p. 35

88. Ibid.

89. Ibid.

90. Tandula Veyāliya, 16. pp. 34–35 ff. ; Kalyāṇakaraka, 3.5, pp. 31 ff.

91. Tandula Veyāliya 3. p. 7; 6, p. 10; 16, p. 35; Kalyāṇakaraka 3, 7. p. 31 (rakta) Soṇiya (Angavijja), p. 177

92. Tandula Veyāliya. 16, p. 35; Kalyāṇakaraka, 3.2, 3.3., p. 30; 3, 4. p. 31.

93. Tandula Veyāliya, 17, p. 38.

94. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35 ; Kalyāṇakaraka. 2. 4, p. 31.

and nine orifices (navasoyā),⁹⁶ skin (camma),⁹⁷ a skeleton⁹⁸ of three hundred pieces of bones,⁹⁹ articulated by one hundred sixty joints¹⁰⁰ (sandhis), with six types of joints bound together by nine hundred sinews of ligaments (ṅhārus),¹⁰¹ plastered over with five hundred pieces of muscles (peṣis),¹⁰² enclosed with outer cuticle¹⁰³ (camma or ajina), with orifices (soyā),¹⁰⁴ here and there, constantly dribbling and trickling like cracked or perforated pot,¹⁰⁵ infested by helminths¹⁰⁶ and always oozing from nine orifices¹⁰⁷ (wax from the ears, rheum from the eyes, snot from the nostrils, undigested food, bile, phlegm and blood from the mouth, and from the anus and urine from the urethra through the penis¹⁰⁸ and sweating through ninety nine lakh of hair follicles¹⁰⁹ ; five sense-organs¹¹⁰ (eye, etc.), one hundred seventy sensitive parts of the body (marmas)¹¹¹ and some endocrine glands etc.¹¹²

Like Buddhaghosa¹¹³ the Jainācāryas give the description of the human body to create a repulsion in the minds of their monk followers towards it¹¹⁴ and suggest to them to review the different aspects of

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95. Taṇḍuyamta ? Its function suggests that it is kidney (Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35) although its literal meaning appears to be small intestine, where all eaten food is churned and digested.
96. Ibid ; Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.5, 10, 11, 12.
97. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 41.
98. Ibid.
99. Ibid., 16, p. 35 ; Kalyāṇakāraka 3. 2. p. 38.
100. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.
101. Ibid.
102. Ibid.
103. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 41
104. Ibid, 16, p. 35, p. 41.
105. Kalyāṇakāraka 3.12, p. 32.
106. Ibid.
107. Tandula Veyāliya, 16. p. 85; p. 38; Kalyāṇakāraka, 3, 5, 10, 11, 12.
108. Ibid.
109. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.
110. Paṇṇavanā, Indriyapada, 15.
111. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.
112. Testes, ovaries. Seminal glands, etc.
113. Visuddhimagga, VI. 89, VI. 46.
114. Tandula Veyāliya, 38r

it.¹¹⁵ They do not define like Caraka¹¹⁶ and Buddhaghosa¹¹⁷ that it is constructed out of five or four primary elements of matter. Nevertheless, they admit that the body is constituted of matter (Pudgala).¹¹⁸

The main aspects of the body as described by Jaina Biology are as follows : blood (śoṇita¹¹⁹ or rudhira),¹²¹ hard or congealed fat (meda),¹²¹ semi-liquid fat (vasā),¹²² synovia (rasiyā ?)¹²³ spittle (Khela)¹²⁴ snot (simghānaka),¹²⁵ bile (pitta),¹²⁶ phlegm (simbha),¹²⁷ liver (yakṛt)¹²⁸ spleen (pilihā),¹²⁹ pus (Puya or puvva),¹³⁰ heart (hiyaya),¹³¹ blood vessels (śirā-dhamanī),¹³² lymph vessels (śleṣmāsirā),¹³³ lymph (Kaph or simbha),¹³⁴ tissue fluid (rasa),¹³⁵ āṇapāṇa or ucchvāsa-niḥśvāsat³⁶ (Oxygen and carbon-dioxide ?); lungs (Phopphasa – puphasa)¹³⁷ including eparterial bronchioles of trachea, mouth cavity (mukh),¹³⁸ stomach (undara or āmoru),¹³⁹ duodenum (pakkāśaya), small intestine (taṇnuyānta),¹⁴⁰

115. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35; 17, p. 38, etc.

