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PREFACE

It is a matter of great pleasure to place before lovers of literature the study of *Civakacintāmaṇi* (Cc) (c. 750-825 A.D.), the Tamil poem composed by Tiruttakkatēvar. It deals with the story of Jivaka or Jivandhara, popular among the Jains.

This study by Dr. Mrs. R. Vijayalakshmy reveals the interaction of Sanskrit language and literature with Tamil language and literature. Chapter I discusses the date and the source of Cc. As the exact date at which Cc was composed is not known, she has tried to fix the date with the help of a comparative analysis of the texts which narrate the story of Jivaka, viz. the *Uttarapurāṇa* of Guṇabhadra (897 A.D.), the *Mahāpurāṇa* of Puṣpadanta (965 A.D.), the *Jivandharacampū* of Haricandra, the *Kṣātracūḍāmaṇi* and the *Gadyacintāmaṇi* of Vāḍibhasimha. Chapter II examines the social and religious conditions which existed in the Tamil land when the Cc was composed. Chapter III compares the Jivandhara story of the *Uttarapurāṇa* with that of Cc and expounds the interaction of the pre-Cc Sanskrit works on Cc from the literary, religious and linguistic viewpoints. Chapter IV briefly discusses Tamil literary tradition as found in the early literature and shows that though the author of Cc follows the Mahākāvya form of the Sanskrit tradition he has not ignored the Tamil poetical tradition. Chapter V demonstrates how the author has used the story of Jivaka to expound the Jaina conception of spiritual progress of soul caught up in the cycle of birth and death. The last chapter enlists Sanskrit loan-words in the Cc and examines the phonetic and semantic changes of these words. Thus the present study is thorough and systematic, and embodies results of strenuous research by Dr. R. Vijayalakshmy who rightly deserves our congratulations.

I am grateful to Prof. T. Burrow for writing a foreword to this work. And I am most thankful to Dr. R. Vijayalakshmy for agreeing to the publication of her thesis which earned her the Ph.D. Degree of the University of Oxford. I am sure this publication will prove useful to all interested in comparative studies in the field of classical Indian literature in general and the Jaina literature in particular.

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FOREWORD

This study, by R. Vijayalakshmy, of the Tamil poem *Civakacintāmaṇi* is concerned with the relationship of the work to the various Sanskrit and Prakrit works which treat the same story, and more generally with the fusion of Sanskrit and Tamil literary tradition and culture as exemplified by this Tamil poem. It is not known when the story of Jivandhara originated, but it became very popular among the Jains of South India from the ninth century onwards. A large number of works in Sanskrit, Prakrit and Kannada can be enumerated which deal with this story, but it is only the earliest works of this kind which are relevant to the study of the *Civakacintāmaṇi* and these are subjected in the present work to a detailed analysis in comparison with the *Civakacintāmaṇi*. The works in question are, the *Uttarapurāṇa* of Guṇabhadra (897 A.D.), the Apabhraṃśa *Mahāpurāṇa* of Puṣpadanta (965 A.D.), the *Kṣatracūdāmaṇi* and *Gadyacintāmaṇi*, verse and prose versions of the story by Vāḍibhasiṃha, and the *Jivandhara campū* of Haricandra. Dr. Vijayalakshmy's detailed analysis of these texts in comparison with the *Civakacintāmaṇi* produces some interesting conclusions which are convincingly argued on the basis of abundant evidence, and which can be regarded as definitely established. Briefly it is shown that the two works of Vāḍibhasiṃha show a knowledge of *Civakacintāmaṇi*, and are therefore later than it. Likewise the *Jivandhara campū* of Haricandra is shown to be later than the works of Vāḍibhasiṃha and therefore later than the *Civakacintāmaṇi*. A comparison of the story as it appears in the *Civakacintāmaṇi* on the one hand and in Apabhraṃśa and Sanskrit Purāṇas on the other, shows that though there is general correspondence, differences in detail are sufficiently numerous to make it clear that these are not the direct source of Tiruttakkatēvar's work. Dr. Vijayalakshmy suggests the possibility of a lost Prakrit original, and in support of this points to the fact that some of the proper names in the Tamil poem appear in Prakrit form. The theory is very likely, since one would expect that the Jains would have had a version of this popular story in Prakrit, and also in a fuller form than in the summaries contained in the Purāṇas.

As regards the date of the *Civakacintāmaṇi* no absolutely certain conclusion can be reached in the absence of decisive evidence but the probable date suggested, between the later part of the eighth century and the early part of the ninth century, can be regarded as the most likely. All the material that can contribute to this problem has been carefully collected and the problem has been brought as near a solution as is at present possible.

The *Civakacintāmaṇi* has its literary roots both in the native Tamil tradition going back to the Caṅkam literature, and in the Sanskrit Kāvya tradition with

which the author was well acquainted, and the book contains a most interesting section showing how these two strands have been combined. The influence of the poet Kālidāsa has been demonstrated by examples, and there is an analysis of the alam-kāras in the work which show the influence of the tradition of Sanskrit poetics.

Being a Jaina work the *Civakacintāmaṇi* contains a good deal of Jaina doctrine in one form or another, and an excellent account is provided of this material. Although Jainism had been under attack for some centuries from Śaivaites and Vaiṣṇavaites, it was still a force to be reckoned with in the Tamil land. The poem provides an excellent picture of contemporary Jainism, particularly as it affected the lay community, and all this is clearly brought out in the present work. The wider influence of Aryan cultural traditions, as reflected in the poem is also given its due.

Finally there is a chapter on the loanwords from the Sanskrit and Prakrit which are found in the poem. There are other studies in this subject in respect of earlier literature, but this is the first time that loanwords in this poem have received detailed treatment. It excellently supplements what has been done elsewhere.

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PREFATORY NOTE

Considering the large number of articles and books which have already been written on the *Civakacintāmaṇi*, the question arises whether there is a need for writing yet another book on the same work. It should therefore be pointed out that most of these works deal with the literary merits of the *Civakacintāmaṇi* purely as a classic in Tamil literature. What little has been written in the form of a critical study of the work has not been based on a detailed comparison of the contents of the *Civakacintāmaṇi*, with that of the extensive Sanskrit and Prakrit works dealing with the same theme. On the other hand, scholars who have been engaged in the study of Jaina texts in Sanskrit and Prakrit have not so far taken serious note of works like the *Civakacintāmaṇi* which are in Tamil.

The present work embodies the results of the investigations of the author during 1969–1972 which were submitted for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Oxford, under the able guidance of Professor T. Burrow, the then Boden Professor of Sanskrit. Its main aim has been to study the interaction between Sanskrit and Tamil with special reference to the *Civakacintāmaṇi*. In addition, it examines the linguistic impact of what may be considered as the first serious attempt to pattern a Tamil classic after the Sanskrit Mahākāvya traditions. In the process many of the obscure verses in the *Muttiylampakam* have also been explained from the point of view of Jaina metaphysical and religious thought.

I am grateful to Professor Burrow who suggested this line of investigation to me and steered my course through it and to Professor K. Kailasanatha Kurukkal of the University of Srilanka who shaped my career right from my student days. The completion of this work would have been impossible but for the active involvement of my husband, Dr. G. Rangarajan. For its inclusion in the L. D. Series of the L. D. Institute, I am indebted to the late Prof. A. N. Upadhye of the University of Mysore. I would be failing in my duty if I have not thanked Pt. Dalsukh Malvania, the former Director of the L. D. Institute of Indology and Dr. Nagin J. Shah, the present Director for bringing out this work in print.

If scholars notice any defects which have been overlooked by me in this first attempt to study a Tamil classic in comparison with other related works in Indian literature, I would be grateful if the same were brought to my attention.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Akan	<i>Akanānūru</i>
Ap.	<i>Ādipurāṇa</i>
Cc.	<i>Civakacintāmaṇi</i>
Cey.	<i>Ceyyuliyal</i>
Cut.	<i>Cūttiram</i>
Gc.	<i>Gadyacintāmaṇi</i>
Jc.	<i>Jivandharacampū</i>
Kc.	<i>Kṣatracūḍāmaṇi</i>
Mey.	<i>Meypaṭṭiyal</i>
Mp.	<i>Mahāpurāṇa</i>
Por.	<i>Poruḷatikāram</i>
Rk.	<i>Ratnakaraṇḍa-Śrāvakācāra</i>
Tēvar	<i>Tiruttakkatēvar</i>
Ts.	<i>Tattvārtha Sūtram</i>
Up.	<i>Uttarapurāṇa</i>

The following abbreviations have been used only in Chapter VI :

Aiṅk.	<i>Aiṅkurunūru</i>	Paṭṭ.	<i>Paṭṭinappālai</i>
Ciṛupaṅc.	<i>Ciṛupaṅcamūlam</i>	Pkt.	<i>Prākṛit</i>
Ciṛupāṅ.	<i>Ciṛupāṅruppaṭai</i>	Puṛ.	<i>Puraṇānūru</i>
Kuṛ.	<i>Kuruntokai</i>	Skt.	<i>Sanskṛit</i>
Narr.	<i>Narriṅai</i>	Tirikaṭ.	<i>Tirikaṭukam</i>
Neṭ.	<i>Neṭunalyātai</i>	Tiru.	<i>Tirumurukāruppaṭai</i>
Pāri.	<i>Paripāṭal</i>		

TRANSLITERATION : TAMIL

<u>Vowels</u>		<u>Consonants</u>	
அ	a	க	k
ஆ	ā	ங்	ñ
இ	i	ச	c
ஈ	ī	ஞ்	ñ
உ	u	ட்	t
ஊ	ū	ஞ்	n̄
எ	e	த	t
ஏ	ē	ந்	n
ஐ	ai	ப	p
ஓ	o	ம	m
ஔ	ō	ய	y
ஒள	au	ர	r
ஹ்	h	ல	l
		வ	v
		ழ	l̄
		ஶ	l̄
		ர	r
		ந	n

TRANSLITERATION : SANSKRIT

Vowels		Consonants			
अ	a	क	k	द	d
आ	ā	ख	kh	ध	dh
इ	i	ग	g	न	n
ई	ī	घ	gh	प	p
उ	u	ङ	ṅ	फ	ph
ऊ	ū	च	c	ब	b
ऋ	ṛ	छ	ch	भ	bh
ॠ	ṛī	ज	j	म	m
ऌ	ḷ	झ	jh	य	y
ॡ	ḷī	ञ	ñ	र	r
ए	e	ट	ṭ	ल	l
ऐ	ai	ठ	ṭh	व	v
ओ	o	ड	ḍ	श	ś
औ	au	ढ	ḍh	ष	ṣ
.	ṃ (Anusvāra)	ण	ṇ	स	s
:	ḥ (Visarga)	त	t	ह	h
		थ	th		

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CHAPTER I

AN ATTEMPT TO TRACE THE SOURCE OF THE CĪVAKACINTĀMĀNI AND THE PERIOD IN WHICH IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN

The first step in evaluating the influence of Sanskrit on the Cīvakacintamāni (Cc) involves tracing the source of the Cc. and the period in which it was written. Unfortunately there is no internal evidence in the Cc. which would help one in doing this. In this chapter we attempt to do this by (i) a comparative study of the books which deal with the Jivaka story and (ii) an analysis of external evidence which contains references to the Cc. or to the author of the Cc., Tiruttakkatēvar (Tēvar).

The Jivaka story has been used as the main theme in many Sanskrit, Prakrit and Kannada works. These texts have been written in different periods and some of Prakrit and Kannada works belong to a much later period. Such works are not considered here.¹ Thus the books we have taken for our study are, (i) the story of Jivandhara narrated in the *Uttarapurāna* (Up.) of Guṇabhadra, (ii) the story of Jivandhara narrated in the *Mahāpurāna* of Puṣpadanta, (iii) the *Kṣātracīḍamāni* (Kc.) and (iv) the *Gadyacintāmaṇi* (Gc.) of Vāḍibhasiṃha, and (v) the Jivardhara *campu* (Jc.) of Haricandra. We have also consulted the Jivardhara story narrated in the *Śrīpurāṇam* which is written in Maṇḍipravāla style, a style in which Tamil and Sanskrit words are mixed. This is more or less like a translation of the Jivardhara story in the Up. of Guṇabhadra, except for the very few minor changes found in it. As Gnanamurthy² thinks, this can be of a very late period, probably composed somewhere about the 16th century A.D.

Out of the five books mentioned above which deal with the Jivaka story, the Up. of Guṇabhadra is considered to be the earliest. The Up. forms the latter half of a work called *Mahāpurāna* (Mp.). The first half of this text is called *Ādipurāna* (Ap.) and is written by Jinasena, the teacher of Guṇabhadra. Guṇabhadra completed the work which was started by his teacher and this work was consecrated by Guṇabhadra's student, Lokapāla. The date of this work is known from the preṣasti at the end of this

1 *Jivandhara-caritra* of Śūtlacerdra (Śmvaṭ 1002) (Sanskrit); *Jivandharacarite* of Baiḍhu (Apabhraṃśa) (before A.D. 1439); *Jivandhara-carite* of Bhāskara (Kannada) (A.D. 1424), *Jivandhara-Saṃgatya* of Terakanāmbi Bommarasa (Kannada) (c. 1435); *Jivandhara-ṣaṭpadi* of Koṭiśvara (Kannada) (about A.D. 1500); *Jivandhara-caritre* of Brahmaṅkavi (Kannada). The dates of these works are taken from the General Editorial written to *Jivandhara-campu* by A. N. Upadhye and H. L. Jain, edited by Pannalal Jain, Varanasi, July 1958, pp. 8-10.

2 T. E. Gnanamurthy, *A Critical Study of Cīvakacintāmaṇi*, Coimbatore, November 1956, p. 33.

work. In this praśasti it is stated that this text was completed on the 820 Śaka year (A.D. 897) called Iirgala, during the reign of the Rāṣṭrakūṭa king Akālavaraṣa (Kṛṣṇa II)¹ (A.D. 850-915)

The whole book of the Mp. deals with the story of sixty three Jain divine personages.² Apart from these sixty three divine personages there are also nine Nāradaṣ, eleven Rudraṣ and twenty four Kāmadevaṣ.³ Jivandhara is one of these Kāmadevaṣ and his story is narrated in the seventy fifth chapter of the Sanskrit Mahāpurāṇa in verses 183-691.

The Jivandhara story narrated in the ninety ninth saṁdhi of the Apabhramṣa Mahāpurāṇa of Puṣpadanta which was completed in A.D. 965 during the reign Kṛṣṇa III (A.D. 939-966) of the Rāṣṭrakūṭa dynasty,⁴ follows the Jivandhara story narrated in the Up. to a great extent. The story in Puṣpadanta's Mahāpurāṇa (Mp.) is very brief compared to the story in the Up., and it just follows the story of the Up.

From the following verse of the introductory stanzas of the Gc. it is known that the Gc. was written by Vādibhasiṁha :

*śripuṣpasenamunirātha iti pratito divyo manur mama sodā hṛdi samnidahyāt |
yacchaktitaḥ prakṛtimūḍhamatir jano'pi vādibhasiṁhamunipuṅgavatam upaiti ||*⁵

[Let the ascetic known as Puṣpasena, the divine manu, be in my heart always, by whose greatness even the dull headed one becomes the ascetic Vādibhasiṁha (the lion to the opponent elephants).]

In the Kc. there is no mention of its author. But, from the strong similarities in style and story, it is obvious that both books, the Cc. and the Kc. are written by the same man. It is most conspicuous in the phraseology, the manner of narration, the names of the characters, diction and the sequence of events. The fact that these two works are written by Vādibhasiṁha is also supported by the colophons found at the end of each chapter in both the Gc. and the Kc. Each colophon states that

1 akālavaraṣabhūpāle pālayaty akhilāmilām/
tasminvidhvastaniṣṣeṣad viṣi vidhrayaṣojuṣi// 31

.. .. .
śakaṅṅpakālabhyantaravimsaty adhikāṣṭaśatamitābdānte/
maṅgalamahārthakarīṇi piṅgalanāmani samastajanasukhade// 35
śrīpañcamyam budhārdrāyujī divasamaje mantrivāre budhāṁṣe
pūrvāyām siṁhalagne dhanuṣi dharāṇije saimhikeye tulāyām/
sūrye śukre kulīre gavi ca suragurau niṣṭitam bhavyavaryaiḥ
prāptejyam sarvasāram jagati vijayate puṇyam etat purāṇam// 36

edited by Pt. Pannalal Jain, Uttarapurāṇam. 2nd edition, Varanasi, 1968, Praśasti, vv. 31-36, p. 577.

2 Twenty four Tirthankaras, twelve Cakravartins, nine Nārāyaṇas, nine Prati-Nārāyaṇas and nine Balabhadras are the sixty three divine personages.

3 Ref. Jagannathlal Jaini, *Outlines of Jainism*, 2nd edition, Cambridge, 1940, pp. 125-126.

4 P. L. Vaidya, Introduction to Mahāpurāṇa, *Mahāpurāṇa of Puṣpadanta*, Man. Mohand Digambara Jaina Granthamālā, Bombay, 1937, p. xxxi.

5 Gadyacintāmaṇi, edited by Pt. Pannalal Jain, Varanasi, 1968, 1:6, p. 4.

Vādibhasiṃha had composed the chapters. The Jivandhara story is narrated in verses in the Kc. and in prose in the Gc. In most of the stanzas in the Kc. the story is stated in the first line and in the second line a moral explanation is given through the Arthāntaranyāsa alaṃkāra. There is no variation in the sequence of events or in the story. The difference is that in the Gc. the story is described in detail and in the Kc. it is short and simple.

Though the core of the Jivandhara story is the same, these two works and the Cc. differ in many places from the stories narrated in the Up. of Guṇabhadra and in the Mp. of Puṣpadanta. The Jc. of Haricandra shows the knowledge of the Up. as well as of the Kc., the Gc. and the Cc. The story of this work which is written in prose and verse (campū) follows the story of the Kc. and the Gc. to a great extent with modifications here and there. The Jc. in some places follows incidents which are only narrated in the Up. and not in the Kc., the Gc., or the Cc. For example, in the Up. Jivandhara who meets the ascetic Āryavarma while he was playing, takes him home to give him food on his request. At home while he is eating with the ascetic he cries and bothers his mother saying that he cannot eat the food as it is all hot.¹ The ascetic who watches this incident, asks him why he does so. He explains the advantages of crying like that as follows : "Crying makes the collected phlegm flow out, the eyes get clear and the food cools down."² The same incident is described in the Jc. The following passage shows that the answer given by Jivandhara to the ascetic is also the same as in the Up.

*śrutvā vāṇīm tasya mandasmitena tanvanniryatkṣīradhāreti śaṅkāṃ |
ittham vācāṃ ācacakṣe bhavanvai mocāmadhvīmādhurimādudhanām ||
śleṣmacchedo nayanayugalīnirmalatvam ca nāsā-
śinghāṇāṇām bhuvī nīpatanām koṣṇatā bhojyavarge |
śīrṣābaddhabhramakara payodoṣābādhanīvyṭtir
anye'pyasmin paricitaḡuṇā rodane sambhavanti ||³*

(Hearing his speech you, with a smile that created the doubt that a stream of milk was flowing down, replied as follows in words sweet as the liquor made of bananas.

The breaking of the phlegm, the clearing of the two eyes, falling down of the dirt in the nose, the cooling down of the food, the curing of the cold which produces dizziness in the head, etc. are the advantages of crying.)

In some places the Jc. also follows the Up. with exactitude in the descriptions. For example the description of the cemetery in which Vijayā gave birth to her son Jivandhara is the same in the Up. and the Jc. whereas the way it is described in the Gc. and the Cc.,⁴ while being similar between themselves, is different from the way

1 Up. loc. cit. vv. 271-272.

2 Up. loc. cit. v. 275.

3 Jc. edited by Pt. Pannalal Jain, July, 1953, 2nd Lambha, p. 43-44.

4 Gc. 1 : para 135, pp. 71-74; Cc. vv. 306-310.

it is described in the Up. and the Jc. In the portrayal of the cemetery the description of the tridents (śāla) on which thieves who were pierced by them lay with oozing blood streaming from their bodies,¹ and the description of the witches who were dragging the half burnt dead bodies from the funeral pyre and cutting them with sharp knives² are similar in the Up. and the Jc. These descriptions are not found either in the Cc. or in the Gc. or in the Kc.

Like this the Jc. also follows descriptions which are found only in the Cc. and not in any other above said works. For example, in the Cc. while describing the flags hoisted on the palaces found in the city of Irācamāpuram, Tēvar describes them as follows :

tiruva nīpakarc cem poni nīṭiya
uruvav oṅ koṭiy ūḷi nuṭaṅkuva
paravai veṅ katiṅ celvaṅ paṅ mayirp
puravi poṅk aḷal ārruva pōṅravē.³

(The long beautiful golden flags which are swaying on the top of the large wealthy mansions, look as if they are allaying the heat of the hairy horses of the hot rayed sun.)

Here he says that the flags waver as if they were allaying the heat of the horses of the sun. The height of the mansions is indirectly expressed by the author. The same idea is expressed in the Jc. in the following description of the palaces in Rājapuri.

ambhomukcumbi-saudhadhvajapaṭapavanoddhūta saptāśvarathyaśrānteh
saudāminīśrūtātatanulata-māninimānitāyāh.

—⁴

[(The city Rājapuri) contained mansions which kiss the clouds. The breeze which comes from the wafting flags (hoisted on these mansions) alleviated the fatigue of the horses of the seven-horsed one (the sun). (The mansions) were adorned by beautiful girls who equalled the lightning with their shining bodies.]

The Jc. also follows some of the incidents which are only narrated in the Cc. For example, after the marriage with Curamañcari, Civakaṅ returns to his home where he meets his parents and then he meets his first wife, Kāntaruvatattai. On her request he goes to see his second wife, Kuṅamālai. When she saw Civakaṅ she weeps and asks him not to touch her as she is a sinful woman (It is to be remembered here that Civakaṅ was imprisoned by Kaṭṭiyāṅkāraṅ's servants when he was with Kuṅamālai). Having heard what she said Civakaṅ consoles her saying that he was able to survive only because of the good deeds she had done.

1 Up. loc. cit. vv. 225-226; Jc. 1st lambha, p. 31.

2 Up. loc. cit. vv. 226-227; Jc. 1st lambha, p. 31.

3 Cc. V. 126.

4 Jc. 1st lambha p. 6.

*tivṅaiy uṭaiyav enṅait tiṅṅanmin aṭikaḷ vāṅṅa
pāviyāṅ enru nontu parint aḷut uruki naiyak
kāviyaṅk kaṅṅiy onruṅk kavalal yaṅ uyntat ellam
nāviya nāru menī nāṅkai niṅ ravattin enṅān.*¹

(Oh my lord, do not touch me, the one who is full of demerits. Saying thus she wept. [Civakan consoled her by saying] "Do not worry; I could survive only by the merits done by you, the one whose body smells of musk.)

This same incident is narrated in the Jc. in the following lines :

*āryaputra manṅimittam khaly etāvad duḥkham anubhūtavān asy ato mandabhāgyam
mām mā saṅspṛṣeti saviṣadam ukto jivandharah, taruṅi taruṅāruṅakiraṅavikasadam-
bujavadane bhavadīyapūrvakṛtasukṛtaprabhāvenaivaitadṛśaḥ saṅvṛtto'nyathā punar-
bahutaraduḥkham anubhaveyam iti tām saṅśvāsya....*²

[She said with great grief "Lord, do not touch me, the unfortunate one because of whom you had to undergo all these troubles." (Hearing this) Jivandhara consoled her saying, "Oh, the one whose face is like a lotus which has bloomed by the rays of the sun, I could survive like this, because of the good deeds done by you before. Otherwise I might have undergone many more difficulties.]

This incident is not narrated in this way either in the Up. or in the Kc. or the Gc.

The names of the kings who came to participate in the contest to win Ilakkaṅai and in the war between Civakan and Kaṭṭiyāṅkāraṅ listed in the Cc. and the Jc. are very similar, while the names in the Kc. and the Gc. are different from these.

From these we deduce that Haricandra was also aware of the Cc. among other books on the Jivaka story. Though Haricandra was aware of the Up. and the Cc., he follows the Kc. and the Gc. more closely than these books. The story in the Jc. is narrated in eleven lambhas as in Vāḷibhasiṅṅha's work. In the Cc. the story of the Jc. is narrated in thirteen Ilampakams. It may be safely said that the story of the Jc. is a brief version of the story narrated in the Kc. and the Gc. The same phrases found in the Gc and the Kc. are freely employed by Haricandra in his work, the Jc. For example, the following phrase which is a part of the advice given by the ministers to the king Satyandhara when he wanted to entrust his kingdom in the hands of his minister Kāṣṭāṅgara, is the same in all these books.

hṛdayam ca na viśvāsyam rājabhiḥ kim paro narah |

.. //8

(Even their hearts should not be trusted by kings; how much more of the other man.)

1 Cc. v. 2099.

2 Jc. 10th lambha, pp. 170, 171.

3 Kc. 1: 15.

..deva, svahṛdayam api rājñā na viśrambhaṇīyam. kim utāpare.¹

(Lord, a king should not trust even his own heart. Then what of others ?)

...yan nijahṛdayam api sarvathā na viśvasanīyam kim uta janāntaram..²

(..that even one's own heart should not by all means be trusted, what of other people ?)

The similarities between the Kc., the Gc. and the Jc. have been pointed out by T. S. Kuppaswami Sastri in the introduction to his edition of the Gc.,³ and in the Kc.⁴

The indebtedness of Haricandra to Vāḍibhasiṃha's works is great and as Handique says, it can be said that "without the latter (Kc. and Gc.) it would not be very easy to follow the story in all its details.."⁵

Therefore, from the above shown evidence it is clear that the Jc. is later than the Up., the Kc., the Gc., and the Cc.

Out of the remaining books, the Up., the Apabhramśa Mp of Puṣpadanta, and Vāḍibhasiṃha's works, the Cc. has a greater affinity to Vāḍibhasiṃha's works than to the Up. and the Mp. of Puṣpadanta.

Just as we are unable to say anything about the source of the Cc. we also do not find any reference in Vāḍibhasiṃha's works for their source book. Vāḍibhasiṃha, in the introductory stanzas of his two works, says that he is narrating the story which was told by Sudharma on the request of the king Śreṇika.

*Śreṇikaprasnaṃ n uddīśya sudharmo gaṇanāyakaḥ |
yathovācā mayāpy etad ucyate mokṣalipsayā ||⁶*

(Out of the desire for eternal bliss, I am narrating this, just as it was told by the chief of the gaṇas, Sudharma, on being asked by Śreṇika.)

The above verse is from the Kc. and the same fact is also mentioned in the Gc. In the Up. the entire Jivandhara story is narrated through the mouth of Sudharma on the question asked by king Śreṇika. The story starts as follows :

*anyadā asau mahārājaḥ śreṇikākhyāḥ paribhraman |
prītyā gandhakuṭībāhyabhāsvadvanacatuṣṭaye ||
sthitam piṇḍidrumāsyādho jivandharāmunīśvaram |
dhyānārūḍham vilokyaitadrūpādiṣu viśaktadhīḥ ||
sakautukaḥ samabhyetya sudharmagaṇanāyakam |
bhāktiko'bhycya vanditvā yathāsthānam nivīśya tam ||*

1 Gc. 1 : Para 9, p. 38.

2 Jc. 1st lambha, p. 15.

3 Gc. edited by T. S. Kuppaswami Sastri, Srirangam, 1916.

4 Kc. edited by T. S. Kuppaswami Sastri, Sarasvativilasa Series, No. III, Tanjore, 1903.

5 K. K. Handique, Forward to Jivandhara campu, edited by Pt. Pannalal Jain, Varanasi, 1958, p. 21.

6 Kc. 1 : 3

*prāñjalir bhagavan eṣa yatindraḥ survakarmaṇā
mukto vādyoiva ko veti papraccha praśrayāśrayaḥ||¹*

(Once, while the famous Mahārāja Śreṇika was joyfully wandering about in the four splendid woods outside the perfumed chamber, he perceived the great ascetic Jivandhara, who was standing under a Piṇḍi-tree, absorbed in meditation. As (the king's) fancy was attracted by his figure, etc., he went up to the chief disciple Sudharma, full of curiosity, worshipped him devoutly, saluted him, assigned to him a seat that was suitable to his rank, and asked him respectfully, with outstretched hands : 'Is this venerable one a great ascetic who has just been freed of all (consequences of former) deeds, or who is he ?'²

From this one would think that Vādībhasiṃha could have had the knowledge of the Up. The date of Vādībhasiṃha which will be discussed later in this chapter shows that Vādībhasiṃha is later than Guṇabhadra. It is very likely that he had the knowledge of the Up. Further, the following point also supports this idea.

Though most of the stories in the Kc., the Gc., and the Cc. are similar, the story of Kṣemaśrī in the Gc. and the Kc. shows that Vādībhasiṃha in this particular story follows the Kṣemasundarī story in the Up. According to the Up., the Kc., and the Gc. the story of Kṣemaśrī (Kṣemasundarī in the Up.) is as follows :

Jivandhara enters the city of Kṣema and there he goes to a Jaina temple and praises the lord Jina. Suddenly the doors of the Jina temple open by themselves. Seeing this, the servant of merchant Subhadra comes and greets Jivandhara. When Jivandhara asks who he is, he replies that he is the servant of the merchant Subhadra. Subhadra has a daughter named Kṣemasundarī (Kṣemśrī in the Kc. and the Gc.). It was predicted by astrologers that the doors of the Jina temple would open to receive the one who would be her husband. When Subhadra comes to know from his servant that the Jina temple doors opened by themselves on the arrival of Jivandhara, he gives his daughter in marriage to him.³

This story is narrated in a different way in the Cc., as follows :

Kēmacarī was born as the daughter of the merchant Cupattiraṇ and his wife Nipputi. Astrologers had predicted at the time of her birth that she would marry the one who would cause her to blush in shame on seeing him. Hence Cupattiraṇ used to bring young men to his house every day and feed them. When one day he took Cīvakaṇ home, Kēmacarī blushed on seeing him and Cupattiraṇ gave her in marriage to him.⁴

Though Vādībhasiṃha would have had the knowledge of the Up. the story in the Kc. and the Gc. differs in many aspects from that of the story of the Up. There

1 Up. *loc. cit.*, vv. 183-186.

2 Translated by Hultsch, *Quarterly Journal of the Mythic Society*, XXII, 4, p. 320.

3 Up. *loc. cit.* vv. 401-414; Kc. 6 : vv. 32-51; Gc. 6 : para 168-177, pp. 254-269.

4 Cc. vv. 1450-1490.

are many new episodes which are not found in the Up. and there are several instances where slight variations from the story of the Up. are found. These variations and the new episodes found in Vādyhasiṃha's work have a striking similarity to the story narrated in the Cc. Apart from these there are also places where the same incident is described in the same manner in the Kc., the Cc. and the Cc. These similarities which would be discussed below make one feel strongly that one of these authors follows the other. First we will discuss the similarities between these two authors and then from the study of these similarities we will try to decide who is following whom. These similarities can be classified into two sections:

(i) The new episodes and incidents which are not found in the Up. and are found in the Kc., the Cc. and the Cc. Most of these episodes are narrated in the same way in the works of both these authors.

(ii) Similarity in manner and style of descriptions found in the Kc., the Cc. and the Cc. First we shall list out the episodes and incidents which are not found in the other three texts :

1. When Gandhotkaṭa finds Jivandhara in the cemetery, he celebrates that happy occasion in his house and the King Kāṣṭhāṅgāra sends him presents thinking that Gandhotkaṭa is celebrating his victory over king Satyandhara.¹

2. Āryanandi, the teacher, tells the story of Jivandhara's parents after imparting education to Jivandhara.²

3. Jivandhara becomes angry on hearing the treacherous murder of his father, and gets ready to kill Kāṣṭhāṅgāra. His teacher asks him to wait for one year.³

4. After the victory over the hunters who took the cows of the cowherds, Jivandhara returns home and on hearing this news, the ladies in the city come running to see him. The description of this occurs in the Cc. and the Cc. though the manner of the description is different.⁴

5. The episode of Śridatta and his journey to acquire wealth. The shipwreck and his encounter with the celestial king Garuḍavega, the father of Gandharvadattā.⁵

6. After seeing Guṇamālā, Jivandhara is love-stricken and waits in the park drawing the portrait of Guṇamālā.⁶ Guṇamālā is also in love with him and sends him a love message through her pet parrot.⁷

7. Jivandhara before reaching the city Candrābha where he marries Padmā, allays the heat of the sun from which a herd of elephants suffer, by causing a shower of rain.⁸

1 Kc. 1 : 105; Gc. 1 : para 40, p. 80; Cc. v. 330.

2 Kc. 2 3 : 6-37; Gc. 2 : para 53, p. 104; Cc. vv. 384-387.

3 Kc. 2 : 37; Gc. 2 : para 53, p. 104; Cc. vv. 390-393.

4 Gc. 2 : para 84. pp. 138-139; Cc. vv. 457-470.

5 Kc. 3 : 11 ff.; Gc. 3 : para. 90 ff.; Cc. v. 493 ff.

6 Gc. 4 : para. 133, p. 206; Cc. vv. 1003-1005.

7 Kc. 4 : 38; Gc. 4 : para 132, p. 205; Cc. vv. 1423-1437.

8 Kc. 5 : 34, Gc. 5 : para 150-151' pp. 130-231, Cc. v. 1237.

8. Before reaching Kṣemapurī where he marries Kṣemaśrī, Jivandhara preaches Jaina doctrine to the ascetics who are performing penance standing in the midst of five fires.¹

9. After Jivandhara leaves Kṣemaśrī, she is distressed and her mother consoles her.² This incident is not narrated in the Kc.

10. Jivandhara offers his ornaments to a wayfarer and preaches to him the right knowledge.³

11. The episode of Anaṅgatilakā (Anaṅgamāvīṇai in the Cc.)⁴ who tried to seduce Jivandhara. In this episode Anaṅgatilakā tries to attract the attention of Jivandhara towards her. She tells him a lie that she is the daughter of a celestial king and her cousin kidnapped her and left her alone in that forest. She asks Jivandhara to give her protection. Jivandhara advises her about the unreal nature of the body. At that moment they hear a cry and that turns out to be the cry of Bhavadatta, the husband of Anaṅgatilakā. According to the Cc. Cīvakaṇ asks Anaṅkamāvīṇai to wait and he goes to find out who he is. Then Cīvakaṇ preaches to him the fickleness of women. In spite of the preachings Pavatattaṇ still wants to see his wife. So Cīvakaṇ teaches him a mantra which would help him to see his wife. This is slightly different in the Gc. In the Gc., Anaṅgatilakā vanishes from the place where she stands, as soon as she hears her husband cry out for her.⁵ Though there are slight differences in the story, this episode which is found in these three books are new to the Up.

12. Suramaṅjari (Guṇamālā in the Up.) goes to the temple of the god of love in order to secure Jivandhara as her husband by offering worship as per the advice given by an old man (who was none other than Jivandhara himself). In the temple, Buddhiṣeṇa who is hiding there already on the instruction of Jivandhara, tells her that she will obtain Jivandhara. She comes back and finds Jivandhara who has already come out of his disguise and falls in love with him.⁶

13. When Jivandhara enters the city of Videha, the ladies of that city come running to see him. Though this is described in a different way in the Gc. and the Cc., the idea is the same.⁷

14. The king Kāṣṭhāṅgāra sends a message to king Govinda informing him that Satyandhara has been killed by the state elephant and asking Govinda to come to his country and remove the rumour that he had killed king Satyandhara.⁸

These incidents and episodes which are not found in the Up. are similar in the Kc., the Gc. and the Cc. We will now see the similar descriptions which are found in these books.

1 Kc. 6 : 7 ff; Gc. 6 : 167, pp. 253-254; Cc. vv. 1423-1437.

2 Gc. 7 : para 184, p. 277; Cc. 1533-1537.

3 Kc. 7 : 8-21; Gc. 7 : para 185, pp. 278-279; Cc. vv. 1542-1556.

4 Kc. 7 : 33 ff.; Gc. 7 : para 186 ff, p. 279 ff; Cc. 1167 ff.

5 Gc. 7 : para 186-190, pp. 279-285; Kc. 7 : 34-62; Cc. vv. 1567-1601.

6 Kc. 9 : 32 ff; Gc. 9 : para 225-226; Cc. vv. 2055-2065.

7 Gc. 9 : para 234, pp. 342-343; Cc. vv. 2114-2128.

8 Kc. 10 : 11-14; Gc. 9 : para 237, p. 349; Cc. vv. 2143-2148.

1. The advice given by the ministers to king Satyandhara who wanted to entrust the kingdom in hands of his minister Kāṣṭhāṅgāra in the Gc., is similar in the following places to the advice given by the minister Nimittikaṅ to the king Caccantaṅ in the Cc.

Cc.

*perum peyarp pīraman ennum piṭṭinār periya nīrān
arumpiya mulaiyīnālukk aṇi mukam nāṅku tōṅra
virumpiy āṅk avalaiy eytān viṅṅokam iḷantat aṅṅit
tiruntinār k inrukāruṅ ciru collāy nīṅṅat aṅṅē.¹*

(The renowned Brahma, who achieved greatness by his penance, and obtained four faces in order to obtain the lady with the bud-like breasts (Tilottamai) lost heaven, but did not gain her. Even though he reformed himself, it remains as a blemish upon him.)

*kāmamē kaṅṅi nīṅṅa kaḷutai kaṅṅ aruḷināḷe
vāmaṅār² cenru kūṅi varuntinir enru vaiyatt
imaṅ cēr mālai pōlav iḷittiṅappaṅṅatāṅṅē
nāma vēṅ ṅaṅṅakai vēṅṅē nāmitu teriyiṅ enṅān.³*

(Oh, king of the fearsome spear, are you troubled by this love which made Buddha to transform himself into a female ass to gratify the lust of a jackass? To analyse love, it is base just like a garland fallen in a cemetery.)

Gc.

*api ca tapas carann atidūscaram aravindasadma saṅkītavalamathanapreṣitavārayoṣit-
viracita vilasavilokana-vigalitadhṛṭtir anubhavann āmabhuvās cāpalam abhajaḷad apahāsyatām.⁴*

(Lord Brahma who dwells in the lotus while performing severe penance lost his concentration because of the spirited movements of a courtesan sent by the slayer of Vala (Indra) who was afraid, experienced the disturbance caused by the God of love and became an object of ridicule.)

*tathā tathagato'pi kadacit kāmāsarapatanaparavaśā-karabhāparisadahamāhamikayā
parigrahaparyākulām kām api bāleyim ālokayan karuṅṅarasataralitamatir āvairbhavad
anekaśatubhāga-sabalitakarabhiveṅṅaḷ kṣaṅam asthād iti nāstīlka-cūḷḷāmaner mahiyān nanū
kalaṅkas tasya.⁵*

(Even Buddha who once felt sorry for a she-camel who had been troubled by a group of male camels which were overcome by the arrows of Cupid, turned himself into a she-camel with many yonis for a moment and this was indeed the greatest blemish to the reputation of the gem of Nāstikas [Buddha]).

1 Cc. v. 207. Refer, Swaminātha Iyer, *op. cit.* pp. 109, 110.

2 *Ibid.*, v. 210. Refer, notes given by Swaminātha Iyer, *op. cit.*, p. 112.

3 *Ibid.*, v. 210.

4 Gc. 1 : para 9, p. 40.

5 Gc. 1 : para 9, p. 40.

2. The reason given by the minister Kāṣṭhāṅgāra for his intention of fighting with the king Satyandhara.

Cc.

*mannavaṇ pakaiy āyator mā teyvam.
ennai vant iṭaṇ koṇṭat irāp pakal
tunni ninru cekuttiṭu niy eṇum
ennai yāṇ cēyva kūrumiṇ nnavē.¹*

(A deity which is inimical to the king took abode in me. Day and night he stays close to me and urges me to kill the king. Tell me what I can do.)

Gc.

svapne kenāpi pāṭhivaparipanthinū daivatena 'nihatya rājanam ātmanam rakṣa' iti niranukrośena samāvedyate. kā atra pratikriyā? kim vātra prayujyate? yad iha asmābhir vidhiyatṣe tad abhidhiyatām.²

(A deity which is inimical to the king tells me always in my dream to kill the king and save him. Is there any remedy for this? What is to be done? Tell me what should be done by us in this matter?)

3. The description of the death of king Satyandhara.

Cc.

*vāmaṇ³ aṭit tāmarai malar cūṭit ..
vāntaṇ pōy viṇṇōrkku viruntāyināṇē.⁴*

(...adorned himself with the lotus of the feet of Arhat... the king went as the guest of the celestials.)

Gc.

svaḥṛdayamaṇipīṭha-pratiṣṭhāpita jinacāraṇasaro jaḥ. kāṣṭhāṅgārāya kāśyapim atisṛjya tridaśasaukhyam anubhavitum amaralokam āruroha.⁵

(He having placed the lotus of the feet of the Jina, on the jewelled seat of his heart, leaving the kingdom for Kāṣṭhāṅgāra, ascended to the world of celestials to enjoy the pleasure of heaven.)

4. The lamentation of Vijayā on seeing her son being born in the cemetery.

Cc.

*karai panniṛ aṇṭ uṭaṇ viṭumiṇ kamar cālai taḷi nirumiṇ
cirai cey ciṅkam pōṇ maṭaṅkie cērā manṇar ciṅam aḷuṅkav
urāiyuṇ kōṭṭam uṭaṇ cimiṇ oṇ poḷ kunṇan talai tirantiṭṭ
iraivaṇ ciruvaṇ pirantaṇ enṛ ērpārkk ūrtōr uytṭimiṇ.⁶*

1 Cc. v. 241.

2 Gc. 1 : para 24, p. 58.

3 Here the word 'vāmaṇ' is used to call the lord Arhat.

4 Cc. v. 291.

5 Gc. 1 : para 31, p. 69.

6 Cc. v. 306.

(On your birth the King will ask these things to be done : Exempt the people from tax for twelve years; erect beautiful charitable institutions and temples; destroy at once the prison, where the enemies, whose wrath was suppressed like captured lions, dwell; open wide the dazzling treasure of gold and go to villages and distribute it to all those who are in want, announcing the birth of a son to the king.)

*mātam oñkum vaḷa nakaruḷ varampil pañṭan talai tirantiṭ
ātai cem pon aṅikalankal yāvum yāruñ kavṛṇṇi eḷu nā!
viṭal inrik koḷap peruvar vilakkal vēñṭā viḷṭirkkuk
kōṭi mūṇṇōṭi araic cem pon kōmā nalkum eṇav araimiṇ.¹*

(In the mansion with high terrace, things in bountiful measure will be left un-guarded, and for seven days any one can acquire clothes, gold and jewels without any obstruction; do not prevent them. Proclaim that the king will offer three and a half million gold pieces to those who are in want.)

*arum por pūṇum āramum imaippak kaṅikaḷ akan kōyil
oruñku kūṭic cātakañ ceyt ḍkai aracarkk uṭan pōkkik
karuñkaik kaḷiṇuñ kampalamuñ kacuñ kavikaḷ koḷa vici
virumpap piṇappāy viṇai ceytāṇ kāṇav ihtō piṇakkumā.²*

(Your birth would have been happy news for all; the astrologers with dazzling golden ornaments; and garlands, would gather together to tabulate the horoscope, the happy news of your birth would be told to all the kings; and the poets would be offered elephants with black trunks, carpets and money; but it is my misfortune to see you born like this.)

*vev vāy oṇi muḷavākav iḷintār imam viḷakkāka
ovvāc cuṭukāṭṭi uyar araṅkinilal pō nuṭaṅkip pēyāṭa
evvāy maruñkum irunt iraṅkik kūkai kuḷarip pāraṭṭa
iviārākip piṇappatōv ituvō manṇarckk iyal vēntā.³*

(For drums, the howling of cruel-mouthed jackals; for lamps, the fire of the pyre; for dancing, the dancing of vampires like shadows on the stage of the cemetery; for songs of praise, the pitiful cry of owls everywhere; must you be born like this? Is this fit destiny for a king?)

*parrā manṇan nakarp puramāl pāyal piṇaṅ cūḷi cuṭu kāṭal
urṭār illāt tamiyēṇāl otuñkal ākāt tūñk iruḷal
marriñ nālam uṭaiyāy ni vaḷarumārūm aṇiyēṇāl
errey iṭu kaṅṭkātēy iruttiyāl enṇ inn uyirā.⁴*

(Oh, king of the world, the place you are, is the city of the enemy king : your bed is the cemetery surrounded by corpses; I am alone without any relatives; it is pitch dark and I cannot move about; I do not find a way to rear you; Oh my sweet soul, even after seeing this, you are here and not leaving me; Oh it is wicked.)

1 *Ibid*, v. 307.

3 *Ibid*, v. 309.

2 *Cc.* v. 308.

4 *Ibid*, v. 310.

Gc.

*yasya janmavārtānivedanamukharā hariṣyanti pūrṇapātram dhātri janā janānāthebhyah, yasmin ca kṛtāvātāre kārādhyakṣakaratroṭitaśṛṅkhalā viśṛṅkhalagatayaś cirakālakṛtadhar-
aṇīṣayanamalinitavopuṣo vandipurūṣāḥ palāyamānā iva kalisainyāḥ samantato dhāveyuḥ,
yasmin ca jātavati jātapīṣṭātakamuṣṭivarṣapiñ jaritaharinmukham unmukhakub javām ana-
haṭhākṛṣyamāna-narendrābharaṇam praṇayabharapraṇṭita-vārayuvativarga-valgnnarāṇitamāni-
bhūṣaṇaninadabharita-haridavakāśam nirmayādamada-paravaśapaṇyayoṣid-āsleṣala j jamāna-
rā javallabham vardhamāna-mānasaparitoṣa-pqrasparaparirabdha-pārthivabhu jāntara-sam-
ghaṭṭavighaṭṭita-hārapatitamauktika-sīhapuṭitāsthānamānik uttimateṭam kuḍmalita-sauvid-
allanirodhasamlāpa-niraṅkuśapraviṣṭāśeṣajānapada janitasambādham sādaraḍiyamāna-kana-
kamaṇimauktikotpidam udghāṭitakavāṭaratnakośapraviṣad acakitalokalupyamāna-vastuśrtham
arthiganagaveṣaṇādeśanirgatānekaśatapatihārānītanipakalokamullokaharṣavihitamahār-
hajinamahāmham ahamahamikāpraviṣṭaviśiṣṭa jana-prastūyamānasvastivādam sauva-
stikavidhiyamānaṅgalācāram-ācāracaturapurāṇapuramdhariपुरisadabhyarcyamānagṛh-
adaivatam daiva jnaganugṛhyamāna-lagnaguṇaviśeṣam aśeṣajana-harṣatumularavasamkulam
rā jukulam avalokyeta, sa tvam ārasad-aśivaśivāvakra-kuharavisphurad-analakāṇa jar jaritata-
masi samirapūrita-vivaravācāṭa-nṛkaroṅikarpara-kalitabhūvi ḍamaradākinigāna-sampācaki-
tapuruṣapariḥṭtaparisare pacyamānaśava-pīṣitavisragandhakatuke kalyānetaracitābhasma-
samkaṭe pretavāṭe jāta, katham api jātaḥ kathamanupalakṣitarakṣāprakāre praṇayi janāsūnye
pratibhaṭanagaraparisara-paretavāse vasan vardhiṣyase vā.¹*

(at your birth the nurses, loquacious in conveying the news of your birth, would carry away "Pūrṇa pātra" from the kings; at your birth, the prisoners, their bodies dirtied with sleeping on the floor for a long time and shackles unfettered by their jailor's hand, would run about like Kalikāla soldiers; at your birth, in the royal palace, all spots would be yellow with the showers of handfuls of powder; the king's ornaments would be forcibly seized by hunch-backed dwarfs with uplifted faces; the regions would be filled with the noise of jewels made by mincing steps of the courtesans dancing with overwhelming joy; the king's friends would be embarrassed by the embraces of intoxicated courtesans, the paved floor would be made uneven with the pearls fallen through the friction of necklaces worn on the chest of the kings who embrace each other with evergrowing joy; crowds of citizens would have entered unobstructed by the preventive words of the chamberlains ('Kāncukins'); heaps of gold, jewels and pearls would be given away lavishly; things in bountiful measures would be taken away by the people without fear from the wide open treasury full of gems : mendicants would be brought in by thousands of doorkeepers who would have gone out by the [king's] order : special worship would be offered to the venerable Jina with endless joy; words of blessing would be uttered by eminent people who would have arrived eagerly; auspicious ceremonies would be performed by priests; the household deity would be offered puja by a group of old ladies, skilled in household rites; astrologers would tabulate the horoscope; and everywhere there would be noises of happiness made by people. [But now] you have been

1 Gc. : 1 para 35, p. 71-74.

born on a heap of inauspicious ashes; in a place where the darkness has been dispelled by the fire emitted from the open mouths of howling inauspicious jackals; a place filled with human skulls, giving forth the speech of the wind through the holes in them; a place avoided with all its surroundings by people frightened by ghosts which cause tumult and stinking with the stench of burning flesh; Oh, son, when there is no way to rear you here in the cemetery near the enemy's city and in the absence of any relatives, how are you going to grow [to manhood] ?)

5. The condition of Vijayā who was in the cemetery.

Cc.

*uṅṅ enav uraiyir kētpār uyir uru pāvam ellām
kaṅṅ init teḷikav enru kāṭṭuvāḷ pōlavāki
vin toṭa nivanta kōyil viṅṅavar makalir cenrāl
ven ṭalai payinra kāṭṭuḷ viḷaṅkiḷai tamiyaḷānāl.*¹

(The lady bedecked with radiant ornaments who dwelt in a mansion which touched the sky, like a divine lady, is now alone in the cemetery full of white skulls, as if to show the evil results of the sin the soul undergoes, about which people have read in books.)

Kc.

*jīvānām pāpavaicittrim śrutavantaḥ śrutau purā |
paśyeyur adhunetiva śrikalpābhūd akimcanā ||*²

(The lady who is like goddess Lakṣmī became helpless, as if she meant to show the world, the manifold outcomes of sins, as they have learnt from books.)

6. The description of the army which went to retrieve the cows of the cowherds which were stolen by the hunters.

Cc.

*.. .. .vāṅ ulāp pōntatē pōl
nir viḷai curi caṅk ārppa nila neḷi parantav anrē*³

(The army with the sound of conches which were born in the sea, spread all over like the clouds which go on a procession causing the earth to bend.)

Gc.

*. namayanti bhuvam unnamayanti divam vistārayanti ca diśam pratasthe.*⁴

(Having caused the earth to bend and the sky to rise and the quarter to be broadened [the army went for war].)

7. The description of the beauty of Govindā, the daughter of Govinda, the chief of the cowherds.

Cc.

*venṅey pōnr ūr iniyal mām pāl pōr riṅ collaḷ
uṅṅav urukkiyav āṅey pōṅ māniyaḷ*

*.. .. .*⁵

1 Gc. v. 303.

4 Gc. 2 : para 72, p. 124.

2 Kc. 1 : 85.

5 Cc. v. 480.

3 Cc. v. 433.

(She is nice to touch like butter, her words are sweet like milk and her body [has the brightness of] the ghee which has been melted to eat.)

Gc.

..*Kṣīramadhurasvarām apanitanavanītamārdavāḍambarām tadātvadrutasarpiḥsamkāsakāyā-kāntim...*¹

(She has a voice which is sweet like milk, tenderness which is like butter and the splendour of her body is like the ghee which has just been melted.)

8. The description of the manner in which the chief of the cowherds Govinda asks Jivandhara to accept his daughter.

Cc.

kula nīnaiya nampī koḷuṅ kayar kaṅ vaḷḷi
nala nūkarntān anrē naruntār mūrukaṅ

.. .. .²

(Nampi, do not consider the [difference in] family. For, Mūrukaṅ, the one who wears the sweet smelling garlands enjoyed Vaḷḷi, the beautiful eyed one.)

Gc.

..*kumāram abhivandya nandagopaḥ ca....purātanaṣaṅnukhaṃmukhaviśiṣṭānām aṅviśiṣṭa jāti jātāṅganāsaṅgamāsamkathām ca kathayan 'bhavadvihitanirhetukōpakārasya pratyupakāram apaśyatā mayā diśyamānām pariṇayatu me kanyām.*³

(Nandagopa, having worshipped Jivaka, told him . . about those who like Ṣaṅmukha had married girls who were from the lower caste and said that he did not know how to repay him [Jivandhara] for the help he had done and asked him to accept his daughter.)

9. The description of the state of Śrīdatta who was sitting on the sea shore after his shipwreck.

Cc.

ḍḍun tiraikaḷ utaiṅṅpav uruṅṅ uruṅṅ
ātum alavaṅṅaiy annam aruḷ ceya
nīṅṅiya neytalaṅ kāṅṅa neṅṅuntakai
*vāṅṅiy iruntāṅṅ varuṅṅ kala nōkkā.*⁴

(Expecting to see a ship, Critattaṅṅ, waited at the seashore watching the swan being gracious to the wobbling crabs which were pushed by the running tides.)

Gc.

calataraṅṅa-taraṅṅiṅṅipathi-taraṅṅaparamparāviluṅṅhod
akathorakarkaṅṅakāvalokana-sakautukam kāḍambakadambakam
*apy ālokayan kāṅṅ cana kālakalām gamayāmbabhūva.*⁵

(He spent some time there watching the group of swans which were engaged in watching the beautiful crabs which were tossed by the tides which rise from the sea full of moving tides.)

1 Gc. 2 : para 87, p. 143.

4 Cc. v. 516.

2 Cc. v. 482

5 Gc. 3 : para 91, p. 150.

3 Gc. 2 : para 86, p. 141.

10. The description of the hall which was erected for the conducting the lute competition of Gandharvadattā.

Cc.

*ōṭu mukil kṛiy oḷir tinkaḷ cikai vaitṭe
māṭam atu vār caṭaiya vaḷḷalaiyum okkuṃ
nāṭi muka nāṅkataṇi nāṇmukanaiy okkuṃ
nēṭi nimir taṇmaiṇi nemiyaikum okkuṃ.¹*

(That hall looked like lord Śiṅga by bearing the moon crescent which shines through the clouds, on its top; it looked like Brahma [who has four faces] by reaching everywhere with its four faces; and it looked like Viṣṇu by standing up to reach the upper limit.)

Gc.

*...candraśekharam iva śekharikṛtaśītāmāṇḍalam, viṣṇum iva viṣṇupadavyāpinam,
śatānandam iva sadālokasampādinam ...²*

(It looked like Siva by bearing the moon on its top; like Viṣṇu by pervading the sky and like brahma by being bright [sad + āloka + sampādinam] (applied to Brahma the phrase sadālokasampādinam should be interpreted as the one who always created the world (sadā + loka + sampādinam)

11. The reason given by the author to explain the capability of a dog to change into a yakṣa.

Cc.

*colliya nāṇmaiṇi illāc cuṇaṅkaṇi iv uṭampu niṅki
ell oḷit tēvaṇākip pīrakkumōv enna vēṇṭā
kol ulaiy akattiṭṭ ūtik kūr irūmp irataṅ kutta
ellaiyil cem poṇ ākiy eri niṅam perrataṅre.³*

(Do not wonder whether a dog which did not have any of the said virtues, could leave its body and be born as a luminous celestial. Even the iron melted in the forge turns into gold with a bright colour when mercury is poured on it at the end.)

Kc.

*yakṣendro'jani yakṣo'yam aho mantrasya śaktitaḥ |
kalāyasam hi kalyāṇam kalpate rasayoḡgataḥ ||⁴*

(Oh, by the power of mantra, the dog turned into a yakṣa. Even the iron can be turned into gold by the effect of alchemy.)

12. The cry from Guṇamālā's friend when she saw the state elephant coming to attack Guṇamālā.

Cc.

*karuntataṅ kaṇṇi taṅ mēṇ kāmukar uḷḷam pōla
iruṅ kaḷiṇ eytaṅ ḍāc civikai viṭṭilaiyar āka
arumperal avaṭkkut toḷiy āṭavar illaiyōv enṇ*

1 Cc. v. 598.

3 Cc. v. 960.

2 Gc. 3 para 101, pp. 167, 168.

4 Kc. 4 : 9.

oruṅku kaiy uccik kūppik kaḷirṛ etir iraiṅci ninṛāḷ
ennaik konṛ ivaḷ kaṇṇōtum ellaiyil oruvaṅ rōṅri
innuyir ivaḷaik kakkum anṛeṅil enkaṅ māyṅtār
pinnaittāṅ avatakav enṛeṅṅip piṅai ko ṅōkki
minṅṅup pō nuṅṅaṅki ninṛāḷ vitatai por komp oppāḷ¹

(When the mighty black elephant, like the minds of the lusty people, ran towards Kuṅamālai, the broad and black-eyed one, the palanquin-carriers ran away. Kuṅamālai, like a golden branch full of flowers, stood there like a scintillation of lightning. Seeing that, her friend, Vitatai, the fawn-eyed one, thought to herself, "Having killed me, it will run to kill her, and in the meantime someone might appear and save her life. Otherwise, let anything happen after my death." Thinking thus, with her hands crossed on her head, shouting "Are there no men [to help]?" she stood in front of the elephant leaving Kuṅamālai behind her.)

Gc

"prāṅsamām imām matprāṅatrāṅāya vihāya katham apatrapā prayāmi.
prayāntu mama asavaḥ prāḅ etanmṛtiprekṣaṅāt" iti pṛṣṭhikṛtya
tām bimbōṣṭhim baddhāṅjalih kuṅjarasya purastād asthāt.²

(How can I abandon the one who is equivalent to my life and go without shame. Let my soul leave me before I see her death." Saying thus she came in front of the red-lipped one and stood before the elephant, with a salutation with aṅjali.)

13. The description of the incident in which Guṅamālā asks her pet parrot to carry a message to Jivandhara with whom she was in love.

Cc.

uyyumar urai unnaiy allāl ilēṅ
ceyya vāyk kiliyē cirantāy ena
naiya nāṅkaiy in nāṅṅakatt uṅṅeṅir
raiyaḷāy camaḷāṅṅ urai enṛatēṅ³

("Oh, the red-beaked parrot, glory to you! There is no resort other than you." Thus she said; and the parrot replied, "Oh lady, if he is in this country tell me without any worry.")

Gc.

...kṛiḍāśukam śokaprahāṅaye pāṅau kurvati sarvam asmai samihitam
āvedyate vidyate kim atopāya iti sapraṅayam sakṛpaṅam sānūnayam
savṛiḍam cāṅvayūṅkta. sa ca kiraḥ, "kim amba kātaryeṅa. kāryam
idam avanau cet pāryata eva mayā sādhayitum" iti sadhiraṅ samabhyadaṅṅa.⁴

(To cast away her worries, she took her parrot in her hands, and told him all her desires and with love, kindness, courtesy and shyness she asked whether there was

1 Cc. vv. 975, 976.

2 Gc. 4 : para. 130, pp. 201, 202,

3 Gc. v. 1000.

4 Gc. 4 : para 132, p. 205

any means by which she could accomplish her desire. The parrot in a clear voice said, "Oh mother, what is gained by worrying? If the object of your desire is in this world I can accomplish it for you.")

14. The description of Jivandhara who was drawing the portrait of Guhamālā sitting in the garden.

Cc.

.. .. .
siṣṭinaṇ kiḷi micait tilaka vā nūtal
vāṭṭa māl kalirriṭṭai veruvi ninratōr
nāṭṭamu naṭukkamu naṅkai vaṇṇamā.¹

(He, with thoughts about her in mind, drew [the portrait of] the lady with the beautiful forehead adorned with tilaka in the pose he liked, the tremulous state and the eager look, when she stood in front of the elephant.)

Gc.

...*tatra kvacit pracchāyaśitale mahitale niṣaṅṅo viṣaṅṅahḍdayaḥ svahḍdayaniviṣṭām tām*
bimboṣṭhīm bahir āṇiyeva pratyakṣayitukāmah tatkāminirūpam abhirūpo'yam akhila-
kalāsu kvacid ativiśaṅkaṭe prakāṣitatadavasthām ālikhat.²

(He, who was skilled in all fine arts, with a dejected mind, sat under a cool shady tree, and as if desirous of bringing out and seeing the beauty of the red-lipped one who entered his heart, drew her portrait in the state [in which] he saw her, on a broad board.)

15. The description of the anger of Kāṣṭhāṅgāra on hearing that his state elephant Aśanivega was controlled by Jivandhara and as a result of that it was sick.

Cc.

iṅṭ aḷar kuṭṭam pōlav eriy eḷat tiruki nōkkik
kōṅ taru kuṛumpar vem pōr kōk kuḷam venrat uḷḷi
maṅṭaiṭil ceykai cūḷṅta vāṅikaṇ makaṇai vallē
aṅṭiraṅ kaḷaiven oṭṭip parrupu tammiṅ enṛāṅ.³

(Like a mass of fire and with a crooked look glowing like fire, [Kāṣṭhāṅgāra] thinking of the victory he [Civakaṇ] had over opposing hunters and the group of kings, said "Capture that son of merchant, who is involved in base deeds and bring him to me. I will destroy his heroism.")

Gc.

sa ca śabaracārubhaṭaśūra-gṛhīta-godhanapunarānāyana-prakāṣitaparākrama-pāṭavā-
hiteṇa ni javāravāmalocanāvargāntaraṅgibhavad-anaṅgamālāṅgikaraṇaprārūḍhena gan-
dharvadattāpariṇāyanasamayasaṃjāṭaparibhavaparīṇatena...⁴

(With his anger, which had been provoked by [Jivaka's] proclamation of his valour by retrieving the stolen cows from the army of clever hunters, increased by the

1 Cc. v. 1003.

2 Gc. 4 : para 133, p. 206.

3 Cc. v. 1079.

4 Gc. 5 : para 144, p. 217.

acceptance of Anaṅgamālā who was one of his important courtesans, matured by the insult he had during the marriage of Gandharvadattā...[ordered the men around him to bring Jivandhara to him].)

Kc.

*saṅgād anaṅgamālāyā vijayāc ca vanaukasām |
viṇāvijayataś cāsya kopāgniḥ sthāpito hṛdi ||¹*

(The union of Jivaka with Anaṅgamālā, his victory over hunters and his victory in the viṇā (lute) competition, made the inflamed anger in [Kāṣṭhāṅgāra's] mind.)

16. Jivandhara's thought when Kāṣṭhāṅgāra ordered his men to kill him.

Cc.

*inn uyir avanai unnum ellai nāl vantaṭillai
ennaṭṭi iruṅṅi konṇ en rōḷanai ninaiṭṭal enṇān²*

(“The time has not come to drink the sweet life of his. What can be gained by killing these worms?³ I shall think of my friend.” Thus he said.)

Gc.

*..‘kim ebhir niṣphalam nihataiḥ. nāsīdati gurujanādīṣṭaḥ kāṣṭhāṅgaravadhasamayaḥ’
iti sāhasāya saṃnahyamānam ātmānam nivārya sudarśananāmno devasya sasmāra.⁴*

(‘What is gained by killing these people? The suitable hour advised by my teacher to kill Kāṣṭhāṅgāra has not come.’ Saying thus, he controlled himself who was prepared for a rash deed and thought of the celestial Sudarśana.)

17. The description of the state of mind of Jivāndhara when he was rescued by Sudarśana from the hands of the servants of kāṣṭhāṅgāra who wanted to kill him.

Cc.

*viḷaṅki viḷ umiḷum pūṇaṅ viḷuc ciraip paṭṭapōḷtum
alaṅkal an tāriṇāṅ vant aruṅ ciraṭ viḷutta pōḷtum
pulampalu maḷiḷvu neṅciraḷ politalum inṇip poṅ āṅṇ
ulaṅ kalant uyarnta tōḷāṅ uḷ viṇaiy enru viṭṭāṅ.⁵*

(Civakaṅ with lofty and stone-like muscular shoulders, full of golden jewels, was neither distressed when he was imprisoned by Kaṭṭiyāṅkāraṅ who wore jewels casting flickering rays, nor happy when released by Cutaṅcaṅaṅ who wore beautiful dangling garlands. He, with his heart unaffected, considered them as the fruits of deeds in previous births.)

Kc.

*svāmīno na viṣādo vā prasādo vā tadā'bhavat |
kim tū pūrvakṛtam karma bhoktavyam iti mānasam ||⁶*

(The lord was neither happy nor distressed, but he thought that the fruits of deeds done before should be experienced.)

1 Kc. v : 4.

2 Cc. v. 1154.

3 Worms here means the insignificant people.

4 Gc. 5 : para. 147, p. 222.

5 Cc. v. 1167.

6 Kc. V : 23.

18. The description of the honours made to Jivandhara by Sudarṣana in his palace.

Cc.

*tīṅkaḷait telittiṭṭanna pārkatar ricai cey ten nīr
veṅ kaḷ viṭṭ alarnta kanni viṅṅavan urimai tannāl
maṅkala vakaiyiṅ āṭṭi maṅiy aṅi kalaṅkaḷ cārttip
paṅkaya neṭuṅ kaṅānaiṅ pavittira kumaraṅ enrāṅ¹*

(Cutaṅcaṅaṅ, who wore the garland made of flowers which had bloomed with dripping honey, brought pure water from the milky ocean; made his wives bathe Cīvakaṅ according to the auspicious rites; adorned him with jewels made of precious stones; and honoured him by the name 'Pavittira kumaraṅ')

Kc.

*payovāridhipayaḥpūrair abhiṣicyāyam abravīt |
pavitro'si pavitram mām śvānam yat kṛtavān iti ||²*

(He yakṣa, having bathed him [Jivandhara] by the water brought from the milky ocean, and said to him 'you who had made me, the dog, into a holy one, are a pure one'.)

Gc.

*akārṣic ca tatra harṣoṭphullamukhaḥ...jīvakasvāmiṅ svabhartṛmukhaparijñāta-kumāra-
mahopakāritātyādarair dāraiḥ sārddham payovāridhi-payobhir abhiṣekam³*

(Sudarṣana, with a face brightened with happiness, along with his wives who had come to know about the great help rendered by Jivaka to their husband, performed Jivaka's ablution with water brought from the milky ocean.)

19. The description of the three mantras which Sudarṣana taught to Jivandhara and their powers.

Cc.

*kaṭuṅ toṭaik kavaraṅ kaṅaik kāmāṅ kāmuraṅ
paṭuṅ kura rārum itu pāmpum allavum
kaṭuṅ tiṅra nōykaḷuṅ keṭukkum vēṅṭiya
uṭamp itu tarum enav uṅarak kūr ināṅ⁴*

(This will give you a sweet voice, which will be envied even by Kāma who has the quick arrow which attracts [others]; this [has the power] to cure the poison of snakes, other poisonous creatures and the unfavourable effects caused by air, wind, fire, water, etc. and diseases; this will give you any desired body.)

K.c

*kamarūpavidhau gāne viṣahāne ca śaktimat |
yakṣendraḥ svāmine paścān mantratrāyam upādiśat ||⁵*

(The yakṣa taught the lord, three mantras which had the power to give any desired appearance, (skill) in music and cure for poison.)

1 Cc. 1169.

2 Kc. V : 26.

3 Gc. 5 : para, 148, p. 223.

4 Cc. v. 1218.

5 Kc. V : 27.

Gc.

*adāc ca tasmai 'mā sma kuruthāḥ kurukulapate tatra preṣyasya prārthanākadarthan-
enāvajñām' iti yāñcāpūrvakam sarvaviṣāpaharaṇe gānavidyāvaiśāradyakaraṇe kāmārū-
pitvakalpane'py analpaśaktikam amandādarān mantratrāyam.*¹

(He gave him, out of great respect, three mantras possessing ample powers to cure all poisons, to obtain expert knowledge in music and to assume any desired form, with the request, "Oh lord of the Kurus, do not humiliate your servant by discarding his gift.)

20. The description of the forest through which Jivandhara goes before he reaches the city of Candrābha. In the Cc. this description occurs when Cutañcaṇaṇ describes the path through which Cīvakaṇ has to go. In the Gc. the author describes it as the path through which Jivandhara goes.

Ce.

*kalaiy in piṇai kaṇṇiṭum eṇṇu kacint
ilaiyiṇ niḷal avvayin inmaiyinān
nilayin niḷa rānātu ninṇu koṭut
ulaiyum veyi ninṇ urukumm uravōy.*²

(Oh, wise one, since there are no shades of leaves, worrying that his sweet mate is suffering, the buck stands suffering in front of the doe (i.e., in between the sun and the doe) in the hot sun in order to cover her in his shadow.)

Gc.

*...niḥṣeṣaparaṇakṣayanirviṣeṣāseṣaviṭapini...
...kareṇutāpaharaṇokṣṭe nijakāyacchāyāpradāyidantini...³*

([In a place where] all the trees remain without any leaves on them..the male elephant, to protect the she-elephant from the heat, covered her body with shadow of his body.)

21. The description of the incident in which Padmā was bitten by a snake,

Cc.

*naṅkai taṅ mukattai nēkki nakai mati ituv eṇṇeṇṇi
aṅkurai aravu tiṇṇi⁴*

(A snake who lives there [in that tree] has bitten her, mistaking her face for the shining moon.)

Gc.

*kanyām imām idānim kanyāgṛhān nirgatya gṛhodyāne svakarāvarjita-jalasekena
sasneham abhivardhitā puṣpavati jātā mādhavilateti mahotsavam āracayantim tad-
vadanagocaraśaśāṅkaśaṅkayeva bhujāṅgamaḥ ko'pyasprākṣit.*⁵

(The lady, having gone out of her palace while she was in the garden rejoicing over the blooming of her mādHAVI creeper, which was watered with love by her, was bitten by a snake which mistook her face for the moon.)

1 Gc. 5 : para 149, p. 224.

2 Cc. v. 1188.

3 Gc. 5 : para 150, p. 227.

4 Cc. v. 1271.

5 Gc. V : para 155, pp. 234-235.

22. The description of the state of Padmā when she saw Jivandhara for the first time after recovering from the effect of the poison.

Cc.

*āṭciy aim poriyā!an uṭampu eṇum
pūṭci niḷ koṭip purrin akatt urai
vāt ka ṇḍkk eṇum vai eyirr āra!al
vaṭkai nākattin miṭṭuṇ koḷappattā!¹*

(She was again affected by the poison that is spread in the teeth [the look of his sharp eyes] of the snake [desire], which lives in the anthill [Civikan's body which controls the five senses of impelling nature] where the creeper [of determination] grows.)

Gc.

*tataś ca sā sakṛd avalokanakṛtavayasabhūyastayā bhūyah kumāraṃ apārayanti
draṣṭum viṣavegamīṣeṇa paścād api nimeṣaṇaṃ evātmanaḥ śaraṇaṃ amamsta.²*

(By the pains that arose on seeing him once, she being unable to look at him again, thought that closing her eyes under the pretext of being affected by poison was the only safe way open to her.)

23. The remark about the minds of ladies told by Jivandhara to Bhavadatta.

Cc.

*uṇ niraīy uṭaiyav allav or ayira maṇattav ākum
.....³*

(A woman) is not pure in her mind and she has a thousand thoughts in her mind).

Kc.

*param sahasradhibhāji strīvarge kā pativratā
.....⁴*

(Who is a devoted wife amongst women who have a thousand thoughts.)

24. The description of the state of mind of Jivandhara after seeing the male monkey give the female monkey a jack fruit and the watchman snatch it away from the latter.

Cc.

*kaip paḷam iḷanta manti kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ ottat
ip paḷan turantu koṇṭa cilataṇum eṇṇaiy ottāṇ
ip paḷam inru pōkat inṇamā pōlum eṇru
meyppaṭav uṇarvu iṇṇri miṭṭitu kūriṇāṇē⁵*

(He realised the truth and said to himself : the monkey which lost its fruit, is like Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ; the watchman who snatched the fruit from the monkey is like me; and the fruit is like the mundane pleasures.)

Gc.

*sarvutha kāṣṭhāṅgārayate karaśakhābhraṣṭaphaloḥ śakhāmṛgaḥ. asmadyate nūnam āccho-
ṭitatatphalaḥ sa vanapālah. phalaṃ tu niyamena bhogāyate. gacchatu tucchaphalakāṅkaṣayā
kṛcchrāyamāṇena mayā gamitaḥ kālah.⁶*

1 Cc. v. 1292.

3 Cc. v. 1597.

5 Cc. v. 2726.

2 Gc. 5 : para 157, pp. 237, 238.

4 Kc. 7 : 57.

6 Gc. 11 : para 273, p. 406.

(The monkey which lost its fruit is like Kāṣṭhāṅgāra. The watchman who had snatched the fruit from the monkey is like me. The fruit is the mundane pleasures. My time has been spent on the efforts made to gain the fruit.)

25. The description of the torture given in hell to the people who had union with the wives of other people.

Cc.

*kātalaḥ karintu nainyaḥ kaṭiyavā kanaintu knri
ṣṭilān̄ rara nampiy eḷit eṇav iranta pāvatt
ūtulaiy uruka venta oḷ oḷar ceppup pāvai
atakāt ennap pulliy alarumāl yānai vēntā.¹*

(Oh the king who has elephants, the person who went with another man's wife leaving his own wife who was distressed and [neglecting] the world's condemnation, will [in hell] embrace an idol of copper which was melted in a forge and cry out of pain while onlookers exclaim words of pity.)

Gc.

*pare tu paradāreṣvatikamrāms tāmramayataptaśālabhaṅjikām 'tava priyāṅaneyam'
iti haṭhād atigādham ālīngayanti.²*

(The persons who are addicted to the wives of other people are made to embrace tightly the melted copper idols saying that they are their sweethearts.)

Apart from the similarity in the manner of description found in the works of Tēvar and Vādibhasiṃha, and can also notice similarities in the phrases used in descriptions. The following examples illustrate this aspect.

1. The phrase used to describe the state of the cowherds who went to bring back the cows which have been stolen by the hunters in the Cc. is similar to the phrase used to describe the state of the army of Kāṣṭhāṅgāra who went to retrieve the cows from the hunters in the Gc.

Cc.

āyar matt eṇi tayiriṅ āyiṅārā³

(They were like the curd churned by the churning-stick of the cowherds)

Gc.

gōkulam amandāvartamanthēna dadhiva mathyamānam śithilibabhūva.⁴

(The cowherds dispersed like the curd which was rapidly churned by a churning stick.)

2. The phrase which is used to describe the cowherdresses.

Cc.

uṭai tayirp puli moytta tō ṅalār.⁵

(The ladies who have the shoulders full of curd spots which were sprinkled when they were churning the curd.)

Gc.

...mathitadadhibindudanturapayadhare..⁶

(The ladies who have their breasts spread with churned curd spots.)

1 Cc. V. 2769.

3 Cc. V. 421.

5 Cc. V. 423.

2 Gc. 11 : para 282, p. 416.

4 Gc. 2 : para 77, p. 129.

6 Gc. 2 : para 77, p.130.

3. The phrase used to describe Guṇamālā in the portarit drawn by Jīvandhara.

Cc.

nekiṅtu cōr pūn tukil¹

(The slipped garment of Kuṇamālai)

Gc.

...āgalitavasanām...²

(The one with slipped garment.)

4. The phrase used to describe the swooned state of Vijayā on hearing from her son's friends the calamity which happened to her son.

Cc.

iṭika ṭavalntiṭṭa paṭa nākam eṇa viṅṭāḷ³

(She fell down like a snake attacked by a thunderbolt.)

Gc.

irammadavidhaśayor iva...⁴

((Her state which is like that of) a snake affected by a thunderbolt.))

5. The phrase used by Padmamukha, the friend of Jīvandhara, when he talks about Jīvandhara to his mother Vijayā.

Cc.

cintippavar avalam aṟu cīvakaṅ eṅ tōḷaṅ⁵

(Cīvakaṅ, who removes the troubles of the people who think about him, is my friend.)

Gc.

...dīnajiṅvaṅjivāṭor jivakakumārasya suḥḍaḥ kilā⁶

([We are] friends of Jīvaka, who is the protector of the needy people.)

6. The phrase used to describe Jīvandhara who went to the abode of Suramaṅjari in the disguise of an old man.

Cc.

cāvar toṭṭinē kaṭṭitu⁷

(He will die at once if you touch him.)

Gc.

sprṣṭo'pyasmābhir ayam naṣṭasur bhavets

(He might die even if we touch him.)

From the similarities pointed out above, it is clear that between Tēvar and Vāḍibhasiṃha, one is considerably influenced by the other. Many authors⁹ have noted

1 Cc. V. 1004.

2 Gc. 4 : para 133, p. 206

3 Cc. V. 1798.

4 Gc. 8 : para 206, p. 306.

5 Cc. V. 1797.

6 Gc. 8 : para 206, p. 306.

7 Cc. V, 2016.

8 Gc. 9 : para 218, p. 324.

9 i. T. S. Kuppuswami Sastri, *The age of Tamil Jivaka cintāmāṇi*, Indian Antiquary, October, 1907, Vol. XXXVI, p. 285 ff.

ii. S. Vaiyapuri Pillai, *Kāvīyakālam*, 2nd edition, Madras, March 1962, p. 175.

iii. Auvai S. Turaicamippillai, *Cīvakacintāmāṇi Arāycci*, 2nd Edition, Madras, 1948, p. 12.

iv. B. Balasubrahmanian, *Introduction to Cīvakacintāmāṇi* published by the Śaiva Siddhānta ṭṭahā Samājam, Madras, 1941, p. 18 ff.

the similarities and just from the fact that the two works are similar in many places, have conclude that Vāḍibhasiṃha works are the source books for the Cc. But how far is such a conclusion appropriate ?

Though the Cc. employs many Sanskrit traditions in the narration of the Jivaka episode, it owes a great debt to the Caṅkam literature, and to a certain extent to the Cilappatikāram and the other Patinenkilkaṇakku—(eighteen minor works) works, written before it in the ideas, the phrases, the similes etc. Similarly Vāḍibhasiṃha follows the style of Bāṇa in his Gc. In many places while describing the same incidents and descriptions, Tēvar follows the early Tamil literary works and Vāḍibhasiṃha follows the style of the Kādambari and the Harṣacarita. For example the following lines which describe the city Hemāṅgada in the Gc. contain ideas which are in descriptions found in the Kādambari and the Harṣacarita.

. . . dhyānapara-yamadārādhyuṣita-vedikopaśobhitāsokapādopacchāvā-laṅghana-caḷita-bhavyaloka-vakṛitapradakṣiṇabhramaṇaiḥ, parahitanirataṃmunivaraparīṣad-abhihita-dharmānukathenakarmatṛa-śukakulavācālyānīśākhīśākhāparīṣṭaparīsaraiḥ. . .¹

([The country of Hemāṅgada shone by | the Jaina devotees who go round the Aśoka trees, because of the fear of crossing² the shadow of these trees, which are beautified by the stages on which the ascetics who do penance dwell, and by the territories surrounded by flower gardens which are full of branches on which are perched the noisy parrots which have the talent of repeating the virtuous discourses which are uttered by the group of ascetics who do good to others])

In the Harṣacarita, while describing the river Ganges, following which Sarasvatī descended to the earth by the curse of Durvāsa, it is stated that on its shores, Vidyādhara ran away in fear that they should not cross the phallic images of Śiva made of sand for worship by the Siddhas.³ In the Kādambari, the description of the hermitage of the ascetic Jabāli in the Daṇḍaka forest contains the statement that the parrots there repeat the 'vaṣaṭkāra'⁴ sound.⁵ What is stated with reference to the idols of Śiva in the Harṣacarita has been taken over to the case of the Aśoka trees in the Gc. as it is a Jaina text. The entire description of the country of Hemāṅgada in the Gc. has the strong influence of the description of Ujjayini in the Kādambari. The same Hemāṅgada country is described in the Cc. and one sees clearly the style of the Caṅkam works here.

Several places where the descriptions in the Cc. proceed on the lines of Tamil traditions are not found in the Gc. Instances for this are the descriptions of the five

1 Gc, I: para 1, p. 9.

2 To cross over or tread upon a sacred object is sinful.

3 'siddhaviravitavālukāliṅgalaṅghanatrāsavidrutavidyādharam'

Bāṇa, *Harṣacarita*, edited by P. V. Kane, 2nd edition, Delhi, 1965, 1st chapter, p. 8.

4 'Vaṣaṭ' is an exclamation pronounced when offering oblations to the sacred fire.

5 'anavarataśravaṇaḥṣaṭkāraṇavācāśukulām', Bāṇa, *Kādambari*, edited by M. R. Kale, 4th edition, Bombay, 1968, 1st chapter, p. 70.

kinds of lands, the meeting and love episodes of Patumai and Cīvakaṅc etc. But indirect influence of such descriptions is found in the Gc. An analysis of some of the examples which are quoted above to explain the similar descriptions found in both books will show Vāḍibhaṣiṅga's indebtedness to the Cc. These are discussed under two sections :

1. The examples which show that the knowledge of the Cc. is necessary to understand what is said in the Gc.
2. The examples in which one can see the influence of Tamil literary traditions on the Gc. which came through the Cc.

1. In the example no, 8,¹ the chief of the cowherds asks Cīvakaṅc to accept his daughter without considering that she belongs to a lower caste. To support his request Kōvintāṅc cites precedents where other illustrious persons had married girls from lower castes. Here he quotes lord Murukaṅc who married Vaḷḷi as one of the precedents.

According to early Tamil literary thought, Murukaṅc is the deity of Kuṛiṅci land, one of the five kinds of landscape,² and he is supposed to live on the hill tops, Vaḷḷi is the daughter of one of the Kuṛavar, the hunting tribes, the inhabitants of hilly land.³ The abduction of Vaḷḷi was considered as one of the sacred sports of lord Murukaṅc. According to Tamil poetical tradition different situations of love and war are attributed to different lands.⁴ Kaḷavu (pre-marital love) is the love situation appropriate to Kuṛiṅci, and the myth of Murukaṅc and Vaḷḷi is also based on this tradition. The myth of Murukaṅc and Vaḷḷi is referred to in the early Tamil poems. The following examples illustrate this :

In the following lines of the 82nd verse of *Narriṅai*, the hero asks the heroine whether she is accompanying him as Vaḷḷi who went with lord Murukaṅc.

vāy vaṅappurra tōlai niyē
 eṇṇuḷ varutiyo nān nātaik koṭicci
 muruku puṅarnt iyaṅra vaḷḷi pōla...⁵

(Oh the one with shoulders which have the beauty of a bamboo, you are coming with me like Vaḷḷi who was united with Murukaṅc.)

Similar references are also found in the later Caṅkam works like the *Paripāṭal* and the *Tirumurkārūppatai*. The following lines from *Paripāṭal* show the relationship between Murukaṅc and Vaḷḷi—

1 Supra, p. 15.

2 Ref. chapter 4, for detailed knowledge about the divisions of land and the aspects connected to it.

3 In South India still the Kuṛavar are referred to as 'Vaḷḷiammai Kūṭṭam' (the followers of goddess Vaḷḷiammai). Edgar and Thurstan, *Castes and tribes of Southern India*, The Govt. Press, Madras, 1909. iii, p. 459.

4 Ref. Chapter 4.

5 *Narriṅai*, published by South India Saiva Siddhanta works, Tinevely, 3rd edition, January, 1962, v. 82,

aru mukatt āriru tōlāl venṇi
naṛu malar vaḷḷip pū nayanṭōyē

.....1

(You, the hero who has six faces and twelve shoulders, desired the sweet fragrant flower, Vaḷḷi.)

The following example also mentions Murukaṅ and Vaḷḷi.

..... oru mukam
kuṛavar maṭamakal koṭi pōl nucuppin
maṭavaral vaḷḷiyotunakaiy amarnt anṛē²

(One face of lord Murukaṅ] which loves to enjoy itself with Vaḷḷi, whose waist is like a creeper, the daughter of Kuṛavars [hunting tribes].)

As a result of the Aryan religious influence, the concept of God Murukaṅ fused with the concept of brahmanic God Skanda. As time went on, as Subrahmaniyan says "Muruga got transformed into Subrahmanya carrying with Him His old legends and surrounding Himself with more and more new legends and myths."³ Murukaṅ acquired six faces and twelve arms and another wife, Devasenā, who is supposed to be the wife of Skanda in North India.⁴ According to Sanskrit literature, Skanda otherwise called Kārtikeya is the general of the army of the celestials, Devasenā and hence Devasenā is personified to be his spouse.⁵ To our knowledge there is no myth relating the relationship of Skanda with Vaḷḷi in Sanskrit literature. Even Skanda-Purāṇa, one of the eighteen purāṇas in Sanskrit which deals with the story of Skanda, does not contain any references to Skanda marrying a lower caste woman. In this Purāṇa there is no reference for exagamous marriages (asavarṇa marriages)⁶

The relationship between Vaḷḷi and Murukaṅ which is cited by Kōvintan in the Kōvintaiyār ilampakam of the Cc., therefore can be understood only with the help of the knowledge of early Tamil literary traditions. But to understand the reference "purātanaṣaṅmukhamukhaviṣiṣṭānām avisiṣṭajātijātāṅganā-saṅgama-saṅkathām ca kathayan"⁷ cited by Govindā in the Cc. one has to know the myth of Vaḷḷi and Murukaṅ which was prevalent in Tamil literary works and specially the context in which it is related in the Cc. Bechert who examined the cult of Skandakumara in the religious history of South India and Ceylon, points out that there is conformity

- 1 *Paripāṭal*, (Le Paripāṭal), published by Institut Francais D'Indologie, Pondichery, 1968. 11 : line 21 22. See also, 9 : 67 and 21 : 10.
- 2 *Tirumurukāṛṇṇuppaṭai*, Pattuppāṭṭu, edited by U. V. Swaminatha Iyer, 6th edition, Madras, 1961, lines 102-103.
- 3 N. Subrahmaniyan *Sangam polity*, Asia Publishing House, London, 1966. p. 354.
- 4 "maṅkaiyar kaṇava maintar ēṛē" (You the husband of (two) ladies (Vaḷḷi and Devasenā) and the bull among the men) *Tirumurukāṛṇṇuppaṭai*, Paḷamutir Colai, line 264.
- 5 Refer the notes by G. R. Nandargikar on Raghuvamśam of Kalidasa, VII : 1, 3rd Edition, Bombay, 1897, p. 120.
- 6 A. B. S. Awasthi, *Studies in Skandapurāṇa*, Lucknow, 1965, Part I, p. 298.
- 7 *Supra*, p. 15.

of early Tamil religion with Sinhalese religion, particularly regarding the cults of Murukan and the God of Kataragama and the legend about his marriage with Vaḷi who was from the jungle folk of South India hills or from the jungle people, the Vedḍhas. He concludes that these common characteristics are earlier than the identification of Murukan with the north Indian Skandakumāra or Kārthikeya whose spouse Devasenā is nothing but a personification of the army of Gods led by him.¹

2. In the example No. 15,² we see the anger of Kāṣṭhāṅgāra described in almost the same way in the Gc. and Cc. While describing the reasons which kindled the anger of Kāṣṭhāṅgāra in the Gc. it is said that the union of Jivandhara with Anaṅgamālā is one of them. This episode of Jivandhara and Anaṅgamālā is not mentioned in the Cc. in this context. But it is narrated in detail by the character Nākamālāi to Kāntōtkaṇ, just before Civakan went to compete with Kāntaruvatattai in the lute competition. This episode is not narrated anywhere else in the Kc. or the Gc. This is also not found in the Up. Therefore to understand the reference “saṅgād anaṅgamālāya” in the Kc. and “nijavaravāmalocanāvargāntaraṅgibhavad anaṅgamālāṅgikaraṇapratūḍhena” one has to have the knowledge of the Anaṅkamālāi episode in the Cc.

3. In Patumaiyar ilampakam of the Cc.,³ the love story of Civakan and Patumai progresses on the traditional lines of Kaḷavu (premarital love) in Tamil. Here Patumai who is in love with Civakan is taken to the garden by her friends, where they leave her alone and go away in the pursuit of sports. Patumai stands alone near the house made of mādhavi creepers. Civakan comes there and speculates whether she is a celestial being or a human being. Then he notes that the flowers of her garland fade and from such symptoms knows that she is a human being. Then he unites with her in accordance with the tradition of Iyaṛkaippuṇarcci (union). He praises her and then leaves her for fear that her friends might come back. All these stages of love have been described by Tēvar according to the Tamil poetical tradition. This entire section has been omitted by Vāḍiḥhaṣimha in his Gc. and Kc. Yet, the way he has narrated the marriage of Jivaka and Padmā makes one feel that he is aware of the above narration in the Cc. which he has omitted in his works. Thus in the following passage he narrates that Jivaka and Padmā once married according to the Gāndharva rites in the house made of Mādhavi creeper though he has not even mentioned it before.

...gṛhodyānamaṇḍanamādhaviletāmaṇḍape kusumakodaṇḍena pradattām tām mattakā-
ṣiṇim gandharvadattāpāṭir gāndharvavivahaḥ prakrameṇa rāgāgni-sakṣikam pariṇṭya
pūnarguṇavati lagne lokapālena vitirṇam vidhivad upāyacchata.⁴

(He (Jivandhara), the husband of Gandharvadattā, having married her (Padmā), the one who appears as if she is intoxicated, given by Manmatha and witnessed by

1 Heing Bechert, The cult of Skandapurāṇa in the religious history of South India and Ceylon, paper submitted to the IIrd International Conference Seminar of Tamil Studies, Paris, 1970.

2 Supra. pp. 18, 19.

3 Cc. vv. 1326-1334.

4 Gc. 5 : para 159, p. 242.

the fire of love in the house made of Mādhavi creeper, which is in the garden, again married her who was given by Lokapāla at an auspicious time according to the wedding rites.)

From these examples which show that the knowledge of the Cc. is necessary to understand certain incidents narrated in the Cc and the Kc., one can see that Vāḍibhasiṃha is indebted to Tēvar.

2. Next we will consider the example which show the influence of Tamil literary traditions on the Gc.

1. First we will take example No. 20,¹ in which the description of the forest through which Cīvakaṇ goes to the city Cāntirāpam. This description in the Cc. is obviously influenced by the eleventh verse of the Kalittokai. In the eleventh verse of the Kalittokai the arid landscape (pālai) is described, and thus it is called Pālaikkali. The description of the male pigeon embracing its mate with its wings in order to allay the heat,² the description of the buck standing in the hot sun in order to cover the doe in his shadow³ are described in the same way in both the Cc. and the Kalittokai. Even the words used here are the same. The description of the pigeons is not found in the Gc. But, the description of the deer is narrated in the same way. The only difference he has made is that he has changed deer into elephant. Though Vāḍibhasiṃha tries to incorporate the description of the summer in the R̥tusamhāra of Kālidāsa in his description of the forest, this particular description of the deer (elephant in the Gc.) has a strong similarity to the description in the Kalittokai and in the Cc. Thus, the following lines in all the three books show this similarity.

Kalittokai :

*in niḷal inmaiyan varuntiya maṭap piṇaikkut
tan niḷalaikkotutt aliḷkun kalaiy. .⁴*

(Since there are no shades of leaves the buck gives his shadow to the doe which is suffering [in the hot sun].)

Cc. :

*kalaiy in piṇai kaṇṇiṭum enru kacint
ilaiy in niḷal avvayin inmaiyanān
nilaiyin niḷa rantu ninru koṭut
ulaiyum veyi ninr urukumm uravōy⁵*

Gc. :

*. . niḷṣesaparnakṣayanirviṣeṣāṣeṣaviṭapini. . . koreṇutāpaharonakṛte ni jakā yacchāyāpra-
dayidontini. . .⁶*

This example also shows that Vāḍibhasiṃha is translating the above description from the Cc.

1 Supra, p. 21.

2 Kalittokai, v. 11: Cc. v. 1187.

3 Kalittokai, v. 11: Cc. v. 1188.

4 Kalittokai, v. 11.

5 Cc. v. 1181. For translation see supra p. 21.

6 Gc. 5 : para 150, p. 227. For translation see supra p. 21.

2. Now let us consider example No. 71 from the examples quoted to show the similarity in the manner of description and example Nos. 1 and 22 from the example quoted for the usage of similar phrases. In all these examples which are from the episode of Kōvintai, we could see that the object of comparison are all from the objects characteristic of the pastoral land (the Karupporul of Mullai land). The tradition of describing a scene or an action taking place in a particular land with the help of the objects characteristic of that particular landscape is expected according to the early Tamil poetical tradition. This literary tradition is explained in the fourth chapter by us. Tēvar has followed this literary tradition in many places, and he selects most of the objects of comparison from the objects which are found in the type of land he is describing. In the above-mentioned examples also one could see that Tēvar is using the objects which belong to the pastoral land. This method of description has been followed by Vāḍibhasiṃha in the above-mentioned examples. He compares the army which was defeated by the hunters to the curd which was churned by churning stick, and describes the spots of curds on the bodies of the cowherdresses. He also compares the body, the voice and the tender touch of Govindā with the melted ghee, milk and butter respectively. These descriptions show that Vāḍibhasiṃha follows the description of Tēvar which is according to Tamil traditions.

3. This aspect is also seen in the example No. 93 of the similar descriptions shown earlier. In this example we see that Tēvar's description of the seashore, the littoral land, the rolling tides, the wobbling crabs and the gracious swans is closely followed by Vāḍibhasiṃha.

4. Next let us consider example No. 64 of the similar descriptions in which the army of Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ which marched to retrieve the stolen cows of the cowherds from the hunters is described. The statement in the Cc. that the earth was depressed under the weight of the army strongly reminds one of the description of the army in the 23rd verse of the Puṛaṇānūru. In this verse in Puṛaṇānūru the army is described as 'ñālam neiḷyav iṭṭiya viyaṅ paṭai'⁵ (the army which approached causing the earth to bend). In the Cc. also the army is described as the one which causes the earth to be depressed. This is not an isolated incident in which Tēvar borrows his phraseology from the earlier works, in particular from Caṅkam works. He is not only influenced by the phraseology of Caṅkam works but also by the ideas expressed in them. For example, in the following description of the prosperous state of the city, Irācamāpuram, we could see the idea expressed in the description occurring in the Paṭṭinappālai.