116. Carakasmṛti. IV. 6. 4.

117. Visudhimagga VIII, 45.

118. Tattvārthadhigamasūtra, Umāsvatī V. 9.

119. Tandula Veyāliya, 3, p. 17.

120. Ibid. 16, p. 35.

121. Ibid, p. 40.

122. Ibid.

123. Ibid.

124. Ibid.

125. Ibid.

126. Ibid. 13, p. 41.

127. Tandula Veyāliya. pp. 12, 41. ; Kalyāṇakāraka. 3. 4; p. 31,

128. Tandula Veyāliya ; Kalyāṇakāraka, p. 3. 4, p. 3.

129. Tandula Veyāliya. p. 40.

130. Tandula Veyāliya 17. 38'

131. Ibid.

132. Ibid., 16, p. 35; Kalyāṇakāraka 3. 4, p. 37.

133. Kalyāṇakāraka; 3. 19, p. 40.

134. Ibid 3, 7. p. 31.

139. Tandula Veyāliya. 16, p. 35.

136. Ibid, p. 8 ; Bhagavati 1. 7. 61-2; Viśeṣāvaśyakabhāṣya a, 2714.

137. Tandula Veyāliya, 17, p. 38.

138. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 38.

139. Tandula Veyāliya. 17, p. 38 (udara) ; Kalyāṇakāraka, 3, 4. p. 31 (āmoru).

140. Kalyāṇakāraka 3. 4.

large intestine (Thūlamta),¹⁴¹ tongue (Jihā or jihvā),¹⁴² teethdamtā¹⁴⁵ anus or rectum (pāyu)¹⁴⁴, genital (upastha),^{144/a} kidney.¹⁴⁵ nine, orifices (navasoyā),¹⁴⁶ urine (mūta),¹⁴⁷ faeces (puriṣa),¹⁴⁸ skin (camma),¹⁴⁹ outgrowth of skin-hair (keśa),¹⁵⁰ body hairs (romas)¹⁵¹ and nails (nakha, etc.),¹⁵² sweat (seya),¹⁵³ skeleton (aṭṭhiya),¹⁵⁴ bones (aṭṭhi),¹⁵⁵ various parts of the skeleton,¹⁵⁶ the number of bones¹⁵⁷ bone marrow (aṭṭhimimjā),¹⁵⁸ brain matter (matthulumga),¹⁵⁹ joints (saṁdhi),¹⁶⁰ firmness of joints (saṁghayana),¹⁶¹ pieces of muscles (māmsapeśis),¹⁶² nerves (ṅhāru),¹⁶³ ligaments (kaṁdarā),¹⁶⁴ tendons (māmsarajju),¹⁶⁵ sense-organ (imdiya)¹⁶⁶ and a few endocrine glandsducts

141. Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.

142. Ibid. ; Kalyāṇakāraka.

143. Ibid, 3. p. 7; 16, p. 35.

144. Ibid, 16, p. 58.

144/a Ibid, p. 38.

145. Ibid. 16. p. 35.

146. Ibid.

147. Ibid.

148. Ibid.

149. Ibid. p. 41.

150. Ibid, 3, p. 7.

151. Ibid.

152. Ibid.

153. Ibid. p. 40.

154. Ibid., p. 41.

155. Ibid., 6, p. 10, 16, p. 35.

156. Ibid, 16, p. 35 ; Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.2.

157. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35 ; Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.2.

158. Tandula Veyāliya, 6, p. 10 ; Bhagavati Sūtra, 1, 7, 61.2.

159. Ibid.

160. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35.

161. Lokaprakāśa, 3, 399. p. 132 ; Karmagrantha 1, 38-39.

162. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 6, 16, p. 35 ; Kalyāṇakāraka 3.2., p. 30.

163. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 16, p. 35 ; Kalyāṇakāraka, 3.3, p. 30.