Cc. :

*por ciṟu tēr micaip paim por pōtakam
nar ciṟār ūrtali nāṅkaimār virii
urraṅavar kōli māḷ eṟintav oṅkulai
marraṅat tēr uruḷ koṭā vaḷamai cāṅravā.⁶*

1 Supra, p. 14.

3 Supra, pp. 15.

5 Puṛaṇānūru, v 23.

2 Supra, p.23.

4 Supra, p. 14.

6 Cc. v. 89.

(The prosperity of the country was such that the shining earrings which were thrown by the ladies who were watching the paddy, on the hens, blocked the golden chariots with golden elephants on them, which the beautiful children ride.)

Paṭṭinappālai :

*nār ilai makaḷir uṇāṅk uṇāk kavaruṅ
koḷi erinta koṭuṅ kār kaṇāṅ kuḷai
por kāl putalvar puraviyiṅ uruṭṭum
muk kār ciru tēr mun vaḷi vilakkum.¹*

(The round and thick ear-studs which were thrown on the fowls which came to feed on the drying grains, block the way of the three wheeled playcart of the little boys with golden anklets.)

This sort of description which follow the early Tamil literary works are deliberately omitted by Vāḍibhasiṃha and as said before he follows the style of Bāṇa. Yet, this particular incident in which he describes the army of Kāṣṭhāṅgāra, as causing the earth to bend under its might, shows that he has closely translated the phrase which the Cc. borrowed from Puṛaṇānūru.

From the above discussion one could see the indebtedness of Vāḍibhasiṃha to Tēvar. The inference that he had the knowledge of the Cc. is reinforced by the concluding stanza in the Gc.

*stheyād oḍayadevena vadibhaharīṇā kṛtaḥ |
gadyacintāmaṇir loke cintāmaṇir ivāparaḥ||²*

(Let this Gadyacintāmaṇi, which was composed by Oḍayadeva, Vāḍibhasiṃha, stay in this world for ever like another Cintāmaṇi.)

Though cintāmaṇi refers to the mythical stone which grants one's wishes here the phrase 'cintāmaṇir iva aparāḥ' most probably refers to Tēvar's Cintāmaṇi. The term Cintāmaṇi has been used only by Tēvar while referring to Cīvakaṅ. It is the name by which Vicayai, Cīvakaṅ's mother, calls him at the time of his birth.

cintāmaṇiyē kiṭattiyāl.³

(Cintāmaṇi, you are lying here [without speaking to me]).

Tēvar also refers to Cīvakaṅ by the word Cintāmaṇi when he says that he has narrated the life history of Cintāmaṇi (i.e. Cīvakaṅ).

cintāmaṇiyiṅ caritam citarntēn.⁴

Thus it appears that Vāḍibhasiṃha is referring only to the Cc. in this phrase 'cintāmaṇir iva aparāḥ'. Vāḍibhasiṃha's works do not contain any references similar to the Cc. which would justify the word 'Cintāmaṇi' in his title 'Gadyacintāmaṇi' (the prose Cintāmaṇi). Further the term 'gadya' in his title appears to presuppose the existence of a 'padya' (verse) cintāmaṇi. But, since he has given the title Kṣatracūḍāmaṇi to his poetical work, this padya Cintāmaṇi is not likely to be the Kc. It is most probably the Cc.

1 Paṭṭinappālai, lines 22-26.

2 Gc. 11 v 297, p. 437.

3 Cc, v. 311.

4 Ibid, v. 3144.

Thus it is our opinion that the two works of Vāḍibhasiṃha are not of earlier origin than Cc. and derive a good deal of inspiration from the Cc. This would mean that the date of Vāḍibhasiṃha, if ascertained, could set the lower limit to the date of the Cc. We therefore consider the question of the date of Vāḍibhasiṃha next.

Vāḍibhasiṃha's date has been a problem for scholars and there have been many controversial ideas about it. The references we find about him in other books and the references which are found in his books, help to decide that he is the contemporary of the Cola king Rājarāja I (A.D. 985-1016).

Pandit Bhujabali Sastri¹ is of the opinion that Vāḍibhasiṃha must be placed in the latter half of twelfth century A.D. and was the contemporary of Rājarāja II (A.D. 1146-1173). He comes to this conclusion by analysing some of the inscriptions which are published by Sithala Prasād in his book *Madras va Mysore Prānta ka Prācina Jaina Smāraka* (The o'd Jaina monuments of Madras and Mysore states). But, most of the inscriptions he quotes could have been also written after Vāḍibhasiṃha's death, as they refer to him as a teacher of some one, or say that there were monuments built in his memory. The earliest dated inscription belongs to A.D. 1077. Therefore it is possible only to say that Vāḍibhasiṃha lived before this period.

In the last verse of the Kc., a name Rājarāja is mentioned.

*rājatām rājarājay'an rājarājo mahodayaiḥ |
tejasā vayasā śūrah kṣatracūdāmaṇir guṇaiḥ ||²*

(May that lord of kings who is an emperor (rājarāja) by his loftiness, warrior by his lustre and his age, best of the kings by virtues, be glorious.)

There are three Rājarājas in the history of Cola, Rājarāja I (A.D. 985-1016), Rājarāja II (A.D. 1146-1173), Rājarāja III (A.D. 1218) and there is also Rājarāja Narendra of Vengi, who was the son-in-law of Cola Rājendra I (A.D. 1022-1063). As Srikantha Sastri³ says, among these four kings Rājarāja I was the most famous and the one who deserves to be called Kṣatracūdāmaṇi. He further says that "the Tamil inscriptions mention Kṣatriyaśikhāmaṇipuram probably named after Rājarāja I, who seems to have had the title Kṣatriya Śikhāmaṇi".⁴

Similarly when describing the country Rājapuri is his work, Vāḍibhasiṃha refers to it as a country which served as a model for the creator for the construction of Rājarājapuri.

*taṭra rājapurināma rājadhāni virājate |
rājarājapurisṣṭau sraṣṭur yā māṭṭkāyate ||⁵*

There shines a capital named Rājapuri, which serves as a model for the creator for the construction of Rājarājapuri)

2 K. Bhujabali Sastri, *Jaina Siddhanta Bhaskara*, Vol. VI, Part 2, 1939 pp. 79 ff.

3 Kc. 11 : 106.

1 Srikantha Sastri, *Jaina Antiquary*, December 1939, Vol. III; pp. 89-95.

4 Srikantha Sastri, *op. cit.* p. 91

5 Kc. 1 : 5.

The Rājarājapuri mentioned here may refer to a town named in honour of the Cola king Rājarāja I. Inscriptions indicate that the modern Tārācuram was called Rājarājapuram.¹ Tārācuram is a village near Kumbakonam. The Śiva temple which is in that village is referred to as Rājarājeccuram.² The architecture of this temple very much resembles the architecture of the great temple at Tanjore, which was built by Rājarāja I. The connection between Rājarāja and Tārācuram is explained by the phrase 'Rājarājeccuram'. Again, in the book *Koṅgadesa rājakkal*³ it has been mentioned that a Cola king who was the son of Parāntaka named a village originally called Kēraiyyūr in the Talakād⁴ district of Mysore state as Rājarājapuram. The other historical facts mentioned here about this Cola king strongly support the conclusion that he was the king Rājarāja I.

Therefore it is possible that the references to 'Kṣatracūḍāmaṇi' and to 'Rājarājapuri' in the above mentioned stanzas from the Kc. may have been made by the author in an effort to commemorate the ruling sovereign, Rājarāja I. This would then suggest that Vādibhasiṃha was a contemporary of Rājarāja I.

The following evidence also contributes to this conclusion regarding the date of Vādibhasiṃha. Śrutasaḡara Sūri in his commentary on Somadeva's *Yaśastilaka campu* quotes a verse in which Vādirāja and Vādibhasiṃha are said to be contemporaries and disciples of Somadeva Sūri.

*Sa vādirājo'pi śrisomadevācārasya śiṣyaḥ,
vādibhasiṃho'pi madiyaśiṣyaḥ
śrivādirājo'pi madiyaśiṣyaḥ' ity uktatvāc ca*⁵

(That Vādirāja also is the disciple of Śrī Somadevācārya. Because he says, "Vādibhasiṃha is also my student. Śrī Vādirāja is also my student".)

The above statement cannot be traced back to the extant works of Somadevasūri : apart from the fact, neither Vādirāja nor Vādibhasiṃha claimed Somadeva as his guru in any of their works.⁶ But, as Handique says, it is not chronologically impossible to prove that Vādirāja and Vādibhasiṃha are the disciples of Somadeva. Somadeva's date can be easily decided upon, as it is known that he had completed his campu in A.D. 959.⁷ The fact that Vādirāja and Vādibhasiṃha also had lived in the same time is supported by the following evidence.

1 R. P. Sethupillai, *Urum perum*, 3rd edition, Madras, 1956, pp. 258, 259.

2 *Ibid*, p. 259.

3 *Koṅgadesa rājakkal*, edited by C. M. Ramachandran Chettiyar, Madras Government Oriental Series, No. VI, Madras 1950, p. 13.

4 This place still exists, under the name of Talakād, on the left bank of the River Kaveri, about 28 miles to the south east of the city Mysore. J. F. Fleet, "The Dynasties of the Kanarese Districts of the Bombay Presidency". *Bombay Gazetteer*, 1896, Vol. I, Part II, p. 299.

5 Somadevasūri, *Yaśastilaka campu*, with the commentary of Śrutasaḡara, Kāvyaṃālā edition, No. 70, Bombay 1901, Part I, p. 265.

6 K. K. Handique, *Yaśastilaka and Indian Culture*, Sholapur, 1919, p. 9.

7 *Ibid*, p. 2.

Vādirāja in his Pārśvanātha carita says that he had finished his work in A.D. 1025, during the reign of Cālukya king Jayasiṃha II. (A.D. 1015-1042).¹ This is also confirmed by the Belgamve Grant of the Cālukya king Jayasiṃha II Jagadekamilla, to the Lākula Vādirudraṅga in A.D. 1035 (saka 957).² In this grant the following titles given to the Śaiva saint Vādirudraṅga show that Vādībhasiṃha and Vādirāja are contemporaries.

...Vādībhasiṃha śarabham, vādirāja mukha mudra...³

(...a śarabha to the lion Vādībha [or to Vādībhasiṃha] sealer up of the mouth of Vādirāja ..)

This evidence shows that there is a possibility for Vādirāja and Vādībhasiṃha to be contemporaries and to be disciples of Somadevasūri.

Vādirāja in his Pārśvanātha carita mentions Matisāgara as his guru.⁴ This is also corroborated by the elaborate stone inscription in the Pārśvanātha basti at Śravaṇa Belgola dated A.D. 1129. In this inscription it is said that Matisāgara had two illustrious students, Dayāpāla Muni, the author of Rūpasiddhi and Vādirāja.⁵ Therefore it is clear that Matisāgara was the guru of Vādirāja. Venkataraman identifies Matisāgara as the contemporary of Rājarāja I.⁶ He bases his argument on an inscription found in Pudukkottai. In Pudukkottai there is a place called 'Samaṇarmēṭu' (Jain mound), on the north of the irrigation tank Veṅṇāvikkūḷam. This place was a mound before the excavation and now a whole group of shrines stand there. In this place a number of Jaina images and two inscriptions have been discovered. In one of the inscriptions there are fragments of the Praśasti of Rājarāja I and in the other the following fragment in Tamil is found.

udaya matisāgara-aruhar-ācāryar ippaḷḷi...⁷

Venkataraman says that, the Matisāgara mentioned in this inscription may be identified with the Matisāgara, the guru of Dayāpāla who composed Hitarūpasiddhi and Vādirāja.

Therefore if Matisāgara was a contemporary of Rājarāja I, Vādībhasiṃha who was a contemporary of his student, Vādirāja, also can be a contemporary of Rājarāja I.

All these above discussed facts contribute to the conclusion that Vādībhasiṃha was contemporary of Rājarāja I (A.D. 985-1015).

Since Vādībhasiṃha had lived in the period between the later part of 10th Cen-

1 Vādirāja, *Pārśvanāthacarita*, edited by Manoharalal Sastri, Bombay, 1953.

2 *Epigraphia Carnatica*, Vol. VII, Shikarpur Inscriptions, Inscription No. 126, p. 174.

3 *Ibid*, p. 174.

4 Vādirāja, *op. cit.* p. 197.

5 *Epigraphia Carnatica*, Vol. II, Inscription No. 54, pp. 43, 44.

6 K. R. Venkataraman, "Jainism in Pudukkottai" *Journal of the Oriental Research Institute*, Madras, Vol. XII, part I, p. 8.

7 *Ibid*, p. 8.

tury, and the earlier part of 11th century, Tēvar who had preceded him must have lived some time before this period.

The next landmark among Sanskrit works on the story of Jivandhara is the Up. which is the earliest of them. A similar examination of the Up. in comparison with the Cc. should therefore be of considerable interest. The study is however deferred until chapter III, where we do this in an effort to assess the influence of Sanskrit stories on the story of the Cc. Here we anticipate the conclusion of this comparative study and note that this study does not enable us to arrive at any definite answer to the question of the date or the source book of the Cc. It seems that the Cc may or may not have been based on the Up.

Next we consider the important point that the names of some of the main characters in the Cc. appear to be of Prakrit rather than Sanskrit origin. Examples of these names are shown in the table below :

Sanskrit names in the Up.	Prakrit names in Puṣpadanta's Mp.	Names in the Cc.
1. <i>Satyenlhara</i>	<i>Saccamdharu</i>	<i>Caccantaṅ</i>
2. <i>Kāṣṭhāngāraka</i>	<i>Kaṭṭhāngārau</i>	<i>Kaṭṭiyāṅkāraṅ</i>
3. <i>Ganḍhoikaṭa</i>	<i>Gandhukkaḍa</i>	<i>Kantukkaṭaṅ</i>
4. <i>Garūḍavega</i>	<i>Garūḍaveu</i>	<i>Kaluḷavēkan</i>

This leads one to wonder whether there would have been a Prakrit work dealing with the story of Jivandhara belonging to the period before the 10th Century A.D. from which Tēvar has taken his story. The only Prakrit text which belongs to the period before 10th Century A.D. and which deals with the Jivandhara story is the Mp. of Puṣpadanta. But, the Jivaka story in this text follows that in the Up. without any change and with great brevity. For example, the stories of Vimalā and Guṇamalā (Turamañcari in the Cc.) have been narrated only in a few lines. It is unlikely that Puṣpadanta's Mp. is the source of the Cc.

Thus the comparative study of the books dealing with the story of Jivandhara helps us only to specify the lower limit of about 1000 A.D. for the date of the Cc.

Next we consider two phrases in the Cc. which have been interpreted by some authors as providing clues regarding the probable date. Thus the phrase 'ariñcayan kulattuṭṭonri'¹ applied to Queen Vicayai is explained by Naccinārkkiniyar as 'Ariñcayan, the grand-father of Vicayai'.² This Ariñcayan who is mentioned here has been taken as the Cōla king Ariñjaya (A.D. 956-957).³ We find that in the Up. several kings having this name are mentioned and thus it appears that this was a name of common occurrence in the Jaina lore. Hence this speculation does not strike us as very signifi-

1 Cc. v. 201.

2 Naccinārkkiniyar, Commentary written on the Cc. v. 201.

3 T.E. Gnanamurthy, op. cit. p.11.

cant. Similarly the phrase 'Munnir valampuri' has led Naccinārkkīṇiyar to explain that this is an autobiographical reference by Tēvar to his birth in in the Cōla family. This reference has not enabled us to trace the identity of the author of the Cc.

On the other hand it is of interest to note that in the places Tēvar lists the names of the kings from different countries who assemble either to fight in a battle or to compete for the hand of a princess, the Pāṇḍya and the Pallava kings are mentioned while the Cōla king is not. This would seem a significant omission if the Cc. were to have been written in the heyday of Cōla sovereignty, i.e. the later part of the 10th Century A.D.

External Evidence

We have four references to either the work called Cintāmaṇi or to its author. These are found in :

- (i) Tiruttoṇṭar varalāru
- (ii) The Uraicciṇappuppāyiram of the Cc. (verse relating the merits of Naccinārkkīṇiyar's commentary on the Cc.)
- (iii) The Malliṣeṇa Praśasti inscription of Śravaṇa Belgola.
- (iv) The Tirumakūḍḍu Narasipur Taluq inscription.

(i) In the section Cēkkiḷār Purāṇam of the Tamil work Tiruttoṇṭar varalāru (A.D. 1217-1315)¹ it is said that the Cintāmaṇi was adored by the king Anapāya. From the following verse, one can see that Cēkkiḷār advised king Anapāya who was adoring the Cintāmaṇi that it was a book of false beliefs, and told him to listen to the story of Śiva.

*vaḷavanuṅ kuṇṭ aman purattut tiruttuc cintāmaṇik kataiyai
mey enru varicai kūra
uḷa makiḷntu pala paṭap pārāṭṭik kēṭkav
upaya kula maṇi viḷakkāṅ cēkkiḷār kaṇṭ
ilavaracaṅ tanai nōkkic camaṇar poy nūl itu maṇumaikk
ākāt immaikkum āra
vaḷa maruvukinra civa kataiy immaikku maṇumaikkum
urutiy ena vaḷavan kēṭṭu*

.. .. .²

(When Vaḷavan listened with great pleasure to Cintāmaṇi, which is a false story, Cēkkiḷār, the jewelled lamp of the two families, advised him that this Jaina book was a false one and it was of no use for this world and the next. The Śiva story; which is worth listening to, is good for this life as well as the next.)

Cēkkiḷār lived in the reign of king Anapāya.³ King Anapāya is identified with

1 N.C.C. vol. III, University of Madras, pp. 94-95.

2 Umāpativāccāriyār, *Tiruttoṇṭar Purāṇam*, edited by P. Ramalinga-Cuvami, Cēkkiḷār nāyanār Purāṇam, v. 11.

3 T. S. Kuppaswami Sastri. *Indian Antiquary*, XXXVI, 1907, p. 288.

Kulōttuṅga II (A.D. 1113-1159). Though the Cintāmaṇi referred to here is not explicitly stated to be the Cc. it is most probable that the reference is to the Cc. This makes it clear therefore that by the first half of the 12th Century the Cc. had come to occupy a position of considerable importance. However this reference does not lead to any conclusion regarding the date which should supplement our earlier inferences regarding the same from a comparative study of the Cc. and the Sanskrit works of Vāḍibhasiṃha.

(ii) In the verse written to extol Naccinārkkīṇiyar's commentary on the Cc.¹ it is mentioned that Tēvar was honoured by one Poyyāmoḷi. This reference proceeds as follows :

.. .. vaṅ peru vañcip
poyyāmoḷi pukaḷai maiyaru kāṭcit
tiruttaku muṇivan

(Tiruttakumuṇivan the one with flawless perception who was praised by Poyyāmoḷi of the city of Vañci)

We do not know who wrote this verse. Now the question arises regarding the identity of Poyyāmoḷi. It is generally held that the word Poyyāmoḷi is the Tamil rendering of the Sanskrit epithet 'Satyavākya' (the one of truthful speech.) It is known that many rulers of the Gaṅga dynasty flourished in the modern Mysore state, with Talakād (Taḷavanapura in Sanskrit) as their capital² till about A.D. 1000 when the Cōla supremacy put an end to it. Most of the kings of this family are reputed to have been devoted to Jainism. It is difficult to say with certainty which of the Gaṅga kings holding the title Satyavākya has been referred to as Poyyāmoḷi in the above verse. Certain claims have been made that the reference is to king Satyavākya Koṅguṇivarma Bhūtaga Permāṇḍi (A.D. 938-953).³ But, these claims have not been justified clearly and we can only say that it is likely that the author of the Cc. may have been honoured by one of these Satyavākya kings of the Gaṅga dynasty. We have consulted the book 'Studies in South Indian Jainism' by M. S. Ramaswami Ayyangar and B. Seshgiri Rao,⁴ in which they have given a geneological table of the Gaṅga kings and the article written by M.V. Krishna Rao on the 'Gaṅga kings Talakād'.⁵ Rajamalla I, the son of Vijayāditya Raṇavikrama, appears to have been the first Gaṅga king who held this title.⁶ He succeeded Vijayāditya in A.D. 818. This is also corroborated

1 Cc. edited by U. V. Swaminatha Iyer, 6th edition, Madras, 1957, p. 1523.

2 Fleet, *op. cit.* p. 299.

3 S. Vaiyapuripillai, *Kāvīya kalam*, p. 174; B. Balasubrahmaniam, *op. cit.* p. 21.

4 M. S. Ramaswami Ayyangar and C. Seshagiri Rao, *op. cit.* p. 155.

5 M. V. Krishna Rao, 'The Gaṅgas of Talakad', *Karnataka through the ages*, published by the government of Mysor. 1968. pp.116-127.

6 The book *Koṅgadesa rājakkal* refers to one Satyavākya rāya, the great grandson of Vijayāditya, who was so called because he was always truthful. It also reports the acts of charity performed by his brother Guṇatuttamarāya in Saka year 800 (A.D. 878). We do not know how much we can rely on this date. *Koṅgadesa rājakkal*, p. 9.

by the reference made by a Jaina author Vidyānandi.¹ He also alludes to a contemporary king named Satyavākya in the colophon of four of his works. He also alludes to three other kings in the colophons of his three other works.² In one work he refers to Śivamāra, in another to Mārasimha and in another probably to Śrīpurusha.³ All of these people are kings of the Gaṅga dynasty. Vidyānandi also mentions the Rāṣṭrakūṭa king Dhruva Dhāravarṣa (A.D. 780-92)⁴ in his Aṣṭasabasri.⁵ Thus the Satyavākya alluded to by him appears to be the Gaṅga king Rācamalla I (A.D. 818-837).⁶

All the Gaṅga kings of Talakāḍ who came after Rācamalla I seem to have had the title Satyavākya with their names.⁷ Therefore from the phrase 'Poyyāmoḷi pukaḷ tiruttaku muṇivan' we can only infer that one of the Gaṅga Satyavākya kings who may have lived any time from the early ninth century A.D. up to about A.D. 1000⁸ would have honoured the author of the Cc.

The reference to the city of Vañci in the phrase 'vañci cēr poyyāmoḷi pukaḷ' is not very helpful in arriving at a more exact conclusion. Vañci is said to have been the capital of the Cēra kings. T. A. Gopinatha Rao⁹ says that a chieftan belonging to Takaṭar in the Gaṅga country called himself 'Vañciyar kulapati'. Hence the adjective 'vañci cēr' supports the conclusion that the word poyyāmoḷi refers to a Gaṅga king.

(iii) The Malliṣeṇa Praḡasti inscription of Śravaṇa Belgola refers to two works called Cintāmaṇi and Cūḍamaṇi. This epitaph was composed to perpetuate the memory of the Jaina preceptor Malliṣeṇa Maladhārideva who committed religious suicide on Sunday 10th March A.D. 1129,¹⁰ (dark fortnight of Phalguṇa, the expired Śaka year of 1050). In this epitaph the author Mallinātha extols the glory of eminent Jaina ascetics. Though it cannot be said with certainty that these teachers have been listed in strict chronological order, we can say that there are no serious chronological discrepancies.

In this inscription the authors of Cintāmaṇi and Cūḍamaṇi are praised in the following stanzas :

*dharmārthakāmaparinirvrticāruciṅś cintāmaṇiḥ pratīketam akāri yena |
sa stūyate sarasaukhyabhujā sujātaś cintāmaṇir mṇivṛṣā na kathaṅ janena ||
cuḷāmaṇiḥ kavīnīm cuḷāmaṇinā(ma)sevyakāvyakaviḥ
śrīvarddhadeva eva hi kṛtapuṇyaḥ kirttim āharttum ||¹¹*

1 Jyoti prasad Jain, *The Jaina Sources of the History of Ancient India*, (100 B.C.-A.D. 900), Delhi, 1964, p. 199.

2 *Ibid*, p. 199.

3 *Ibid*, p. 199.

4 K. A. Nilakanta Sastri, *op. cit.* p. 210

5 K. A. Nilakanta Sastri, *op. cit.* p. 200.

6 M. V. Krishna Rao, *op. cit.* p. 124.

7 M. S. Ramaswami Ayyangar and B. Seshagiri Rao, *op. cit.* p. 155.

8 In A.D. 1004 Rājendra Cola succeeded in capturing Talakāḍ and extinguishing the Ganga dynasty. M. V. Krishna Rao, *op. cit.* p. 127.

9 T. A. Gopinatha Rao 'Aruṅkalāṅṅayam, *Civakacintāmaṇi, Cūḷāmaṇi*' Centamil, Vol. V, pp. 95-102.

10 *Epigraphia Indica*, Vol. III, p. 185.

11 *Epigraphia Indica*, Vol. III, pp. 190, 191.

(How could not men experiencing sweet pleasure, praise that noble chief of sages, Cintāmaṇi, who composed [for use] in every house, the Cintāmaṇi, which contains fine thoughts on virtue, wealth, pleasure and salvation?)

(Only Śrivaraddhadeva [who was] the crest-jewel of poets [and] the author of a poem called Cūlāmaṇi, which is worthy of study, has performed [sufficient] pious deeds [in former births] for earning fame.)¹

These stanzas are preceded by a reference to sage Kumārasena and followed by a reference to Maheśvara and Akalaṅka. Reference to the historical facts known about the Jaina teachers of this period throws some light on the dates of Kumārasena and Akalaṅka. The Harivaṃśa Purāṇa of Jinasena Punnāṭa which is known to have been completed in A.D. 783² gives a genealogy of teachers which includes Kumārasena, Vīrasena, and Jinasena.³ Vīrasena is the well-known author of the commentaries Dhavalā, Mahādhavalā, and Jayadhavalā. The date on which he completed the Dhavalā has been ascertained by Jyoti Prasad Jain as A.D. 780.⁴ His Jayadhavalā, left unfinished by him, was completed in A.D. 837⁵ by his disciple, Jinasena, who is also well known as the author of Ādipurāṇa. Thus we can with reasonable certainty assign the date of Vīrasena to the end of the 8th Century A.D. The Mulguṇḍ inscription (A.D. 902-903)⁶ states that Vīrasena was the senior pupil of Kumārasena. This would place Kumārasena also in the later part of the 8th Century A.D. These dates are also confirmed by the reference made by Vidyānandi to Vīrasena's recent demise and his statement that he was helped by Kumārasena's advice in the composition of Aṣṭasa-hasrī.⁷ Vidyānandi has already been noted as the contemporary of the Rāṣṭrakūṭa king, Dhruva (A.D. 780-792).

Akalaṅka is said to have been the contemporary of the Rāṣṭrakūṭa king Kṛṣṇa I (A.D. 756-775).⁸ He is reported by the Malliṣeṇa Praśasti to have defeated the Buddhists in argument at the court of Himaśitala in Kañci in A.D. 778 (Śaka 700).⁹ He is also referred to and quoted by Vīrasena and praised in the Harivaṃśapurāṇa. Akalaṅka's colleague Puṣpasena¹⁰ is said to have had a disciple called Vimalacandra who appears to have lived towards the end of the 8th Century A.D.¹¹ All this evidence would place Akalaṅka also in the period around the later half of the 8th Century A.D.

1 Translated by E. Hultzsch, *Ibid*, p. 200.

2 Jyoti Prasad Jain, *op. cit.* p. 42.

3 Harivaṃśapurāṇa, edited by Pannalal Jain, Vārāṇasi, 1962, 1 : 38, 39, 40.

4 Jyoti Prasad Jain, *op. cit.* p. 187.

5 *Ibid*, p. 187.

6 *Epigraphia Indica*, Vol. XIII, pp. 190 ff.

7 Jyoti Prasad Jain, *op. cit.* p. 199.

8 E. Hultzsch, *Epigraphia Indica*, Vol. III, pp. 186, 187.

9 *Ibid*, pp. 186, 187.

10 *Ibid*, Śravaṇa Belgola Epitaph of Malliṣeṇa v. 24. p. 192,

11 M. S. Ramaswami Ayyangar and B. S. Rao, p. 88.

The Malliṣeṇa Praśasti also contains the following eulogy, supposed to have been composed by Daṇḍin in praise of Śrīvarddhadeva, the author of the Cūḍāmaṇi.

*ya evam upślokito daṇḍinā
jahnoḥ kanyām jaṭā(gre)-ṇa babhāra parameśvaraḥ |
śrīvarddhadeva samdhotse jihvāgreṇa sarasvatīm ||¹*

(He was thus praised in verse by Daṇḍin :

“Parameśvara [Śiva] bore Jahnu’s daughter [Gaṅgā] on the top of [his] matted hair. Thou, O Śrīvarddha ! bearest Sarasvatī [the goddess of speech on the tip of [thy] tongue.”)²

Though there have been some uncertainties regarding the poet Daṇḍin’s date and identity, it is generally believed that he was in the court of King Rājasimha of the Pallava dynasty.³ This king reigned during the period A.D. 700 to 728.⁴ Daṇḍin is also said to have been the great grandson of Dāmodara, a friend of Bhāravi,⁵ who is mentioned in the Aihole inscription (A.D. 634). This will put Daṇḍin, and hence Śrīvarddhadeva mentioned in the Malliṣeṇa Praśasti, around A.D. 700-750. However the date of Daṇḍin as well as the authenticity of verses attributed to him are far from being satisfactorily ascertained.

(iv) The Tirumakūḍu Narasiṭṭu Taluq inscription of 1183 also refers to the authors of Cintāmaṇi and Cūḍāmaṇi in the following two stanzas :

*kṛtvā cintāmaṇim kāvyam abhiṣṭārtha-samarthanam |
cintāmaṇir abhūn nāmnā bhavya-cintā-maṇir ggu[ruḥ] ||
vidvac-cūḍā-maṇis cūḍāmaṇi-kāvyā-kṛte..|
cūḍāmaṇi-samākhyō ‘bhūl lakṣya-lakṣa..lakṣaṇaḥ ||⁶*

(Having composed the poem Cintāmaṇi, able to satisfy all desires was the guru Cintāmaṇi, a wishing-stone (Cintāmaṇi) to the blessed (the Jains))

(A head-jewel (Cūḍāmaṇi) of the wise, author of the poem Cūḍāmaṇi, he was called Cūḍāmaṇi, the exhibitor of all the ornaments of composition.)⁷

It also refers to Kumārasena and Maheśvara and Akalaṅka before and after them respectively and one more person named Sāntideva is also mentioned. Nothing appears to be known about Maheśvara and Sāntideva.

From these two inscriptions, one might roughly take the authors of Cintāmaṇi and Cūḍāmaṇi referred to in them to belong to the period of Kumārasena and Akalaṅka (i.e. middle of 8th Century A.D. onwards).⁸ This is not far from agreement with the

1 *Epigraphia Indica*. Vol; III, Sravaṇa Belgola Epitaph of Malliṣeṇa, v. 17. p; 191:

2 Translated by E. Hultzsch. *Ibid*, loc. cit. p. 207.

3 K. A. Nilakanta Sastri. *op. cit.* p. 153;

4 *Ibid*, p. 153.

5 *Ibid*, p. 345.

6 *Epigraphia Carnatica*, Vol, III, Part I, Incriptions in the Mysore District, p. 171.

7 Translated by Lewis Rice, *Ibid*, Translations, p. 89.

8 L. D. Swamikkannu has examined the astrological references which occur in the Cc. in the work *An Indian Ephemeris*. It is interesting to note that all the references are satisfied for the year A.D. 813 only. *An Indian Ephemeris*, Vol. I, Part I, Appendix iii, pp. 469-470.

conclusion obtained from the reference to Poyyāmoḷi in the verse relating the merits of Naccinārkkiniyar's commentary (uraicciṟappuppāyiram) of the Cc. The question still remains whether the Cintāmaṇi and Cūḷāmaṇi referred to in the Epitaph of Malliṣeṇa and Tirumakūḍḷu Narasipūr Taluq inscription are the Tamil works bearing these names. In this context T. A. Gopinatha Rao observes that "after sage Guṇabhadra there lived one Kumārasena and after him came the author of the Cintāmaṇi, and the author of the Cūḷāmaṇi".¹ This conclusion has been accepted and restated by Vaiyapuri Pillai,² Auvai Turaicāmpillai,³ Balasubrahmaniyam,⁴ and T. P. Meenaksisundaran.⁵ But there is no referenee to Guṇabhadra in the above two inscriptions. Balasubrahmaniyam refers to Yāpparuṅkalam Virutti urai (the commentary written on Yāpparuṅkalam) when mentioning Kumārasena.⁶ These authors may have had in mind one Kumārasena who appears to have lived around the later part of the 9th Century A.D.⁷

Kumārasena and the authors of the Cc. and Cūḷāmaṇi are said to have belonged to Aruṅgalānvaya branch of the Nandigaṇa in the Dravida Saṅgha according to the Tirumakūḍḷu Narasipūr Taluq inscription.⁸ This would make it likely that these are the two Tamil poems calld Cintāmaṇi and Cūḷāmaṇi. Irrespective of whether they belonged to the Kannada or the Tamil country, the Jaina preceptors of those days appear to have been well versed in Tamil, Kannada and Sanskrit and there was considerable intermingling among the members of Jaina religious order of the Kannada and Tamil speaking regions.⁹ In his footnotes to the Malliṣeṇa Praśasti, Lewis Rice says that Samantabhadra is said to have written a Cintāmaṇiṭṭippani or commentary on the Cintāmaṇi and AbhinavaMaṅga Raja is said to have written a Cintāmaṇi Pratipada or word to word translation of the same.¹⁰ He also refers to a Cintāmaṇi which is a commetary on Śakaṭāyana's grammar. As for Cūḷāmaṇi he mentions the reference in Bhaṭṭa Akalaṅka Deva's Karnāṭaka Śabdānuṣāsanam to a commentary by that name on Tattvārtha-Mahā Śāstra.¹¹ He says that this work is referred to in Rājāvali kathā and attributed there to Tumbulūr-Ācāryar.

But, the Malliṣeṇa Praśasti describes these two works in the following terms : "the epic Cintāmaṇi which is capable of yielding all the four ends of life" and "Cūḷāmaṇi

1 T. A. Gopinatha Rao. *op. cit.* pp. 95-102.

2 S. Vaiyāpuri Pillai, *op. cit.* p. 172.

3 Auvai, C. Turaicāmpillai, *op. cit.* p. 11.

4 B. Balasubrahmaniyam, *op. cit.* p. 19.

5 T. P. Meenaksisundaran, A History of Tamil Literature, Annāmalai, 1965, p. 90.

6 Balasubrahmanyam, *op. cit.* p. 19.

7 Jyoti Prasad Jain. *op. cit.* p. 160. Footnote 2.

8 *Epigraphia Carnatica*, Vol. III, Part I, p. 171 ff.

9 A typical example for this is the word 'oḷḷiyan' which is used by Tēvar to signify a good person. Naccinārkkiniyar points out that this is a 'Ticaic col' i.e. a word of alien origin and U. V. Swaminatha Iyer indicates that this word is used in this sense in Kannada. Cc. edited by U. V. Swaminatha Iyer, *op. cit.* p. 372. Cc. v. 741.

10 B. Lewis Rice, Inscriptions at Śravaṇa Belgola, *Epigraphia Carnatica*, Vol. II, p. 135.

11 *Ibid*, p. 135.

the kāvya which should be honoured". These descriptions do not sound very appropriate if they refer to commentaries as suggested by Lewis Rice.

In Tamil the Cc. and the Cūlāmaṇi are considered to be two good kāvyas and it is believed that the Cūlāmaṇi came after the Cc. This is illustrated by the phrase in Rājarājan Ulā "cintāmaṇi tanta cūlāmaṇiyāi"¹ (the Cūlāmaṇi which was given by Cintāmaṇi). The author of the Tamil Cūlāmaṇi is usually taken to be one Tōlāmoḷi-ttēvar. But, it is thought that Tōlāmoḷi is a name which the author acquired as a result of the phrases "ārkkum tōlātāy" and "tōlā nāvīr caccutan" found in his work.² Hence we do not know what his original name was.

From verse 4 in the Cūlāmaṇi³ we see that this book was submitted in the court of a king called Cēntaṇ who is traditionally believed to be a Pāṇḍya king.⁴

There is another isolated verse⁵ which says that Tōlāmoḷi was honoured by a Kārveṭṭi king (i.e. Pallava king). We have no means of identifying these kings at present. It has however been suggested that the Pāṇḍya king might be the one belonging to the middle of the 7th Century. This would be hard to reconcile with the evidence presented earlier.

The problem is yet far from resolved and must necessarily await further evidence for definite conclusions to be made. The evidence presented in this chapter appears to point to the period between the later half of the 8th Century A.D. and the first half of the 9th Century as the most probable date. The one result which seems fairly conclusive to us from the comparative analysis of this chapter is that the Cc. preceded Vāḍibhasiṃha's works and is not based on them as it is usually contended.

The analysis of the social, religious and literary background in the next chapter is made with the above period in mind. With the present evidence it is also not possible to indicate the source book of the Cc. As the Up. of Guṇabhadra is the earliest among the books written on the Jivandhara story (except the Cc.), we have considered the similarities and the differences in the plot between the Up. and the Cc. in chapter III in an effort to assess the probable Sanskrit influence on the story of the Cc.

1 S. Vaiyapuri Pillai, *op. cit.*

2 P. V. Comacuntaran, Cūlāmaṇi, edited by South India Saiva Siddhānta works, Tinnevely, 1962, vol. I, pp. 12, 13.

3 "nāmaṅp uraikkuṅ kuraiy en itū nāma ven vāl
tēmāṅ alaṅkar rirumāl neṭuñcēntaṅ ennuṅ
tūmāṅ tamīlīn kiḷavaṅ cuṭar āra mārpīn
kōmān avaiyuṭ teruṅṭār koḷappaṭṭatanrē.

4 P. V. Comacuntaran and C. A. Irāmacāmpulavar, Commentary written on Cūlāmaṇi v. 4.

5 Tikk eṭṭum pukaḷpaṭaitta sīrāl vicayan pokkeṭṭum pattum ilān pukaḷṭ taruma
puyal anaiya kaiyan tevvaik tīrītan malarp patam pūcippōn
Kaikkōṭṭi nakaikkum ikar kārveṭṭiy corkeṭṭā varān tōlāmoḷi cūlāmaṇiy
araiyan vaḷa nāṭark ēppap uṅarvōr turai kaṅṭōrē.

P. K. Comacuntaran, Introduction to Cūlāmaṇi, *op. cit.* p. 12.

CHAPTER II

THE SOCIAL, RELIGIOUS AND LITERARY BACKGROUND

In the previous chapter the question of the date of the Cc. has been discussed. In the following chapters, the interaction of Sanskrit in the Cc. from the point of view of the story, literary traditions, religion and language will be analysed. Before analysing these, there arises a need to consider the following factors in brief : (i) the political· social, religious and literary background in which the Cc. was written, and (ii) the historical development of the interaction of Sanskrit with Tamil literature before the period of the Cc. As the Cc. is a Jain epic (kāvyā), and the main motivation of the poet to write this epic is the desire to propound Jaina religious doctrine, the development of Jainism in Tamil land will be stressed while analysing the above two aspects.

The admixture of Aryan elements in Tamil land can be seen even in the Caṅkam poems the earliest Tamil literary works. Unlike in North India, where speakers of Indo-Aryan had to fight and struggle to establish themselves, in South India their entry seems to have been peaceful. Even though the Tamils had a well established culture, a social structure, and literary traditions of their own, there began the steady and gradual infiltration of Aryan influence in the life of the Tamils. This influence, though it was not on anything like the large scale in which it is found in later periods, can be seen to have already begun in Caṅkam literature. There are poems in the Caṅkam anthologies which are ascribed to poets having Sanskrit names. Irācamāṅikkaṅār¹ points to some authors of verses in the Naṅṅai whose names are of Sanskrit origin. For example, Cātevaṅār (Skt. Sāhadeva), Kapilan (Skt. Kapila), Ukkirapperuvaluti (Skt. Ugra + Tamil peru-valuti), Kācipaṅ (Skt. Kaśyapa), Tevaṅ (Skt. Deva), etc. Likewise he also quotes² about thirty Sanskrit names among the poets who composed the Kuṅṅokai poems. For example, Uruttiraṅ (Skt. Rudra), Kulapati (Skt. Kulapati); etc. There are also Sanskrit names among the poets who composed the other Caṅkam anthologies.

Apart from the names of the poets, there are also references in the poems of Caṅkam literature, in which the names of the kings have titles in Sanskrit which indicate the sacrifices they performed. The names Paṅṅiyaṅ-pal-yāka-cālai-mutukuṅumi³ (the Pandya who had many sacrificial halls) and Irācacāyam-veṅṅa-perunaṅk-kiṅṅi⁴

1 M. Irācamāṅikkaṅār, 'Tamiḷ moḷi ilakkiya varalaṅṅu' (History of Tamil Literature), Madras, 1961, p. 169.

2 M. Irācamāṅikkaṅār, *op. cit.* p. 164.

3 *Puraṅāṅūru*, v. 64.

4 *Ibid.*, v. 367.

(the Perunaṅkiṭṭi who performed Rājasuya sacrifice¹) serve as good examples. These show the predilection the Tamil kings had for Vedic sacrifices. A detailed description of sacrificial rites can be seen in the 160th poem of the *Puraṇānūru*. There are also other references to penances and sacrifices in Caṅkam literature.² The introduction of sacrifices and Vedic rituals also brought along with it the Aryan gods like Śiva, Viṣṇu, Brahmā, Indra, Skanda. etc. to Tamil literature. There are also references in Caṅkam works to Viṣṇu's several incarnations,³ the five elements (pañcabhūta),⁴ etc.⁵

Besides there, these is also a multitude of Sanskrit purāṇic incidents mentioned in poems like the *Paṛipāṭal* and the *Kalittokai*, which are of late Caṅkam period. The burning of the three aerial cities by Śiva,⁶ the battle between Lord Muruga and Śūrapadma,⁷ the plans of Duryodhana to kill Pāṇḍavas in the palace of lac,⁸ the churning of the milk ocean,⁹ Rāvaṇa lifting Mount Kailāsa,¹⁰ Bhīma breaking Duryodhana's thigh,¹¹ the birth of lord Ṣaṅmukha,¹² the story of Ahalyā¹³ etc. are referred to in these works.

In addition to the religious and mythological lore and its impact on literary and social life, the day-to-day intermingling of people at all levels of society caused a certain amount of cultural and linguistic mixture. The linguistic aspects of this have been considered in chapter VI.

An inspection of post Caṅkam works shows definite increase in the extent of Sanskrit interaction. The rise of the Pallava kings in seventh century A.D. led to an increase in Sanskrit influence. Foreign invasions like that of the Kalabhras brought in a lot of changes. During this time Buddhists and Jains migrated into Tamil land in large numbers.

We do not know exactly when the Jains first came to Tamil land. The names of poets like *Uḷḷccaṅār*¹⁴ and *Māṭirttaṅ* show the presence of Jaina poets in earlier times.¹⁵ Even though there are a few references to Jains in Caṅkam literature, Jains do not appear to have attained the importance enjoyed by the Aryan brahmins during this time.

- 1 Rājasūya is a great sacrifice or religious ceremony performed at the coronation of a supreme sovereign or universal monarch by the king himself and his tributary princes. Monier Williams, *Sanskrit English Dictionary*, Oxford, 1964, p. 874, col. 2.
- 2 *Puraṇānūru* vv. 397, 361. *Kalittokai*, vv. 130, 36, 119.
- 3 *Perumpāṅṟuppaṭai*, lines 371-73, 402-403.
- 4 Pañca-bhūta, are earth, fire, air, water, and ākāśa.
- 5 Ref. K. K. Pillay, "Aryan influence in Tamilaham during Sangam epoch", *Tamil Culture*, vol. XII, Nos. 2 and 3, p. 165 ff.
- 6 *Paripāṭal*, 5. line 25. 10 *Kalittokai*, 38.
- 7 *Kalittokai*, 27. *Paripāṭal*, 5. line 4. 11 *Ibid*, 52.
- 8 *Kalittokai*, 25. 12 *Paripāṭal*, 5. lines 27-49.
- 9 *Paripāṭal*, 2. lines 71-72; 3. lines 33-34. 13 *Ibid*, 19. lines 50-52.
- 14 Tamil, *Uḷḷccu*, Skt. *luñca*-Pulling out the hair on one's head with one's own hands. The name *Uḷḷccaṅār* would have come from this ritual which is performed by Jains.
- 15 S. Vaiyaputirpillai, *History of Tamil Language and Literature*, Madras, 1965, p. 59.

The establishment of the Draviḍa Saṅga in South India is a definite landmark in the introduction of Jainism into Tamil land. In a Jaina religious work, Digambara Darṣanaśāra which was obtained from Anhilwād Pāṭan, Devasenea (A.D. 853), the author of the work, states that in the year A.D. 470 (525 Vikrama Saka) Vajranandi, the pupil of Pūjyapāda founded the Draviḍa saṅga in Mathura of the Deccan.¹ S. R. Ayyangar and B.S. Rao, in their work "Studies in South Indian Jainism" point out that the same source also reveals that the saṅga was an association of Digambar Jains who migrated to the south with the view of spreading Jainism.² This saṅga consisted of four divisions, Nandi-gaṇam, Sena-gaṇam, Siṃha-gaṇam, and Deva-gaṇam. From the above evidence it is clear that Jainism had a place in Tamil land in the fifth century A.D. Apart from this evidence we have mainly to rely on Tamil literature to deduce the position of Jainism in Tamil land.

The Jains and Buddhist who came to Tamil land, unlike Aryan brahmins, mixed freely with the common people. Though the religious rituals, mythological stories and social behaviour of brahmins attracted the Tamil kings and the people, the religious books of the brahmins—the sacred Vedas—were never accessible to the layman. They were considered sacred and the common mass remained in ignorance of the teachings of Vedas. This attitude towards religious doctrines did not exist among Jains. "They believed" as Winternitz says, that "[their]... religion [is] not only for human beings of all races and classes but even for animals, gods and denizens of hell".³ They always ensured that their religious doctrines and literary works were accessible to the people. It is because of their desire to share their knowledge that they wrote their canonical writings and earliest commentaries in Prakrit dialects (Ardhamāgadhī and Mahārāṣṭrī).⁴ But in the seventh and eighth centuries A.D. most of the works were written in Sanskrit. When the Jains came to Tamil land they made none of their religious writings unavailable to the layman. The Jains learned Tamil and their religious teachings were imparted in Tamil. This approach in introducing their religion served to attract people towards Jainism and led to the acquisition of royal support and patronage. Though the Buddhists who came to Tamil land were as eager as the Jains in propagating their religion, it cannot be denied that the Jains have had a greater share in Tamil cultural and literary evolution.

Most of the literary works which came into being between the end of the Caṅkam period and the Pallava reign, except the Cilappatikāram and the Maṇimekalai, were didactic in nature. They are classified as the collection Patineṅkiḷkkaṇakku, (eighteen minor works). Of these, the Nālaṭiyār, the Paḷamoḷi nāḷuṅṅu, the Ciṟupaṅcamūlam, and the Elāti are Jain works. The progressively increasing influence of Sanskrit can be seen in these Patineṅkiḷkkaṇakku works. In the Jain works a great number of Sanskrit

1 *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, Bombay, Vol. XVII, No. XLIV, Peter Peterson's report on the search for Sanskrit Manuscripts in the Bombay circle, p. 74.

2 S. R. Ayyangar and B. S. Rao, *Studies in South Indian Jainism*, Madras, 1922, p. 52.

3 M. Winternitz, *A History of Indian Literature*, Calcutta, 1933, Vol. II, p. 425.

4 M. Winternitz, *op. cit.*, p. 427

words came to be used to elaborate the importance of the code of conduct. These will be considered in chapter VI. In these Jaina works, unlike in the Cc. where all the aspects of Jainism are discussed, importance is given mainly to ethical (rather than metaphysical) ideas.

The *Cilappatikāram*, the first Tamil epic (kāvyā), contains a good amount of Aryan mythology, ritual, and Sanskrit words. Though there are a few references to Jainism in the *Cilappatikāram*, there are no religious expositions as found in the Cc.; the *Maṇimēkalai*, which more or less contains the story of the *Cilappatikāram*, also has a great number of Sanskrit words. These words are used mostly in the places where Buddhist philosophical ideas are explained. This is explained in the section on Sanskrit loan words in Chapter VI.

The period during which these works were composed was favourable to Buddhists and Jains. The major reason for this is the patronage of the kings, which they enjoyed along with the public support. Literary works like the *Cilappatikāram*¹ and the *Maṇimekalai*² furnish evidence that there were religious discourses and debates in the cities. These religious discussions among different religious groups were undertaken with mutual respect. References in these two books also suggest that Jainism enjoyed a stable position in Tamil land. In the tenth chapter of the *Cilappatikāram*, the *Nātukāṇ-kātai*, the Jaina nun Kavunti joins Kōvalaṇ and Kaṇṇaki on their journey to Madurai, saying that she would like to worship Aṛivaṇ (Arhat) by listening to the dharma preached by the sinless saints, who had got rid of all their adharma by their purity.³ There are also references in these works to show that there were wandering ascetics (cāraṇas) who preached Jainism.⁴

Jainism probably became popular in Tamil land during the reign of the Kalabhras,⁵ who came to Tamil some time about A.D. 300 or a little later.⁶ These Kalabhras, who were under the influence of the great number of Jains who inhabited Tamil land, even began to persecute the Śaiva saints in the country and disregard the worship of the Hindu gods.⁷

After the Kalabhras, when the Pallavas came into power, Hinduism regained its popularity with the rise of Śaiva saints and Vaiṣṇava Aṭvārs. The prosperous state of Jainism was soon shaken by this revival of Hinduism. The Śaiva saints often condemned the religious practices of the Jains and this fact is clearly seen in their

1 *Cilappatikāram*, chapter V, *Intiraviḷāṅ-ēṭutta-kātai*, lines 174-181.

2 *Maṇimekalai*, chapter XXVII, *Camayakkaṇakkar-tan-tiṇai-keṭṭa-kātai*.

3 *Cilappatikāram*, chapter X, *Nātukāṇ-kātai*, lines 55-60.

4 *Ibid*, X, lines 163, 182, 192. *Maṇimekalai*, XI, line 7.

5 S. R. Ayyangar and B. S. Rao are of the opinion that these kalabhras came to Tamil land from the Carnatic country. Vide, S. R. Ayyangar and B. S. Rao, *op. cit.* p. 55.

6 K. A. Nilakanta Sastri, *op. cit.* p. 3.

7 S. R. Ayyangar and B. S. Rao, *op. cit.* pp. 55-56.

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devotional songs. For example some instances are quoted below :

*kuḷitt unāv amanar*¹

(The Jains who eat without having their bath.)

kurulaī eytiya maṭavar nirppavē

*kuñciyaip parittuttiralaī kaiyil unṭavarum*²

(The people who pluck their hair from their head, and those who eat their lump of food from their hands in front of young girls..)

In most of the Patikams³ of the Śaīva saint Nānacampantar one can observe that he makes a point of condemning the Jains.

The desire of the Śaīva saints and Vaiṣṇava Ālvārs to establish their religion in every possible way led to the Bhakti movement in Tamil land. The devotional hymns of the Śaīva saints and Vaiṣṇava Ālvārs were set to music and a large amount of Sanskrit purāṇic and other mythological stories were freely used. These factors gradually attracted the common mass towards Hinduism, and among them were a large number of Jains.

During this period, religious debates held with a view to establishing the truth of a particular faith were characterised by fanatical fervour rather than tolerance. The Śaīva saint Nānacampantar, who may have lived in the middle of the seventh century,⁴ converted the ruler of the Pandyan kingdom at that time from Jainism to Śaivism. This Pandyan king may have been either Māravarmaṇ Avaniśūlāmani (A.D. 625—A.D. 645)⁵ or his grandson Arikesari Marāvarman⁶ (A.D. 670—A.D. 700).⁷ It is known from his songs that, Nānacampantar also foiled the conspiracies of Jains and vanquished them in debates. His contemporary and another Śaīva saint Tirunāvukkaracar, who is also known as Appar, has converted the Pallava king Mahendravarman-I (A.D. 580—A.D. 630)⁸ from Jainism to Śaivism. Appar was converted to Jainism in his early days and held the name Dharmasena. His name indicates that he belonged to the Sena-gaṇam of Draviḍa saṅgha. He later became a Śaivite and contributed many devotional songs to Tamil literature. During this period, there were also two other Śaīva saints, Cuntaramūrti and Māṅikkavācakar, who contributed the flourishing state of Śaivism in Tamil land.

The profusion of Sanskrit mythological stories and words in the devotional songs of the Śaīva saints and Vaiṣṇava Ālvārs indicates the growing influence of Sanskrit. New literary traditions came into vogue and in some of them the distinction between Sanskrit origin and Tamil origin can hardly be distinguished. The mythological

1 Tiru Nānacampanta cuvāmikāḷ Tēvārap-patikaṅkal Tirumūrai, 1, Patikam 114, Tirumārperu, v.10, *Paṅṅiru-caivat-tirumūrait-tokuti*, Madras 1927, p. 240.

2 *Ibid*, Tiruvaracilai, v. 10, p. 492.

3 Patikam is a poem in praise of a deity consisting generally of ten stanzas.

4 K. A. Nilakanta Sastri, *op. cit.* p. 415.

5 *Ibid*, p. 152.

7 *Ibid*, p. 152.

6 *Ibid*, p. 425.

8 *Ibid*, p. 150.

episodes in Sanskrit were effectively used to praise the glory of Hindu gods. The introduction of the Paṇ (melody-type) system of music led to the employment of the Viruttam (vṛtta) metre. This employment of Viruttam metre also necessitated the use of a large vocabulary consisting of sonorous sounds. Just as the Hindu gods were praised by drawing freely from Sanskrit mythology, so also the musical quality of the songs was heightened by drawing freely from Sanskrit diction.

Though the influence of the Jains waned considerably due to the success of the Bhakti movement, the zeal for religious propaganda could not be extinguished. The different conditions they faced during this period forced a reconsideration of the methods they used to spread Jainism in Tamil land. They begun to realise that it was not possible to attract people towards their religion by mere exposition of righteous religious conduct. Simultaneously there were several transformation coming over the very structure of Jainism. Initially in Jainism the life of a householder was interpreted as just a stage of preparation for the ascetic order or its support and so the code of laws related to the ascetic. But between the fifth century and the thirteenth century A.D.,¹ the distinction between the householder and the ascetic came to be recognised and separate laws for the householder were evolved. Books meant for the guidance of the householder like the *Ādipurāṇa* (14th chapter),² *Ratnakaraṇḍaśrāvākācāra*, and *Sarvārthasiddhi* were written. Jainism, hitherto only a system of philosophy, began to assume the form of a religion. The Jaina monks attempted to evolve new techniques in their works by introducing Hindu mythological stories and religious rites suitably modified according to their religious doctrine. Evidence for Hinduization which took place in this period can be clearly seen in the following works : *Ādipurāṇa* of Jinasena, *Cāritrasāra* (C. 1000)³ of Cāmuṇḍarāya, and *Sāgaradharmamṛta* (1240)⁴ of Āśādhara.⁵ The Hindu saṃskāras were drawn in as kriyās of Jainism. Most of the kriyās like the thread ceremony (upanayana), wedding rituals, etc. are imitated from saṃskaras and decked with Jaina symbolism. During the same time, attempts were made to give literary form to the stories of the Jaina saints and their life history. The Mahāpurāṇa in Sanskrit exemplifies one such effort.

In Tamil land, jaina like all the other religious teachers, began to draw their plots from mythological purāṇic stories. It is also said that Koṅkuvēṇir had a Sanskrit version of the Paiṣāci book of Guṇāḍhya translated by Durviṅṭa. As Durviṅṭa's translation is not available now, one is not certain whether the above fact is correct. After Koṅkuvēṇir it was Tēvar who took a Sanskrit story as the theme of his epic (kāvyā), Cc.

Tēvar's aim was religious indoctrination. He fitted the abstruse religious doctrine into the form of an ornate epic using the literary form as sugar coating to his religious pill. This was possible because the climate in the country was one of religious

1 A. Williams, *Jaina Yoga*, A survey of the medieval Śrāvākācāras, London, 1963, pp. 17-21.

2 14th Chapter of *Ādipurāṇa* deals with the rituals of a householder.

3 Williams, *op. cit.* p. 17.

4 *Ibid.*, p. 17.

5 *Ibid.*, p. xxiii.

tolerance and co-existence except for the period during which the Jains were severely persecuted. The Cola kings in particular are known to have promoted and safeguarded the interests of non-Hindu communities. There was no distinction drawn between a Jaina village and an Agrahāra, where brahmins lived, and all privileges were given to a Jaina village. During this period Paḷliccandam lands (lands or village owned exclusively by the Jain and Buddhist religious institutions) were donated by the kings in great number. Even when transactions connected with the administrative authorities of the state were made, special care was taken to safeguard the privileges of these lands. For example, in the Udayendiram plates of Hastimalla records we can see that the Paḷliccandam lands of Digambara Jains consisting of two paṭṭis of land were excluded from the gift of the village of Kaḍaikkōṭṭur. This village was granted to the village of Udayendu chaturvēdiṁḡalam by Sembiyan-Māvalivāṇarāya (i.e. the Ganga-Bāṇa king Pṛthivipati II) with the permission of his sovereign Parantaka I (A.D. 907-A.D. 955).¹

..ip paricu nāṭṭaik kūṭṭi nila naṭappittuk kallum kaḷḷiyu nāṭṭip paḷam paḷiccanta-māna viccāṭiripaṭṭiyun tēvarpaṭṭiyumāna iv iraṇṭu paṭṭiyu nikki...?

[Having assembled accordingly [the inhabitants of] the district [nadu], having caused [them] to walk over the boundaries of the [granted] land, having planted stones and milk bush² [on the boundaries], having excluded the two Paṭṭis called Vichchādiri Paṭṭi and Devar Paṭṭi which had been formerly a Paḷlichchandam...]⁴

There is also evidence to show that Cola kings and queens built Jaina temples and donated land and wealth for their maintenance.⁵ Rājarāja I donated the village Ānaimaṅgalam to the Buddhist Vihāra called Chūlamanivarman vihāra in Nāgapaṭṭaṇam, which was built by the chief of Kaḍāram Chūlamanivatman and his son Māravijayotuṅavarman.⁶

In writing this epic, as we will see in Chapter IV, Tēvar has followed the pattern set by similar epics in Sanskrit. This was facilitated by the popularity of Sanskrit in the country. The Pallava kings patronised Sanskrit scholars and poets in their court. We learn that the Pallava king Mahendravarman I (A.D. 580-A.D. 630)⁷ composed a delectable farce (prabasana) Mattavilāsaprahasana in Sanskrit. The impact of Sanskrit on the social life and the culture of the Tamils persisted during the period of the Cola kings. Thus, in the Cola inscriptions also we find a large admixture of Sanskrit.

1 Nilakanta Sastri, *op. cit.* p. 209.

2 *South Indian Inscriptions* (S.I.I.) Vol. II, Part III, p. 386, Inscription No. 76.

3 Kaḷḷi. Euphorbia.

4 Translated by E. Hultzsch, p. 387.

5 *S.I.I.* Vol. I, pp. 67, 68.

6 *Epigraphia Indica*, Vol. XXII, No. 34, pp. 228, 229.

7 K. A. Nilakanta Sastri, *op. cit.* p. 171.

From the period of the Pallava reign, Tamil land was heading towards a state of progress and stability which culminated in the period of Tamil supremacy during the reign of the Colas in South India. The prosperity of the age was conducive to innovations and novel literary compositions. As trade and commerce flourished, merchants occupied a place next in importance only to that of the kings. The political and social ties which flourished between the merchant community and the royal family could be indicated from the circumstances that four among the eight brides of Cīvakaṇ hail from the merchant community. The custom prevalent among the Tamil emperors of marrying princesses from various countries for diplomatic reasons could be seen in the narration of Cīvakaṇ's marriage to the eight girls in the story. The principle that salvation could be achieved even through the normal existence of householder could be also illustrated by the example of Cīvakaṇ. These presumably are the reasons why Tēvar chose the Jivaka story from all the stories of Jaina Saints for his work. He probably had a source book in Sanskrit or Prakrit, as discussed in the first chapter. In chapter III we compare the story of Cc. with that of the earliest available Sanskrit book on the Jivaka story, the Up, in an attempt to assess the Sanskrit influence on the story of Cc.

CHAPTER III

A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE JĪVANDHARA STORY IN THE UTTARAPURĀṆA AND THE STORY OF THE CĪVAKACINTĀMAṆI AND A DISCUSSION OF THE SANSKRIT MOTIFS FOUND IN THE CĪVAKACINTĀMAṆI

From very early times Sanskrit episodes appeared in Tamil literature. The Sanskrit purāṇic and epic stories became popular among the Tamils along with Aryan customs and traditions. Though the Caṅkam literature appears to be relatively free from the influence of Sanskrit works, there are a few references to the episodes of the two Sanskrit epics, Rāmāyaṇa and Mahābhārata, and to the other mythological stories. References to these stories are made in eulogies of kings and in descriptions. For example,

*alaṅkuḷaip puraviy aivar oṭu ciṇaii
nilan talaik koṅṭa polam pūn tumpai
iraim paṭiṇmarum porutu kaḷatt oḷiyap
peruñc cōrru miku paṭam varaiyātu koṭuttōy¹*

(The hundred men (Duryodhana and his brothers) who possessed land fought with the Pāṇḍavas, who had the horses adorned with head ornaments. During the fight, you supplied the army with food till the hundred men were killed.)

Here, the poet Muraṅciyūr Muṭinākaṅṅār praises the glory of the Cera king Peruñcōr rūtiyañcēralātāṇ by saying that he gave food to the armies of the Pāṇḍavas and to Durdodhana and his ninety nine brothers till the latter hundred were killed by the Pāṇḍavas. The allusion to the Mahābhārata story in praising a southern king already shows the liking that the people of Tamil land had for these stories. Similar references to stories from the Mahābhārata are found also in the Cīrupāṅṅāruppaṭai,² the Perumpāṅṅāruppaṭai,³ the Paṭirruppattu,⁴ the Akanānūru,⁵ etc. Like the stories of the Mahābhārata, episodes from the Rāmāyaṇa are also mentioned in works like Akanānūru,⁶ the Cīrupāṅṅāruppaṭai⁷ and Puṇānūru. For example,

*Kaṭunteral irāmanuṭaṇ puṇar ciṭaiyai
valitta kaiy arakkaṇ vavviya nāṅrai
nilaṅ cēr mātar aṇi kaṅṭa kuraṅkin
cemmukap peruñ kiḷaiy iḷaip polintāṅku*

1 *Puṇānūru*, verse 2, lines 13-16.

2 *Cīrupāṅṅāruppaṭai*, lines 238-241.

3 *Perumpāṅṅāruppaṭai*, lines 415-417.

4 *Paṭirruppattu*, verse 14.

5 *Akanānūru*, verse 233.

6 *Ibid*, verse 70.

7 *Cīrupāṅṅāruppaṭai*, lines 119-120.

8 *Puṇānūru*, 378.

(It was like the happiness of the red-faced monkeys who were the relatives of the monkey who found on the ground the ornaments of Cītai, the wife of brave Irāmaṇ, when she was abducted by the strong-handed arakkāṇ [rākṣasa]).

In the above lines, the happiness of the relatives of the perunaṇ (the bard), who received presents from the Cola king Ceruppaliyeṛinta-Ijañcēceṇi, is compared to that of the relatives of the monkey who found the ornaments which were dropped by Sītā when she was taken by Rāvāṇa.

Allusions of this kind to Sanskrit itihāsa stories and to the purāṇic stories began to proliferate in works like the Paripāṭal and the Kalittokai which belong to the later Caṅkaṃ period.

As we have already seen, the post-Caṅkaṃ period was marked by the ever-increasing popularity of Sanskrit works in Tamil land. There are references to Sanskrit stories in the Cilappatikāram, the first Tamil epic, though such references are comparatively fewer than in the Cc. For example :

*pillai nakulaṃ perum piritāka
eḷḷiya maṇaiyōḷ niṇaintu piṇ cella
vaṭa ticaip peyarum mā maraiyāḷaṇ
kaṭavaṭaṇru niṇ kaitt ūṇ vāḷkkai
vaṭamoḷi vācakam ceyta n.āli ēṭu
kaṭāṇari māntar kai ni koṭukkēṇa*

(A brāhmaṇa, who abandoned his wife because she caused the death of a mongoose (which they were bringing up), started going north.² When the wife he had spurned followed him, he said that it was not proper for him to eat food from her hands. He gave her a note containing a Sanskrit verse and asked her to hand it over to people who led a virtuous life.)

This stanza is narrated by the character Māṭalaṇ to Kōvalaṇ, in order to praise the noble qualities of Kōvalaṇ. The husband of the brahmin lady who had killed the mongoose left her and started going north. Before he left he handed over a note containing a Sanskrit phrase (vaṭamoḷi vācakam) and asked her to give that to people who could understand it. She also went round with the note in her hand and met Kōvalaṇ. He consoled her and took the note from her. He gave gifts (dāna), the merits of which would destroy her sins. He fetched her husband back and gave them enough wealth to maintain them for the rest of their lives. Māṭalaṇ narrates this incident to praise Kōvalaṇ. In this narration the phrase 'vaṭamoḷi vācakam'³ refers

1 *Cilappatikāram*, Aṭaikkalakkātai, lines 54-59.

2 Here, going north means going to have a holy bath in the Ganges.

3 In the Pañcatantra written by Viṣṇuśarma, there is no mention of the brahmin proceeding towards the north and his wife following him. We do not know whether this sequence is found in any other version of the story. We have also checked this story in the Pañcatantra, a Collection of Ancient Hindu tales in the recension, called Pañcākhyānaka, and dated A.D. 1199 of the Jaina Monk, Pūrṇabhadra critically edited in the original Sanskrit by Johannes Hertel, Harvard Oriental series, Vol. 11, 1903. In this book we cannot find this particular incident narrated.

to the following verse which is given in the fifth tantra of Pañcatantra.¹

*aparikṣya na kartavyaṃ kartavyaṃ suparikṣitam |
pascād bhavaṭi samtāpo brāhmanyāṃ nakulārthataḥ ||²*

(Do not do (anything) without examining. Do what is well examined. (Otherwise) there will be pain as happened to brahminee because of a mongoose.)

The Maṇimēkalai, the epic written after the Cilappatikāram, also contains a few references to Sanskrit popular tales. For example :

*koṭik kōcampikkōmakan ākiyu
vaṭit tērt tānāi vattavaṅ-tannai
vañcam ceytuḷi vāṅ talai viṭṭiya
uñcayir tōṅriya yūki antaṅṅ
uruvukku ovvā uru nōy kaṅṭu
parivuru mākkalil tām pariv eyti*

.. .. .³

([There gathered around her a crowd], much like the crowd that had collected around Yaugandharāyaṇa when he assumed the disgusting disguise of a man suffering from disease, and entered the streets of Ujjain for the purpose of releasing Udayana, his master, from the prison into which Pradyota, the king, had thrown him.)⁴

Here the poet Cāttaṅār in describing the crowd which gathered around Manimēkalai who became a Buddhist nun after receiving instructions from the sage Aravaṇa Aṭikaḷ, alludes to the similar incident which took place in the story of Udayana. Here the point of the comparison will be missed without a knowledge of the Udayana story referred to. Pradyota, the king of Ujjain, captured Udayana by deceit. His minister Yaugandharāyaṇa came to free him, disguised as a person suffering from a deadly disease. The people of Ujjain felt sorry for him when they saw him. Their sorrow is compared to that felt by the people of Pukār when they saw Maṇimēkalai in the garb of a Buddhist nun.

The Udayana story from which the above incident is taken was a popular theme in Sanskrit literature. In the later period it is also often alluded to in Tamil literature. This story of Udayana is the first Sanskrit story to have been taken as the source of a Tamil epic. It is used as the main theme of the literary work, the Peruṅkatai. Before the period of the Peruṅkatai, only allusions were made to Sanskrit stories in Tamil works, while the plots were always of Tamil origin. Koṅkuvēlir, the author of the Peruṅkatai, was the forerunner of Tēvar in dealing with a Sanskrit story in Tamil.

1 Aṭiyārkkunallār, commentary on Aṭaikkalāhkātai, *Cilappatikāram*, lines 54-75.

2 Viṣṇuśarman, *Pañcatantra*, Nirṇaya Sāgara edition, Bombay, 1902, Vth Tantra, verse 18.

3 Maṇimēkalai, 15, lines 61-66.

4 Translated by S. Krishnaswami Aiyangar, Maṇimēkalai in its historical setting. London, 1928, p. 149.

As we have discussed in the first chapter of this thesis, we do not exactly know which was the source for Tēvar's work. As the Up. is the earliest available source among the Sanskrit and Prakrit texts which deal with the story of Jivandhara, in this chapter we compare the Jivandhara story of the Up. with the story of the Cc. In the Up. the story of Jivandhara is related in a prosaic manner. We do not find many descriptions or any literary flourish. Stories within the main story sometimes impede the flow of the narrative. One can find in the story of the Cc. many novel features and variations which are not found in the Jivandhara story of the Up. The similarities and the variations found between the story of the Jivandhara in the Up. and the story of the Cc. can be analysed under three headings :

1. Contents of the story
2. Sequence of events
3. Characters

The Contents of the Story

We shall now see the similarities, the variations and the differences found between the contents of the Jivandhara story of the Up. and the story of the Cc. As the Jivandhara story in the Up. is narrated in one long story without any sub-divisions in it, here we analyse the story according to the chapters found in the Cc.

1. Nāmakaḷ Ilampakam (The birth and the education of Civakan)

The Jivandhara story in the Up. begins with King Śreṇika asking the chief disciple Sudharma about the ascetic Jivandhara. The whole story of Jivandhara is related through the mouth of Sudharma, and here the story is related only after the renunciation of Jivandhara. But in the Cc. the story starts from the birth of Civakan and is related up to the renunciation of Civakan. The whole story is narrated by the author Tēvar and the question of the king Cēṇikan (Śreṇika) and the answer to it given by the ascetic Cutaṇmar (Sudharma) is included in the last ilampakam, after the renunciation of Civakan. Here, the reply of Cutaṇmar contains only the description of the way in which Civakan attained salvation after renouncing the world, and not the whole story.¹

The country in which the story takes place is the same in both books and the main characters are also the same.

The Similar sections in the Up. and the Cc.

In the country Hemāṅgada, the king Satyandhara (Caccantaṇ in the Cc.) ruled in the city called Rājapuram. His queen was Vijayā (Vicayai in the Cc.) and his minister Kaṣṭhāṅgāraka (Kaṭṭiyāṅkāraṇ in the Cc.). One day the queen had two dreams. In one, the king gave her a crown adorned with eight golden bells,¹ and in the other, an aṣoka tree under which she was standing was cut off with an axe by

1 *Ibid*, verses 3059-3086.

2 The variation found in the Cc. about this incident will be discussed later.

somebody and from the root a young tree grew up. The queen, being anxious to know the results of her dreams, went to the king and asked what they meant. The king explained the good and the bad implications of the dreams. After some days the wicked minister Kāṣṭhāṅgāraka came to kill the king. The king, who realised his situation, sent away his wife, who was pregnant, in an aerial car. In the fight between the king and the minister, the minister slew the king. The queen, who went in the aerial car, descended in a cemetery, where she gave birth to a son. She was helped and consoled by a yakṣi. In the meantime Gandhotkaṭa (Kantukkaṭa in the Cc.), a merchant, came there to dispose of the dead body of his son. Gandhotkaṭa, hearing the cry of a child, went near him and fetched him. He took the child home, and handed him over to his wife. He pretended to be angry and told his wife that she had given him the child, which was still alive, to be buried. Vijayā, after the child had been taken by Gandhotkaṭa, went to the Daṇḍaka forest where the ascetics dwell, and resided there. Jivandhara grew into a boy; one day while playing with his friend he met an ascetic and took him home and gave him food. The ascetic conceived an affection for Jivandhara, and undertook the charge of educating him. He told him that he was the king Āryavarma, and imparted knowledge of all the sciences to Jivandhara and his companions. After some days Āryavarma attained salvation.

The variations found in the story of the Cc

(1) In the story of Jivandhara in the Up., when the characters Satyandhara and Vijayā, the parents of Jivandhara, are introduced for the first time, they are married.¹ But in the Cc. they are not married when they are first introduced in the story. Their marriage arrangements, wedding and the other celebrations are described in detail.²

(ii) The two dreams which Vijayā had in the Up. are made into one in the Cc. and there is also variation in the contents of the dream. According to the Cc., an aśoka tree fell down with all its flowering branches and from the root of the tree a young sprout came up with a crown adorned with eight garlands on it.³ Therefore in the Cc., unlike in the Up., the king did not give a diadem to Vicayai and also the tree was not cut by an axe. The crown did not have eight bells but eight garlands.

(iii) The portrayal of the character Kāṣṭhiyaṅkaraṇ is altered in the Cc. According to the Up., Kāṣṭhāṅgāraka killed king Satyandhara because he feared his own death. The domestic priest Rudradatta was angry because in the early morning the queen refused him an audience with the king, as the king was still asleep. He went and asked Kāṣṭhāṅgāraka to kill the king Satyandhara. When Kāṣṭhāṅgāraka refused to do so, he predicted that if Kāṣṭhāṅgāraka did not kill the king, the son of the king would kill Kāṣṭhāṅgāraka. This scared Kāṣṭhāṅgāraka and he killed the king. Though he obtained the kingdom, it gave him no happiness.⁴ Therefore the only reason he killed the king was to save his own life. In the Cc Kāṣṭhiyaṅkaraṇ is portrayed as a wicked traitor who usurped the kingdom of Caccantaṇ by murdering him. Caccantaṇ

1 Up. loc. cit. v. 189.

2 Cc. vv. 157-198.

3 Cc. v. 223.

4 Up. loc. cit. vv. 207-223.

entrusted his kingdom to Kaṭṭiyaṅkaraṇ in order to enjoy himself with his queen Vicayai. Kaṭṭiyaṅkaraṇ took this opportunity to kill the king. To gain the support of the other ministers he made up a story that a deity who was angry with the king had been inciting him to kill the king.¹

(iv) In the Up., after the dream of Vijayā, the event in which Gandhotkaṭa met the ascetic Śilagupta is narrated. Gandhotkaṭa asked the ascetic whether he would have any long-lived sons as all his sons were dead. The ascetic predicted that he would obtain a virtuous son who would rule the earth.² This event is not narrated in this place in the Cc. But it is narrated by Kantukkaṭaṇ, in the Kuṇamāliyaṛ ilampakam, who consoled Cunantai and Kuṇamālai when Cīvakaṇ was punished by Kaṭṭiyaṅkaraṇ.³

(v) According to the Up., when Gandhotkaṭa heard the voice of a child, he went towards the child calling out 'Jīva, Jīva.' In this context the poet says that he went towards the child calling 'Jīva, Jīva' as if it were the future name of the child, Jīvandhara.⁴ This is not mentioned in the Cc. Tēvar gives another reason for naming the child Cīvakaṇ. According to the Cc. the child sneezed when Kantukkaṭaṇ went to fetch the child, and at that time a voice blessed him saying 'cīva' (jīva) 'Live long.' It is because of this blessing that the child is named Cīvakaṇ.⁵

(vi) In the Up., the queen Vijayā, hearing the voice of Gandhotkaṭa, made herself known to him and handed over her child to him saying, "Bring up my son unknown to others."⁶ In the Cc., Vicayai did not come out of her place of hiding.

(vii) The introduction of the teacher of Jīvandhara in the Up. and in the Cc. are different. In the Up., Jīvandhara met his teacher while playing with his friends. On the request of the teacher he took him home and gave him food. After food, the ascetic revealed his past history and expressed his desire to teach Jīvandhara.⁷ He imparted the knowledge of all sciences to Jīvandhara and afterwards he attained salvation by exercising self-control. This part is narrated in a different way in the Cc. The past life of the teacher is related only after the education of Cīvakaṇ. Before this event, in the Cc. Tēvar introduces another important event which is necessary for the growth of the rest of the story, and which is not found in the Up. Accaṇanti, the teacher of Cīvakaṇ, narrated the story of the birth of Cīvakaṇ and the story of his parents to Cīvakaṇ.⁸ On hearing this, Cīvakaṇ was angry and got ready to kill Kaṭṭiyaṅkaraṇ. But his teacher pacified him and asked him to wait for one year. Cīvakaṇ agreed to the condition. This one year is an important period in the life of Cīvakaṇ, and the whole preparation for the fight with Kaṭṭiyaṅkaraṇ takes place in this time.

1 Cc. v. 241.

2 Up. loc. cit. vv. 201-204.

3 Cc. vv. 1122-1131.

4 Up. loc. cit v. 243.

5 Cc. vv. 323, 361.

6 Up. loc. cit. vv. 244, 245.

7 Ibid, loc. cit. v. 274.

8 Cc. vv. 385-390.

In the Up. Jivandhara did not know anything about his parents till he was told by the celestial (khecara). He met the celestial after the marriage of Hemābha (Kana-kamālai in the Cc.).

Differences found between the Up. and the Cc.

(i) In the Up. the ascetic Śilagupta predicted to Gandhotkaṭa that he would find a son who would rule the earth, in a cemetery where he would go to dispose of the dead body of his own son. This prediction is heard by a yakṣi and she went to the royal palace to assist the mother in the birth of that son. This is not narrated in the Cc.

(ii) The visit of the ascetic Rudradatta, his request to see king Satyandhara, the refusal of permission by the Queen Vijayā, the anger of Rudradatta, his visit to the house of Kāṣṭhāṅgaraka, his request to Kāṣṭhāṅgaraka to kill the king and his prediction that the son of the king will kill Kāṣṭhāṅgaraka¹ are not narrated in the Cc.

2. Kovintaiyār ilampakam

Similar sections in the Up. and the Cc.

The hunters approached the cow pen in order to seize the cows in Hemāṅgada. When the king Kāṣṭhāṅgaraka was informed about it, he proclaimed that the virtuous virgin Godāvāri, the daughter of Gopendra and Gopaśri, would be given to the one who could recover the cows. On hearing this, Jivandhara went to bring back the cows. He defeated the enemy and brought back the stolen cows. The whole country rejoiced over the victory of Jivandhara. The sons of Vaiśyas made the king give Godāvāri in marriage to Nandādhyā.² (Paṭumukan in Cc.)

Variations found in the Cc.

(i) In the Up. the name of the chief of the forest-dwellers is given as Kālakūṭa.³ This name is omitted in the Cc. and it is only said that the cows were stolen by hunters.

(ii) In the Up., the king Kāṣṭhāṅgaraka proclaimed that the virgin Godāvāri would be given to him who shall recover the cows.⁴ But in the Cc. this has been altered. First, when the cowherds reported to the king Kaṭṭiyāṅkaraṇ he sent his army. The king's army failed to recover the cows. Being disappointed, the chief of the cowherds, Kōvintan, proclaimed that he would give his daughter to the one who retrieved the cows from the enemy.⁵ On the victory of Cīvakan it was Kōvintan who gave away his daughter to Cīvakan and not Kaṭṭiyāṅkaraṇ.⁶ Cīvakan accepted her to give her in marriage to Paṭumukan and not to Nantāṭṭiyāṇ as stated in the Up.⁷

(iii) In the Up., it is said that Jivandhara accompanied by Kālāṅgaraka (the son of Kāṣṭhāṅgaraka) went to fight the enemy. But in the Cc. the character Kālāṅgaraka is not introduced into the story at all.

1 Up. v. 284.

2 Up. v. 296.

3 Up. loc. cit. vv. 284-296.

4 Ibid, loc. cit. v. 288.

5 Cc. v. 440.

6 Ibid, vv. 477-482.

7 Ibid, v. 489.

The difference between the Up. and the Cc.

(i) The prediction of the astrologers to the hunters who wanted to steal the cows of the cowherds, that there would be evil, and the prediction of the foreteller of the omens to the cowherds that there was going to be evil, which is narrated in the Cc., are not found in the Up. These incidents are narrated in the Cc., according to the Veṭṭi and Karantai war, the two kinds of war found in the early Tamil literary tradition.¹

3. Kāntaruvatattaiyār ilampakam

The story of Kāntaruvatattai is one of the longest episodes in the Cc. Though the main section of the story is similar to the Up., there are many variations and differences in the rest of the story, and in the sequence of events.

Similar sections in the Up. and the Cc.

Gandharvadattā, the daughter of the Vidyādhara king Garuḍavega and queen Dhāriṇī, was taken to Rājapuram by Jinadatta, to get married according to the prediction made earlier. In Rājapuram, Jinadatta erected a hall and proclaimed that Gandharvadattā would be given in marriage to the one who could defeat her in the lute competition. All the people who wanted to marry her came and competed with her. But all of them failed. At last Jivandhara went to the hall and played the lute, and won her. Gandharvadattā who had fallen in love with Jivandhara, garlanded him.

The variations found in the Cc.

(i) In the Up., Matisāgara, the minister of Garuḍavega (Kalūlavēkan in the Cc.) came to know all about the future life of Gandharvadattā from the ascetic Vipulamati. Jinadatta (Cītattan in the Cc.) and Garuḍavega were friends and Jinadatta went to visit his friend in his house.² This part of the story is not found in the Cc. The introduction of Cītattan is effected in an entirely different way. According to the Cc. Cītattan, after a shipwreck in which he lost all his wealth and friends, met a celestial called Taran, who was sent by Kalūlavēkan (Garuḍavega). Taran explained to Cītattan that the shipwreck was caused deliberately by him in order to bring Cītattan to their land. He took Cītattan to the court of the king, where the king handed over his daughter to Cītattan. The king also told him about the prediction of the astrologers and asked Cītattan to give her in marriage to the one who won her in the lute competition.

Therefore, the meeting of Kalūlavēkan and Cītattan in the Cc. is narrated in a different way from the Up.

(ii) In the Up., after Gandharvadattā had garlanded Jivandhara, Kālāṅgaraka, the son of Kāṣṭhāṅgaraka, made an attempt to abduct Gandharvadattā.³ But in the Cc., the character Kālāṅgaraka is never introduced. It was Kaṭṭiyāṅkaran who instigated other kings to fight against Cīvakan.⁴

1 Infra, p. 149.

2 Up. loc. cit v. 322.

3 Ibid, loc. cit. v. 340.

4 Cc. vv. 741-757.

(iii) In the Up., the father of Gandharvadattā knew that his daughter was going to get married to Jivandhara.¹ But in the Cc., till Cīvakaṇ won Kāntaruvatattai in the lute competition, nobody knew that she was going to marry Cīvakaṇ. As the Cc. omits the section in which Matisāgara, the minister of Garuḍavega, related the future of Gandharvadattā, this section is also excluded.

Difference found between the Up. and the Cc.

(i) According to the Up., Gandharvadattā's father Garuḍavega, who was skilled in diplomacy, became the mediator between the parties who were fighting and pacified them.² This event is not found in the Cc. Here Cīvakaṇ fought with his enemies and defeated them.

4. Kuṇamālaiyar ilampakam

As will be shown later in the section about characters,³ the names Guṇamālā and Suramañjarī are interchanged. The story of Guṇamālā in the Cc. is narrated as the story of Suramañjarī and vice versa in the Up. Except for the change in names, all the other incidents are more or less the same.

During the spring the citizens of Rājapuram went to enjoy sports. Two friends Suramañjarī and Guṇamālā started an argument over their scented powder. Their maids took the powders and went to Jivandhara for judgement. Jivandhara decided that the powder of Suramañjarī (Kuṇamālai in the Cc.) was the better one. To prove it he took both powders in his hands and scattered them. A swarm of bees, attracted by the sweet smell, ate the powder of Suramañjarī. Both girls departed. After this incident, some naughty boys harassed a dog, and the dog out of fear jumped into a pond, and there it was about to die. Jivandhara had it retrieved and spoke into its ears the words of veneration. As soon as it heard the words of veneration it became a yakṣa called Sudarṣana. Sudarṣana asked Jivandhara to think of him whenever he was in any calamity. Having said that he returned to his abode.

When Suramañjarī was returning home after the sports, the elephant Aṣanivega became intoxicated and ran towards the carriage of Suramañjarī. Using his skill Jivandhara controlled the elephant. From the time of this incident Suramañjarī fell in love with Jivandhara. Her parents, who came to know about her love, gave her in marriage to Jivandhara with the permission of his foster-parents.

The wicked king Kāṣṭhāṅgaraka attacked Jivandhara with an army for humiliating his elephant. When Jivandhara defeated that army, Kāṣṭhāṅgaraka, sent another army.⁴ As Jivandhara thought that there was no use in fighting and killing the innocent army, he remembered his friend the yakṣa and went with him to his abode.

Variations found in the Kuṇamālaiyar ilampakam

(i) According to the Up., after hearing the judgement made about the the scented powders by Cīvakaṇ, the two girls went away without any enmity.⁵ But in the Cc.,

1 Up. loc. cit. vv. 310-312.

2 Up. loc. cit. v. 343.

3 Infra.

4 This is only narrated in the Up.

5 Up. loc. cit. v. 354.

Curamañcari was not at all pleased with the judgement made by Jivandhara. From that day onwards she decided not to see any men until Cīvakaṇ went back to her. This decision of Curamañcari is related in the latter part of the Up., in the story of Guṇamālā (Curamañcari in the Cc.).¹ Tevar has made it clear even in the story of Kuṇamālai.

(ii) In the Up., the dog which turned into the yakṣa Sudarṣana was beaten by a group of boys.² But according to the Cc., it was some brahmins who beat the dog.³

(iii) In the Up., when Kāṣṭhāṅgāraka attacked Jivandhara for the second time Jivandhara did not fight, and he thought that it would be of no use to kill the innocent people. But in the Cc., Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ did not send an army to fight with Cīvakaṇ. He sent people to arrest him. Cīvakaṇ did not fight because he had to abide by the promise he had given to his teacher. This is the only reason why he thought of his friend Cutañcaṇaṇ for help.

Differences found between the Up. and the Cc.

(i) In the Cc. Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ ordered his cousin Matanaṇ to kill Cīvakaṇ. But when Cīvakaṇ remembered his friend Cutañcaṇaṇ (Sudarṣana in the Up.), the latter caused rain and thunder to take Cīvakaṇ away without the knowledge of others. Matanaṇ who had missed Cīvakaṇ in the tumult caused by Cutañcaṇaṇ killed a wayfarer and showed his blood to Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ, saying that it was the blood of Cīvakaṇ who had been killed by him. Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ thought that it was true and presented him with gifts.⁴ This incident is not found in the Up.

(ii) In the Cc., when Patumukaṇ, Cīvakaṇ's friend, heard about the imprisonment of Cīvakaṇ by Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ, he went with Putticenaṇ and other friends to fight with Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ.⁵ This incident is not found in the Up.

5. Patumaiyār ilampakam

In this ilampakam only the main story of Padmottamā is similar in both books. In most of the other events connected with the main story one can find a number of variations.

Similar sections in the Up. and the Cc.

Jivandhara, after staying for some time with Sudarṣana, expressed his desire to leave his place. Sudarṣana gave him a ring which would enable the bearer to assume any desired appearance and to acquire desired objects. Jivandhara went from the palace of Sudarṣana to the country Candrābha of King Dhanapati. At that time when Cīvakaṇ arrived at that country, the daughter of King Dhanapati, Padmottamā, was bitten by a snake. Jivandhara by pronouncing a spell freed the princess from the effects of the poison. The king, pleased by the act of Jivandhara, gave his daughter to him in marriage. Jivandhara after staying in the palace of Dhanapati for some days, left it without the knowledge of anyone.

1 Up. loc. cit. vv. 594-595

2 Ibid, loc. cit. vv. 359-360.

3 Cc. vv. 934-946.

4 Ibid, vv. 1161-1165.

5 Cc. vv. 1134-1144.

Variations found in the Patumaiyār ilampakam

(i) According to the Up., Sudarṣana gave Jivandhara a ring which would help the bearer to gain any desired form or desired object.¹ But in the Cc., Cutaṅcaṇaṇ taught Cīvakaṇ three mantras which could produce the following effects²:

- (i) to cure poison
- (ii) to assume any desired form
- (iii) to make his voice sweet.

These mantras are introduced by Tēvar, because they are important for the development of the story. In the Patumaiyār ilampakam Cīvakaṇ used the first mantra, i.e. the mantra which helps to cure the poison. In the Curamaṅcariyār ilampakam he used the other two. He assumed the form of an old man and sang sweet songs to attract the attention of Curamaṅcari.

(ii) In the Up., the King Dhanapati, the father of Padmottamā, proclaimed when his daughter was bitten by the snake that he would bestow his daughter and half the kingdom to him who freed her from the poison.³ This proclamation made by the king is not mentioned in the Cc. According to the Cc., when Cīvakaṇ entered the country of king Taṇapati, he met the prince of the country, Ulōkapālaṇ, the brother of Patumai, at a dance recital given by Tēcikappāvai. The news that Patumai had been bitten by a snake reached Ulōkapālaṇ while he was with Cīvakaṇ. On hearing the news Ulōkapālaṇ rushed to see his sister, leaving Cīvakaṇ. But, later on, when Ulōkapālaṇ failed to cure his sister from poison, he asked his servants to bring Cīvakaṇ. Cīvakaṇ cured Patumai and the king, being pleased, offered his daughter to Cīvakaṇ.

Differences found in the Patumaiyār ilampakam

(i) In the Cc., when Cīvakaṇ expressed Cutaṅcaṇaṇ the desire to leave the house of Cutaṅcaṇaṇ, the latter told him that Cīvakaṇ would kill Kattiyāṅkāraṇ and regain the kingdom in twelve months' time.⁴ This prediction of Cutaṅcaṇaṇ is not found in the Up.

(ii) According to the Cc. before Cīvakaṇ reached the city of Cantirāpam, he preached Jaina doctrine to a hunter who offered him meat and honey. This incident is not narrated in the Up.⁵

(ii) According to the Cc., Cīvakaṇ helped a herd of elephants from a forest fire by causing a shower of rain.⁶ This incident is not related in the Up.

(iv) According to the Cc., Tēcikappāvai, a dancing girl in whose dance recital Cīvakaṇ met Ulōkapālaṇ the brother of Patumai for the first time, fell in love with Cīvakaṇ.⁷ Cīvakaṇ united with her after his marriage with Patumai in the park.⁸ This episode is not found in the Up.

1 Up. loc. cit. v. 388.

2 Cc. v. 1218.

3 Up. loc. cit. vv. 392-393.

4 Cc. vv. 1220-1221.

5 Ibid, vv. 1230-1236.

6 Ibid, v. 1237.

7 Ibid, vv. 1253-1261.

8 Ibid, vv. 1355-1357.

(v) According to the Cc., Cīvakaṇ, who had fallen in love with Patumai, when he cured her from the effect of poison, met her in the park afterwards and united with her before she was given in marriage to him by her father.¹ The whole description of the incident which took place in the park is according to the early Tamil literary traditions.² This is not narrated in the Up.

(vi) According to the Cc., Cīvakaṇ after he left Patumai gave all his ornaments to a traveller.³ This incident is not narrated in the Up.

(vii) According to the Cc., Cīvakaṇ told the servants who were sent by King Taṇapati to search for Cīvakaṇ, that Cīvakaṇ would return to Patumai in nine months' time.⁴ This is not found in the Up.

6. Kēmacariyār ilampakam

The episode of Kēmacari in the Cc. is the counterpart of the story of Kṣemasundarī in the Up. Except for the fact that Cīvakaṇ married Kēmacari, all the other parts of the story are different. Comparatively this is one of the smallest episodes in the Cc. and the Up. According to the Up., an ascetic had predicted that Kṣemasundarī would get married to the one on whose arrival the doors of the Jaina temple in that country would open automatically, and the campaka flowers and the other kinds of flowers would appear. But this has been changed by Tēvar. In the Cc. it is narrated that according to the prediction Kēmacari would feel shy for the first time in her life when she met the man who was to be her husband.

7. Kaṇakamālaiyār ilampakam

The Kaṇakamālaiyār ilampakam contains a great number of episodes and new events other than the main story. Most of these episodes are found only in the Cc. Even the main story is very different from the story of the Up. According to the Up., Jivandhara won Hemābhā (Kaṇakamālai in the Cc.) by showing his skill in archery. Astrologers had predicted that Hemābhā would marry the man who could dispatch an arrow so that it turned round the target and flew back. Jivandhara, who could shoot like that, was offered Hemābhā, the daughter of Dṛiḍhamitra.

The story is different in the Cc. In the Cc. Cīvakaṇ first met the prince of the country, Vicayaṇ, the brother of Kaṇakamālai. Cīvakaṇ helped him to pluck some mangoes. Vicayaṇ, who was astonished by the skill of Cīvakaṇ, introduced him to his father Taṇamittaṇ, the king of the country Emamāpuram. The king asked Cīvakaṇ to teach archery to his sons, and Cīvakaṇ agreed to do so. The king, pleased with the skill of Cīvakaṇ, gave his daughter to him in marriage. After the marriage of Jivandhara and Hemābhā Nandāḍhya went to see Jivandhara with the help of Gandharvadattā.

After Nandāḍhya went to see Jivandhara, his friends also went to see him with the help of Gandharvadattā. On the way Jivandhara's friends met Jivandhara's mother

1 Cc. v. 1329.

2 *Ibid*, vv. 1115-1137.

3 *Ibid*, v. 1409.

4 *Ibid*, vv. 1410-1411

Vijayā and she, knowing that they were her son's friends, asked them to bring him with them when they came back. His friends, when they entered Hemābhapuram, plundered the property of the merchants in that country (this incident is described differently in the Cc. and it will be dealt with in the section dealing with the variations) and Jivandhara went to fight with them and bring the lost property. There Jivandhara found the arrows dispatched by the enemy were marked by his own name and recognised that the enemies with whom he fought were his own friends. They all joined Jivandhara and stayed with him for some time. They told him about their encounter with Jivandhara's mother. Hearing the news of his mother Jivandhara started to see his mother in the Daṇḍaka forest.