164. Kandara means thick (or big) nerves. They may be ligaments. Also see Kalyāṇakāraka 3.4 for kaṁdarā.

165. Kalyāṇakāraka 3.4 p. 31.

166. Bhagavati 2. 4. 99 ; Paṇṇavana Sutta 15, Indriyapana ; Tandula Veyāliya 3, p. 7. Tattvārtha Sūtra II Pañcendriyāni.

(Sukkadhāriṇi sirā), testes,¹⁶⁷ (Vasaṇa), ovaris¹⁶⁸ (Kukṣis or garbhāśaya of the female, fallopian tubes (Sirādugaṃ)¹⁶⁹ uterus (yoni)¹⁷⁰ etc.

It is observed in Jaina Biology that the actual process of reproduction varies tremendously from one kind of an animal to another¹⁷¹ but two basic types of reproduction, asexual or spontaneous generation acquivoca (Saṃmūrchima) and sexual (garbhaja) or (Garbhavyutkrāntika)¹⁷² can be distinguished. Even the highest animals reproduce asexually as evidenced by the fact that “the production of identical twins from splitting of a single fertilized egg is a kind of asexual reproduction”.¹⁷³

Asexual reproduction (Saṃmūrchima)¹⁷⁴ involves biologically only of single parent (i.e. it does not require parents), which splits, buds or fragments to give rise to two or more offsprings which have heredity traits identical to those of the parents.¹⁷⁵ Sexual reproduction involves two parents,¹⁷⁶ each of which contributes a specialized ovum or gamete (eggs and sperm)¹⁷⁷ which fuse to form the zygote or fertilized egg.¹⁷⁸

Human reproduction,¹⁷⁹ in common with that of most animals, is accomplished sexually by the union of specialized gametes—ova or

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167. Tandula Veyāliya, 16, p. 35 ; Even Tanuṃānta (Small intestine) and Thūlānta (large intestine) are regarded as endocrine glands.
168. Garbhāśaya. Sthānāṅga Ṭika 6, Kucchi (?) Tandula Veyāliya 16, p. 35.
169. Tandula Veyāliya, 3, Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3 ; Paṇṇavanā 1, Jivapaṇṇavanā ; See births of Beṃḍiya to Paṃcendriya Jīvas, Saṃmūrchhima and Vyūikrāntika etc. Tattvārthadhiga Sūtra II, 24 34.
170. Bhagavati 7. 5. 282 ; Jivābhigama 3. 1. 96 ; 1. 33. 36. Paṇṇavanā ; Jivapaṇṇavanā (from two-sensed to five-sensed animals).
171. Biology, p. 148, See Uttarādhyayana Sūtra XXVI. 170. All pañcendriyas are both Saṃmūrchima and Garbhaja, i. e. they have asexual and sexual reproductions.
173. Bhagavati, 7, 5. 282 ; Jivābhigama Sūtra 3. 1. 96. ; 1. 33. 862 ; Uttarādhyayana Sūtra XXXVI. 170. Paṇṇavanā, Jivapaṇṇavanā 1. 57. p. 27
174. e. g. worms (kṛmis). etc.
175. e.g. worms (kṛmis), etc.
176. See Uttarādhyayana Sūtra XXXVI. 170 ; Paṇṇavanā, Jivapaṇṇavanā, Tirikkhajivapaṇṇavanā upto Manussjivapaṇṇavanā.
177. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.21 ; Tandula Veyāliya p. 3.
178. Ibid.
179. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 3.

eggs (ojaṃ) produced by the male-female and sperm (sukkam) produced by the male.¹⁸⁰

A man and a woman combine in cohabitation in cumaus (Yoni) and there they deposit their humours. Therein are born the souls of different men.¹⁸¹

Then there take place the division, growth and differentiation of a fertilized egg into the remarkable complex and interdependent system of organs which is the adult animal.¹⁸² The organs are complicated and reproduced in each new individual with extreme fidelity of pattern, but many of the organs begin to function, while still developing.¹⁸³ The pattern of cleavage, blastula formation (hollow ball of cell formation or first element formation), and gastrulation is seen, with various modifications,¹⁸⁴ in all men and in the multicellular animals according to modern Biology.¹⁸⁵

Jaina Biology reveals that heredity is the tendency of individuals to resemble their progenitors.¹⁸⁶ Each new generation of organisms from two-sensed to five-sensed closely resembles its parents as is evidenced by the fact of the classification of animals on the basis of possession of the number of sensed-organs and similar structures¹⁸⁷ and certain parental characteristics¹⁸⁸ which appear frequently in successive generations of a given family tree. Although the resemblances between the parents and offsprings are close, they are usually not exact.