Variations found in the Story of the Cc.

(i) According to the Up. Gandharvadattā visited Jivandhara very often. But in the Cc. Kāntaruvatattai did not go to see Cīvakaṇ at all. She only knew the place where he was staying by her magical powers.¹

(iii) According to the Up. Madhura, the friend of Jivandhara went to visit Jivandhara with his friends.² But, in the Cc. it is Patumukon who went to see Cīvakaṇ.³

(iii) According to the Up. Madhura and his friends plundered the property of the merchants.⁴ But in the Cc. Patumukaṇ and his friends stole the cows of the cowherds and the war is described according to the Tamil poetical traditions of the early Tamil literature.⁵

Differences found between the Cc and the Up.

(i) The episode of Anaṅkamāvīṇai, the lady who tried to seduce Cīvakaṇ, which is narrated in detail in the Cc. is not found in the Up. In the Cc. Anaṅkamāvīṇai's effort to attract the attention of Cīvakaṇ, his recognition of her intentions, his preaching to her about the impurity of the body, her lover's arrival, her disappearance from the spot where she was standing, the encounter of Cīvakaṇ with her lover Pavatattāṇ, his advice to him about the unfaithfulness of women, Pavatattāṇ's eagerness to see his lover in spite of the advice given by Cīvakaṇ and the teaching of a mantra which could help Pavatattāṇ to obtain his wife by Cīvakaṇ⁶ are not narrated in the Up.

(ii) According to the Cc., Cīvakaṇ, before he married Kaṇakamālai, sent her a garland with a letter in it through a dwarf woman. Having read that letter Kaṇakamālai fell in love with Cīvakaṇ and sent a love letter back to Cīvakaṇ through Ānaṅkavilāciṇi. Though Cīvakaṇ did not want to receive that letter, on the persuasion of Anaṅkavilāciṇi he received that letter.⁷ This incident is not narrated in the Up.

(iii) According to the Cc., before Cīvakaṇ's friends Patumukaṇ, Putticēṇaṇ and others started to steal the cows of the cowherds they heard about the victory of

1 Cc. v. 1709.

2 Up. vv. 551ff.

3 Cc. v. 1767ff.

4 Up. v. 561.

5 Cc. v. 1856ff.

6 Cc. vv. 1567-1601.

7 Cc. 1652ff.

Civakaṇ in controlling the intoxicated elephant, Vaḷaiyacuntaram. This event is not narrated in the Up.

(iv) According to the Cc., Kāntaruvatattai sent a letter through Civakaṇ's friends who went to see him. In that letter Kāntaruvatattai mentioned about the love-lorn condition of Kuṇamālai.¹

(v) According to the Up. after the story of Hemābhā, the story of the previous births of Nandāḍhya and his wife, Śricandra, is narrated.² These stories are narrated in the Up. in great detail. None of these stories are found in the Cc. Following these stories, the story of the previous births of Jivandhara is also related in the Up. But this story is not narrated in this context in the Cc. It is told in the Muttiyilampakam by the Cāraṇaṇ Maṇivaṇṇaṇ to Civakaṇ.³ There are many differences in the story of Civakaṇ's previous birth narrated in the Up. and the Cc., and these will be dealt with while dealing with the story related in the Muttiyilampakam.

(vi) According to the Up. the yakṣa came to visit Jivandhara when he was with his mother and showed respect to them both. This incident is not narrated in the Cc.⁴

8. Vimalaiyār ilampakam

In the Vimalaiyār ilampakam the meeting of Civakaṇ and his mother is narrated. After the narration of this incident, the story of Vimalai is told. *Similar sections found in the Up. and the Cc.*

As Jivandhara entered the town Rājapuram, many kinds of jewels and other articles which were lying unsold were sold away in the shop of the merchant Sāgaradatta. As predicted by the astrologers earlier, Sāgaradatta gave his daughter Vimalā in marriage to Jivandhara.

The story of Vimalā in the Up. is comparatively very short; it is narrated in four verses.

Variations found in the Story of the Cc.

(i) According to the Up., Jivandhara left his mother after meeting her in the Daṇḍaka forest and told her to stay there till he sent an army under the leadership of Nandāḍhya to fetch her. But in the Cc. Civakaṇ sent his mother to the palace of his uncle, Kōvintaṇ, till the time when he would go there to get ready for the fight with his enemy Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ.

(ii) In the Up., Jivandhara entered Rājamāpuram disguised as a merchant. In the Cc. he did not go in disguise. According to the Cc., Civakaṇ met Vimalai before entering the shop of Cākaratattaṇ. She met him when she was playing, and there she fell in love with him.

9. Curamaṅcariyār ilampakam

Note : The story of Curamaṅcari in the Cc. is narrated as the story of Guṇamālai in the Up.

1 Cc. vv. 1767-1768. 2 Up. vv. 438-520. 3 Cc. vv. 2856-2890. 4 Ud. vv. 573, 576.

Similar sections found in the Up. and the Cc.

Jivandhara entered the house of Guṇamālā (Curamañcari in the Cc.) disguised as a wandering ascetic, having decided to win the love of Guṇamālā, who had taken a vow not to see any men because Jivandhara did not praise her fragrant powder. Because Jivandhara looked old, the maids of Guṇamālā allowed him to go into the house. There he attracted Guṇamālā by his sweet music. Entranced by his music, she asked him to teach her the arts. One day Jivandhara showed her his true appearance, and Guṇamālā fell in love with him. With the consent of her parents she got married to Jivandhara.

Variations found in the story of the Cc.

(i) According to the Up., the princes who were in the court of the king Kaṣṭhā-ṅgāraka asked Jivandhara, who had claimed that he could subject others by the effect of the drugs he had, to win the love of Guṇamālā, who had decided not to see any men.¹ But in the Cc. Cīvakaṇ did not claim anything. But his friends challenged him to win the love of Curamañcari, who had taken a decision not to see men.²

(ii) In the Cc., the incident where Curamañcari saw the true appearance of Cīvakaṇ is related otherwise than in the Up. In the Up., Jivandhara showed his true appearance when they were alone in a secluded place.³ In the Cc. Curamañcari, after hearing the song of the old man, went to the temple of Kāmaṇ (the god of love) to pray that she should get Cīvakaṇ. There when she was praying to the god of love, Putticēṇaṇ, a friend of Cīvakaṇ who was already hiding in the temple at the request of Cīvakaṇ, told her that she would get Cīvakaṇ. Curamañcari was pleased by the prediction, came back home, and saw Cīvakaṇ.⁴

10. Maṇmakaḥ ilampakam

In this ilampakam, the victory of Cīvakaṇ over his enemy Kaṭṭiyankāraṇ is described. The entire story related in this ilampakam is different from the story of the Up.

According to the Up., Jivandhara killed Kaṣṭhāṅgāraka after his marriage with Ratnāvati (Ilakkaṇai in the Cc.)

Similar sections in the Up. and the Cc.

King Gopendra of Videha took his daughter to Rājapuram and in that country he proclaimed that his daughter would be given to the one who could hit the machine Chandraka. All the suitors who came to the competition failed and at last Jivandhara succeeded in hitting the machine. King Gopendra gave his daughter in marriage to Jivandhara. This victory incited the jealousy of Kaṣṭhāṅgāraka and he tried to kidnap

1 Up. loc. cit. vv. 590-595.

2 Cc. vv 1999-2001.

3 Up. loc. cit. vv. 629-630.

4 Cc. v. 2059.

Ratnāvati, the wife of Jivandhara (Ilakkaṇai in the Cc.) Thereupon, Jivandhara declared his identity and with the help of soldiers, high officials and other dependents of King Satyandhara attacked Kāṣṭhāṅgāraka and killed him. He thus recovered his father's kingdom.

Variations found in the story of the Cc.

(i) According to the Up. Ratnāvati made a vow that she would only marry the one who could hit the rotating machine Candraka. But in the Cc. Ilakkaṇai did not make any vow like that which Ratnāvati had made in the Up. In the Cc. the proclamation that Ilakkaṇai would be given to the one who could hit the rotating machine which is in the shape of a pig was made by Kōvintaṇ, the father of Ilakkaṇai.

(ii) According to the story in the Up., Gopendra, the father of Ratnāvati is not the uncle of Cīvakaṇ. But in the Cc, the father of Ilakkaṇai is the uncle of Cīvakaṇ.

Differences found between the stories of the Up. and the Cc.

(i) According to the Cc. before the competition in which Cīvakaṇ won Ilakkaṇai, Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ sent a message to Kōvintaṇ in which he asked Kōvintaṇ to accept the kingdom of Caccantaṇ, for Caccantaṇ had been killed by the state elephant. In fact the competition which was arranged by Kōvintaṇ for the hand of Ilakkaṇai was a well organised situation where Cīvakaṇ could meet Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ. Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ's message in the Cc. is not found in the Up.

(ii) According to the Cc. Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ did not know that Cīvakaṇ was alive until he saw him in the competition, where Cīvakaṇ succeeded in hitting the machine in the shape of a pig. Tēvar does not reveal this fact till the moment arrives for Cīvakaṇ to kill Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ. In the Up. Kāṣṭhāṅgāraka recognised Jivandhara after the marriage of Guṇamālā (Curamaṅcari in the Cc.). Jivandhara, after his marriage with Guṇamālā, stayed at the abode of Guṇamālā for some time, and then with his relatives, surrounded by an army of the four arms (elephants, chariots, cavalry and infantry), went to the house of his foster-father Gandhotkaṭa, riding on his elephant Vijayagiri. On seeing that, Kāṣṭhāṅgāraka shouted that Jivandhara was mad and not at all scared of him, the king. Then his chief ministers pacified him, saying that Jivandhara had good fate, the help of Gandharvadattā, who was like the goddess of fortune, the company of his unfailing friend the yakṣa, his unity with his friends and unshakable courage. They also advised him not to fight with a strong adversary. These sections are not found in the Cc.

(iii) According to the Cc, when Kōvintaṇ related the identity of Cīvakaṇ, that he was the son of the king Caccantaṇ, a voice in the sky said that Cīvakaṇ would kill Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ. This incident is not found in the Up.

11. & 12. Pūmakaḷ ilampakam and Ilakkaṇaiyār ilampakam

In the Cc. the coronation of Cīvakaṇ is mentioned in the Pūmakaḷ ilampakam, and the marriage of Cīvakaṇ with Ilakkaṇai, his reunion with his wives, and his

making Kāntaruvatattai, his chief queen, are mentioned in the Ilakkaṇaiyār ilampakam. These incidents are narrated in the Up. in only three verses.¹ Tēvar describes these incidents in great detail. These provide him with more opportunities to describe the various things necessary for a mahākāvya (peruṅkāppiyam). In the three verses of the Up., the coronation of Jivandhara, his marriage with Ratnāvātī, the crowning of Gāndharvadattā as his chief queen, his union with his mother, foster-mother and wives, his attainment of universal sovereignty, and his enjoyment of pleasures are mentioned.

The differences found in the Up. and the Cc.

The following incidents which are found in the Ilakkaṇaiyār ilampakam of the Cc. are not narrated in the Up. :

(i) Cīvakaṇ's visit to the temple of Arhat after his marriage with Ilakkaṇai

(ii) Cīvakaṇ donating gold pieces to the temple.

(iii) Cīvakaṇ honouring his foster parents, his brothers, friends, his uncle and other kings.

(iv) Cīvakaṇ asking the dramatists to write the story of Cutañcaṇaṇ as a drama in order to honour him.

(v) Cīvakaṇ honouring the banyan tree under which he played when he was a small boy.

(vi) Cīvakaṇ uniting with Tēcikappāvai who came with a letter pretending to be a friend of Anaṅkamālai.

13. Mutti ilampakam

According to the Up., once when Jivandhara was walking in the park Suramalaya he met the ascetic Vardhamāna and accepted his commandments and became an adherent to the Jaina faith. His brother Nandāḍhya did the same. Another day Jivandhara saw a group of monkeys fighting among themselves. This scene created in him disgust for the world. In the same forest he met a wandering ascetic called Praḡastavaṅka and this ascetic told him about his previous birth as he had heard it already from the celestial (khecara). After this incident he visited the lord of the Jinas (Mahāvira), who had arrived in the park Suramalaya. Following this he gave his kingdom to his son Vasundhara, the son born of Gāndharvadattā, and renounced the world. His uncle, the other princes, his mother and his wives also renounced the world with him. Having heard all these stories, the king Śrenika saluted Jivandhara and praised his glory.

Variation found in the story of the Cc.

(i) According to the Up. Jivandhara met the ascetic Vardhamāna and listened to his religious teachings before the incident in which he saw the monkeys fighting. This

1 Up. loc. cit. vv. 670-673.

encounter with the ascetic Vardhamāna is omitted in the Cc. Even the incident of the fighting monkeys is different. According to the Up., Cīvakāṇ feels disgusted with the world when he saw the group of monkeys fighting. In the Cc. this incident is narrated as a small episode. According to the Cc., Cīvakāṇ watched two monkeys and saw the male monkey giving a jack fruit to the sulky female monkey, out of love. At that moment the watchman of the garden came there and snatched the jack fruit from them. This incident made Cīvakāṇ realise the state of this world. He thought that the monkeys and the watchman were celestials who showed him the impermanence of this world and wanted to guide him to salvation.¹

(ii) In the Up., a wandering ascetic called Praśastavaṅka (cāraṇa) told Cīvakāṇ about his previous birth as he had already heard from the celestial (khechara).² In the Cc. Cīvakāṇ heard about his previous birth for the first time from the wandering ascetic (cāraṇa) Maṇivaṅgaṇ in the temple of Arhat, where he went with his wives after being disgusted with the world.³ The story of the previous birth of Jīvandhara related in the Up. is found in a slightly different form in the Cc.

In the Up., Jīvandhara was born in Videha as Jayadratha the son of king Jayandhara and queen Jayavatī. One day, Jayadratha separated a young swan from its parents out of curiosity. When the father of the young swan, on seeing his son being taken away, shrieked repeatedly, a servant of Jayadratha killed the parent-swan with his arrow. Jayadratha took the swan home. His mother saw it and asked her son to reunite the young swan with its mother. Jayadratha realised his fault, and reunited the young swan with its mother, after having kept it for sixteen days. After that Jayadratha having enjoyed worldly pleasures for some time, renounced the world and became a god in Sahasrāra.⁴ Then, when his heavenly enjoyments had come to an end, he was reborn in this world as Jīvandhara. The father of the young swan which had been killed by the servant of Jayadratha was reborn as Kāṣṭhāṅgāraka, who killed the father of Jīvandhara. Since Jīvandhara had separated the young swan from its mother for sixteen days, in this life he was separated from his mother for sixteen years.

The following variations are found in the Cc. in the above story of the previous birth of Jīvandhara related in the Up. .

(a) In the Cc., Acōtaraṇ separated the young swan at the request of his wives. The young swan was brought up by the wives of Acōtaraṇ. It was the father of Acōtaraṇ who asked him to reunite the young swan with its parents, and not his mother as in the Up. In this context, Tēvar has taken the opportunity to expound the importance of the five vows of a householder, non-killing, non-stealing, truth, celibacy, and non-possession.

1 Cc. vv. 2720-2729.

2 Up. *loc. cit.* vv. 533-548.

3 Cc. vv. 2856-2890.

4 Sahasrāra is the twelfth of the sixteen heavens which are the parts of Kalpa. Kalpa and Kalpatita are the two parts of the upper world.

(b) In the Cc. there is no mention of the incident where the servant of Acōtaraṇ killed the father of the young swan, nor is it said that the father of the young swan was born in this world as Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ who killed the father of Cīvakaṇ.

II.

Now we shall see the similarities and the variations and differences in the names of the characters found in the Up. and the Cc. List 'A' will show the similar names found in both texts, the Up. and the Cc. list 'B' will show the variations found in the names of some of the characters found in these texts :

A

<i>Uttarapurāṇa</i>	<i>Civaka Cintāmaṇi</i>	<i>Uttarapurāṇa</i>	<i>Civaka Cintāmaṇi</i>
1. Dhanapati	Taṇapati	15. Nandāḍhya	Nantāṭṭiyaṇ
2. Dhanapāla	Taṇapālaṇ	16. Nirvṛtti	Nipputi
3. Dhāriṇi	Tāriṇi	17. Satyandhara	Caccantaṇ
4. Dṛḍhamitra	Taṭamittaṇ	18. Sāgaradatta	Cākaratattaṇ
5. Gandharvadattā	Kāntaruvatattai	19. Subhadra	Cupattiraṇ
6. Garuḍavega	Kaluḷavēkaṇ	20. Sudarṣana	Cutaṅcaṇaṇ
7. Guṇamālā	Kuṇamālai	21. Sudharma	Cutaṅmar
8. Jayavati	Cayamati	22. Sumitra	Cumittiraṇ
9. Jivandhara	Cīvakaṇ	23. Suramaṅjari	Curamaṅcari
10. Kamalā	Kamalai	24. Śreṇika	Cēṇikaṇ
11. Kāṣṭhāṅgāraka	Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ	25. Tilottamā	Tilottamai
12. Kumāradatta	Kumāratattaṇ	26. Vijayā	Vicayai
13. Lokapāla	Ulōkapālaṇ	27. Vimalā	Vimalai
14. Gandhotkaṭa	Kantukkaṭāṇ		

Among the characters listed above, the names of Guṇamālā and Suramaṅjari have been interchanged, i.e., the story of Suramaṅjari in the Up. has been changed to the story of Guṇamālā in the Cc. and vice versa. The character Ratnāvati in the Up. has been named Ilakkaṇai in the Cc. These changes in names have been also followed by Vādiḥhasiṃha in his works the Gc. and the Kc.

B

<i>Uttarapurāṇa</i>	<i>Civaka Cintāmaṇi</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1. Āryavarma	Accaṅanti	The word 'Ārya' is the same in both texts. Ārya-Skt. Ajja-Pkt. Acca-Tamil. But, instead of the word 'Varma' in the Up. the word 'Nanti' has been introduced in the Cc.
2. Kṣemasundari	Kēmacari	Instead of 'Sundari' in the Up. 'Cari' is found in the Cc.
3. Gopendra	Kōvintaṇ	The word 'Gopa' is the same in both texts and the word 'Indra' has been changed to 'Intaṇ' in the Cc. The

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Remarks

		Sanskrit word 'Indra' becomes 'Iṁda' in Prakrit. ¹ As there is no soft consonant 'd' in Tamil, the 'd' in Prakrit has changed into the hard consonant 't' and following this preceding nasal 'm' also has changed into 'n'.
4. Godāvāri	Kōvintai	The word 'Go' is the same in both texts and instead of 'Dāvāri' 'Vintai' is found in the Cc.
5. Gopaṣṛi	Kōtāvāri	Instead of 'Śri' in the Up. 'tāvāri' is found in the Cc.
6. Nandā	Cunantai	A prefix 'Cu' is added in the Cc. with the word 'Nandā'.
7. Padmottamā	Patumai	The word 'Uttama' which is added to the word 'Padma' in the Up. is not found in the Cc.
8. Hemābhā	Kaṇakamālai	The word 'Kaṇaka' in the Cc. is the synonym of 'Hēmā' used in the Up. Instead of 'Ābha' in the Up. 'Mālai' is found in the Cc.
9. Jinadatta	Citattan	Instead of 'Jina' in the Up. the word 'Ci' is prefixed to 'Tattan' in the Cc.
10. Jayavati	Cayamati	The word 'vati' in the Up. occurs as 'mati' in the Cc.

Apart from the variations shown in the list 'B' there are also characters who are named differently in these two texts. They are shown below :

<i>The Characters</i>	<i>Their Names in the Up.</i>	<i>Their Names in the Cc.</i>
1. The father of Buddhiṣeṇa, the friend of Jivandhara	Sāgara	acalan (acala)
2. The name of Jivandhara in his previous birth	Jayadratha	acōtaraṇ (yaṣodhara)
3. The name of Jivandhara's father	Jayandhara	Pavaṇamātēvaṇ (Pavanamahādeva)
4. The name of the teacher of Jivandhara, when he was a king before his renunciation	Āryavarma	ulōkāmāpālaṇ (lokamahāpāla)
5. The father of Suramaṇjari (Kuṇamālai in the Cc.)	Vaiśravaṇadatta	Kupēramittiraṇ (Kaberamitra)
6. The mother of Suramaṇjari (Kuṇamālai in the Cc.)	Cūtamaṇjari	Vinayamāmālai (Vinayamahāmālā)
7. The maid of Suramaṇjari (Kuṇamālai in the Cc.)	Śyāmalatā	mālai (mālā)

1 R. L. Turner, *A comparative Dictionary of the Indo-Aryan Language*, Item 1572, p. 71.

<i>The Characters</i>	<i>Their Names in the Up.</i>	<i>Their Names in the Cc.</i>
8. The father of Guṇamālā (Curamañcari in the Cc.)	Kumārādatta	Kubēratattan (Kuberadatta)
9. The mother of Gunamālā (Curamañcari in the Cc.)	Vimalā	Cumati (Samati)
10. The maid of Guṇamālā (Curamañcari in the Cc.)	Vidyullatā	Kanakapatākai (Kanakapatākā)
11. The father of Jinadatta (Citattan in the Cc.)	Vṛṣabhadatta	yavatattan (yavadatta)
12. The mother of Jinadatta	Padmāvati	Karutattai (Gurudattā)
13. The mother of Ratnāvati (Ilakkaṇai in the Cc.)	Pṛthivīsundari	Putavi
14. The son of Gandharvadattā	Vasundhara	Caccantan (satyandhara)

Here we also would like to point out the variations found in the names of the four of the friends of Jivandhara, who were the sons of the domestic priest, the chief merchant, the king's general and the minister :

<i>The names in the Up.</i>	<i>The names in the Cc.</i>	<i>Comments</i>
The son of domestic priest		
Domestic priest -Sāgara	Acalan (Acala)	Here the name of the priest's son is the same in both the texts.
Priest's wife -Śrīdattā	Tilōttamai (Tilottamā)	
Priest's son -Buddhiṣeṇa	Putticēnan (Buddhiṣeṇa)	
The son of the chief merchant		
Chief merchant -Dhanapāla	Tanapālan (Dhanapāla)	Here the name of the chief merchant is the same in both texts.
Merchant's wife -Śrīdattā	Pavittirai (pavitrā)	
Merchant's son -Varadattā	Patumukan (Paṭumukha)	
The son of the minister		
Minister -Matisāgara	Cākaran (Sāgara).	The name of the minister in the Cc. can be the shortened form of Matisāgara (Sāgara)
Minister's wife -Anupamā	Kurutattai (Puradattā)	
Minister's son -Madhumukha	Citattan (Śrīdatta)	
The son of the general		
General -Vijayamati	Vicayatattan (Vijayadatta)	Here the first half of the names of the general and his son Vijaya and Deva are the same in both texts.
General's wife -Jayavati	Piritimati (Pritimati)	
General's son -Devasena	Tēvatattan (Devadatta)	

Other than these variations found in these two texts there are also some characters which only come in the story of either the Up. or the Cc. These differences are shown below.

The characters which are found in the story of Jivandhara in the Up. and not in the Cc.

1. Anaṅgapatākā –one of the younger wives of king Satyandhara
2. Āditya –the ascetic who predicted that Padmottamā would be bitten by a snake.
3. Bakula –the son of Anaṅgapatākā.
4. Bhāmārati –one of the younger wives of king Satyandhara.
5. Bahumitra –one of the brothers of Hemābhā.
6. Dhanamitra –one of the brothers of Hemābhā.
7. Dhṛtiṣeṇa –the son of the king Āryavarma, the king of Siṃhapura before his renunciation
8. Guṇapāla –an ascetic to whom Vṛṣaabhaddatta, the father of Jinadatta, went to get religious enlightenment.
9. Guṇamitra –one of the brothers of Hemābhā.
10. Kālāṅgaraka –the son of Kāṣṭhṅaraka.
11. Kṣānti –a nun from whom Padmāvati, the mother of Jinadatta, learnt self-control.
12. Matisāgara –a minister of King Garuḍavega.
13. Rudradatta –the domestic priest of king Satyandhara.
14. Vinayandhara –the ascetic who predicted that on the visit of the would-be husband of Kṣemasundarī, the Caṃpaka flowers and the other tokens would appear.
15. Vipulamati –the ascetic from whom Matisāgara, the minister of the king Garuḍavega, learnt about the future of Gandharvadattā.
16. Vīranandin –the ascetic from whom Āryavarma heard the religious doctrine.

The names Kālakuṭa, the chief of the forest dwellers, and the name Silagupta, the ascetic from whom Gandhotkaṭa asked about his future sons, are not mentioned in the Cc. But these characters are introduced in the story without mentioning their names.

The characters which are found in the story of Jivandhara in the Cc. and not in the Up.

1. Anaṅkamāviṇai (Anaṅgamahāviṇā) –the lover of Pavatattan, the lady who tried to attract the attention of Civakan.
2. Anaṅkavilāṣini (Anaṅgavilāṣini) –the friend of Kaṇakamālai.

3. Ariccantaṅ (Hariścandra) -one of the ministers of Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṅ.
4. Alaṅkāramālai (Alaṅkāramāḷā) -one of the friends of Ilakkaṅai.
5. Anaṅkamālai (Anaṅkamāḷā) -a harlot.
6. Ulōkapālaṅ (Lokapāḷa) -the son of the king Taṅapati, brother of Patumāi.
7. Kaṭampaṅ (Kadamba) -the son of Taṭamittaṅ.
8. Kantukkaṭaṅ (Gandhotkaṭa) -the son of Kēmacari.
9. Kaṅakaṅ (Kanaka) -the son of Taṭamittaṅ.
10. Kāmukaṅ (Kāmuka) -a soldier of Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṅ.
11. Kirttitattaṅ (Kirtidatta) -the father of Pavatattaṅ.
12. Kōmukaṅ (Gamukha) -the brother of Kāmukaṅ.
13. Kōvintaṅ (Govinda) -the son of Ilakkaṅai.
14. Caccantaṅ (Satyandhara) -the son of Kāntaruvatattaṅ.
15. Caṅpakamālai (Caṅpakamāḷā) -a hunch-back friend of Vicayai, in whose disguise the goddess of the forest came to help Vicayai when she was in the cemetery.
16. Calaniti (Calanidhi) -one of Cīvakaṅ's soldiers.
17. Cācāraṅ -an Indra who ruled the heaven because of his merits, and who was born as Acōtaraṅ (Cīvakaṅ in this birth).
18. Ciṅkaṅāthaṅ (Siṅhaṅātha) -a servant of Ulōkapālaṅ.
19. Cittiramāmālai (Citramahāmāḷa) -the mother of Anaṅkamāviṅai.
20. Ciritattaṅ (Śrīdatta) -the son of the king Kōvintaṅ.
21. Ciṅatatti (Jinadatta) -the mother of Pavatattaṅ.
22. Cutaṅcaṅaṅ (Sudaṅjana) -the son of Kuṅamālai.
23. Celvanāmaṅ -the father of Anaṅkamāviṅai.
24. Taraṅ (Dhara) -a celestial who took Citattaṅ to the court of Kaluḷavēkaṅ.
25. Tarumatattaṅ (Dharmadatta) -a minister of Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṅ.
26. Tēcikappāvai -a courtesan.
27. Napulaṅ -a brother of Cīvakaṅ.
28. Narapatitēvaṅ (Narapatideva) -the king of the Kēmamāpuram.
29. Nākamālai (Nāgamāḷā) -one of the maids of Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṅ.
30. Parataṅ (Bharata) -the son of Curamaṅcari.

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| 31. Pavatattaṇ (Bhavadatta) | -the lover of Anaṅkamāvīṇai |
| 32. Puraviccēṇau | -the son of Taṭamittaṇ. |
| 33. Mataṇaṇ (Madana) | -the cousin of Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ. |
| 34. Matitaraṇ (Matidhara) | -the minister of Taṇapati. |
| 35. Vacuntari (Vasundhari) | -a maid of Kaṇakamālai. |
| 36. Vāmālēkai (Vāmalekhā) | -a friend of Anaṅkamālai. |
| 37. Vicayaṇ (Vijaya) | -the son of Kaṇakamālai |
| 38. Vicayaṇ (Vijaya) | -the son of Taṭamittaṇ. |
| 39. Vipulaṇ (Vipula) | -a brother of Cīvakaṇ. |
| 40. Viricikaṇ | -a servant of the king Kōvintaṇ. |
| 41. Viṇāpati | -a eunuch friend of Kāntaruvatattai. |

III.

Now we see about the sequence of events in the Up. and in the Cc.

The order in which the episodes are narrated and the sequence of events in them are more or less the same in both books, except in some places, which are discussed below.

1. The story of Gandhotkaṭa and the ascetic Śīlagupta

In the Cc. Kantakkaṭaṇ is introduced for the first time in the cemetery where queen Vicayai gives birth to her son. But in the Up. Gandhotkaṭa is introduced before this event. Gandhotkaṭa goes to an ascetic called Śīlagupta and asks him whether he will have any sons who will live long. The ascetic predicts that he will have a son who will live long and rule the whole earth.¹ The story is narrated in the Cc. in the Kuṇamālaiyār ilampakam² in the context where the king Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ decides to kill Cīvakaṇ for controlling the state elephant. In this place, Kantukkaṭaṇ asks his wife not to worry and to believe in the prediction of the ascetic about the life of Cīvakaṇ. Here the prediction of the ascetic has been narrated in two different places in the two books.

2. Cīvakaṇ coming to know about his parents

In the Up. Jivandhara comes to know about his parents through the celestial being (khecara) who is guarding a lake.³ The celestial tells him all about his previous birth and about his parents for the first time.⁴ This incident of meeting the khecara takes place after Jivandhara's marriage with Hemābhā and before his meeting his mother. This incident is not found in the Cc., and the information about his parents is given to Cīvakaṇ by his teacher Accaṇanti.⁵ Cīvakaṇ promises Accaṇanti that he will not fight with his enemy Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ within a year. This situation in the Cc.

1 Up. vv. 198-203.

2 Cc. Kuṇamālaiyār ilampakam. vv. 1122-1131.

3 Up. *loc. cit.* v. 526.

4 *Ibid.*, vv. 526-548.

5 Cc. vv. 384-390.

creates an interval during which Cīvakaṅ may acquire the military power that is necessary for his conquest over Kaṭṭiyaṅkaraṅ.¹

3. The story about the previous birth of Cīvakaṅ

The story of the previous birth of Cīvakaṅ is related in the Up. for the first time by the celestial who is guarding a lake. In the Up. this story is narrated along with the story of the previous births of Nandāḍhya and his wife Śricandrā. Tēvar does not deal with the stories about the previous births of Nandāḍhya and Śricandrā, and only deals with the story of the previous birth of Cīvakaṅ. This is only revealed in the last chapter, the Muttiyilampakam, by the cāraṅaṅ Maṅivaṅṅaṅ to Cīvakaṅ.² After giving up all worldly pleasures, Cīvakaṅ goes to the temple of the Arhat with his wives. In the temple Cāraṅaṅ Maṅivaṅṅaṅ preaches Jaina doctrine to Cīvakaṅ and his wives. Along with the religious preachings the cāraṅaṅ also relates the story of the previous birth of Cīvakaṅ.

The foregoing comparative study makes it clear that, *a priori*, it is not easy to say between the Up. and the Cc. which preceded which. As shown above the two texts deal with the Jivandhara story roughly on parallel lines. While the story in the Up. is skeletal, the Cc. develops the theme in a more elaborate way. This coupled with the fact that the Up. is in Sanskrit would make it appear that it was the source from which Tēvar has borrowed his theme. But all the differences that are found do not seem to be explainable on the grounds of Tēvar's efforts to impart an epic character to the story. Many of them may well have been the differences arising from a different version of the story. This is also suggested by the fact that the later authors do not take one or the other version of the two but combine both in different ways. The differences in the characters and their names also suggest this possibility. As we have shown earlier, the same character has been named differently in the two texts, the Up. and the Cc.³ However it is quite certain that Tēvar had one or more Sanskrit and Prakrit sources which strongly influenced the composition of the Cc. It is not easy to decide whether or not the Up. was one among them without knowing the exact period or date in which the Cc. was composed.

Apart from the similarities we find between the stories of the Up. and the Cc., we also see similarity in some incidents and episodes which are found in the other Sanskrit texts and the Cc. For example, the svayaṅvara of Ilakkaṅai, in which the father of Ilakkaṅai proclaims that his daughter will be given to the man who can hit the machine in the form of a rotating pig, strongly resembles the svayaṅvara of Draupadi in the Mahābhārata.

One can also see similarities between the episodes which are found in the other Sanskrit works and the Cc. Thus the following incident has a striking similarity to a situation in the Ratnāvalī of Śrīharṣa.

1 *Ibid*, v. 393.

2 *Ibid*, vv. 2849-2890.

3 *Supra*, pp. 70, 71.

Civakaṅ after saving Kuṇamālai from the intoxicated state elephant, goes to the garden. There, out of love, he draws the portrait of Kuṇamālai and admires her beauty in the picture. In the meantime his first wife Kāntaruvatattai comes there and looks at the portrait. She gets angry and leaves the place, in spite of the pleadings and explanations of Civakaṅ.¹

In the Ratnāvālī there is a similar incident. King Vatsa falls in love with Sāgarikā, the disguised Simhala princess. Sāgarikā draws the portrait of the king on a drawing board and her friend draws the portrait of Sāgarikā next to him on the drawing board. Because of a commotion created by a monkey which has escaped from its cage, they both leave the drawing board and run away. This board happens to be seen by the king and his friend Vasantaka, and while they are admiring the portraits, the king's wife Vāsavadattā comes there. Though Vasantaka tries to hide the drawing board, the queen sees it. She realises the situation and gets angry and leaves the place in spite of all the pleadings and requests of King Vatsa.²

Incidents of this kind are often narrated in the famous Udayana tales, the Mālavikāgnimitra, etc. These tales have almost the same story; i.e. the love intrigue of a king with a disguised princess, the jealousy of the chief queen, and the final acceptance of the young princess.

There are grounds to think that Tēvar was indebted to some of the episodes and incidents which might have occurred in the Sanskrit prose romance, based on the Bṛhatkathā. We are unable to say anything more conclusively about this interesting point since the original Paiśāci version of the Bṛhatkathā written by Guṇādhyā is not available now. But there are three well known Sanskrit versions of the same. They are Kṣemendra's Bṛhatkathāmañjarī (11th century A.D.), Somadeva's Kathāsaritsāgara (12th century A.D.) and Buddhaswāmin's Bṛhatkathā-ślokaṅgraha. Somadeva says that he is faithful to the original, adding or changing only for needs of clarity and minimum poetic embellishment and that his version is original itself, but in a different language. Kṣemendra's version is an abridged form of the same story. Buddhaswāmin's version has been considered by Lacote and others as being perhaps true to the original while they think the other two might have followed an inflated Kashmirian Paiśāci version.³ Whatever the truth of these theories may be, the present uncertainties regarding the contents of the Bṛhatkathā have made us limit our attention only to the similarities between the several motifs found in Somadeva's Kathāsaritsāgara and the motifs of the story of the Cc. The Tamil Peruṅkatai which is supposed to have followed the Sanskrit translation of Bṛhatkathā written by King Durvinita (6th century A.D.) which is not available now, deals only with the Udayana stories of the Bṛhatkathā. This does not show striking similarities to any portion of the Cc.

1 Cc. vv. 1014-1019.

2 Sriharṣa, Ratnāvālī, Act. II.

3 V. Raghavan, Bhoja's Śṅgīraprakāśa, Madras, 1963, pp. 846 ff.

The following motifs were found to occur in the Kathāsaritsāgar : the aerial chariot, the controlling of a wild elephant, the winning of a girl's love through proficiency in music and by curing poison, a shipwreck causing a character to reach a new land, the transformation of animals into celestial beings, the gāndharva marriage, a king's affair with another girl without the knowledge of his queen, and his discomfort when it is found out by the queen. These motifs have obvious parallels in the theme of the Cc.

Examples of this kind give us an insight into the knowledge which Tēvar had in Sanskrit stories and literature. Sanskrit stories also have been freely used by Tēvar in his similes and allusions. Illustrations of this will be given in the next chapter which treats of the influence of Sanskrit stories on the literary style of the Cc. Like all the other authors' works which had religious motives, he exploits the wealth of folk lore, mythology and episodes narrated in the great epic Mahābhārata and the other kāvyas which prevailed in his time to weave the fabric of his plot.

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CHAPTER IV

THE SANSKRIT INTERACTION IN THE LITERARY STYLE OF THE CĪVAKACINTAMAṆI

Any new work may contain original ideas or literary techniques of its own. At the same time, however, it will necessarily be influenced by its literary predecessors. Thus the Cc. too owes a great deal to the literature which preceded it, especially to the epics, the Cilappatikāram and the Maṇimekalai. In addition to these literary traditions and ideas of the earlier Tamil literature, several new elements are also found in this epic. There are many factors responsible for the introduction of these new elements. Our purpose in this chapter is to see the nature and degree of the interaction (of the influence) that Sanskrit literary forms and traditions have had on these novel features. Before examining this influence, a short critical survey will be made of the literary traditions and poetic forms which existed in Tamil before the composition of the Cc.

Tolkāppiyam, the earliest extant grammar text, is the only work from which one can know about the rules regarding different literary compositions and poetical conventions observed in early Tamil literature. This text, which is divided into three parts, Eḷuttatikāram (chapter on letters), Collatikāram (chapter on words), Poruḷatikāram (chapter on matter), deals with the different kinds of poems and poetical conventions in the Poruḷatikāram. From the Tolkāppiyam we understand that there were established poetical traditions indigenous to Tamil. The most important aspect of these poetical conventions is the distinction made between Akam (inner) and Puṇam (outer) poems. Akam poems deal with love and Puṇam poems deal with other aspects of life such as war, victory, the munificence of kings etc.

The nature of ancient Tamil poetry is different from that of early Sanskrit poetry. One of the principal differences is the topography and climatic characteristics which gave rise to poetry. Thus "the vast Himalayan Range, the broad plains that seem to have no horizon, watered by rivers which in their mighty expanse seem to have no shores setting limits to them, the tropical forests with their varying creatures, were instrumental in the evolution of Vedic poetry and the sense of wonder and the sense of the Infinite these poems reveal and these natural causes inspired. Man was faced with the uniform sense of the Infinite on all sides; it seemed to overwhelm him and there was no other alternative but to let oneself be absorbed in the Infinite through the medium of contemplation and ecstasy."¹ On the other hand, "the physical texture of the South Indian landscape with its dividing mountains and rivers and its clearly defined contours, gave the South of India not only an occasion for its

1 Xavier S. ThaniNayagam, *Landscape and Poetry*, 2nd edition, Bombay, 1966, p. 11.

small kingdoms and smaller chieftaincies, but also formed the basis for the division of poetry on geographical regions as for example 'mountain poetry' and 'seaside poetry'.¹ The Tamil land has been divided into five regions, montane (kuṛiñci), pastoral (mullai), agricultural (marutam), littoral (neytal) and arid (pālai). The names kuṛiñci, mullai, marutam, neytal and pālai refer to the most characteristic flower found in each kind of landscape. These names are also used to denote the psychological and emotional patterns of behaviour suited to each region

Tolkāppiyar classifies the objects found in each land under three classes : Mutarporuḷ (the basic things, the region and time), Karupporuḷ (objects characteristic of the particular region), and Uripporuḷ (the kind of love peculiar to each region).

Mutarporuḷ denotes the basic things, the region and time. Region means the different landscapes explained above. The time is divided according to the seasons of the year, the Perumpoḷutu (the major time), and the time of day, the Ciṛupoḷutu (the minor time). The year is divided into six seasons : Kār (the rainy season), August and September; Kūtir (the cold season), October and November; Munpani (the early dew season), December and January; Pinpani (the late dew season), February and March; Iṇavēnil (spring) April and May; and Mutuvenil (Summer), June and July. The day is also divided into six parts : the Vaikaṛai (the time before sunrise); Viṭiyal (sunrise); Naṇṇakal (mid-day); Eṇpāṭu (sunset); Mālai (early night); and Yāmam (midnight). Time always has a connection with Uripporuḷ, the kinds of love peculiar to each land. According to the aspect of love the divisions of time, i.e. both the Ciṛupoḷutu and the Perumpolutu are laid down. This poetic usage will be explained while dealing with the Uripporuḷ, which deals with the particular objects belonging to each land, is clearly explained by Singaravelu,² in a chart attached to his work, *The Social life of the Tamils*. This chart is given on pp. 80-81 here to show in details the particular objects, the inhabitants, animals, birds, flowers, trees, deities, food, the recreation of the people etc. of each landscape.

Thus, in describing the landscape, as Thaninayagam says, the poet had not only to "study the visible phenomena or the several objects (god, flora, fauna, music, occupation) found in or related to these regions, but he had as well to know what changes were introduced into these regions by the annual seasons, and how Nature manifested herself by day and night during these seasons. Thus the Tamil poet could ill afford to neglect the study of landscape as seen during each of the six major divisions of the Tamil day."³

Mutarporuḷ, the place and time, and Karupporuḷ, the objects of a particular region, though fixed for each landscape, can overlap in practice.⁴ In other words, the Mutarporuḷ and Karupporuḷ of one landscape can also be sometimes used in describing another landscape. But the Uripporuḷ, the kind of love ascribed to one

1 X. S. ThaniNayagam, *op cit.*, p. 11.

2 S. Singaravelu, *Social Life of the Tamils, the Classical Period*, Kulalampur, 1966, p. 22.

3 ThaniNayagam, *op cit.*, p. 40, 41.

4 *Tolkappiyam*, por., Akat., cut 13.

CLASSIFICATION OF KARUPPORUL (OBJECTS)

Regions	Phratries (Inhabitants)	Fauna (Animals)	Avifauna (Birds)	Flora (Flowers)	Trees	Occupations and Pastimes/Festivities
Montane (Kuriñci)	Kuṛavar (m) Kuṛattiyar (f) Kānavar (m)	Tiger Bear Elephant Lion Ram	Peacock Parrot	Kuriñci (Strobilanthus) Vēnkai (flower of Kino tree) Gloriosa superba Kaṭampu (Engenia racemosa)	Bamboo Sandal wood Teak Aṇṇi Acoka (Uvria longifolia) Nākam Margosa	Hunting Digging roots Gathering honey Seasonal cultivation of hill-paddy and millet Veri-ātal (Frenzied dancing) Bathing in hill stream Birds-driving
Arid (Pālai)	Eyiyar (m) Eyirriyar (f) Maṛavar (m) Maṛattiyar (f)	Jackal Ass	Eagle Vulture Pigeon	Pālai (Mimoscops) Hexaudrus Kurāmpu (Webera corymbosa)	Pālai Omāi (Salvadara persica) Iruppai (Bassia longifolia) Uliñai (Oerva lanater)	Soldiering Marauding Highway-Robbery
Pastoral (Mullai)	Āyar (m) Āycciyar (f) Iṭaiyar (m) Iṭaicciyar (f)	Gazelle Wild hare Cow Bull Sheep Goat	Wild fowl	Jasmine (Mullai) Koṇṇai (Cassia) Kullai (Cannabis) Piṭavam Tōṇṇi	Koṇṇai (Cassia) Kāyā Kuruntam	Minor cultivation of crops like varaku, cāmai, etc. Shepherd-ing Cow-herding Kuravai dance Bull-fighting River-bathing
Agricultural (Marutam)	Ulavar (m) Ulattiyar (f) Kāṭaiyar (m) Kāṭaicciyar (f)	Buffalo Otter Fresh-water fish Carp	Heron Swan Waterfowl Duck	Aquatic Plants Lotus Water-lily	Marutam (Terminalia alata) Kāñci Vañci	Farming Harvesting Threshing River-bathing Festivals (agricultural)
Littoral (Neytal)	Nuḷaiyar (m) Nuḷaicciyar (f) Aḷavar (m) Aḷattiyur (f) Paratar (m) Parattiyar (f)	Shark Fish	Sea-gull	Neytal (Nymphae alba) Tūlampu (Pandanus) Muṇṭakam Attampam Water-lily Water-hyacinth	Alexandrine Laurel Mangrove	Coastal & inland fishing Deep-sea fishing Drying the fish Pearl-diving Selling fish Sailing Bird-driving Seabathing Playing on sea-shore Worshipping of skeleton of shark

CLASSIFICATION OF KARUPPORUL (OBJECTS)

Foodstuffs	Water Resources	Drum	Musical Instrument	Musical Tune	Settlement	Titles of Chieftain and his Spouse	Deity
Meat Hill paddy rice Bamboo rice Millet Honey Roots	Hill Streams and pools	Toṭṭakam	Kuṛinci lyre	Kuṛinci	Ciṛukuṭi	Poruppan (m) Verpan (m) or Cilampāṅ (m) Kuṛatti or Kōṭicci (f)	Murukan or Cēy
Meat Grass- rice Roots	Stagnant water in pits Liquor	Tuṭi	Pālai lyre	Paṅcuram	Kuṛumpu	Vitalai (m) Kālai (m) or Mīli (m) Eyirri (f)	Turkkai, Kanni, or Korrvai
Varaku Camai Mutirai Milk and milk products	Rivers Tanks	Ēraṅkōl	Mullai lyre	Cātari	Paṭi	Kuṛumporainātan (m) or Tōṅgal (m) Maṅaivi (f) or Kālatti (f)	Neṭumāl, or Tirumāl
Paddy- rice Sugar- cane	River Pond Lake Well	Kinai (For harvesting) Muḷavu (For wedding etc.)	Marutam lyre	Marutam	Pērūr	Ūraṅ (m) or Makilnaṅ (m) Kilatti (f) or Maṅaivi (f)	Intiraṅ, or Vēntaṅ
Fish, and ducts obtained from other regions through barter	Sea Salt lakes Sea-side canals	Min-kōl (For fishing) Nāvay (For sailing)	Viṭari	Sevvaṭi	Pākkam Paṭṭiṅum	Cērppaṅ (m) or Pulampaṅ (m) Paratti (f) Nuḷaicci (f)	Varuṅaṅ

landscape cannot be used as the kind of love of another landscape. If so used it is known as *Tiṇaimayakkam*.

There are five kinds of love, *Puṇartal* (union), *Pirital* (separation), *Iruttal* (waiting), *Ūṭal* (love quarrel), and *Iraṅkal* (wailing); they are attributed to *Kuriṅci* (montane), *Pālai* (arid), *Mullai* (pastoral), *Marutam* (agricultural) and *Neyatal* (littoral) respectively. These kinds of love are allotted according to the nature of each landscape. *Puṇartal* is the love of *Kuriṅci* land, for hills afford more opportunities than any region for courtship and clandestine meetings. The *Perumpoḷutu* (major time) assigned to this kind of love is *Kūtir* (the cold season) and the *Cirupoḷutu* (minor time) is *Yamam* (midnight) which is the suitable time for clandestine union. This kind of love has always been described in poems as taking place before marriage. The love ascribed to *Neytal*, the littoral land, is *Iraṅkal* (lamenting), for often the women of this region wail for their husbands who have gone to sea to fish in the evening. *Erpaṭu* (sunset) is the minor time for *Neytal*, since once it is sunset, the roaring of the sea, the returning of beasts and birds to their homes etc. make the lady-love wail for her husband. *Ūṭal* (love quarrel) is the love of *Marutam*, the agricultural land which is the richest of all lands. Owing to the prosperity of the land, man have enough time to spend on recreations and they often spend their time with harlots. After spending their time with harlots, the men return home and this causes the wives to have love quarrels with them. As this often takes place either in the late night or in the dawn, the minor time allocated to *Marutam* land is *Vaikaṇai* (before sunrise) and *Viṭiyal* (sunrise).¹ *Pirital* (separation) is the love for *Pālai*, the arid land, where men frequently leave their wives and take up occupations such as highway robbery, soldiering, marauding, etc. Here the separation includes the separation of lovers as well as the separation of couples from their parents when they elope. The major time for *Pālai* is *Vēṇil* (summer) and the minor time is *Naṅpakal* (mid-day),² the time suitable for highway robbery etc. *Iruttal* (waiting) is the kind of love for *Mullai*, the pastoral land where the lady-love waits patiently for her lover to come back after the successful completion of his errand. As the rainy season is the time when the husband is expected to come back, the major time of *Mullai* is *Kār* and the minor time is *Mālai*.

Whenever a poet wants to describe one of these themes, he also describes the particular natural surroundings. For example, if a poet wants to depict the union of two lovers, he has to select *Kuriṅci* landscape as his background setting.

Apart from these five kinds of love,³ there are *Kaikkiḷai* (one-sided love) and *Peruntṇai* (unequal love), which are not particularly ascribed to any land. In *Kaikkiḷai*, the one-sided or un-reciprocated love, the hero wants to get the love of an immature girl who cannot understand or reciprocate his feelings. *Peruntṇai* is the unequal or inappropriate love, when a hero takes to the mounting of *Maṭal*⁴ (mounting on a

1 *Tolkāppiyam*, Por., Akat., cut. 8.

2 *Ibid*, loc. cit. cut. 9,

3 *Ibid*, loc. cit., cuts. 50, 51.

4 *Ibid*, loc. cit., cut. 54.

hobby-horse made of palmyrah stalks) out of love, or love between two people who are not suited to each other. In some of these poems, unlike other Akam poems, in which the names of the characters are not supposed to be mentioned,¹ the names of the characters are mentioned. Considering the nature of these poems some scholars do classify these poems under Puṟam poems.

As in Akam poems, Puṟam poems also have seven tiṟais (poetic themes), Veṭci, Vañci, Uḷiṅṅai, Tumpai, Vākai, Kāñci, and Pāṭāṇ. Out of these seven all except Kāñci and Pāṭāṇ are ascribed to the five different landscapes. All the names of Puṟattiṅṅai except Pāṭāṇ are names of plants, the flowers of which were worn to symbolize the feelings of those who were engaged in the war during its different stages.

The Puṟattiṅṅai for Kuṟiṅci is Veṭci. Veṭci is a red flower (*Ixora coccinea*) indigenous to the Montane region, which is worn by warriors when they go to raid cattle; the wealth of Mullai land. When the hunters, the people of the Kuṟiṅci, raid their cows, the men of the Mullai land wear Karantai flowers and go to retrieve the cows and this war is called Karantai war. This Karantai war is a 'tuṟai' (a military situation) of Veṭci war. Vañci, named after the yellow flower of the Vañci tree (*Hiptage madablota*) indigenous to Mullai land, is the Puṟattiṅṅai for Mullai. Garlands made of this flower are worn by warriors of the Mullai land when they are residing in temporary military camps pitched in the jungle to conquer another country. Tumpai is the Puṟattiṅṅai for Neytal, which is named after the Tumpai flower (*Leucass liniifolia*) worn by soldiers during battles taking place in the open land of maritime tracts. Puṟattiṅṅai of Pālai is Vākai (*Mimosa fleutuosa*) which is named after the flower of the Vākai tree. Garlands made of these flowers are worn by warriors when they return from the battle-field with victory. Uḷiṅṅai, the Puṟattiṅṅai for Marutam, denotes the advance of the soldiers to attack the walls of the city of another king. When they are engaged in this military action they wear garlands made of the flowers of Uḷiṅṅai (*Cardiospermum halicacabum*) as a sign of derision, i.e. to show the worthlessness and weakness of the fort they want to seize.² They people who are inside the wall while defending the attack wear Nocci flowers (*Vitex trifolia*). Nocci war is a Tuṟai of Tumpai war. The other two Puṟattiṅṅais, Kāñci and Pāṭāṇ, are not ascribed to any strategic movements in battle. Kāñcit tiṅṅai generally deals with the impermanence of the world and Pāṭāṇ tiṅṅai comprises poems which are eulogistic and panegyric. In these songs regional interchanges are found, mainly to praise the plurality of regions in a certain kingdom.³

These rules set out by Tolkāppiyar are peculiar to Tamil literature. Further, unlike the Vedas, which are religious and mythological, the Caṅkam poems are secular. In these poems importance was given to classes of men and women of all regions. As Thaninayagam correctly observes, the Caṅkam poets "did not treat only of the kings

1 Maṭal is a ritual performed by a person whose love is not returned. In Caṅkam literature only men performed this ritual. But later works like the devotional songs Āḷvars deal with women mounting Maṭal. One such example is the songs of Tirumanṅaiyālvār.

2 Thaninayagam, *op. cit.*, p. 85.

3 Thaninayagam, *op. cit.*, p. 91.

and queens, cities and palaces. They found poetry in fishers' lowly huts and in the dwelling of mountain people. The fisher woman wailing for the fishing boats with the day's haul, or the fisher children watching the fish being dried, the shepherds with their flocks, the lowly at their work, come in for as much poetry as the wealthy heroine of a mountain chief wandering over the hills gathering flowers with a number of maids to attend upon her. Even when they sang of kings or sang to kings, they pleased their hearers most, not by describing the palace, but by describing the people who were privileged to live under the king's protection."¹ The personification with which natural phenomena are described in Vedic songs does not occur in the Caṅkam works. Even the occasional apostrophes to objects in nature found in the Caṅkam works occur only as rapid outbursts of a soul tense with emotion.² The absence of mythology, and the religious element, and the interest in the common man in the Caṅkam poems meant that the love themes in particular were of a very different nature from Sanskrit. The kāvya pattern of kings with large harems, of social acceptance of polygamy, and the diverse opportunities this afforded for describing different kinds of love and different kinds of lovers, runs on lines which are different from the traditions of the Caṅkam literature.

The realistic approach to nature was the result of emphasis on human interest. The fidelity with which the Caṅkam poets described nature can be seen in their accurate and beautiful similes. Examples of these will be given later in the discussion of the descriptions in the Cc. There are not hyperbolic conceits, and the similes employed serve to illustrate the particular subject in question and are never allowed to obscure the meaning or obstruct the narration. Graphic descriptions are of common occurrence. Occasionally one find epic similes containing elaborate imagery. They are frequently found in the works like the Kalittokai and the Paripāṭal. The pathetic fallacy and aphorisms are not all common in the Caṅkam literature.

Thus the Tamil literature of this period had a personality of its own which was manifested in the literary style, descriptions, figures of speech employed, the themes chosen and the sentiments depicted.

In the Tolkāppiyam there are two sections devoted to similes and sentiments which are known as Uvamaiyiyal and Meypptāṭiyal. It has been suggested by J. R. Marr that both of them may be regarded as being wholly dependent on Sanskrit models in the respective fields of dramatic theory and rhetoric."³ In the discussion about Uvamaiyiyal he further says that "Uvamaiyiyal is fairly clearly an attempt to apply one of the aspects of rhetoric in Sanskrit namely Upamā, to Tamil."⁴ He points out the resemblances between the division of Upamā in the Tolkāppiyam and in the Kāvya-darśa of Daṇḍin⁵ and suggests that these two chapters could have been interpolated. Whether they are interpolated or not, it is conceivable that Tolkāppiyar

1 *Ibid.*, pp. 46, 47.

2 ThaniNayagam, *op. cit.*, p. 70.

3 J. R. Marr, *The eight Tamil anthologies with special reference to Putanāṅṅuru and Patirruppattu*, A thesis submitted to University of London, 1958, p. 83.

4 *Ibid.*, p. 80.

5 *Ibid.*, pp. 80, 81, 82.

was aware of the conventions and traditions that existed in the Sanskrit literature of his time,¹ and in laying down the rules for literary composition in Tamil, he had not only the vast collection of Tamil works but also an equally good knowledge of the Sanskrit traditions which existed before his time.

The eight meyp̄paṭus (the manifest physical expressions of emotion) mentioned by Tolkāppiyar, nakai (laughter), aḷukai (sorrow), iḷivaral (disgust), maruṭkai (surprise), accam (fear), perumitam (bravery), vekuli (anger), and uvakai (happiness)² are the equivalent of the sthāyibhāvas (dominant states) hāsa (laughter), śoka (sorrow), jugupsā (disgust), vismaya (surprise), bhaya (fear), utsāha (bravery), krodha (anger) and rati (love)³ mentioned in the Nāṭyaśāstra. Sthāyibhāvas are the permanent emotions that are manifested in the mind. According to the Nāṭyaśāstra these sthāyibhāvas, rati, hāsa, śoka, krodha, utsāha, bhaya, jugupsā, and vismaya develop into the respective rasas, śṛṅgāra (erotic), hāsya (comic), karuṇa (pathetic), raudra (furious), vīra (heroic), bhayānaka (terrible), bībhatsa (disgust) and adbhuta (marvellous), when they are united with the other bhāvas (states), vibhāvas (determinants), anubhāvas (consequents), and vyabhicāribhāvas (transitory states).⁴ Vibhāvas are of two kinds : the ālambana and the uddīpana. Ālambana vibhāva is the character towards whom the emotion is manifested and the uddīpana vibhāvas are the external factors such as spring season, unguents, moonlight etc. which help in manifesting the emotion. Anubhāvas are the physical actions which are expressed through sweet words, side-glances etc. These vibhāvas and anubhāvas are not exhaustively enumerated by Bharata, as they can be of any number. But while discussing each rasa he explains it by showing the possible vibhāvas and anubhāvas. There are thirty three vyabhicāribhāvas (transitory states) which also help in developing the dominant state into rasa. Besides these vibhāvas and anubhāvas and vyabhicāribhāvas, Bharata also mentions eight sātṭvikabhāvas (temperamental states) stambha (paralysis), sveda (perspiration), romaṅca (horripilation), svarasāda (change of voice), vepathu (trembling), vaivarṇya (change of colour), aśru (tears) and pralaya (fainting), which are manifested due to the mental change taking place.

The production of rasa (rasaniṣpattiḥ) is not discussed by Tolkāppiyar though the commentator Peraciriyar deals with it in his commentary. As the date of Peraciriyar cannot be earlier than the tenth century A.D.⁵ his theories in many ways could have been influenced by the later Sanskrit theories of poetics. Tolkāppiyar divides each meyp̄paṭu into four kinds⁶ and most of these divisions seem to be made on the basis of his knowledge of the respective vibhāvas (determinants) given by Bharata to each

1 Scholars differ about the date of the Tolkāppiyam. S. Vaiyapuripillai fixes its date as 600-700 A.D. S. Vaiyapuri pillai, *Kāvīyakālam*, op. cit., p. 261.

2 *Tolkāppiyam*, Por., Mey., cut. 251.

3 *Nāṭyaśāstra*, vi, 17.

4 *Nāṭyaśāstra*, vi, 31.

5 A. Chidambaranatha Cettiyar, *Advanced Studies in Tamil Prosody*, p. 12.

6 *Tolkāppiyam*, Por., Mey., cuts. 247-255.

sthāyibhāva (dominant state).¹ Some divisions are not similar to the divisions in the Nāṭyaśāstra and these may be the original thoughts of Tolkāppiyar expressed to suit the Tamil literary tradition.

Apart from the thirty-two divisions of meyppāṭus (i.e. the eight meyppāṭus with four divisions in each) mentioned above, Tolkāppiyar also mentions another set of thirty-two meyppāṭus, which he thinks can be considered as a different set of meyppāṭus when they do not come under the category of these thirty-two meyppāṭus.² Among these later meyppāṭus some are based on the vyabhicāribhāvas (transitory states) and a few on the sāttvikabhāvas³ (temperamental states), and the rest do not have any equivalent in Bharata's Nāṭyaśāstra.⁴

In considering the relevance of these two chapters in the Tolkāppiyam to an analysis of ancient and later Tamil literature, one should bear in mind the fact that in spite of the resemblance to Sanskrit works of dramaturgy and rhetoric, the treatment of the subjects has the distinct characteristics of Tamil literature in view.

Besides these literary theories, Tolkāppiyar also mentions eight kinds of poetic compositions in the section Ceyyūḷiyal. This chapter, which is mainly a treatise on prosody, mentions eight kinds of compositions viz. Ammai, Aḷaku, Toṇmai, Tōl, Viruntu, Iyaipu, Pulaṅ and Iḷaipu.⁵ Ammai is a composition which does not exceed five lines,⁶ and is made with sweet words but as few as possible. A composition which contains no dialect (i.e. in standard Tamil) and is full of poetic charm is called Aḷaku.⁷ A composition which deals with popular legends with prose explanations in it is called Toṇmai.⁸ A composition which deals with aṅam (duty), poruḷ (wealth), iṅpam (pleasure) and viṭu (salvation),⁹ in an attractive style or that which deals with a topic in detail in more than five lines is called Tōl. Viruntu¹⁰ is a composition composed in a novel way, and Iyaipu¹¹ is a composition in which the last line ends with any

1 P. S. Subrahmanya Sastri in his commentary to meyppāṭiyal points out the vibhāvas used by Tolkāppiyar in his fourfold division of each meyppāṭu, P. S. Subrahmanya Sastri, *Commentary on Meyppāṭiyal*, Madras, pp. 2-5.

2 "ivaiyum uḷavē avaiyaṅkalaiyē"—*Tolkāppiyam*, Por., Mey., cut. 260.

3 Ns. sveda) perspiration Ns. Vepathuḥ) trembling
Tol. viyarttal) Tol. naṅukkam)

4 J. R. Marr, *op. cit.*, pp. 77, 78.

5 *Tolkāppiyam*, Por., Cey., cut. 340.

6 *Ibid*, *loc. cit.* cut. 547. Perācīriyar in his commentary on cūttiram 547 explains 'aṅi nimirpu' as not exceeding five lines.

7 *Ibid*, *loc. cit.* cut. 548.

8 *Ibid*, *loc. cit.* cut. 549.

9 *Ibid*, *loc. cit.* cut. 550. Perācīriyar in his commentary on cūttiram 550 explains 'viḷumiyatu nuvalutal' as explaining aṅam, poruḷ, iṅpam, and viṭu.

10 *Ibid*, *loc. cit.* cut. 551.

11 *Ibid*, *loc. cit.* cut. 552.

of the consonants \bar{n} , \bar{r} , n , m , \bar{m} , y , r , l , v , l , l . *Pulaṅ*¹ is a composition which is composed of common words and is clear to the reader. *Iḷaipu*,² the last of the eight, is a composition which consists of five types of lines (*aṭis*), beginning with *Kuṛaḷaṭi*, which has two feet (*cir*), and ending with a line which has seven feet. These feet do not combine a surd consonant with another surd.³ Beyond what is said in the *Tolkāppiyam*, we cannot be definite about these literary compositions. Later, the commentator *Perācīriyar* has cited examples for these literary forms defined by *Tolkāppiyar*, mostly from later literary works. Thus the *Nāḷaṭiyar*, the *Kaḷavaḷinārppatu*, and other works classed under *Paṭiṅṅaṅkīḷkkaṅaku* works are cited as instances for *Ammāi*; the *Akaṅānūru* and the *Eṭṭuttokai* for *Aḷaḷu*; the *Pāratam* and the *Takaṭur yāttirai* for *Toṅmai*; the *Muttoḷḷāyiram* and the *Kalampakam* works for *Viruntu*; the *Maṅimēkalai* and the *Peruṅkatai* for *Iyaipu*; and folk dramas (*kūttu*) for *Pulaṅ*.⁴

Later commentators also hold these eight *vaṅappus* to be features found in *Toṭarnilaicceyyuḷ* works.⁵ What is a *Toṭarnilaicceyyuḷ*? It is a long poem with poetic charm which is characterised by the continuity of its subject-matter. In the *Caṅkam* literature, in addition to the *Taṅip-pāṭals* (single stanzas) which are small, there is the *Pattup-pāṭṭu* (collection of ten idylls), which consists of long poems in which a central theme is developed. It would be legitimate to say that these formed the nucleus for later *Toṭarnilaic-ceyyuḷas*, which develop a story continuously. The elaborate descriptions and figures of speech found in works like the *Maturaikkāṅci*, the *Malai-paṭukaṭam*, the *Paṭṭinappālai* were directly or indirectly borrowed in later epics. These will be detailed later while dealing with the descriptions in the *Cc*.

One can discern three distinct stages in the evolution of the literary form of *Toṭarnilaic-ceyyuḷ*. The first stage was that of works like the *Pattuppāṭṭu* referred to earlier, in which a particular theme is developed in the course of long poem in great detail with elaborate descriptions. For example in the *Paṭṭinappālai*, the situation treated is the sorrow of the spouse of a bard at her impending separation from him when he will go to *Kāvirippūmpaṭṭinam*, the capital of the *Cōḷa* king (whom he expects to praise so that he will bestow gifts on him). This serves only as a pretext for the poem, which dwells almost entirely on the glory of the *Cōḷa* king and the grandeur of his capital. The descriptions of the king and the grandeur of his capital in this poem have inspired the tradition of describing the hero and his country in the later epics.

The second stage in the development of the *Toṭarnilaicceyyuḷ* is that in which the theme of the poem is a story, in particular a story that took place in Tamil country. It is at this stage that the postical works *Cilappatikāram* and *Maṅimēkalai* were written. The style of these works is similar to that of the earlier *Caṅkam* works. One principal reason for this is that they were composed in the same *Āeiriyappā* metre

1 *Tolkāppiyam*, Por., Cey., cut. 553.

2 *Ibid*, loc. cit. cut. 554.

3 *Ibid*, loc. cit. cut 554

4 No example has been given for *Iḷaipu* and *Tol*.

5 K. V. Jagannathan, 2nd edition, *Tamil Kāppiyāṅkaḷ*, Madras, 1955, p. 70.

which was much employed in the Caṅkam poems. Because of the structure of the metre Ācīriyappā, the words used have a dignified simplicity and picturesqueness which does not interfere with the rapid course of the narration. Further, the requirements expected of the later epics, such as the treatment of the fourfold ends of life, viz. Dharma, Artha, Kāma and Mokṣa, are not strictly met in these books.

This situation underwent considerable changes at the time when the Cc. was composed. This is the third stage in the development of the Toṭarnilaic-ceyyuḷ, and the distinguishing feature of this stage is the preponderance of Sanskrit elements. In the Cc., Tēvar has made a definite attempt to compose an epic styled after the Sanskrit mahākāvya. Tamil epics which were written after the Cc. followed the pattern set by it. It is with this in mind that the later critics in Tamil who enunciated the definition of a Peruṅkāppiyam (mahākāvya) did so by translating or adapting the definition given in the Taṅṭiyalaṅkāram. The definition of the peruṅkāppiyam set forth in this treatise is applicable to works like the Cc. and all subsequent peruṅkāppiyams. But to evaluate the earlier works like the Cilappatikāram and the Maṇimēkalai in accordance with the tenets of such treatises is certainly inappropriate. Thus for example, Aṭiyārkunallār, who wrote a commentary on the Cilappatikāram, has suggested in his commentary that the Cilappatikāram and the Maṇimēkalai should both be taken together as forming a single peruṅkāppiyam,¹ because neither of them deals with all the four ends of life and the structure and story of the Maṇimēkalai make it seem to be the continuation of the Cilappatikāram. These two epics, even without considering them together, have their own merits as epics which follow Tamil literary traditions.

The main characteristic of the Cc. is the influence exerted by the Sanskrit literary form, the mahākāvya. It may be said that Nacciṅārkiṅkiyar, who is the author of a commentary on this epic, has failed to a certain extent to point out this aspect of the Cc. At the beginning of his commentary he expresses the following opinion about the literary form under which the Cc should be classified.² For clear understanding

1 Aṭiyārkunallār, commentary on the *Cilappatikāram*, "Uraicciṅappuppāyiram".

2 The following are the passages in which Nacciṅārkiṅkiyar expresses the ideas mentioned above :
"It toṭarnilaic-ceyyuḷ Tevar ceykiṅṅa kālttiṅṅu nūl akattiyamum Tolkāppiyamum ātalānum, 'muntu-nūl kaṅṅu muṅaiṅṅaṅṅa eṅṅi' (Tol. Cirappu) eṅṅaṅṅaṅṅa, Akattiyattin vaḷi-nūl Tolkāppiyam ātalānum, piṅṅa kūrīy nūlkaḷ nirampiya ilakkaṅṅaṅṅa aṅṅaiyānum, an nuliṅṅa kūrīya ilakkaṅṅamē itaṅṅa ilakkaṅṅam eṅṅa uṅṅarka.

Avv ilakkaṅṅatiṅṅ ceyyuḷ iyaliṅṅkaṅṅē ācīriyar pā nāṅṅeṅṅum, avṅṅai aṅṅam, poruḷ, iṅṅattāṅṅa kuṅṅukaveṅṅum kuṅṅiṅṅ piṅṅu ammai mutaliya toṭarnilaic-ceyyuṅṅu ilakkaṅṅam eṅṅu kuṅṅukiṅṅ-ruḷi, "iḷumeṅṅ moḷiyāṅṅ viḷumiyatu nuvaliṅṅum" (Tol., cey., 238) eṅṅpataṅṅaḷ, melleṅṅa collaṅṅa aṅṅam, poruḷ, iṅṅpam, viṅṅeṅṅum viḷumiya poruḷ payappap paḷayaiaṅṅa oṅṅu katai meṅṅ kockakattāṅṅa kūrīṅṅ, atu tōḷ eṅṅu kūrīṅṅamaiyīṅṅ, ic ceyyuḷ aṅṅaṅṅam kuriya tōḷām eṅṅa uṅṅarka.

..muntu nūlkaḷiṅṅ kāppiyam eṅṅum vaṅṅamoḷiyāḷ toṭarnilaic-ceyyuṅṅu peyar iṅṅmaiṅṅum itaṅṅkup piṅṅu kūrīya nūlkaḷ itaṅṅku vitiy aṅṅmaiṅṅum uṅṅarka." Nacciṅārkiṅkiyar, *commentary on the Cc.*, v. 1.

we have divided his opinion into three points :

1. Akattiyam and Tolkāppiyam are the authoritative treatises on which the Cc. is based, as there were no other works existing before the period of the Cc.
2. The literary form, the Cc. belongs to is Tōl (one of the eight literary forms discussed by Tolkāppiyar), because it satisfies the requirements for the literary form Tōl.¹
3. The Cc. cannot be called a kāppiyam, because there is no tradition of calling a Toṭarnilaic-ceyyuḷ by the Sanskrit term kāppiyam before the period of the Cc. and the later treatises on poetics (which call a Toṭarnilaic-ceyyuḷ as kāppiyam) cannot be authoritative for the Cc.

If we take his first two points, it is clear that he tries to show that in the Cc. Tēvar follows the literary theories of Tolkāppiyam, as it is the 'vaḷinul' (secondary work)² of Akattiyam. It cannot be denied that Tēvar was aware of the Tolkāppiyam and its literary traditions. But at the same time one cannot make the restriction that the Tolkāppiyam is the only work on which Tēvar depends either for his poetical ideas or for his style. A perusal of the Cc. obviously shows his familiarity with the Sanskrit literary works which existed before his age. The examples which will be cited later while analysing the influence of the Sanskrit mahākāvya form will furnish proof for this contention.

It is more likely that Tēvar had a knowledge of the treatises written on Sanskrit poetics, and of the works on which they are based. Daṇḍin's Kāvya-dārṣa, which was very popular in Tamil land and which was adapted later into Tamil as Taṇṭiyalaṅkāram (12th century A.D.),³ had a considerable influence on the work of Tēvar. Therefore from the structure and the contents of the Cc. (which will be discussed below), it can be seen that it shows not only the impact of the Tolkāppiyam and its literary traditions but also the strong influence of Sanskrit literary works and the treatises on Sanskrit poetics which existed before it.

Naccinārkkiniyar's third point, that the Cc. cannot be called a kāppiyam because there was no tradition of calling Toṭarnilaic-ceyyuḷ a kāppiyam before the time of the Cc., seems somewhat forced. As Aṭṭiyārkkunallār,⁴ the commentator on the Cilappatikāram has pointed out, the word kāppiyam was used by authors in Tamil before Tēvar's time. In the Maṇimēkhalai Cāttapaṇ, while describing the sports of king Kiḷivaḷavan with his wife Cirtti in a flower garden, says that Kiḷivaḷavan enjoyed

1 Supra, p. 86.

2 Vaḷi-nūl is a work which agrees for the most part with its original or Mutanūl, and deviates only in places where the author considers it necessary.

3 K. V. Jagannathan, *op. cit.*, p. 50.

4 Aṭṭiyārkkunallār, commentary on *Cilappatikāram*, Uraippāyiram.

himself in the company of poets who composed dramatic epics (nāṭakak kappiyam). The following line :

*nāṭakak kappiya nūl nuṇippōr*¹

(the people who compose dramatic epic)

explains it, In the Perunṅkatai, the word kappiyam is mentioned in the description of the things which were taken when the queens of the king went to enjoy water sports. The following phrase :

*kappiyak kōcamum*²

(the books in which kappiyams were written)

shows that they also took books in which kappiyams were written. In another context in the Perunṅkatai, the poet mentions the reading of kappiyam as ‘kappiya vācanai colli’.³

Besides these references in the pre-Cc. works, there is also evidence to show that even Tēvar was aware of the word kappiyam. In the soliloquy about the nature of women after seeing Anaṅkamālai, Cīvakaṇ says that poets who compose kappiyam describe the lump of flesh (the body of a woman) in such a way as to make it desirable.

*kappiyak kavikal kāma eriy eḷa vikarpittittār*⁴

(The poets who compose kappiyam have described this lump of flesh in such a way as to intensify the glowing lust in the mind)

All these references make one agree with Aṭiyārkkunallār in saying that Toṭar-nilai- ceyyūḷ was also called kappiyam even before the time of the Cc. Still, apart from the literary forms dealt with in the Tolkappiyam, one does not encounter a clear definition for a kappiyam or a clear distinction between the different kinds thereof such as perunṅkappiyam, ciṟukappiyam etc., till the date of Taṇṭiyalaṅkāram. However, from works like the Cilappatikāram and the Maṇimēkalai one can see that there existed among poets of the Tamil land some conventions as regards the composition of epic which had been derived from earlier Tamil literature. By the time the Cc. was written this situation had changed. Tēvar made the first attempt to modify the Tamil pattern of a kappiyam to conform also to the requirements stated in the definition of a mahākāvya in Sanskrit. The concept of mahākāvya has been laid down by Sanskrit rhetoricians like Daṇḍin,⁵ Bhāmaha,⁶ Bhoja,⁷ Hemacandra,⁸ and Viśvanātha.⁹ The various definitions of a mahākāvya given by these rhetoricians are very similar. The mahākāvya is considered to be the best form of poetry and in its qualities perfection

1 *Maṇimēkalai*, canto, 19, line 80.

2 *Perunṅkatai*, 1 : 38, line 167.

3 *Ibid*, 4 : 3, line 42.

4 Cc., v. 1585.

5 Daṇḍin, *Kāvya-darśa*, 1, vv. 14-22.

6 Bhāmaha, *Kāvya-lāṅkāra*, 1.19-23.

7 Bhoja, *Sarasvatī Kaṇṭhābharana*, v. 103-104.

8 Hemacandra, *Kāvya-nūśāsana*, vol. 1. VIII.

9 Viśvanātha, *Sāhityadarpaṇam*, vl. 315-325.

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is expected. Daṇḍin defines mahākāvya as follows :¹

sarga-bandho mahākāvyaṃ ucyate tasya lakṣaṇam |
āśir namaskriyā vastu-nirdeśo vāpi tan mukham ||

itihāsa-kathodbhūtam itarad vā sad-āśrayam |
catur-varga-phalopetam caturodāta-nāyakam ||

nagarārṇava-śailartu-candrārkoḍaya-varṇanaiḥ |
udyāna-salila-kriḍā-madhupāna-ratotsavaiḥ ||

vipralambhair vivāhaiśca kumāroḍaya-varṇanaiḥ |
mantra-dūta-prayāṇāji-nāyakābhhyudavair api ||

alankṛtam aśaṅkṣiptam rasa-bhāva-niran'aram |
sargair anativistīrṇaiḥ śravya-vṛttaiḥ susandhibhiḥ ||

sarvatra bhinna-vṛttāntair upetam lokarañjakam |
kāvyaṃ kalpāntarasthāyi jāyate sadalamkṛti ||

(A poem made up of cantos is a mahākāvya. Its character¹istics are given below. It should begin with a benediction, a salutation or an indication of the contents. The plot should be taken either from a story told in Itihāsa or from other proper subject matter and it should deal with the fourfold ends of life (dharma, artha, kāma and mokṣa). Its hero should be a person of wisdom and noble qualities. It should be embellished by descriptions of cities, the sea, mountains, the seasons, the rising of the sun and the moon, sports in pleasure gardens and in the water, drinking parties, love scenes, separations of lovers, marriages, birth of sons, consultation with ministers, sending messengers, military expeditions, battles and the successes of the hero. It should not be too short. It should be pervaded with rasa and bhāva (sentiment and emotion). It should consist of a number of cantos which are not too long, well formed and with measures pleasing to the ears, everywhere dealing with a variety of topics (ending each chapter in a different metre) so as to make it popular. Such a kāvya which has been well embellished with figures will live through the ages.

Many of the aspects which make a mahākāvya are not new to either Tamil kāppiyams or to Tamil literary works. The foregoing requirements of a mahākāvya can be classified under six points as indicated below :

1. The beginning of the text.
2. The source from which the story is taken and the scope of the entire work.

1 Daṇḍin, *Kāvyaḍarśa*, vv. 14-19

3. Characterisation of the hero, the main character through whom the whole aim of the text is achieved, and of the characters connected to his life.
4. The descriptions which enhance the beauty of the narration.
5. The depiction of rasa (sentiment) and bhāva (emotion) which are expected to pervade the work.
6. The general structure of the text and the metres used.

1. The first point, regarding the beginning of a mahākāvya, is that it must take the general form of a benediction, a homage, or an indication of the subject matter. These three forms encompass all permissible methods of beginning a work. In Tamil, the general practice of starting the work with a verse of benediction or homage to God (kaṭavuḷ vāḷttu) existed from the early times. But in the benedictory verses found in Tamil there is no well-defined distinction between the above three ways of beginning a work. In Tamil the benediction is sometimes made by the poet to benefit himself¹ and sometimes to benefit other people.² These benedictions are also classed as Tēvapāṇi (benedictory verses with musical rhythm) and Tēvarp-paravutal (stanza in which God is praised in the first person). The first verse may also be written praising any one of the following seven objects; gods, ascetics, cows, brahmins, kings, rain, and the country.³ Of these, only those which praise the gods are classed under kaṭavuḷ vāḷttu and the rest are termed aruvakai vāḷttu (six kinds of homage)

The Cilappatikāram begins with verses which invoke the sun, the moon, the rain and the city of puḷār in turn, in accordance with the Tamil custom noted above (aruvakai vāḷttu). In the Maṇimēkalai the opening lines take us straight into the subject of the poem. Tēvar in the Cc. adopts the pattern which is common to both Tamil and Sanskrit by paying homage to the four supreme beings, Dharma, Sādhu, Arhat and Siddha. Here the homage is paid to the four supreme beings as the Cc. is a Jaina epic. The choice of this method of beginning the poem is perhaps governed by his attempt to conform to the Sanskrit mahākāvya pattern wherever it does not run contrary to Tamil practice. Perhaps it is also due to the religious character of this work.

The next novel feature to be found in the beginning of the Cc., and which is not found in the Cilappatikāram or the Maṇimēkalai, is that of avaiyaṭakkam (apologia). Even though reference is made in the Tolkāppiyam⁴ to the custom of introducing verses of avaiyaṭakkam, this practice is not commonly observed in Tamil literature prior to the Cc. After the initial propitiatory verses, Tēvar dwells on the loftiness of the subject he is about to deal with and his own incompetence to treat it

1 Taṇakkup-payaṇpaṭa-vāḷttal-Perācīriyar, Commentary on *Tolkāppiyam*, Por. Cey. Cut 109.

2 Piṇṇakkup-payaṇpaṭa-vāḷttal - *Ibid*, loc. cit. cut. 109.

3 Pēracīriyar, *Ibid*, loc. cit. cut. 109.

4 Tolkāppiyam, Por., Cey., cut. 419.

properly, and entreats scholars to bear with the consequent flaws which may be found in the work. Poets who came after Tēvar like Tōlāmoḷit-tēvar and Kampar also adopted this convention of avaiyaṭakkam, following the pattern set up by Tēvar. Tēvar may have drawn his inspiration for this from the Raghuvamṣa of Kālidāsa.¹ This conjecture is strengthened by the fact that Tēvar has been inspired by the Raguvamṣa in other ways also, as we shall see in the course of this chapter. This convention of avaiyaṭakkam has later also been incorporated by the author of the Māṅgalanākāram² as a feature of a kāppiyam.

Another feature which is common in the Cilappatikāram, the Maṅimēkalai and the Cc. is the patikam, a series of verses giving a summary of the entire work. A somewhat parallel instance is to be seen in the Vālmiki Rāmāyaṇa in Sanskrit, where the story of Rāma is narrated to Vālmiki by Nārada at the beginning of the epic.³

2 The second point concerns the story which forms the subject matter of the mahākāvya. As shown in the previous chapter, Tēvar has taken the story of Jivaka from a Sanskrit or Prakrit poem. Earlier epics like the Cilappatikāram and the Maṅimēkalai, which deal with stories of the Tamil country, have the characteristic flavour of the life and the culture of the Tamil land. The shortness of the story which Iṭṭakō has selected is responsible to a great extent for the unity, continuity and coherence of his epic. The Cilappatikāram deals with the story of Kōvalan and Kaṇṇaki who are from the merchant community. The Maṅimēkalai, which almost continues the story of the Cilappatikāram, narrates the story of Maṅimēkalai, the daughter of Kōvalan and Mālavī, the courtesan. When one comes to the Peruṅkatai, the tradition of taking a story from Sanskrit for the subject of a poem begins. The story taken is that of Udayana as told in Durvinita's Sanskrit translation of the Bṛhatkathā written in the Paiṣāci dialect by Guṇādhyā.⁴ So far no-one has analysed how much of this has been taken from the Sanskrit original story and how much the original has been changed. Further, parts of this work at the beginning and at the end are missing. The Cc., which comes after the Peruṅkatai, is the first epic now available in complete form which has borrowed its story from Sanskrit. Almost all epics in Tamil written after the Cc. borrow their stories from Sanskrit.

The requirement regarding the source for a mahākāvya is stated by Daṇḍin in the phrase 'itihāsa-kathodbhūta'. It must be a story which enjoys fame and popularity, and this explains why Tēvar chose the story of Jivaka for his epic. The story of Jivaka, who is one of the religious leaders, occupies a place in Jaina religious lore which is comparable to that of Rāma and Kṛṣṇa in Hinduism and of Buddha in Buddhism.

1 Kālidāsa, Raghuvamṣa, canto 1, vv. 2-4.

2 K. V. Jagannathan, *op. cit.*, p. 140.

3 Vālmiki Rāmāyaṇa, Balakāṇḍam, chapter 1.

4 Saminatha Iyar, U. V. Introduction to Peruṅkatai, *op. cit.* P. xxvii, Footnote †.

In the treatment of this story he has also taken into consideration the requirement that it must expound the four puruṣārthas Dharma, Artha, Kāma and Mokṣa.

In both Sanskrit and Tamil literature, works on poetics have emphasised the importance of dealing with the four aims of life. Dharma deals with the duties and rules of social conduct and the values and ideals of the society. Artha is concerned with the particular rules governing the various varṇas and āśramas, and the acquisition and distribution of riches and other good things of life one enjoys; and mokṣa deals with the efforts and ways through which one attains liberation after death. In Sanskrit, Manu's Dharmasāstra, Kauṭilya's Arthaśāstra and Vātsyāyana's Kāmasūtra set forth the details of the three pursuits Dharma, Artha, and Kāma. Mokṣa is mainly dealt with in philosophical and religious works. In Tamil didactic works like Thirukkuraḷ and the Nāḷaiyār the three aims Dharma (arām), Artha (poruḷ) and Kāma (iṇṇam) are dealt with in detail. The Paṭṭamōḷināṇuru deals with all the four aims whereas the other works which are classified under the Patineṇkiḷkkaṇakku deal with one or more than one of them. The ṅiṭiṣataka, the Vairāgyaṣataka, and the Śrīgāraṣataka of Bhartḥhari in Sanskrit form a tripartite collection of gnostic verses which deal with the materialistic, the sensuous and the spiritual aspects of life in accordance with the above classification of the ends of life.

Later, the authors of ornate epics recognised that a still more effective way of treating these was to trace the course of events in the lives of outstanding characters and to show how they exemplified all that was considered best in the four pursuits of life. This explains why commentators like Aṭiyārkkunallār discuss the question of how these treated in the Tamil epics. Tēvar is the first Tamil author who attempted to compose an epic whose contents embraced all the four ends of life.

Now we shall trace how the story of Civakan's life has been developed by Tēvar from this point of Virtuous (dhārmic) deeds are done by Civakan throughout his life. Ahimsā (non-killing), one of the basic principles of Jainism, is practised by Civakan, at times even in battle. The battle he fights against the hunters who drove away the cows of the cow-herds is a battle in which complete ahimsā is observed, as Civakan wins the battle without any violence.¹ He saves the dying dog which is beaten by the brahmins and utters the pañcanamaskāra mantra which makes the dog turn into a yakṣa.² He also saves the elephants which were caught in a fire.³ He gives religious advice to the ascetics in Cittirakūṭam,⁴ to a hunter⁵ and to a traveller.⁶

He shows kindness to all and his generosity increases after he acquires the kingdom. He is compassionate towards the wounded warriors and looks after the

1. Cc. vv. 448-455.

2. Ibid, vv. 984-960.

3. Ibid, v. 1237.

4. Ibid, vv. 1426-1437.

5. Ibid, vv. 1230-1237.

6. Ibid, vv. 1543-1566.

needs of the women who were in his enemy's palace.¹ Every marriage of his brings him wealth, but he does not in any way misuse it. On becoming king, he distributes all his wealth in such a way that all his subjects are well looked after. He demolishes all the prison buildings and exempts all his subjects from paying tax for sixteen years,² He does not levy any tax on the lands of temples, astrologers, or brahmins.³ He donates gifts and helps the blind, the diseased, and women deserted by their husbands.⁴

The enjoyment of pleasures (kāma) by Cīvakaṇ can be seen throughout the story. His marriages with his eight wives and his sexual pleasures with them are dealt with in detail in the Cc. The treatment of love in the Cc. bears the influence of the Tolkāppiyam and early Tamil literary works as well as of Sanskrit literary works. These will be discussed in detail while analysing the descriptions of love scenes and marriages.

The aspect of salvation (mokṣa) is explained in the last ilampakam, the Muttiyilampakam. From the beginning of the story Tēvar prepares Cīvakaṇ to attain salvation. The last chapter explains the stages through which Cīvakaṇ attained mokṣa. As these facts are explained in detail in the chapter on Jainism, they are not discussed here.

3. Coming now to the discussion of the hero of Cc.; we note that the Cc. does not have good precedents in Tamil for the development of the hero's character. In the Cilappatikāram everything else is subordinated to the interest in the characterisation of Kaṇṇaki. Kōvalaṇ is thus reduced to a kind of shadow designed to accentuate the characterisation of the heroine by contrast. Similarly in the Maṇimēkalai Utayakumāraṇ is introduced in such a way as to enhance the spirituality of Maṇimēkalai. Cīvakaṇ's character has been cast by Tēvar in a fundamentally different way. To understand this it would be necessary to briefly discuss the definition of a kāvya nāyaka as laid down by Sanskrit rhetoricians. Four types of hero have been recognised in Sanskrit. All of them are noble and self-controlled. For this reason all of them are called Dhīra, but they are distinguished as udātta (exalted), uddhata (haughty), lalita (light hearted) and śānta (calm). The Dhīra-udātta⁵ hero is a person of great excellence, exceedingly serious, forbearing, not boastful, resolute, without self-assertion, and firm of purpose. The Dhīroddhata⁶ hero is dominated by pride

1. Cc. v. 2372.

2. *Ibid.*, vv. 2345-48.

3. *Ibid.*, vv. 2372-2373.

4. *Ibid.*, v. 2376.

5. mahāsattvo' tigambhiraḥ kṣamāvān avikatthanaḥ
sthiro nigūdhāhaṃkāro dhīrodātto dṛḍhavrataḥ
Dhanaṃjaya, *The Daśarūpa*, 2.5 Indo-Iranian series, vol. 7, New York, 1912

6. darpamātsaryabhūyiṣṭho māyāchadmaprāyaṇaḥ
dhīroddhatastvahaṃkāri calaś caṇḍo vikatthanaḥ
Ibid., 2:3.

and jealousy and devoted to magic practices and deceit, self-assertive, fickle, irascible and boastful. The Dhīra-lalita¹ hero is one who is free from anxiety, fond of arts and gentle.² The Dhīra-śānta hero, who is a brahmin or the like, possesses all the qualities necessary for a good hero.

This kind of classification is not found in early Tamil literature. Though the Caṅkam poems deal with the valour, glory, munificence, compassion and charm of the hero, it has not been possible to fuse these characteristics into the personality of a single hero since they are all short isolated verses. This is also true of longer poems like the Pattuppāṭṭu and the Ciṟupaṇāṟruppaṭai.

We have already mentioned the absence of vivid characterisation of the hero in epics like the Cilappatikāram and the Maṇimēkalai. In the Cc. however the story turns around the character of Cīvakaṇ. Tēvar has delineated his character on the lines of a Dhīrodatta type of hero as defined by Sanskrit rhetoricians and depicted in Sanskrit literary works. He has also contrasted the character of Caccantaṇ, his father, with Cīvakaṇ's, by making the former a Dhīra-lalita hero. Cīvakaṇ's conscientiousness and steadfastness are lacking in the character of Caccantaṇ. Though he is good to his subjects and noble in character he falls a prey to his passion. He faces death as a result of his dereliction of his regal duties. The qualities which bring death to Caccantā are carefully omitted in the characterisation of Cīvakaṇ. Cīvakaṇ is always alert in his actions and aware of what is happening around him. None of his actions bring blemish to his noble, upright character. He enjoys pleasure but at the same time he does not neglect his duty and fall a prey to his passions. Till he regains the kingdom lost by his father he does not stay with any of his wives for more than a few days. He is well versed in all arts³ and these talents help him to acquire some of his wives. He wins Kāntaruvatattai by showing his skill in Viṇai (lute), Kuṇamālai by controlling the intoxicated elephant which was going to attack her, Patumai by curing her from snake-bite, Kaṇakamālai and Ilakkaṇai by showing his talent in archery, and Curamaṅcari by his mellifluous musical talent.

In the Cc. these noble qualities are depicted by Tēvar in the form of descriptions, in the speech of his enemy Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ and through the expressions of the other characters connected with Cīvakaṇ. His balance of mind is well expressed by Tēvar in the following verse, which explains the state of Cīvakaṇ after being helped by Cutaṅcaṇ to escape from the death sentence imposed by Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ for pride of his Acaṇivēkam.

*viḷaṅki villumiḷum pūṇāṇ viḷuc ciraip pattapōḷḷum
alaṅkal an tāriṇāṇ vant aruṅc cirgi viḷuttapōḷḷum
pulampu makīḷvu nēṅcīr politalum inrip pon arnt
ulaṅkaḷant uyarnta tōḷāṇ uḷ viṇaiy enru viṭṭāṇ⁴*

1. nīscinto dhīralalitaḥ kalāsaktaḥ sukhī mṛduḥ *Ibid*, 2.3.

2. sāmānyaguṇayuktas tu dhīraśānto dvijādikah. *Dhanamjaya, op. cit.* 2.4:

3. Cc. vv. 370-373.

4. *Ibid*, v. 1167,

(Civakaṇ with lofty and stone-like round (muscular and well fleshed) shoulders full of golden jewels, was neither distressed when he was imprisoned by Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ who wore jewels casting flickering rays, nor happy when he was released by Cutaṅcaṇaṇ who wore beautiful dangling garlands. His heart unaffected, he considered both as the fruits of previous births).

The following verse shows how his excellent qualities are even praised by his enemy Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ :

*aruḷ valiyāṇmai kalviyaḷak ariv iḷamaiy ūkkam
tīru maliy ikai pōkan tiṇ pukaḷ naṇpu curram
oruvar iv ulakil yārē civakaṇ okku nirār
perit arit iṇaṇaik konrāy perukenac cirappuc ceytān¹*

(In this world who can be compared with Civakaṇ in his compassion, strength, prowess, knowledge, beauty, wisdom, youth, perseverance, charity, indulgence, undying fame, and in having worthy friends and well wishers. It is great that you killed him. Accept these presents. Thus praised Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ)

Civakaṇ is also often praised by his friends for his excellent qualities. The attributes they give him such as 'kuṇattoḷu malintavaṇ'² (he who is full of good qualities) and 'vaṇakk aruṇ cilaiyiṇāṇ'³ (he who has a bow which cannot be bent (by his enemies)), show his reputation among his friends in all respects. Thus, Civakaṇ is elevated to be a Dhīrodāṭṭa type of hero.

It is of interest to notice that the characters of Caccantaṇ and Kaṭṭiyakāraṇ have also been developed on the lines indicated in Sanskrit works. Caccantaṇ is depicted as a Dhīra-laīta. Though the character of Kōvalaṇ in the Cilappatikāram has a certain resemblance to that of Caccantaṇ the way two characters are depicted is different. Kōvalaṇ is introduced in the Cilappatikāram for the first time with the following lines :

*maṇ tēytta pukaḷiṇāṇ mati muka maṭavār tam
paṇ tēytta moḷiyiṇar āyattup pārāṭṭik
kaṇṭṭtum cevvēḷ enr icai pōkkik kātālār
kaṇṭṭtuṅ kiḷamaiyāṇ kōvalaṇ enpāṇ manno*

.. .. .⁴

Kōvalaṇ's expanding fame made the earth all too small to bear it. Moon-faced maidens, skilled in song and sweet voice, fondly said to each other, 'O, He is Subrahmaṇya incarnate!' and revealed their excessive love for him when they spoke in praise of him in their own gatherings.)⁵

1 Cc. v. 1165.

2 Ibid, v. 1817.

3 Ibid, v. 1817.

4 Cilappatikāram, Muṅkala-vāṭṭup-pāḷal, lines 36-39.

5 Translated by V. R. Ramachandra Diksitar, "The Silappadikaram", Oxford, 1939, p. 89.

Here reference to his popularity among women has been made deliberately to indicate the tragic flaw which made him lose all his wealth and later on his life itself. But in the Cc., though Caccantaṇ also meets his end as a result of his passion for Vicayai, he is introduced differently. The description of Caccantaṇ, which proceeds in five verses, reminds us strongly of Kālidāsa's description of Daśaratha in the Raghuvamṣa. The idea expressed in the following verse is similar to the verse in the Cc. which sets forth the relationship between Caccantaṇ and his vassal kings.