The expression of inherited character may be strongly influenced by the environment in which the individual develops as is found in the case of Jalacara (aquatic), Sthalacara (terrestrial) and Khecara (aerial) prāṇis (animal).¹⁸⁹

180. Ibid ; Sthānāṅga Sutta Paṃcamasthāna ; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 56.

181. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 56.

182. Tandula Veyāliya, 2, p 6.

183. E.g. Putrajivārasaharaṇī (embilical cord) functions to absorb food from the stream of mother's blood.

184. Tandula Veyāliya, 2. p. 6 ; Kalyāṇakaraka, 2nd chap. VV. 33, 54, 27.

185. Biology. p. 430.

186. Bhagavati Vyakhyāprajñapti, 1. 7. 61 ; Tandula Veyāliya. 6. p. 10.

187. Paṇṇavanā 1, 56-91 ; Paṇṇavanā 1.70

188. Uttarādhyayana 36. 176 ; Paṇṇavanā 1. 70.

189. Paṇṇavanā Sutta 1. 61-91,

In regards to the determination of sex Jaina Biology explains that the relative predominance of Śukra (semen-sperm) in the fertilized ovum (gabbha) is a factor which influences the sexual character of the resulting offspring. That is, the excess of sperm cell produces the male, while that of the germ cell Oyaṁ = Śoṇita) produces the female. If the sperm-cell and germ-cell i. e. Śukra and oyaṁ ṣoṇita - are equal are neuter (napuṁsaka) is born.¹⁹⁰

Besides, the determination of sex depends in part on a periodicity to which the life history of the ovum in the female parent is conceived to be subject—a law under which the fertilization of the ovum on the fourth day after the menstrual discharge, or on the alternate (even) days succeeding is favourable to the foetus developing the male sexual character, and on alternate following days to the foetus assuming the female sex.¹⁹⁴

The view of Jaina Biology on the determination of sex is corroborated by the evidence of Indian Āyurvedic Science and supported indirectly by modern Biology genetically in the following manner :

“In man and perhaps in other mammals maleness is determined in large part by the presence chromosome. An individual who has the constitution is nearly a normal male in his external appearance, though with under-developed gonads. An individual with one X but no Y chromosome has the appearance of an immature female”.

“Eggs contain one X chromosome ; half the sperms have an X chromosome, the other half have a Y. Fertilization of an X bearing egg by an Y bearing sperm results in an XX, female, zygote. The fertilization of an X-bearing egg by a Y-bearing sperm results in an XY, male zygote..”¹⁹²

Some of the phenomena in human inheritance have been observed by the Jainācāyas on the basis of some principles of inheritance of human traits as revealed in the Jaina works. It is suggested that the development of each organ of the body is regulated by a large number of genes¹⁹³ (units of inheritance). The age at which a particular gene expresses itself phenotypically may vary widely as indicated by ten daśās (stages)¹⁹⁴ of human life.

190. Tandula Veyāliya, p. 13.

191. Ibid (comm.), p. 4.

192. Biology p. 747.

193. Biology, p. 501. “Gene applies to any hereditary unit that can undergo mutation and be detected by the change it produces in the phenotype of the organism” Ibid., p. 485.

194. Tandula Veyāliya, pp. 15-16

Most characteristics¹⁹⁵ develop long before birth but some such as hair and eye, colour, etc.¹⁹⁶ may not appear until shortly after birth. Some, such as, amaurotic idiocy (bālatva or mandatva)¹⁹⁷ becomes evident in early childhood and still others, such as, cough, phlegm, bending of the body, feeble sense-organs etc. develop only after the individual has attained maturity.

“The inheritance of mental ability or intelligence is one of the most important, yet one of the most difficult problems of human genetics”¹⁹⁹. The reference to the mental capacities of people forming a continuous series from idiot (manda or Jaḍa) to genius (mañṣi)²⁰⁰ suggests that “intelligence is inherited by a system of polygenes”²⁰¹ brought about by Karma,²⁰² other evidence²⁰³ substantiates this hypothesis.

Modern Biology explains that “The inheritance of feeble-mindedness is due to a single recessive gene”.²⁰⁴

“It is now evident that the inheritance of mental defect is much more complex. Feeble-mindedness may be caused by diseases²⁰⁵ or by other environment factors,²⁰⁶ but the majority of cases are due to inheritance”.²⁰⁷

195. Tandula Veyaliya, 1. 2, 3,

196. Ibid, 15 (Prathama daśā)

197. Ibid. p. 15 (prathama and tṛtīya daśā)

198. Ibid, p. 16 (hayanī 6th daśā), pavarṇca (7th daśā)
Saṁkuiyavalicammo (8th daśā) etc.

199. Biology, p. 504.

200. “Mañṣimanda”. 1st Karmagantha with Sopajñāṭikā by Devendrasūri, p. 2.

201. “The term ‘Poligenic inheritance or multiple factor inheritance is applied when two or more independent pairs of genes affect the same character in the same way and are an additive fashion”, e. g. skin colour in man, Biology p. 470.

202. “Mañṣijaḍayo... ..Karmanibandhanam /” Karmagantha 1, with Sopajñāṭikā by Devendra Sūri, p. 2.

203. Ibid (comm)

204. Biology; p, 504.

205. Ibid.

206. Viśesavaśyakabhāṣya p. 537.

207. Biology. p. 504.

It is suggestive from the study of Jaina Biology that the Jainācāryas have worked out a theory of a sort of gradual evolving life forms on the basis of the number of sense-organs²⁰⁸ from the micro-organisms (nigodas)²⁰⁹ – one-sensed²¹⁰ up to five-sensed animals–men²¹¹ according to their metaphysical belief that Karmaprakṛti strives to change from the simple and imperfect to the more complex and perfect as a result of modifications or progress of Karmas²¹² accumulated in successive births in past life.

But it seems unlikely that men will ever know how life originated, whether it happened only once or many times or whether it might happen again.

Like Ray and Kinnaeus²¹³ the Jainācāryas are firm believers in the unchanging nature of species as is evidenced in their classifications of organisms.²¹³

From the point of view of the present day taxonomists an evolutionary relationship among the species of organisms – plants and animals–may be discovered on the basis of their anatomy, physiology and biochemistry, their embryologic and genetic histories, etc.

A close study of the world of life of plants and animals as presented in Jaina Biology shows that there is a remarkable fitness of the organism for the place (tḥāna),²¹⁴ in which it lives, e. g. water for aquatic animals (Jalacaras), land for terrestrial animals, (Sthalacaras) and air for aerial animals (Nabhacaras).²¹⁶ It is suggestive from this fact of fitness of organisms that their structure, of function, even of behaviour pattern, has arisen in course of evolution by natural selection

208. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 68-197.

Paṇṇavanā Sutta 1. 19-55 Egimūyājīvapāṇṇavanā upto 1. 92-138 (paṇṇendiya manussajīvapāṇṇavanā).

209. Bhagavati 25. 5, 749; Jivābhigama Sūtra p. 997
Paṇṇavanā, i.55 120; Lokaprakāṣa 1. 4th Sarga v. 32,
Nigodaṣattriṃśikā; Gommaṣasāra (Jiva). V. 7.

210. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 68 ff. Paṇṇavanā 1.19-55.

211. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra, 36. 194-7; Paṇṇavanā 1.19.55

212. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II 3. 62.

213. Biology p. 543.

214. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.