Raghuvamṣa

*udayam astamayam ca raghūdvaḥād ubhayam ānaśire vasudhādhīpāḥ |
sa hi nidesam alaṅghayatām abhūt suḥṛd ayohṛdayaḥ pratigarjatām ||¹*

(Through the head of the family of Raghu, the vassal kings experienced both rise and set, for he had a kind heart towards those who did not violate his commands and a heart made of steel towards his enemies.)

*naccu nākattin ar aḷar cīrattan
accam urr aṭaintārkk amirt annavan*

..
..
..
..²

(To his enemies his anger is like that of the fiery venom of the poisonous cobra and to the people who surrender themselves out of fear he is like ambrosia.)

The verse

*amatayā vasu-vṛṣṭi-visarjanair niyamanād asatām ca narādhipaḥ |
anuyayau yama-punyajanśvarau savaruṇāv aruṇāgrasaram rucā ||³*

(The lord of the people imitated Yama in equitability; the lord of the yakṣas (Kubera) in raining showers of wealth; Varuṇa in punishing the wicked; and the sun, whom the dawn precedes in his bright splendour.)

also is similar to the verse in the Cc.

*tarumaṇ raṇṇaliyār ranat ikaiyāl
varuṇaṇ kūrr uyir mārraliṇ vamaṇē
arumaiyāl aḷakiṇ kaṇaiy aintuṭait
tiromakaṇ riru mā nila manṇaṇē⁴*

(He, the king of the prosperous city, is Dharma (the eldest of Pāṇḍavas) through his benevolence, Varuṇa through his generosity; Yama through taking lives (punishing evil people); Arhat through his greatness; and Kāmaṇ (the God of love) through his beauty.)

The third verse in Caccantaṇ's description runs as follows :

*kōtai nittilaṇ cūḷ kuḷir veṇ kuṭai
ōta nīr ulakoppa nīlarralār
rātaiyēy avan tā nīlar raṅkiya
kātālār kaḷikkīrat iv vaiyamē⁵*

1 Raghuvamṣa, 9:9. 2 Cc. v. 157. 3 Raghuvamṣa, 9:6. 4 Cc. v. 160. 5 Cc. v. 159.

(In giving equal protection to the world surrounded by the ocean under his white cold umbrella which has flower garlands and pearl garlands around it, he is indeed the father to his subjects, who are hence very happy under his rule.)

It reminds us of the description of Dilīpa in the Raghuvamśa.

*prajānām vinayādhanād rakṣaṇād bharaṇād api |
sa pitā pitaras tūsām kevalam janmahetavaḥ ||¹*

(He by imparting education, by protection and by support to them, he (Dilīpa) was the real father to the subjects. Their (own) fathers were only the cause of their birth).

The noble aspects of his personality are again stressed later on in the story. In spite of his infatuation with Vicayai he anticipates his death at the hands of Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ and therefore orders an aerial car to be made to enable Vicayai to get away from the palace in an emergency. He also displays remarkable tranquility, maturity and philosophical erudition when he consoles Vicayai by pointing out the transience of human existence and the effect of Karma on one's life. The overall picture of Caccāntaṇ is thus one of a great and heroic personality who has the tragic flaw of being susceptible to the charms of his wife. He still richly deserves to be called a Dhīra nāyaka, in particular a Dhīra-lalita.

Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ is portrayed as typical pratināyaka, who is required to be a Dhīro-ddhata type of hero. Thus we find in him the avarice, conceit, cruelty and viciousness characteristic of this type of hero. Thus we find that Tēvar's characterisation of Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ is very different from the portrayal of the character of Kāṣṭhāṅgāraka in the Up. The introduction of a character like Rudradatta in the Up. takes away much of the cruelty, cunning and greed from the character of Kāṣṭhāṅgāraka. Unlike in the Up., where Kāṣṭhāṅgāraka kills Satyandharā because of the prediction made by Rudradatta, in order to save his own life, in the Cc. Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ kills the king out of sheer avarice. So he invents a lie to justify his action to his ministers. For his subsequent attempts to kill Civakaṇ and Kōvintaṇ he has no reasons except his vanity and vaulting ambition.

In passing we note Gnanamurthy's contention about the characterisation of Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ. He refers to Tolkāppiyam :

*nimpīri koṭumai viyappoṭu puramoḷi
vancor poccāppu maṭimaiyōṭu kuṭimai
inpurai ēḷamai marapōṭ oppumaiya
enr ivaiy inmai enmanār pulavar.²*

(Learned men say that the following should be avoided : jealousy, cruelty, pride, back-biting, hard words, irresoluteness, sluggishness, haughtiness on account of heredity, lowering one's dignity, forgetfulness, and misplaced love on account of likeness.)³

1 Raghuvamśa, 1 : 24.

2 Tolkāppiyam, Por., Mey., cut. 26.

3 Translated by P. S. Subrahmanya Sastri, *op. cit.*, p. 12.

and says that “since Tolkāppiyar prescribes that these undesirable dualities should be eschewed by the hero or the heroine of poem, we may take it for granted that they are the attributes of a villainous character.”¹

However, considering the fact that this cūttiram is in the meypṭāṭṭiyal of the Tolkāppiyam, where the qualities of the ideal lover have been described, we feel that generalising this to indicate the characteristics not to be found in a hero (and hence to be found in a villain, according to Gnanamurthy) is to read too much into this verse.

4. We have seen the prescription of Daṇḍin for descriptions in a mahākāvya. He also says that the omission of a few of these items will not diminish the beauty of a mahākāvya. Tēvar, who is keen on perfecting his epic in accordance with these prescriptions, tries to include all of them except drinking scenes, which are against his religious code of behaviour.

A study of the descriptions in the Cc. shows a great of intermixture of Tamil and Sanskrit poetical traditions. Tēvar’s knowledge of both literatures makes him borrow ideas, phrases and techniques from the literature of both the languages. The great inclination which Sanskrit mahākāvyas had for alaṅkāras has left its stamp on the Cc. As we have pointed out at the beginning of this chapter, the descriptions found in works composed in Tamil before the Cc. were more realistic and very much less exaggerated than the descriptions in Sanskrit works of the same period. The descriptions are integrated with the theme in the Tamil poems. But in the Cc. most of the descriptions have been introduced with the aim of embellishment—a poetical attitude advocated by Daṇḍin. For example, one of the Sanskrit conventions in such descriptions is to describe a lady from head to toe if she is human and from toe to head if she is a Goddess.² We see this in the description of Vicayai,³ which proceeds from head to toe (keṣādipādāntavarṇanā) in sixteen verses. However, this description contains both Tamil and Sanskrit poetical traditions. One can discern the influence of the portrayal of the Viṛali (the wife of the bard) in the Porunarāṛruppaṭai,⁴ one of the Caṅkam works, as well as that of Umā, in the Kumārasambhava of Kālidāsa.⁵ The clear, placid style of the Porunarāṛruppaṭai is not seen here: instead the exaggerated and detailed style of Sanskrit mahākāvyas is followed. The standards of comparisons are borrowed from both the sources. In the Porunarāṛruppaṭai the ears and the earrings of Viṛali are described as follows :

mayir kurai karuvi māṅkaṭaiy annu
pūṅkuḷai ūcar porai cāl kāṭin
... ⁶

1 T. E. Gnanamurthy, *op. cit.* pp. 154, 155.

2 “devatānām rūpam padāṅguṣṭaprabhṛti varṇyate. mānuṣāṅām keṣād ārabhyeti dhārmikāḥ...”
Mallinātha, commentary on the *Kumārasambhava*, 1:33.

3 Cc. 164-179.

4 Porunarāṛruppaṭai, lines 25-45.

5 Kumārasambhava, 1:33-48.

6 Porunarāṛruppaṭai, lines 29-30.

(Her ears in which her pendants dangling shine
Resemble well-shaped loops of scissors used
To trim the hair... ..)¹

Here the ears and the earrings on it together are compared to a pair of scissors which trim the hair. The same object of comparison, the pair of scissors, is used in describing Vicayai in the following lines :

mayir eri kattarikaiy anaiyavāy vaḷḷai vāḷ
uyir cekuttu mun onrip pin pērāt uruvamainta
ceyir makara kuṇḷalamun tilaipp ānā vār kātum
... ..²

(The beautiful earrings which are in the shape of a Makara fish and the immovable ears, which destroyed the beauty of a fatigued Vaḷḷai creeper, looked like a pair of scissors which are used to trim the hair.)

The fingers are compared to the Kāntaḷ flower in both works.

Kāntaḷ mel viral... 3 —*Porunarāṅruppaṭai*.
(the fingers like Kāntaḷ flower (Gloriosa superba)).

Viral ceṅkāntaḷ...⁴
(the fingers like the red Kāntaḷ flower).

In describing the thighs of the queen Tēvar follows Kālidāsa. The latter compares the trunk of the elephant Airāvata and the stem of the plantain tree to the thighs of Umā and says that though they were considered in the world to be beautiful, through their toughness and coldness they could not be compared to the thighs of Umā.⁵ Tēvar does not use the same alaṅkāra vyatireka in his description, but uses the trunk of Airāvata and the stem of a young plantain as the standards of comparison for the thighs of Vicayai, in the following lines :

vēḷa veṅ ṭira ṭaṭakkai veruṭṭi marr ilaṅ kaṇṇi
vā,ait taṅ eṅat tiraṅtu⁶

(Her (Vicayai's) thighs had the beauty which scares (surpasses) (the beauty of) the trunk of white elephant (Airāvata), and they were plump like a young plantain tree.)

In the description of Kōvintai, the daughter of Kōvintan, the chief of the cowherds, Tēvar follows the Tamil tradition completely. Since she is a cowherdess all the comparisons are to the products of milk .

veṅṅey pōnr ūriṇiyaḷ mēm pāl pōr riṅcollaḷ
uṅṅa urukkiya a ney pōl mēṇiyaḷ
... ..⁷

1 Translated by J. V. Chelliah, Pattupāṭṭu, Madras, 1962, p. 63.

2 Cc. v. 168.

3 Porunarāṅruppaṭai, line 33.

4 Cc. v. 370.

5 Kumārasambhava, 1 : 36.

6 Cc. v. 174.

7 Ibid, v. 480.

(She is nice to touch like butter. Her sweet words are like delicious milk, Her body is like the cow ghee which has been melted to be eaten.)

Tēvar starts his epic with a detailed description of the country Emāṅkatam, with its villages,¹ town,² the interior of the town³ the moat,⁴ the walls,⁵ the interior of the fortified city with the descriptions of the harlot street,⁶ market street,⁷ the living apartments of the servants of the king,⁸ and the palace of the king.⁹ Some of these descriptions are even found in earlier Tamil works such as the Paṭṭinappālai and the Cilappatikāram. As in these poems, Tēvar faithfully follows the Tamil tradition of describing the country. Yet Tēvar's method of description is one of extreme exaggeration, and he liberally uses the figures of speech Utpreṣā and Udatta.

The following verse composed with udatta alaṅkāra expresses the fertility of the land in the country of Emāṅkatam :

*pāvaiy annavar pantu puṭaittalir
rūviy annam veriit tuṇaiy enru pōyk
kōvai nittila māṭak kuḷāmicai
mēvi veṇ mati tannot irnkkumē*¹⁰

(The swans which are frightened by the (noise) of the balls played with the ladies who are (beautiful) like images, go and sit with the men on the top of of the mansions which are adorned by pearl garlands, thinking that it is their companion.)

In this verse it is indirectly said that mansions are so high that their tops touch even the moon.

Tēvar also uses atiṣayokti (hyperbole) in his descriptions and the following verse is a good example :

*tēn ulā maṭuc cey kōtai tēm pukai kamaḷav ūṭṭa
vān ulān cuṭarkaṇ mūṭi mā nakar iravu ceyyap
pā nilāc corintu nallār aṅikalam pakalaic ceyya
vēnilān viḷaiṅṭa cēri mēḷulak aṅaiyat onrē.*¹¹

(In that city the smoke which arises when perfumming the garlands which are surrounded by bees, hides the rays of the sun which moves in the sky, and converts the day into night. The jewels of the ladies cast rays of moonlight like milk and make the night look the day. This city which is desired by the God of love appears like heaven.)

To give a different touch to the facts he narrates he also often uses utpreṣā alaṅkāra, which is called 'taṅkurippēṅgam' in Tamil. The following verse serves

1 *Ibid*, vv. 64-77.

2 *Ibid*, vv. 79-84.

3 *Ibid*, vv. 85-93.

4 *Ibid*, vv. 94-99.

5 *Cc*. vv. 100-105.

6 *Ibid*, vv. 106-111.

7 *Ibid*, vv. 112-117.

8 *Ibid*, vv. 118-124.

9 *Ibid*, vv. 125-156.

10 *Ibid*, v. 125.

11 *Cc*. v. 111.

as a good example for the many verses in which he uses utprekṣā alaṅkāra :

*tiruva niṅakarc cem poṇi niṅiya
uruvav oṅ koṭiy ūḷi nuṅaṅkuva
paravai veṅ katirc celvaṅa paṅ mayirp
puravi poṅk aḷal ārruva pōṅravē¹*

(The long beautiful golden flags which are swaying on the top of the large wealthy mansions, look as if they are allaying the heat of the hairy horses of the hot rayed sun.)

In this verse also the height of the mansions is expressed. The flags are imagined as fans for the tired horses of the sun.

In some verses he uses bhrāntimat alaṅkāra, which is called 'mayakkaṇi' in the Taṅṅiyalaṅkāram. In the following two verses this alaṅkāra is used to show the fertility of the country.

*vaḷa muṅi naṅupavar varampil kampalai
iḷa maḷai muḷakkena maṅṅai ṅṅkalin
aḷamaru kuyiliṅam aḷuṅkip pūm poḷil
uḷa meli makalirin oḷuṅkum eṅpavē.²*

(The peacocks shout in joy, thinking the limitless noise made by the people who transplant the heap of flourishing young paddy to be the roaring of the new clouds (which appear in the beginning of the rainy season), and the koels, being sad like women who are distressed (by the separation of their lovers), resort to the flower garden).

*kaṅ eṅak kuvaḷaiyum kaṅṅaḷ ṅṅpiṅār
vaṅṅa vāṅ mukam eṅa maraiyiṅuḷpukār
paṅṅ eḷutt iyalpaṅap parappiyiṅṅanar
taṅ vaval uḷavar taṅ taṅmaiṅ innatē.³*

(They would not go near lotuses, thinking that they were the bright beautiful faces of their lovers. They refrained from weeding the blue lilies, thinking that they were the eyes of their lovers, and they sang the songs pronouncing the syllables clearly. This was the nature of the farmers who were in the cool fields.)

In all epics which were written after the Cc., the tradition of beginning the work with descriptions of country, capital city, etc, is followed. Kampar, who came after Tēvar, has included whole sections named Nāṅṅuppaṅalam and Nakarppaṅalam in the Irāmāyaṅam.⁴ In the Cūḷāmaṅi, there are chapters devoted to the descriptions of the country and the capital city.

The following verse in the Nīlakeci makes it clear that this way of describing the country, the city, etc., came to be regarded by later poets as an important feature

1 *Ibid*, v. 126.

2 Cc v. 49.

3 *Ibid*, v. 51.

4 Kamparāmāyaṅam, Pāla Kaṅṅam, Chapters 2 and 3.

of the kāvyā tradition :

*vāta vaḷattān malar nālam matippin mikka
nāṭavat iḥtām atan nan nalam con nalattār
kūṭat eninum cila kūralum vēṇṭum anrē
pāṭaviruntār poriv aṅcum paṭiyatanrē¹*

(This country is celebrated as the best country in the world by its ever flourishing nature. Though its fine features cannot be encompassed by (our) words (of praise), it is necessary to say a few things. Because, the one who leaves it unsung would suffer fearsome consequences.)

Tēvar has also described forests, mountains etc. and such natural phenomena as sunrise and moonrise, as laid down by Daṇḍin. Though such descriptions arise out of the mahākāvya tradition in Sanskrit, the way in which the fauna and flora are described is in accordance with the Tamil conventions. For example, the route taken by Cīvakaṇ when he leaves Kēmacari is described, and Tēvar gives importance to the different kinds of landscapes.² Before Cīvakaṇ meets Anaṅkamāvīṇai in the garden, he travels through four kinds of landscape. Here descriptions include all the landscapes mentioned in Tamil literature except Neytal (littoral). The landscape of all five kinds is also depicted in the Maṅmakaḷ ilampakam when describing the journey of Cīvakaṇ to the country Viṭēkam. The sunrise is described in verse 1406 and the moon rise in verse 1541.

In a few descriptions Tēvar has used almost exactly the same idea as found in Sanskrit poems. While describing the prosperity of Irācamāpuram, Tēvar borrows the exact incident from one of the verses in the Meghadūta of Kālidāsa :

*nivibandhocchvasitaśiṭhilam yatra bimbādharaṇām
kṣaumam rāgād anibhṛtakareṣv ākṣipatsu p^riyeṣu
arcis tungān abhimukham api prāpya ratnapradīpān
hrimūḍhānām bhavati viphalapreraṇā cūrṇamuṣṭiḥ³*

(Where the handful of powder flung by women having bimba (a kind of fruit) like lips and confused with shame when their garments, loosened by the untying of their knots, are snatched away by their husbands through passion with their quick-moving hands, is flung in vain although it reaches the jewel lamps powerfully blazing with their flames.)⁴

*kar cunañ ceyta tōṅ maintar katalāl
nar cuṇap paṭṭuṭai parra nāṇinār
por cuṇattal viḷakk avippap poṅkiya
por cuṇam puramṇai tavaḷum porpirrē⁵*

1 Nilakeci, v. 11.

2 Cc. vv 1556-1566.

3 Meghadūta, Uttaramegha, v. 5.

4 Translated by Kale. Meghadūta edited by Kale. M, R, Bombay, 1916.

5 Cc, v, 91,

(The city is characterised by agricultural tracts (rich with) golden dust that is excess after (being used to) extinguish the light, out of shyness when youths with (muscular) shoulders (as if) made of powdered stones, pulled the scented silk garment (of their beloved) out of love.)

In the description of the moonrise mentioned earlier, Tēvar expresses exactly the same idea expressed in the description of a moonrise in the Cārudattam, and says that the white rays of the moon amid the darkness are like streams of milk on dried up mire.

*udayati hi śaśāṅkaḥ klinṇa-kharjūra-pāṇḍur
yuvati janasahāyo rājamārgapradīpaḥ
timiranicayamādhye rāsmayo yasya gaurā
hṛtajala iva pāṅke kṣīradhārāḥ patanti¹*

(The moon which is pale as moist dates, friend to young women and the light of the royal road, has risen. His white rays which descend in the midst of the darkness look like streams of milk falling on dried up mire.)

*kālakac cēruṭ ṭimpāl kaṭir maṅikkutattin ēṅṭi
viḷ tarac corivatē pōl viḷaṅk oḷit tīṅkaṭ puttāḷ
cūḷ iruṭ ṭoḷuti mūḷkat tīṅ kaṭir corintu nallār
māḷai koṅ mukattir tōṅri vaḷai kaṭaṅ muḷaittaṅ aṅṅṅ²*

(As if pouring into black mud sweet milk from a ray-emitting gemstudded pot, the moon God, who is like the pale faces of ladies, by his shower of cool rays dispelled the pitch darkness spread everywhere and arose in the sea around.)

The familiarity of Tēvar with the Raghuvamṣa makes him sometimes use the same similes in his work. For example, the simile used to describe the Pāṇḍya king in the Raghuvamṣa has been used to describe Cīvakaṅ in the Cc.

Raghuvamṣa

*pāṇḍyo'yam amsarpitalambahārah klptāṅgarāgo haricandanena |
ābhāti bālātaparaktasānuḥ sanirjharodgāra ivādrirājah ||³*

(Here sits the king Pāṇḍya with his body smeared with red sandal paste and with his shoulders from which pearl garlands hang, shines like the king of the mountains whose summits are reddened with the rays of the morning sun and which has rivulets flowing downwards.)

Cc. *ilaveyiṅ maṅi varaiy erittitt āṅṅatōr
aḷavaru kuṅkumatt ākaṅra mār piṅṅy
.. .. .⁴*

1 Cārudattam, Act 1. v. 29. Selected from the thirteen Trivandrum plays attributed to Bhasa, critically edited by C. R. Devadhar, Poona, 1962. This verse is also seen in the Mṛcchakaṭikā, chap. 1.57.

2 Cc. v. 1541.

3 Raghuvamṣa, 6 : 60.

4 Cc. v. 1182.

(Oh, the one with broad chest, smeared with a thick layer of kuṅkumam (a red powder), like a mountain of gems on which the morning sunrays are falling ...)

In the above description Tēvar omits the comparison of pearl garlands worn by the Pāṇḍya king to the rivulets flowing from the mountain. He has only taken the comparison made to the smearing or sandal paste on the body of the Pāṇḍya king to the morning sun rays falling on a mountain. The same comparison is also found in the description of King Śūdraka in the Kādambari of Baṇa.

*atisurabhicandanānulepanadhavalitorah sthalam uparivinyastakuṅkumasthāsakamantar-
āntarānīpatitabālātapacchādamiva kṣilāsaśikhariṇam.....rājānam adraṅsit.¹*

(He saw a king...whose chest was whitened with exceedingly fragrant sandal paste, with marks of saffron made over it, and who looked like the (white) Kailāsa mountain with patches of (reddish) morning sunlight falling on it here and there.)

The descriptions of various seasons are seen in the Kuṇamālaiyār ilampakam² and the Muttiyilampakam.³

Besides these descriptions of kings and queens, natural scenery and cities, Tēvar has also tried to include all the other descriptions required by Daṇḍin. In the Patumaiyār ilampakam, Patumai who is in love with Cīvakaṇ is taken to play in the garden by her friends. Their sports in the garden are described in six verses.⁴ Similarly in the Muttiyilampakam Cīvakaṇ is described laying with his wives in the garden. Water sports are portrayed in great detail in the Kuṇamālaiyār ilampakam.⁵ Again, Cīvakaṇ engaged in water sports with his wives provides the poet with a chance to elaborate on water sports in sixteen verses in the Muttiyilampakam.

All the eight heroines fall in love with Cīvakaṇ before marrying him. Some of these love scenes are described in detail. The scene in which Kuṇamālai sends a message to Cīvakaṇ through the parrot and Cīvakaṇ draws her portrait, and the scene in which Kāntaruvatattai gets angry because of Cīvakaṇ's attention to Kuṇamālai, are described with both Tamil and Sanskrit traditions in mind. In the story of Potumai the Tamil erotic traditions of Iṭantalaippāṭu (rendezvous), Iyaṅkaippuṇarcci (union), Nalampārāṭṭal (praising) and Pāṅkiyar kūṭṭam (the company of girl friends) are elaborated with great accuracy.⁶

In Sanskrit kāvyas like the Buddhacarita and the Raghuvamṣa there are scenes depicting the state of girls who fall in love with the hero when he comes in procession through the streets. The Tirukkailāya-ṇāna-ulā of Cēramāṇperumāḷ (8th Century A.D.),⁷ is perhaps the earliest work (except the Cc.) in which there are descriptions of girls in the seven stages, the Pētai, Petumpat; Maṅkai, Maṅantai, Arivai, Terivai, Pēriḷampēn,

1 Bāṇa, Kādambari, Edited by Kale, 1968, p. 19.

2 Cc. v. 851 ff.

3 *Ibid*, vv. 2668-2698.

4 *Ibid*, vv. 1316-1321

5 *Ibid*, vv. 2652-2667

6 *Ibid*, vv. 1317-1334.

7 T. P. Meenakshisundaran, A History of Tamil Literature, p. 142

who are infatuated with lord Śiva when they see him coming in a procession. Though in later Tamil literature the theme of ulā gave rise to a whole class of poetry, with its own characteristics, such poems are not found in the earlier Tamil literature. There are four such situations described in the Cc.¹ Of these, in the Kuṇamālaipār ilampakam some of the descriptions resemble the ones found in the Raghuvamṣa.² Thus the actions of ladies mentioned in the following verses of the Cc. :

*cem poṇ ḍlai viḷavuṅ cey kalaṅkaḷ cintavum
am poṇ mālaiyōḷ acaint aviḷntu kūntal cōravum
nampaṇ urr at enneṇā nāṭakam maṭakam maṭantaiyar
vempi vitiy oḷiṇār miṇṇiṇanna nuṇmaiyaṛ³*

(The dancing girls, who had waists like lightning, being distressed by the trouble Civakaṇ had, with their golden earrings falling from their ears, ornaments scattering, and golden garlands dropping from their loosened tresses of hair, ran to the streets to see what was happening to him.)

*mātarakaḷ kaṛpinukk uṭainta mā maṇikkalaḷait
tītilāra nūr peyvār citarntu pōkac cintuvār
potulām alaṅkalāṇ muṇ pōntu pūn terivaiyar
aṭakātenak kalaṅkiy avvaiṛ atukkiṇār.⁴*

(The ladies who were making flawless necklaces with thread and gems which are defeated by the chastity of ladies, ran in front of Civakaṇ who was wearing flower garlands and beat their bellies saying that this is not proper while the gems scattered around.)

The following verses of the Raghuvamṣa, in which the prince Aja is shown coming in a procession, are similar :

*ālōkamārgam sahasā vrajantyā kayācit udveṣṭana-vānta-mālyah |
baddhum na sambhāvita eva tāvat kareṇa ruddhopi hi keśapāśah ||⁵*

(A certain lady while suddenly hastening to the window (lit. a passage to look through) did not at all think of binding the braid of hair though she held it in her hand and from the folds of which the flowers were dropping down on account of its being made loose through her haste, till she has reached the door of the window.)⁶

*ardhācitā satvaram utthitāyāḥ pade durnamite galanti |
kasyāścid āśid raśanā tadānim aṅguṣṭha-mūlārpita-sūtra-śeṣā ||⁷*

(The half-stringed girdle of some other lady risen up in haste, the jewels of which were dropping down at her every faltering step, had at the time the string fastened only to the root of her foot-toe)⁸

1 Cc. vv. 457-470; 2114-2122; 2529-2540; 1099-1107.

2 Raghuvamṣa, 7: 6 and 7: 10.

3 Cc. v. 1103.

4 Ibid, v, 1106.

5 Raghuvamṣa, 7: 6.

6 Translated by Nandargikār. Raghuvamṣa of Kālidāsa, Bombay, 1897.

7 Raghuvamṣa, 7: 10.

8 Translated by Nandargikār. Raghuvamṣa, 7: 10.

In these verses, the loosening of hair with the falling flowers and the Jewels dropping from the string are described in the same way. But both in the Kuṅṅālaiyār ilampakam and in the Ilakkanaiyār ilampakam the girls are classified into seven different kinds according to their age and maturity, in accordance with Tamil tradition.

The marriages of Cīvakaṅṅa with his eight wives are described. Special attention is paid to the wedding ritual in the marriage of Ilakkaṅṅai.¹ The marital pleasures of Cīvakaṅṅa receive detailed descriptions in several places. It has been claimed that Tēvar shows his knowledge of Sanskrit as well as Tamil works, both Vātsyāyana's Kāmasūtra and the Caṅkam literature in these descriptions.

The birth of Cīvakaṅṅa's children is dealt with in the Muttiyilampakam.²

Details of battles and descriptions of the counsel held before war³ and the despatch of a messenger⁴ have all been included by Tēvar. The descriptions of war contain details about the strength of the army, the valour of the soldiers, their victory etc. The seizure of the cows and their retrieval involve battles, which are set forth in accordance with the Tamil conventions of Veṅci⁵ and Karantai⁶ war in the Kōvintaiyār ilampokam⁷ and in the Kanakamālaiyār ilampakam.⁸ The final battle between Cīvakaṅṅa and Kaṅṅaiyāṅkāraṅṅa, and the victory of Cīvakaṅṅa in the battle, are elaborately described in the Maṅṅamaṅṅa ilampakam.

Thus we see that every opportunity has been used by Tēvar to include descriptions as required by the Sanskrit rhetoricians' definition of a mahākāvya. A few words in particular about the several figures of speech used in these descriptions are necessary at this point because the proliferation of figures of speech is one major result of the effort to adopt the Sanskrit pattern. As we have seen, earlier Caṅkam poetry mainly employs similes, graphic descriptions and, in the later period, epic similes. One is struck with the purposefulness with which these similes are employed in these poems. They are never used in such a way as to obscure the meaning of the poem. They are precisely phrased and short. The objects of comparison are chosen from everyday experience, and hence illustrate the idea clearly. Nature serves as a background for depicting human emotions. The kind of simile called Uṅṅurai always suggests some kind of human relationship through the description of nature. This is often used through the address of a friend of the heroine to the hero, suggesting the state of his lover. Mythological allusions were seldom introduced before the Kalittokai and the Paripāṅṅal. Most of the similes have only one point of comparison.

Thus for example the gems that shine on the girdles of ladies are compared to the dew shining on the boughs of a koṅṅurai tree.⁹ The teeth of an angry dog are compared to bamboo shoots.¹⁰ This is the tradition followed in the Cilappatikāram and to a lesser extent in the Manimēkalai. Śabdālaṅkāras (embellishments involving sounds) were of relatively rare occurrence and when found were never long

1 Cc. v. 2385 ff.

2 *Ibid.*, vv. 2701-2706.

3 *Ibid.*, v. 2143-2149.

4 *Ibid.*, v. 2143.

5 *Supra.*, p. 149.

6 *Supra.*, p. 149.

7 Ch. v. 413 ff.

8 *Ibid.*, v. 1845 ff.

9 *Porunarāṅṅuruppaṅṅai*, lines 327-328.

10 *Kurūṅṅippāṅṅu*, line 131.

or artificial, they were merely the outcome of a mastery of diction serving without effort to beautify powerful thoughts.

Coming to the Cc., one encounters a different situation. As we have seen in the foregoing examples, a good number of figures of speech have been borrowed from Sanskrit literature. The personification of nature and inanimate objects, hyperbole and fanciful expressions, obscure similes involving mythological and philosophical allusions, and Śabdālaṅkaras, puns etc. are found in plenty here. The verse describing the plight of Vicayai in the burial ground runs as follows :

*ṡūraṅ kāṡṡiṡṡ vāṡṡā ṡāmiyēy ēṡa marāṅkaṡṡ
cintit iraṅki aṡṡuṡaṡa pṡṡ paṡi cēr kaṅṅir corintaṡavē¹*

(The trees shed tears mixed with dew drops as if they were crying at the thought, "Oh, you (Vicayai) have come alone to the cemetery".)

This method of attributing emotions to inanimate objects closely resembles the description in the Meghadūta.

*ṡāṡyāntiṡāṡ nā khalu baṡuṡo nā ṡthalideṡatāṡnāṡ
mukṡāṡṡhūṡās tarukisāṡayeṡṡāṡruleṡāṡṡ patāṡti²*

(The local deities shed tear drops as big as pearls on the shoots of the trees when they see me (throwing out my arms into space to embrace you).)

The figure of speech here is Utprekṡā or Poetic fancy, instances of which have already been indicated in particular in the descriptions of the country and the capital city. In the above example Utprekṡā one also finds a pun (Śleṡa). The word Kannir can be read in two ways with the word 'paṡicēr.

- (i) paṡicēr kaṡ + nir corintaṡavē.
- (ii) paṡicēr kaṅṅir corintaṡavē.

Here if one reads 'Paṡier kaṡ+nir corintaṡavē. then the meaning is the trees shed honey with dew (as tears)', and if one reads 'paṡicēr kaṅṅir corintaṡavē', then the meaning is the trees cried with the tears of dew drops.'

Tēvar also attempts to employ the different kinds of similes set forth by the rhetoricians. Thus Mālopaṡā is employed in describing the growth of Cīvakaṅ.

*paṡ pūṡ poykaiṡ tāmarai pṡṡrum paṡivāṡnatt
ellār kaṅṅum iṡpurav ūrum maṡi pṡṡrum
kolluṡ ciṅkak kuṡṡiyum pṡṡr iv ulakettac
cellum maṅṅō cīvakaṅ teyvap pakai venṡē.³*

(Cīvakaṅ grew without being affected by the diseases which affect small children (teyvappakai), like a lotus which is in the pond full of lotuses, like a moon which moves in the cold sky giving pleasure to the eyes of all people, and like the cub of a lion.)

1 Cc. v. 312.

2 Meghadūta, Uttaramegha, v. 43.

3 Cc. v. 364.

Examples of similes involving allusions to Sanskrit mythology, epics, and other works in Sanskrit can be seen in the following cases.

(i) ...*ilaṅkal āliyinān kaṭṭer iṭṭam pōl*
*Kaloṅku teṅ tirai māyntu.*¹

(Like the herd of elephants of the king (Bharateśvara) who had a shining orb, they (clouds) drank water from the sea ...)

Here the elephants of Bharateśvara king,² a Jaina mythological figure, is compared to the clouds.

(ii) ...*arumaṇi marakatatt ankaṅāriya*
eri nirap ponn itaḷ ēntu tāmarait
*tirumakaḷ ivaḷ eṅat*³

(She joked as if she was the Lakṣmī who was born in the golden lotus which had golden petals, which was born in (a pond in) the mountain made of emerald.

(iii)
pār amaruḷ anru perun tātaiy oṭṭum pārōp
*pār amaru ṅinrav ilaiyōnir polivurrān.*⁴

(He shone like Abhimanyu who fought without turning his back in the battlefield against his uncle Karṇa in the great war (The Bhārata war).)

Here the king Caccanatan is compared with Abhimanyu who was opposing Karṇa in the Bhārata war.

(iv) *tōṭaṅi makaḷir pōnra tuṅar malark kompar kompi*
āṭavar pōla vaṅṭum aṭaintaṅav āliyirkk olki
ūṭiya makaḷir pōlav ocintaṅav ūṭa rikkum
*ceṭarir cenru pulli cirupuran taḷiyya tumpi.*⁵

(The bees, like lovers, went to the branches full of clusters of flowers, which were like ladies adorned with flowers. The branches bent down (with the weight of the bees) like ladies who are sulky towards their lovers. The dragon-flies which were like the Ceṭas went and sat on the higher parts of the branches as if they were helping to appease the ladies by embracing them on the back.)

Here the branches with clusters of flowers are compared to the sulky ladies and the bees to their lovers. The branches are bending and the dragon-flies are sitting on them like Cētas who help the lovers to remove their ladies' anger.

The character Cēta occurs in Sanskrit dramas. He serves as intermediary between lovers and their angry sweethearts.⁶ In these examples one cannot understand the simile unless one is familiar with the relevant ideas in Sanskrit literature.

1 *Ibid*, v. 32.

2 Refer, notes given by U. V. Saminatha Iyer to the Cc. v. 32 in his edition for details of this story.

3 Cc. v. 183. Refer, notes by U. V. Saminatha Iyer to the Cc. v. 183 in his edition for details.

4 Cc. v. 288.

5 *Ibid*, v 852

6 Vidvānātha, *Pratāparudriya*, 39.

Tēvar also employs the figure of speech yamaka in his work. The first seven stanzas of the Pūmakāḷ ilampakam contain the figure of speech yamaka. For instance in the following verse,

kūṭār puliyu mūlaik kōḷariy ārum āṇṇa
kūṭār meḷiyak kolai vēn ninaintānaiy āttik
kūṭāra mālaik kuvi men mūlaik kōṭai nāḷṭar
kūṭāra māṭa mayil pōlak kuḷiyinārē.¹

(The ladies who wore pearl garlands on their round breasts, gathered like peacocks on balconies and domes to praise the one (Civakan) who wielded his oppressive murderous spear against his enemies, who were like male lions and tigers in a cage.)

The first word in all the four lines is 'Kūṭār' and this word has to be analysed in different ways to give different meanings. Thus in the first line 'Kūṭār' should be separated as kūṭu+ār (the one in the cage); in the second line as kūṭār (the enemies) in the third line as kūṭu + āram (with pearl necklace) and in the fourth line as kūṭāram (dome).

In such places, one is reminded of examples from the works of Bhāravi, Maḡha and the later Sanskrit kāvya writers.

There are many places where the figure of speech employed obscures the meaning and is thus at best an adornment of doubtful value to the poem. The following verse, which describes the wall of the city Irācamāpuram, serves as a good example of this.

vayira varai kaṇ viḷippa pōṇṇu maḷaiy ukaḷum
vayira maṇit tāḷk kaṭavu vāyin mukamāka
vayira maṇi ṇayin mulai vēn por koḷik kūntal
vayirak kiṭōṅk āṭai matiṭ kanniyatu kavīṇē.¹

(The beauty of the lady wall was such that her face was the door that looked like a mountain with its eyes open with the diamond bolt, and on which the clouds lay, her breasts were the bastion, her hair was the golden flag, and her diamondwhite dress was the moat.)

To describe the beauty of the wall, he uses the figure of speech Rūpaka, and portrays the wall as a lady. Here to understand the beauty of the wall, the reader has first to understand the figure of speech he has employed and the ideas he tries to explain. Only after that can the reader understand the beauty which the author is trying to explain

5. The discussion of the descriptions in the Cc. leads on to the depiction of sentiments, which is achieved mainly through these descriptions and through the speeches and actions of the characters. The importance of Rasa or sentiment has been recognised in Sanskrit in the statement 'vākyam rasātmakam kāvyam'. The concept of the importance given to the sentiment may be traced to the popularity enjoyed by dr̥ṣya

1 Cc. v. 2328.

2 Cc. v. 105.

kāvyaas such as drama (nāṭaka). In Sanskrit the rasa theory was first propounded by Bharata in his Nāṭyaśāstra. He deals with rasa in order to indicate how the actors in a drama or a dancer must portray the sentiments on the stage in such a way as to captivate and keep the audience *en rapport* with what is going on, on the stage. He also deals with the rules regarding what must and what must not be shown on the stage and the combination of sentiments are allowed. As we have seen earlier there is a great resemblance between the rasa theory of Bharata and the Meypṭāṭṭiyar of Tolkāppiyar.

But unlike in Sanskrit where the later rhetoricians evolved clear-cut definitions about rasa, dhvani etc., based on the ideas of Bharata, there has been on similar effort in Tamil. The rhetoricians in Sanskrit extended the ideas about rasa to the Śravya kāvyas as well and this resulted in the stress on sentiment placed by authors like Daṇḍin, Bhāmaha, Vāmana, Udbhāṭa and Rudraṭa. Tēvar appears to have been well versed in these doctrines unlike the earlier authors in Tamil who wrote epics spontaneously and not in conformity with rigid rules of poetics.

It was the convention in Sanskrit that a mahākāvya would portray one predominant sentiment and contain other sentiments which must be depicted in such a way as to enhance the main sentiment. Tēvar chooses the śṛṅgāra rasa as the main sentiment of his work. He names every canto of the poem to indicate one marriage of the hero Civakaṇ. In some cantos the names are based on actual marriages and in some the names indicate his union with knowledge (ñānam), earth (maṇmakaḥ), coronation (pūmakaḥ) and salvation (mutti). Thus naming all his chapters after the weddings of Civakan, Tēvar makes the Cc. a poem of weddings (maṇa nūl).

The wedding and the marital life of Civakaṇ receive descriptions throughout the book. The love in union known as 'kūṭal' in Tamil and as saṃbhoga śṛṅgāra in Sanskrit is portrayed elaborately both in accordance with Tamil and Sanskrit literary traditions. Tēvar dwells on subtle details as amorous glances, dalliance, honeymoon etc. and in describing them makes full use of his artillery in figures of speech, lilting melody and alliterative phrases. Sometimes his erudition in the later Sanskrit mahākāvyaas which are full of these figures of speech reaches the point of tedium and detracts from the beauty of the poem. They hamper the delineation of the exact sentiment he wants to convey through his verse. For example :

*āṭciy aim poriyaḷaṇ uṭampenum
pūṭci niḷ koṭippurriṇ akatturai
vāṭ ka ṇōkk enuṃ vai eyirr āṛ aḷal
vāṭkai nākattiṇ miṭṭuṇ koḷap paṭṭal.¹*

(She was again affected by the poison that is spread in the teeth (the look of his sharp eyes) of the snake (desire), which lives in the hill (Civakaṇ's body which controls the five senses of impelling nature) where the creeper (of determination) grows),

1 Cc. v. 1292,

This verse which describes the scene in which Patumai who is revived from the effects of the poison due to the snake bite by Cīvakaṇ, faints away on seeing the face of Cīvakaṇ, is full of metaphors. Tēvar wants to describe the glance of Cīvakaṇ as a second snake which bit Patumai again and thereby to bring out Śṛṅgāra rasa. But, the elaborate imagery serves more to show off the cleverness of the poet than to lend clarity and charm to the narration which delineate the rasa.

As we have seen earlier, the union of Patumai with Cīvakaṇ in the garden is described in accordance with the early Tamil traditions as seen in Caṅkam poems. Her friends arrange the meeting between the two by bringing her to the garden after decking her with garlands, saffron, pearls, etc. They leave her in the garden in a lonely place and go away on the pretext of several errands. When Cīvakaṇ sees Patumai alone he wonders whether she is a goddess and this wonderment is described according to the early Tamil poetical traditions. The union which takes place between Patumai and Cīvakaṇ in the garden is narrated in the lines of Iyaṅkaip puṇarcci (natural union) described in earlier Tamil love poems. After their marriage, Tēvar continues to describe their marital pleasure in nine verses, Cīvakaṇ's union with Tēcikappāvai and her episode seems to have included to facilitate another description of erotic sentiment.

In his manner of describing the union of lovers, Tēvar differs markedly from the earlier poets like Iṅaṅko. For example, Iṅaṅkō even when he describes the state of Kōvalaṇ, who was intoxicated by the love of Mātavi, says

*maṇa maṇai pukku mātavi tannoṭu
aṇaivuru vaikalin ayaṅtanaṇ mayāṅki
viṭutaḷ ariyā virupinaṇ ayaṅṇ¹*

(He (Kōvalaṇ) entered the bridal chamber with Mātavi. As he embraced her, he was captivated by her, and became fond of her and did not like to part from her.)

Here in these three lines, he explains the pleasures Kōvalaṇ had and his constant presence with Mātavi. A closely similar situation is discussed in the Cc. when Caccantaṇ is infatuated with Vicayai. But here, Tēvar takes this opportunity to depict the erotic sentiment and describe their pleasures with all details.² The same kind of description can be found in the verses in which he narrates the marital pleasures Cīvakaṇ had with Kāntaruvatattai³ and with his other wives.

The love in separation called 'pīrital' in Tamil and Vipralṃbha śṛṅgāra in Sanskrit is also delineated by Tēvar while describing the states of Kāntaruvatattai, Kuṇamālai, Patumai, and Kēmacari when Cīvakaṇ leaves them and goes. Particularly the lamentation of Patumai, after Cīvakaṇ leaves her in the night while she was asleep, proceeds in fourteen verses. She goes to the pet parrot and myna and

1 *Cilapatikāram*, Araṅkēṅṅukātai, lines 171-174

2 Cc. vv. 188-198.

3 Cc. vv. 838-841,

speaks with indignation that they had let him go; asks the swan why it would not bring Civakan back, entreats the peacock to tell his whereabouts and addresses inanimate objects like the lamp, the mansions etc. One recalls here the famous observation of Kālidāsa in his Meghadūta,

*Kāmārtā hi prakṛti-kṛpaṇāś cetanācetaneṣu*¹

(Those who in love are incapable of discriminating between animate and inanimate objects.)

This lamentation of Patumāi reminds one of the famous scenes in the Rāmāyaṇa and in the Vikramorvaṣīya where Rāma and Vikrama lament when separated from Sītā and Ūrvaṣī respectively.

The theme which Tēvar has chosen afforded him plenty of opportunities to depict almost all the other sentiments also. This and his eagerness to deal elaborately with such situations contrast sharply with the methods adopted in works like the Cilappatikāram. Iṅāṅkō does not depend upon any source book and build up the plot steadily towards the climax of the murder of Kōvalan and the grief and anger of Kaṇṇaki in Madurai. In the case of Tēvar, his idea is to describe the history of Civakan which provides him a broad Kāvya tract in which he could cultivate all the sentiments. A typical situation which occurs in common in all the three works the Cilappatikāram, the Maṇimēkalai and the Cc. is that of the hero controlling an intoxicated elephant. The incident is related in all these poems to bring out the heroism of the heroes, Kōvalan, Utayakumāraṇ and Civakan. In the Cilappatikāram this incident is related by Māṭalan in the following lines :

.. .. . atan kaiy akam pukkup
poy poru mutāṅku kai ven koṭṭ aṭāṅki
maiy iruṅ kunṛin viṅcaiyāṅ eyppap
pitart talai iruntu peruṅ ciṅam piraṭāk
kaṭak kaṭiṭ aṭakkiya karuṅai marava²

(You the kind hearted one, entered its trunk, and remaining between the white curved tusks, stood on its nape like a Vidyādhara on a dark hill, and controlled the furious elephant.)

The description here is picturesque, but still is relegated to the status of a small incident recollected by a minor character, Māṭalan. In the Maṇimēkalai, Udayakumāraṇ controls the wild elephant in Pukar and this is narrated by Cattānār in the following way :

viṭu parik kutiraiyiṅ viraintu ceṅru eyti
koṭuṅkaṅ yāṅaiyiṅ kaṭāt tiram aṭakki³

([He] went on a fast horse and controlled the strength of the elephant which has furious eyes.)

1 Kālidāsa, Meghadūta, Pūrvamegha, v. 5.

2 Cilappatikāram, Aṭaikkala katai, lines 49-52.

3 Maṇimekalai, Pajjikkaṇai pukka kṭai, lines 45-46.

The incident is just used by the poet to introduce the hero into the story with a suggestion regarding his valour. But in the Cc., seven verses in the Kuṇamālaiyār ilampakam describe the encounter which Cīvakaṇ had with the wild elephant.¹ Though the incident has the significance of making Cīvakaṇ and Kuṇamālai meet under circumstances calculated to cause love in their hearts, this has been exploited by Tēvar for a skilful delineation of the heroic sentiment.

The three battle scenes in which Cīvakaṇ conquers the hunters who stole the cows of the cowherds, the kings who fought against him after the svayamvara of Kāntaruvatattai and Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ are places in which Tēvar has evoked the sentiment of heroism by a skilful use of rhymes, alliterations and assonance. The dexterous use of weapons, the anger in the hearts of the warriors, the sternness shown in killing the enemy etc. are described in detail in such a way as to bring out the sentiment vividly.