215. Paṇṇavanā Sutta 2, Tḥānapayam Sūtra 148-166, etc.

216. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 6.171.

as explained by modern Biology.²¹⁷ The outcome of evolution is a population of organisms, a species, adapted to survive in certain type of "environment".²¹⁸

Although a clear cut idea of the outcome of evolution of plants and animals is not found in Jaina Biology, nevertheless, it has been noted, while studying the "characteristics of living substances" that each particular species or plant or animals has the ability to become adapted by seeking out an environment in which it is suited to make it better fitted to its present surrounding.²¹⁹

It is suggestive that in course of time organisms have become adapted and readapted²²⁰ many times as their environment changed or as they migrated to a new environment.²²¹

The analysis of the topics "The knowledge of food of organisms"²²² the types of plants and classification of animals²²³ and their habitats,²²⁴ etc., as recorded in the Jaina Āgamas, reveals that there is a tendency for each group of organisms to spread out²²⁵ and occupy as many different habitats as they can reach and which will support them²²⁶ because of the struggle for food and living space²²⁷

The classification of animals by the Jainācāryas into Sthalacara (terrestrial), Jalacara (aquatic) and Khecara or Nabhacara (aerial) animals throws light upon their habitats and ecology to which they could grow and adapt, and make themselves better fitted in their survival.²²⁸

217. Biology p. 570; Paṇṇavanā 1. 61-91.

218. Biology, p. 570.

219. It is indicated by the Characteristics of living substances and their cell structure and functions.

220. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3; Bhāṇavatī 7.5.275; Paṇṇavanā, Ṭhaṇapayam; Jivabhigama. 1. 34-36; Tarkarahasyadīpikā, V. 9, Jainamataṁ, Ṭikā by Guṇaratna.

221. Ibid.

222. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.

223. For types of plants, classification of Animals see Paṇṇavanā, Jivapaṇṇavanā; Uttarādhyānaya Sūtra 36, etc.

224. Paṇṇavanā Sūtra; Ṭhaṇapayam; Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3

225. Trasa Jivas (motile animals always move for food and shelter.

226. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. All motile animals do so for food and space.

227. Ibid.

228. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.

Conversely, it is observed in the Jaina Āgamas that many of the animals inhabiting the same type of habitat, e.g. water, have (developed) similar structures which make them superficially alike, even though they may be but distantly related, e. g. the dolphin and porpoises (Śuśumāra²²⁹ which are mammals,) both bony and cartilaginous fishes, "have all evolved streamlined shapes, dorsal fins, tail fins and flipper like fore arm, hind limbs which make them look much alike".²³⁰

The evolution and adaptation of each species of organisms as suggested by biologic interrelation in Jaina Biology have not occurred in a biologic vacuum, independent of other forms, instead many species have had a marked influence on the adaptation of other species. As a result many types of cross dependency, between species have arisen. Some of the clearest and best understood of these types involves insects (Kīta), e. g. Bhramara (bees), Kītapataṅga (butterflies and moths),²⁸¹ which help indirectly in the pollination of a great many plants,²³² e.g. gourd (tumbi),²³³ etc., utpala (lotus)²³⁴ etc.

A close study of the biologic interrelationship of plants and animals, their mode of nutrition, ecosystem, habitat and niche, and types of interactions,²³⁵ and principles of evolution, its living evidence, principles of ecology and the outcome evolution: adaptation as indicated in some form in Jaina Biology reveals that the communities of plants and animals are constantly undergoing an analogous reshuffling and the concept of the dynamic states of communities is a valid one. Plant and animal population are constantly subject to changes in their physical and biologic environment and must adapt or die as suggested by Āhārapada Nikṣepa (The knowledge of food) of the Sūtrakṛtāṅga²³⁶

Communities of organisms – plants and animals as described in the Jaina Āgamas exhibit growth,²³⁷ specialization and interdependence, characteristic form and even development from immaturity to maturity, old age and death,²³⁸ revealing the dynamic balance of Nature.

229. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. 57. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36.172; Paṇḍavana Sutta 1.67.

230. Biology, 583.

231. Uttarādhyayana Sūtra 36. 146, Paṇḍavana, Sutta 1.58.
Tattvarthadhigama Sūtra II, 24.

232. Biology, p. 586.

233. Paṇḍavana 1.45 (Tumbi)

234. Bhagavati 9. 33. 385; 11. (1-8)

235. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3. Āhāranikṣepa

236. Sūtrakṛtāṅga II. 3.

237. Tarkarahasyadīpikā. Ṭikā on v. 49 (Pratinīyatavṛddhi,)

238. Tarkarahasyadīpikā, Ṭikā on v. 49, Guṇaratna, 159.

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