The battle scene also gives rise to the sentiment of the odious, viz. bībhatsa. The following verse is a good example of a verse depicting this sentiment:

*kuṭar vāṅku kuṛu nṛikaḷ koḷu niṇap pūlar cērruḷ
toṭar vāṅku kaṭa nāy pōr rōṇṛina toṭit tin toḷ
paṭar tirak koṇṭ eḷunta paravaikaḷ paṭa nākam
uṭaṇē koṇṭ eḷukinṛuv uvaṇap puḷ cttanavē.²*

(The foxes which were pulling the intestines among the mud of fat, looked like the dogs which were pulling the chain. The birds which took the shoulders (of the dead body) in the sky in order to be relieved from the thought of searching for food, looked like garuḍas up with hooded cobra.)

The verses of this kind remind one of the poems in the Paraṇi literature in Tamil.

In the scene in which Vicayai gives birth to Cīvakaṇ in the burial ground Tēvar scales the peak of Karuṇa rasa. Her desolation is well described in the following stanza :

*parṛā maṇṇa nakarppuramār pāyal piṇaṅc cūḷ cuṭu kaṭāl
urrār illāt tamiyēṇāl otuṅkal akāt iṅk truḷāl
marṛiṇē ṇalam uṭaiyāy ni vaḷaru mārum ariyēṇāl
errōy iṭu kaṇṭ ēkāṭey irittiyāl eṇ iṇ uyirē.³*

Adbhuta rasa is brought into play in scenes involving magic spells and in other super natural incidents. The scene in which Nantaṭṭaṇ fights with his enemies in his chariot which is flying in the sky,⁴ the scene in which Kāntaruvatattai uses Aṅkāmaṇi mantra (a mantra which enables one to fly in the sky) to enable Nantaṭṭaṇ to go

1 Cc. vv. 977-983.

2 Cc. v, 2242.

3 Cc. v. 310. For the translation of this verse refer supra p. 12.

4 Cc. vv. 793-796.

to Civakan who is with his wife Kanakamālai,¹ the transformation of the dog into the celestial Cutañcaṇaṇ by Civakan on pronouncing the Pañcanamaskāra mantra² and the scene in which Civakan is taken away in the sky in the background of an artificial thunderstorm from Matanaṇ, who was taking Civakan to be executed³ are instances where adbhuta rasa is well brought out.

Bhayānaka rasa (terror) is portrayed in the description of the burial ground where Civakan is born.

*vevāy ori muḷayākav ilintār imam viḷakkāka
ovvāc cuṭukāṭṭ uyar araṅki niḷal pō nuṭaṅkip pēyāṭa
evvēy maruṅkik irunt iraṅkik kūkai kuḷaṅṅip pārāṭṭa
ivvāzākap piḷappatuvo ituvo maṅṅarkk iyal vēntā.⁴*

The speech of Matanaṇ, the cousin of Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ when he heard the advice of Uruttiratattaṇ given to Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ asking him not to start a war against the Caccantaṇ depicts the sentiment of anger (raudra rasa).⁵ Following the speech of Matanaṇ, Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ expresses his anger in the next three verses.⁶ Thus in the following verse, perspiration, reddening of the eyes, derisive laughter etc. which are the symptoms of the sentiment of anger are described graphically.

*nuṅ muttam ēṅṅiyaṅku mey ellām viyarttu nōyṭin
vaṅ mutta nirai ko ṅerri vār muri puruvam ākkik
kaṅṅ eri tavaḷa vaṅ kai maṅi naku kaṭakam errā
veṅ ṅakai vekuṅṅu nakkuk kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ conṅāṅ.⁷*

(Perspiring all over the body and (looking) as though he was studded with pearls, and with a curved eyebrow on the forehead full of (perspiration in the form of) pearls, and with eyes full of the fire of anger, and having broken the gem studded bangles on his hand, thus said Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṇ with boisterous laughter.)

Civakan's challenge to the kings after winning Kāntaruvtauttai in the lute competition is worded in a verse full of appropriate rhymes and hard consonantal sounds. The following verse is a good example :

*eṅṅi cuṭarp paruti muṅṅar iruḷ eṅṅav uṭaintu niṅṅap
poru paṭai maṅṅar nuṅṅaḷ purak koṭai kaṅṅu maṅṅ im
murukuṭaik kaḷalinā ṅṅṅ muḷi mulaiḷ kalappal aṅṅṅ
iru cuṭar vaḷaṅṅum vaiyatt eṅṅ peyar keṅṅukav eṅṅāṅ.⁸*

(I will first see that you all run away on seeing me like the darkness which is dispelled on the appearance of the sun, and then I will embrace the breasts of the maiden who has beautiful tresses. Otherwise, let my name vanish from this world where the sun and moon revolve.)

1 Cc. vv. 1713.

2 Cc. vv. 645-952,

3 Cc. vv. 1157-1158.

4 Cc. v. 309. For translation refer supra, p. 12.

5 Cc. v. 257.

6 Cc. vv. 258-260.

7 Cc. v. 258.

8 *Ibid*, v. 773.

The actions and speeches of Cīvakaṅ when he assumes the form of an old man in the Curamañcariyār ilampakam, are replete with the comic sentiment (hāsya rasa).

The above survey makes it clear that Tēvar has taken great pains to mould the events in the story and his descriptions to bring out all the various sentiments. Though his delineation is very effective in most places, his tendency to put in evidence of his scholarship sometimes detracts from the spontaneity of the poem. A typical instance is the situation where Cīvakaṅ tries to cure Patumai from the effects of the snake's poison.¹ Here Tēvar brings out all his knowledge about various snakes and symptoms seen in the body when those snakes bite a person. This is definitely an inappropriate digression which spoils the sentiment and the atmosphere of the situation. The repetition of similar scenes in different places and in some instances, the deliberate introduction of situations to depict a certain sentiment are flaws which mar the overall effect of the delineation of sentiments in the poem.

Now we shall proceed to consider the last point regarding the general structure, the arrangement of the chapters and the metres used in the epic Cc.

The Cc. has been divided into thirteen chapters, named as 'ilampakams'. This division into 'ilampakams' occurs for the first time in this work. Nacciṅārkkiniyar points out in his commentary at the end of the Nāmakaḷ ilampakam² of the Cc. that the word 'ilampakam' is a 'vaṣa col' i.e. a Sanskrit word. This division into 'ilampakams' by Tēvar is one of the significant features arising from the interaction of Sanskrit.

In Sanskrit literature, the words 'Lambha' 'Lamba' and 'Lambaka' (vv. 11. 'Lambhaka') are used. The word 'Lambha' (vv. 11 'Lamba') occurs in the Kāvyaḍarśa of Daṇḍin.³ The words 'Lambha' and 'Lamba' appear in the Śṛṅgāra Prakāśa.⁴ The word 'Lambaka' is used in the meaning of 'Pendant' as the name of sections in the Kathāsaritsāgara of Somadeva. V. Raghavan in the discussion of the word 'Lambha' in his work Bhoja's Śṛṅgāra Prakāśa says that the word Lambha occurs in the work of Architecture and Painting (Viṣṇudharmottara) to name the sections.⁵ Further, Lacote in his work "Essai sur Guṇāḍhya Et La Bṛhatkathā" suggests a new meaning to the word 'Lambha'. This strikes us as being particularly appropriate and relevant to our discussion here.⁶ According to Lacote 'Lambha' means 'conquest', specially 'the conquest of women'. He says that this word Lambha is the Prakrit version of the Sanskrit word 'Lābha' meaning 'gain'. As Lacote points out, we also come across the word 'Lambha' in the meaning of 'gain' in Mahābhārtata.⁷ For example, the word 'rājyalambha' means 'the gaining of a kingdom.'⁸ It

1 Cc. vv. 1285-1288

2 Nacciṅārkkiniyar, Commentary on Cc v. 408.

3 Daṇḍin, Kāvyaḍarśa, 1 : 27.

4 V. Raghavan, Bhoja's Śṛṅgāra Prakāśa, Madras, 1963, p. 844.

5 V. Raghavan, *op. cit.*, p. 844.

6 F. Lacote, Essai sur Guṇāḍhya et la Bṛhatkathā, Paris, 1908, pp. 220 ff.

7 *Ibid.*, p. 222.

8 '...vidurāgamānañcaiva-rājyalambhastataiva ca.' Mahābhārtata, 1 : 2, v. 362.

is Lacote's contention that in the Bṛhatkathā, the original intent of the author must have been to name only these chapters relating to Naravāhanadatta's conquests of his numerous wives as 'Lambhas', whereas other chapters dealing with the history of Udayana etc. might have been named by him differently. Thus it would appear that the indiscriminate use of the term 'Lambha' denoting a chapter of any prose work (kathā) is an abuse originating at a later period. This can also be seen from the way Daṇḍin dismisses the distinction between Kathā and Ākhyāyikā on the basis of the division into lambhas and ucchvāsas as something trivial¹

As for the origin of the word 'Lambhaka' Lacote suggests that the adjectival form of 'Lambhaka' is obtained by the addition of the suffix 'ka' to get 'Lambha' and thus each chapter might have been called as "... lambhaka nāma sargaḥ." By dropping out the portion common to all such titles, i.e. nāma sargaḥ, one is simply left with 'Lambhaka'.²

Lacote's suggestion appears to be very apt in the case of the Cc. where as we have already seen,³ the entire story of Cīvakaś, i.e. his education, marriages, attainment of kingdom, coronation and his salvation, has been narrated in the form of a succession of marriages with the bride called Learning, his various queens, with the bride called Kingdom, with the bride called Earth, and with the bride called Salvation. From this it is clear that Tēvar has borne in mind the Sanskrit tradition described above and has named his chapters relating each of these conquests by Cīvakaś as 'ilampakams'. Vāḍibhasiṃha also follows this pattern in his works by naming his chapters as Sarasvatī lambha etc.

The metres used by Tēvar in his work mostly come under the class of verses known as 'pāvinams' (supplementary metres) in Tamil. To examine any possible element of Sanskrit influence in the selection and use of these verse patterns and the appositeness of Daṇḍin's remark concerning 'metres pleasing to the ears' (śravya-vṛttaiḥ) to the metres found in the Cc., a discussion of the metrical patterns commonly used in Sanskrit and Tamil becomes necessary.

In Sanskrit, the class of verses called 'Padya', which are of common occurrence, is defined as one that has four lines. It is divided into two kinds, the vṛtta and the jāti. The basic unit which determines the vṛtta is the syllable and in the jāti it is the syllabic instant. A jāti metre is determined by the number of syllabic instants used in each line of the verse. In the vṛtta metres, the syllables are divided into guru (long) and laghu (short). Each line is scanned into 'gaṇas' or syllabic groups. There are on the whole ten gaṇas, viz. ma, ya, ra, sa, ta, ja, bha, na, ga and la. Of these the first eight have three syllables each; one long syllable is designated as 'ga' and one short as 'la'. The different gaṇas are distinguished by different combinations of the short and long syllables. The kind of metre is determined by the combinations of

1 Daṇḍin, Kāvyaḍarśa 1:27.

2 Lacote, *op. cit.*, p. 222.

3 *Supra*. pp. 201, 202.

these groups occurring in the four lines of the verse. According to the occurrence of these gaṇas in the verse, the vṛtta metre is divided into three groups, sama (even) ardhāsama (semi-even) and viṣama (uneven). In the sama-vṛtta metre all the lines in the verse have the same combinations of the syllabic groups; in the ardhāsama kind, the first and the third and the second and the fourth lines have the same combinations of the syllabic groups; in the viṣama kind of metre each line has a different group of syllabic combination.

In Tamil, four basic verse forms were employed in the earlier days and these are called the Veṅpā, the Ācīriyappā, the Kalippā and the Vaṅcippā. In these metres there is no specific requirement that they must have only four lines as in Sanskrit. The required number of lines in each of these verse forms are different. The basic unit of the metre is however determined on the same principle of long and short syllables and their combinations. Still the method by which they are combined is different from that of Sanskrit. The three main elements of the metre are 'cīr' (foot), the 'taḷai' (the link between two feet) and the 'aṭi' (the line). The cīr (foot) is determined by the number of syllables it contains. There are two main kinds of syllables (acai) called 'nēr' and 'nirai'. These syllables occur either singly or in groups of two, three, four or sometimes even five to constitute a cīr. A 'nēr' syllable group can be either a long syllable or a long syllable followed by a consonant or a short syllable or a short syllable followed by a consonant. A 'nirai' syllable group can be either two short syllables, or two short syllables followed by a consonant or one short and one long syllable or one short and one long syllable followed by a consonant. The first requirement in a kind of verse form is the kind and the number of feet occurring in the lines. Thus Ācīriyappā kind of verse should have mostly feet made of two syllables (iyar-cīr). The penultimate line of the verse should have three feet (cintaṭi) whereas the other lines can be of four feet (aḷavaṭi). The final syllable of the final syllable should be one of the following sounds, 'ē, ō, eṇ, ī, ā, āy, or 'ai'.

The other feature which is peculiar to Tamil prosody concerns the 'taḷai', the link between two feet. It determines the relation between the syllables (acai) occurring at the end of one foot and the beginning of the following foot. Thus the 'ācīriyattaḷai' (the link which comes in the verse 'ācīriyappā') is made up of foot which consists of two syllables followed by another foot of two or three syllables (if it is a foot made of three syllable the last syllable should be 'nēr' acai) with the restriction that the last syllable of a foot and the first syllable of the following foot are of the same kind of 'acai'.

The third feature determining the verse form is the number of lines occurring in it. Thus in an 'ācīriyappā' which must contain mostly 'iyar-cīr' the feet made of two syllables and 'ācīriyattaḷai' must also have a minimum of three lines. It can be of any number of lines which are more than three with the restriction in the penultimate line and on the final syllable of the final line. A verse cannot be identified as an 'ācīriyappā' if it lacks any of these features. Likewise the other main metres, veṅpā, kalippā, and vaṅcippā are also identified by similar criteria.

When these criteria are fulfilled these four metres produce characteristic musical tones ('ōcai') of their own when read. For example, the 'ācīriyappā' always has a narrative tone ('ākaval-ōcai'), the 'veṇṇā' has a conversational tone ('ceppal-ōcai'), the 'kalippā' has a jumping and trotting tone ('tuḷḷai-ōcai') and the 'vaṅcippā' has got a swinging tone ('tūṅkal-ōcai').

Apart from these four main metres, there is also a metre called 'maruṭṭā' which combines the tones the 'veṇṇā' and the 'ācīriyappā' at the end respectively. This is not very common in the early Tamil literature.

It is apparent that such conditions place severe restrictions on the composer, and it was but natural that there arose a good many deviations from the rules. This gave rise to supplementary categories of verses known as 'pāvinams'. It is not known at what stage this began or whether Sanskrit elements influenced their evolution in any way. These supplementary metres are classified under the three heads, the 'tāḷicai', the 'tuṇṇai' and the 'viruttam'. All of them are subject to rules similar to those governing the original 'pā' metres (the main metres) in regard to the feet and the lines. But the rigid and cumbersome restrictions on the links between the feet are mostly lifted in the new verse patterns. This meant considerable freedom for the authors to introduce syllables so as to depict various moods, to set the verse to music and rhythm or to produce desired sound effects. The main requirement for a 'viruttam' is that it should have four lines. We do not know whether this is anything more than an accidental coincidence with the Sanskrit 'catuṣpadi' (stanza with four lines). Alliteration (etukai) and assonance (mōnai) are essential for this verse form. The relaxation of restrictions on the links meant that the characteristics sound (ōcai) of the earlier metres were lost. But, this was only an advantage. In the earlier poems, a particular kind of verse could echo only a corresponding mood and conversely, to describe a particular mood only the metre appropriate to it could be employed. With metres like the 'viruttams' this was no longer the case and much was left to the ingenuity of the poet.

In Tamil, the Cilappatikaram, the Maṇimēkalai and the Peruṅkatai are all in the 'ācīriyappā' metre. But we find some parts of the Cilappatikāram where the supplementary metres have been employed ¹ The supplementary metres are greatly used in the devotional songs of Śaiva saints and Vaiṣṇava ālvārs. The Cc. is the first epic in Tamil with verses couched in the 'pāvinam' metres. Out of the 3145 verses found in the Cc., except 271 verses which are in the 'tuṇṇai' metre, the rest of the verses are in the viruttam metre ² The following chart given by Gṇānamurthy in his work clearly shows us the various kinds of metres used and their numbers in each chapter. ³ Tēvar who was aware of the requirement 'śravyavṛttaiḥ' (metres pleasing to the ears) for a mahākāvya made effective use of the freedom afforded by the melodious 'viruttam' verses.

1 A Chidambaranātha Chettiyar, *Advanced Studies in Tamil Prosody*, 3rd edition, Annamalai 1957, pp. 98 ff.

2 T. E. Gnanamurthy, *op. cit.* p. 266.

3 *Ibid.*, p. 266. See next page for Chart.

Serial No.	Ilampakam	Kali Viruttam	Kalittuṅai	Arucir Acirya Viruttam	Elucir Acirya Viruttam	Encir Acirya Viruttam	Aciriyattuṅai	Vancittuṅai	Orattimikku vanta kalī Viruttam*	Total
1.	Nāmakaḷ Ilampakam	205	99	157	-	8	-	-	-	379
2.	Kōvintaiyār Ilampakam	25	10	49	-	-	-	-	-	84
3.	Kāntarvatattaiyār Ilampakam	126	4	202	5	3	-	16	2	358
4.	Kuṇamālaiyār Ilampakam	147	26	142	-	-	-	-	-	315
5.	Patumaiyār Ilampakam	127	6	113	-	-	-	-	-	246
6.	Kēmacariyār Ilampakam	74	3	68	-	-	-	-	-	145
7.	Kanakamālaiyār Ilampakam	131	26	175	-	-	-	-	-	332
8.	Vimālayiār Ilampakam	46	18	35	7	-	-	-	-	106
9.	Curamaṅcariyār Ilampakam	38	-	59	8	2	-	-	-	107
10.	Maṇmakaḷ Ilampakam	67	15	128	15	-	-	-	-	225
11.	Pūmakaḷ Ilampakam	3	33	15	-	-	-	-	-	51
12.	Ilakkaṇaiyār Ilampakam	82	41	93	4	-	1	-	-	221
13.	Mutti Ilampakam	246	35	262	1	3	-	-	-	547
14.	Kaṭavuḷ Vālttu	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
15.	Avaiyaṅkam	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
16.	Patikam	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Total...		1317	255	1498	40	16	1	16	2	3145

* Naccinārkkinīyar calls this verse as "Ōraṭimikku vanta koccaka oru pōku." This classification of verses is based on the forms of verses found in the V Edition of Cīvakacintāmaṇi by Dr. U. V. Saminatha Aiyar.

The phrase 'bhinnavṛttāntaiḥ' in Daṇḍin's definition has been interpreted in two ways as follows : bhinna+vṛttāntaiḥ, meaning 'with rich variety of topics' or bhinnavṛtta + antaiḥ, i.e. 'ending in verses composed in a different metre.

The tradition of ending each canto with a verse of a different metre has accordingly been observed by authors of such works in Sanskrit. We find that this practice has not been followed by Tēvar except when such a change is also accompanied by a change in the subject matter or the mood of the narrative. His manipulation of the metres is dictated mainly by the need to make the sound echo or depict the sense. His remarkable success in doing this has been dealt with in considerable detail by T. E. Gnanamurthy in his chapter on metre.¹

To sum up, it is clear from the foregoing analysis that Tēvar has been markedly influenced by Sanskrit literary patterns. It appears that he has made a conscious attempt to follow the principles governing the composition of a mahākāvya set forth by Sanskrit rhetoricians, in the composition of his epic. In doing so, he has however taken care not to depart from the established literary traditions and characteristics peculiar to Tamil. The result of such an effort has been a harmonious blending of the two literary traditions.

¹ T. E. Gnanamurthy, *op. cit.* pp. 258-281.

CHAPTER V

THE INTERACTION OF SANSKRIT THROUGH JAINISM

A chapter on Jainism is relevant to this thesis as Jainism provided an important channel for the interplay of Sanskritic elements with features characteristic of Tamil in the Cc. But the question immediately arises whether it is possible to detect a similar interaction of Sanskrit on all Jaina works in Tamil. If not, how does the Cc. differ from the other works in this respect? For that one may ask why the references to Jainism in the Cc. cannot be traced back to the earlier Jain works in Tamil. In other words is it necessary to invoke the interaction of Sanskrit works with the Cc. at all?

The literary endeavours of Jains in Tamil date back to the post Caṅkam period. Among the *Paṭiṇṇai* works (eighteen minor poems) the *Nāḷaiyār*, the *Elāti*, the *Ciṟupaṅcamūlam* and the *Tiṇaimālai-nūṟṟaimpatu* were composed by Jain authors. These works are mainly didactic in nature and deal with rules of good conduct and the transience of material objects and worldly existence. They presumably had a moral purpose i.e. of guiding people and evolving serial conventions. We also find Jain references in the *Cilappatikāram* and the *Peruṅkatai*. In spite of the references to the Jain religious practices etc. found in *Cilappatikāram*, it was not written primarily as a religious work. The *Peruṅkatai* though written by the Jaina author *Koṅkuvēḷir*, contains only a few references to Jainism and there is no detailed exposition of religious ideas. The Cc. differs from all these earlier poems both by virtue of the period in which it was composed and its subject-matter. It was a time during which Tamil and Sanskrit enjoyed equal importance and the Jains were engaged in religious propaganda. One of their principal means of doing this was through literary works which contained Jain doctrines borrowed freely from works in Sanskrit and Prakrit. The Cc. stands foremost among works of this kind. It can be stated without hesitation that it is a Jain religious work garbed in *Kāvya* form. It contains the whole body of Jain philosophy, especially in the *Muttiyilampakam*. To understand these ideas of Jainism as related in the Cc. a knowledge of the earlier Jain works in Tamil and Jain traditions in Tamil land alone is not adequate. It is here that the ideas have to be traced back to sources in Sanskrit and Prakrit.

In some places *Tēvar* has derived his inspiration from the earlier Jain works in Tamil which deal mainly with Jain ethical ideas. For example in the stanza,

pōtoṭu nāna mūḷkip pūm pukai tavaṅtu mullaik
Kōtai kaṅ paṭukkuṅ kūntal kurai vaḷi pittōṭ aiyeṅ
ētaṅ cey malaṅka neyttōṭ iraicciyeṅ piruṅ mūlai
kōtaṅ cey kuṭarkaḷ punṇo narampoṭu vaḷumpit enṟān¹

1 Cc. v. 1583.

(Oh, the one who has hair which is smeared with musk, smoked [with aloe] and adorned with flowers! This body is full of pain giving air, bile, mucous, dirt, blood, flesh, bones, liver, brain and trouble giving intestines, nerves, skin and fat.)¹

Tēvar is expressing the same idea which is contained in the following verse in the Nālaṭiyār ;

*kuṭarūn koḷuvuṅ kurutiyum enpum
totarun narampotu toḷum iṭaiyiṭaiyē
vaitta taḷiyum vaḷumpumām marrivāruḷ
ettirattāḷ irikōtaiyāḷ²*

([The body] is entrails and marrow, and blood, and bone, and connecting tendons, and skin, and here and there flesh interposed, and fat. In the midst of these, what sort of a being is she who wears the fresh garlands?)²

Both these verses deal with the general theme of the unclean nature of the human body and it is not necessary to refer to any other source to understand this.

In contrast to this let us consider another stanza from Cc.

*teḷv arutt eḷuvar paṭṭār ir enmar tīḷaittu viḷntār
kaḷṭra kāl utaippenmar kavīntaṅar kaḷattinullē
piḷṭrivi; pēṭi peṅ ṇōy aruvakait tuvarppum pēcin
āḷi paṭu cintai ennum āḷi vāy viḷntavanrē.³*

(In the battle field, seven people fell down unconscious. Sixteen of them fell down after fighting. Eight people were overthrown when the elephant kicked with its leg. If one talks about the neuter sex, which fell down shouting, the female sex and the six non-passions, they fell under the wheel of kind thought.)

This deals with a particular stage (guṇasthāna) in the spiritual progress of Civakac - a stage in which his soul is engaged in destroying his karmas. References such as "eḷuvar viḷntār", "ir enmar tīḷaittu viḷntār" cannot be understood except with reference to the Jaina treatises in Sanskrit and Prakrit. There is no evidence available to indicate that there were Tamil books prior to the Cc. which dealt with the philosophical (as distinguished from the ethical and moral) tenets of Jainism. Hence Tēvar would have had to rely on Sanskrit or Prakrit works for such philosophical ideas.

As Tēvar was a Digambara Jain he must have written Cc. only on the basis of earlier Digambara Jaina books. Thus in tracing the influence of Sanskrit Jaina works on Cc. we have consulted only the Digambara Jaina Sanskrit and Prakrit works and their commentaries written before the tenth century A.D. These are (i) the Samaya-sāra of Kuṇḍakuṇḍa (2nd century A.D. (?))⁴ (ii) Ratnakaraṇḍaka-śrāvakācāra of Samantabhadra (C.450 (?))⁵ (iii) Tattvārtha sūtra of Umāsvāmin (3rd century A.D. (?))⁶ (iv) Sarvārthasiddhi of Pūjyapāda (6th century A.D. (?))⁷ (v) Ādipurāṇa of Jinasena (9th century A.D.).

1 Nālaṭiyār, v. 46. 2 Translated by G. U. Pope, Nālaṭiyār, Oxford, 1893, p. 32 3 Cc. v. 3076.

4 A Williams, Jaina Yoga, A survey of the medieval Śrāvakācāras, London, 1963, p. 17.

5 Ibid., p. 17.

6 Ibid., p. 17.

7 Ibid., p. 17.

The ideas from these works are borrowed in the Cc. in two ways, religious and linguistic. We restrict ourselves to the religious section in this chapter. The linguistic aspects will be dealt with in Chapter six.

In most instances it is not easy to find the exact source in Sanskrit from which a particular passage or idea in Cc. originates. But as these ideas are new to Tamil one may conclude that they are from Sanskrit and Prakrit works on Jaina philosophy. There are however a few instances in which the ideas can be traced to Ratanakaraṇḍaka-Śrāvakaṅcāra (Rk.), the Sanskrit work which deals with the duties of a householder. In these cases the passages bear a striking resemblance to the corresponding original Sanskrit passages.

As the example quoted earlier illustrates, it is difficult if not impossible to understand many verses in the Cc. containing references to Jainism without a grasp of these Jain doctrines themselves. Hence we shall discuss the fundamental principles of Jainism with reference to their treatment in the Cc. here.

The soul and its relation to the universe form the central theme of Jainism. According to Jainism universe has no beginning or end. It is not created by any God or higher being. Its essential character is never changed though there may be changes in its component parts. It is only subject to its own law (lokasthiti). This universe contains the souls and the non-souls. The soul intrinsically does not have a material nature. Through its actions during the various births it assimilates karmas and thereby acquires material characteristics. The Jain religion envisages that the soul should avoid the inflow of the karmic matter and destroy karmas already acquired. When the karmas are thus destroyed the soul ascends to the top of the universe and there it experiences infinite knowledge, perception, potency and bliss. No other higher being can help the soul to attain the state of perfection. It has to do this only through its own efforts. The souls thus liberated are called Siddhas. They are praised by the Jains not because they have any influence over worldly matters but because they stand as ideals for the others. Therefore the whole idea of Jaina doctrine is to guide the soul fettered with karmas towards freedom from its karmas and to move towards perfection.

The Jaina religious doctrine explained in the Cc. will be discussed under three divisions :

- (i) metaphysical ideas—the relationship between the soul and the non-soul.
- (ii) ethical and ritualistic ideas and the rules which are intended to pave the way for the soul towards salvation, and the rituals practised.
- (iii) theological teachings—the relationship between the soul and the liberated soul.

Most of the metaphysical, ethical ideas and the conduct of a Jaina ascetic are explained in the teachings of the Cāraṇaṅ, Maṇivaṇṇaṅ, the religious advice given by Cīvakaṅ to his wives and Cutanmar's answer to king Cēṅikaṅ's question in the Muttiyilampakam. The conduct of a householder is discussed chiefly through the lay

life of Cīvakaṇ and the characters connected with his life. These are explained by Tēvar through stories, similes, teachings given by characters, allegorical expressions and sometimes through religious discourses. In the analysis of the Jaina doctrine as treated in Cc. the techniques which Tēvar has employed will also be mentioned.

Metaphysical ideas

Metaphysics deals with the connection between man and the universe. According to Jainism the universe is divided into the soul and the non-soul (jīva and ajīva). The complete liberation of the soul from the non-soul is the ultimate goal. In this process of the liberation of the soul seven main substances (*tattvas*) are involved. These seven principles as Tattvārthasūtram (Ts.) says are

*jīvā jīvāsraṅgbandhasaṃvaranirjarāmokṣās tattvam*¹

(The soul [jīva], non-soul [ajīva], inflow of kārmiṅ matter into the soul [āsrava], bondage of the soul by kārmiṅ matter [bandha], prevention of the inflow of kārmiṅ matter into the soul [saṃvara], shedding of the kārmiṅ matter [nirjarā] and liberation of soul from matter [mokṣa] are the seven principles.)

These seven tattvas together with merit (puṇya) and demerit (pāpa) are called Navapadārthas. Both merit (puṇya) and demerit (pāpa) bind the soul and obstruct its progress towards salvation

Soul

Soul is of two kinds, immobile (sthāvara) and mobile (trasa). The souls of mineral bodies of water, of living beings in fire, of air, and of the vegetable kingdom are immobile souls. All souls which have more than one senses organs are mobile soul and unlike immobile souls, can move to an extent determined by the capacity of each soul. All mobile souls have two or more sense organs.

The soul has nine qualities. These are

- (i) it lives (jīva)
- (ii) it has cognitions, the power of perceiving (darśana) and knowing (jñāna)
- (iii) it is immaterial (amūrta)
- (iv) it is the doer of all actions (kartā)
- (v) it completely fills the size of the body (svadehaparimāṇa)
- (vi) enjoyer of the fruit of its actions (bhoktā)
- (vii) located in the changing world (samsāraṣṭha)
- (viii) it is siddha when it attains perfection (Siddha)
- (ix) it is of an upward tendency (ūrdhvagati).

The soul has limitless powers. But these powers are veiled when matter binds it. Matter (puḍgala) is one of the non-souls, the object which prevents the soul from its knowledge, perception and bliss.

1 Tattvārthadhigama sūtra of Umāswāmin, ed. by J. L. Jaini, Arrah, 1920, 1 : 4.

Non-souls

According to Jainism these are five non-sentient substances ; medium of motion (dharma), medium of rest (adharmā), space (ākāśa), matter (pudgala) and time (kāla).¹

Of the five non-soul substances the principle of motion (dharma), the principle of rest (adharmā), space (ākāśa) are motionless and are indivisible. They are devoid of taste, colour, smell and touch.

Space (ākāśa) is the substance which gives the other substances their place. It can be divided into two parts, this universe ((loka) and the universe beyond (aloka). In this universe, soul, matter, space, time, principle of motion and principle of rest find their places and in the universe beyond there is nothing except endless space.

The principle of motion (dharma) helps the moving soul and matter and the principle of rest (adharmā) helps them when they are inactive and cease work. These occupy the entire space of the universe. Beyond the universe no object can move as these two substances are absent. The presence of these two substances defines the limit of the universe.

The non-soul, time (kāla), is the substance which causes the modification of the soul and other substances in this universe. Time is also innumerable like the soul. The time is divided into two eras, the ascending era (utsarpiṇī) and the descending era (avasarpiṇī). Each of these eras is divided into six periods of unequal lengths² according to the good and bad elements existing in that period. In the ascending era the first period is duḥṣamā-duḥṣamā. This is a period of great chaos and misery. The second period is duḥṣamā which has less misery than the previous period. The third is duḥṣamā-suṣamā, which has more misery and a little happiness. The fourth is suṣamā-duḥṣamā, in which there is more happiness, and some misery. The fifth is suṣamā, the age of happiness, and the sixth is suṣamā-suṣamā, the age of great happiness. The order of the periods of the descending era is the reverse of the above.³

Matter (*pudgala*) consists of an infinite number of minute indivisible atoms called paramāṇu. Thus matter is also innumerable like the soul and the time. Each paramāṇu possesses taste, smell, colour and touch.

*sparśarasagandhavarnāvantah pudgalāḥ*⁴

These atoms according to certain laws can unite themselves with one or more other atoms and the atoms in aggregate condition are called skandha. This matter is found in two conditions, sthūla (macroscopic) and sūkṣma (microscopic) and each of these is of three kinds, thus constituting six kinds of matter altogether.⁵ This matter forms the basis of the bodies, speech, mind, and respiration of the souls.⁶

1 Ts. V : 1.

2 Jagmanderlal Jaini, *Outlines of Jainism*, 2nd edition, Cambridge, 1940, Introduction, p. xxvi.

3 *Ibid.*, p. xxvi.

5 Jaini, *op. cit.*, pp. 21, 89.

4 Ts. V : 23.

6 Ts V. 19.

The finest of all matter is that of karmas. These form the kārmiic body which binds the soul. The kārmiic matter fills the entire cosmos and gets united with the soul when the soul is set into motion, i.e. in its material activities.

The above said five divisions of non-souls and the soul together compose the whole universe. These six substances together are called *ṣaḍdravyas* (six substances).

The characteristic of a substance (dravya) is 'sat' i.e. that it exists,

*ṣaḍdravyalakṣaṇam*¹

Sat is the simultaneous possession of the three aspects, the birth (*utpāda*), the decay (*vyaya*) and the permanence or the continuous sameness of existence (*dhrauvya*)². The first two aspects refer to the modifications of the substances whereas the third aspect relates to their nature. The nature of these substances is never changed, only the conditions under which they exist change. For example, if we take the substance soul its essential qualities are never changed. It can be veiled by the contact with other substances, but can never be destroyed or changed. To explain this more clearly we quote Dayananda Bhargava :

though the substance changes in appearance, it remains the same in essence, just as a piece of gold is permanent with regard to its substratum, even though it may be changing with regard to its modification like necklace, anklet, ear-rings etc., just as the ocean is permanent with regards to its water but it is ever-changing with regard to its waves rising within it³

Among the six substances all except the time (*kāla*) have constituent parts which are called *pradeśas*. A unit of space occupied by an atom of matter is called a *pradeśa*. The substance which has more than one *pradeśa* is called body (*kāya*). Time has only one *pradeśa*, thus it does not have a body. All the other substances namely soul, matter, space, principle of motion, principle of rest, which have innumerable *pradeśas*⁴, are called *astikāyas* (*asti + kāya*). Since they are five they are often referred to as *pañcāstikāyas* in Jaina doctrine.

The relationship between the soul and karmas

As seen earlier the fine karmic matters which fill the entire cosmos get attracted to the soul through its activities of body, speech and mind.⁵ This attraction is known as *āsrava*, the inflow of karmic matter. The inflow of karmic matter can be due to both good and bad deeds. These karmas remain in the soul until they are destroyed by the soul. The results of the karmas of the soul should be experienced in one birth or another. Till it is completely free from karmas the soul goes on taking different bodies one after the another, according to the nature and the effect of karmas in it. Therefore the soul has to undergo numberless births until it reaches perfection.

1. *Ibid*, V : 29.

2. *Ibid*, V : 30

3. Dayanand Bhargava, *Jaina ethics*, Delhi, 1968, pp. 51, 52.

4. *Ts.* V : 8-10.

5. *Ts.* V : 1-2.

Each of the karmas has four aspects. These aspects are :

- (i) the manner of their effect on the soul (prakṛti)
- (ii) the duration of their effect (sthiti)
- (iii) the intensity of their effect (rasa)
- (iv) their quantity (pradeśas)

Once the karma has penetrated the soul, it transforms into eight kinds of karmas, singly or severally as Jacobi says " just like the food when it is digested gets transformed into various fluids".¹ These consist of four destructive karmas and four non-destructive karmas (ghātiya and aghātiya karmas). The four destructive karmas are :

- (i) *jñānāvaraṇiya karma*, the karma which obscures the knowledge of the soul.
- (ii) *darśanāvaraṇiya karma*, the karma which obscures the perception of the soul.
- (iii) *mohaṇiya karma*, the karma which obscures the right belief and conduct of the soul.
- (iv) *antarāya karma*, the karma which prevents the progress or the success of the soul.

The four non-destructive karmas are :

- (i) *āyus karma*, the karma which determines the duration of life.
- (ii) *nāma karma*, the karma which determines the factors of individuality such as body, its height, weight, complexion, etc.
- (iii) *gotra karma*, the karma which determines the family and the surrounding.
- (iv) *vedaniya karma*, the karma which gives pleasure and pain in life.

These destructive and non-destructive karmas are called '*aṣṭa karmas*'. When the soul is free of these eight karmas, it enjoys its natural qualities of infinite perception (*ananta darśana*), infinite knowledge (*ananta jñāna*), infinite power (*ananta virya*) and infinite bliss (*ananta sukha*). In other words, when these karmas occupy the soul they prevent the soul from enjoying its natural qualities.

We shall now discuss the nature of the destructive karmas. The first two of the destructive karmas namely the knowledge and the perception obscuring karmas are attracted by the soul by the following sinful acts : the depreciation of those who are learned in the scriptures (*pradoṣa*), the concealment of knowledge (*nihnava*), jealousy or envy (*mātsarya*), the hindrance of the progress of knowledge (*antarāya*), denying the truth proclaimed by others (*āsādana*), the deliberate refutation of truth (*upaghāta*). When a man does these things he automatically gathers the knowledge and the perception obscuring karmas. The knowledge can be obscured in five ways :

- (i) the obscuration of the knowledge which is transmitted through the senses (*matī-jñānāvaraṇiya karma*).
- (ii) the obscuration of the knowledge which is acquired by reading or hearing sculptures or by the words of an authority (*śruta-jñānāvaraṇiya karma*).
- (iii) the obscuration of the transcendental knowledge of material things. (*avadhī-jñānāvaraṇiya karma*).

¹ Jacobi, H., *Studies in Jainism*, part I, Ahmedabad, 1946, p. 25.

- (iv) the obscuration of the transcendental knowledge of other's mind (*manaḥparyāya-jñānāvaraṇīya karma*)
- (v) the obscuration of the infinite knowledge which is inherent in the soul (*kevala-jñānāvaraṇīya karma*).

This last karma completely obscures the infinite knowledge of the soul whereas the other four produce only disturbances of different degrees.¹

The obscuration of the perception of the soul can occur in nine ways. The first four kinds of the obscuration occur when the soul is psychologically and physically active and the other five when the sense organs of the soul are not active, i.e. when the soul is not in a state to perceive anything. The first four are

- (i) the obscuration of the physical sight through which the perception is made called *cakṣur-darśanāvaraṇīya karma*.
- (ii) the obscuration of the perception which is made through the other four senses and the organ of thinking, known as *acakṣur-darśanāvaraṇīya karma*.
- (iii) the obscuration of the perception of the past and material things, called *avadhi-darśanāvaraṇīya karma*.
- (iv) the obscuration of complete perception known as *kevala-darśanāvaraṇīya karma*.

This obscures the perception completely whereas the other four only cause disturbances in the perception.

The other five karmas are :

- (i) light sleep which obscures perception (*nidrā-karma*)
- (ii) deep sleep which obscures perception (*nidrā-nidrā karma*)
- (iii) sound sleep which occurs while sitting or standing (*pracalā-karma*)
- (iv) intensive sleep which overcomes the soul while walking (*pracalā-pracalā karma*)
- (v) somnambulistic condition of the soul in which no perception can take place (*styānagṛddhi-karma*).

The third kind of ghātiya karma the *mohaniya karma* deludes right belief and right conduct. These are called *darśana-mohaniya*² and *cāritra-mohaniya karmas*. The right belief-deluding karma enters the soul when it performs acts such as defaming the liberated souls (like Arhat), the scripture (śruta), the Jaina religious order, the religion or the celestial beings.³ The right conduct deluding karma enters the soul due to its acts of intense passion.

The karma which deludes right belief disturbs the soul in three ways :

- (i) the delusion which affects the perfect belief (*samyaktva*)
- (ii) the delusion which leads the soul to false belief or hetrodoxy (*mithyātva*)

1 Helmuth Von Glasenapp, *The Doctrine of Karman in Jain philosophy*, Bombay, 1942, p. 6.

2 Darśana in this context refers to faith

3 Ts. VI : 13.

(iii) the delusion which arises through a mixture of the above two, i.e. having some degree of truth and some of falsity. (*miśra or samyag-mithyātva*)

Cāritra-mohaniya karma obscures right conduct and obstructs the soul from performing acts mentioned in religious prescription. This disturbance of the right conduct is caused through the sixteen passions (*kaṣāyas*), six non-passions (*nokaṣāyas*), three sexes (*vedas*).

There are four fundamental passions, anger (*krodha*), pride (*māna*), deceitfulness (*māyā*), and greed (*lobha*), each of which is divided into the following four groups according to its intensity in the soul :

- (i) *Anantānubandhin* - this exists in the soul for the whole of its life and completely hinders the right belief and the conduct of a soul.
- (ii) *Apratyākhyānāvaraṇa* - this remains in the soul for one year. It hinders renunciation but allows the soul to attain right belief.
- (iii) *Pratyākhyānāvaraṇa*-this lasts in the soul for only four months. It only hinders the beginning of complete renunciation but does not obscure right belief and allows the soul to attain partial self discipline.
- (iv) *Samjvalana* - this rules in the soul for only a fortnight. It allows complete self discipline of the soul but hinders the attainment of complete right conduct.

The six non-passions (nokaṣāyās) are

- (i) Acts like laughing and joking (*hāsyā*)
- (ii) Sentiments of liking towards a certain object, whether proper or improper (*rati*)
- (iii) Sentiments of dislike towards a certain object, whether proper or improper (*arati*).
- (iv) Sorrow (*śoka*).
- (v) Fear (*bhaya*.)
- (vi) Disgust (*jugupsā*).

The three vedas are karmas which produce sexual passions and obscure the soul from practising self discipline. They are :

- (i) *Puruṣa veda* - this karma produces a desire in a man for union with a woman.
- (ii) *Strī veda* - this causes the desire in a woman for union with a man.
- (iii) *Napusmaka veda* - the sex desire which arises in all those beings who are neither male nor female is produced by this.

The fourth ghātīya karma, the antarāya karma, flows into the soul as a result of acts such as obstructing others from doing charity (*dāna*), from achieving gain (*lābha*), from enjoying things which can be taken only once (*bhoga*), from enjoying things which can be taken repeatedly (*upabhoga*), and making use of their capacities

(virya).¹ As a result of these acts the power of the soul is disturbed in five ways :

- (i) *Dānāntarāya karma* - this prevents the soul from dispensing alms.
- (ii) *Lābhāntarāya karma* - this hinders the soul from receiving things.
- (iii) *Bhogāntarāya karma* - this hinders the enjoyment of something which can be enjoyed once, like eating, drinking, etc.
- (iv) *Upabhogāntarāya karma* - this hinders the enjoyment of something which can be enjoyed repeatedly like clothing, dwelling, etc.
- (v) *Viryāntarāya karma* - this hinders the will power of the soul.

These four ghātiya karmas lead the soul to the worldly miseries and at the same time retard its progress by obscuring its eternal characteristics. Once the soul sheds these four karmas it can easily attain salvation as aghātiya karmas do not stand in the way of liberation. But when these four aghātiya karmas are in the soul it has its bodily existence. The four aghātiya karmas are : Āyus karma, Nāma karma, Gotra karma and Vedanīya karma.

Āyus karma determines the ages of existence of the four kinds of beings. These are Deva-āyus (karma which determines the age of the celestial), Manuṣya-āyus (karma which determines the age of human being), Tiryag-āyus (karma which determines the age of animal), and Naraka-āyus (karma which determines the age of infernal beings). The inflow of manuṣya-āyus karma is caused by slight worldly activities and by attachment to a few worldly objects. The inflow of tiryagāyus karma is due to deceit and that of naraka-āyus karma is due to an excess of sinful activities and attachments.

Nāma karma determines the individuality of the soul. The bad body determining karmas (leading to infernal and animal bodies) come into contact with the soul because of the distortions of mind, body and speech whereas the good body determining karma (leading to human and celestial bodies) flows into the soul because of straightforward attitudes of body, mind and speech. The nāma karma has one hundred and three sub species which are mainly divided into four groups. They are : Piṇḍa-prakṛtis, Pratyeka-prakṛtis, Trasa-daśaka and Sthāvara-daśaka.

Piṇḍ-prakṛti karmas are sixty five in number :

Four karmas which determine the state of existence, of celestial, human, animal, and infernal beings.

Five karmas which determine the classes of being, the one sensed, two sensed, three sensed, four sensed, and five sensed beings.

Five karmas which determine the bodies.

Three karmas which determine the chief and secondary parts of the body.

¹ Ts. VIII : 13

Fifteen bandhana nāma karmas which bind the newly seized matter with the accumulated karmas of the soul.

Five saṃghātana-nāma karmas which bind the scattered matter into one.

Six samphanana-nāma karmas which unite the bones of the physical body.

Six saṃsthāna-nāma karmas which determine the stature of the body.

Five karmas which determine the colour of the soul, black, blue, red, yellow or white.

Two karmas which determine the two odours, good and bad.

Five karmas which determine the five tastes, bitter, sour, acidic, sweet and astringent.

Eight karmas which determine the eight touches, soft, hard, light, heavy, cold, hot, smooth and rough.

Four ānupūrvi-nāma karmas which cause the soul to go from the place of death to its new birth according to the four states of existence (gati) celestial, human, animal and infernal.

Two viḥāyogati-nāma karmas which determine the pleasant gait and the ugly gait of the soul.

Other than the above piṇḍaprakṛtis there are eight pratyeka-prakṛtis, ten trasa-prakṛtis and ten sthāvara prakṛtis¹ and all these together make one hundred and three sub species of the nāma karma.

Gotra karma determines the low or high family, etc. in which the soul is born. The inflow of low family (infernal and animal) determining karmas takes place when the soul indulges itself in the following actions: speaking ill of others (paranindā), self praise (ātmapraśamsā), concealing the good qualities of others (sadguṇacchādana) and proclaiming in oneself the good qualities which one does not have (asad-guṇodbhāvana).² The high family (human and celestial) determining karmas flow into the soul through the opposite of the above mentioned acts.

Vedaniya Karma induces the feeling of pleasure and pain in the soul. The karma which causes the pleasure is called *sātā-vedaniya* karma and its opposite is *asātā-vedaniya* karma. In gods and human beings the sātā-vedaniya is predominant. Gods experience pain when their stay in heaven is exhausted and human beings experience pain due to cold, heat, death, accident, etc. Asātā-vedaniya karma is predominant in animals and denizens of hell and they rarely experience pleasure.

The concepts outlined above of ṣadhravyas, navapadārthas, pañcāstikāyas and eight karmas and their effects on the soul are frequently alluded to by Tēvar in his poem. For example in several places where the Jaina deities are praised, the praises are couched in terms which involve the deepest understanding of these philosophical ideas. Thus Tēvar refers to pañcāstikāyas as 'poruḷkaḷ or aintu' in the context

1 Glassenap, *op.cit.* pp. 16, 17, 18.

2 Ts. VI : 25.

(You, the god who destroyed the four ghāṭiya karmas and made the four eternal attributes, infinite knowledge, perception, power and bliss as your limit and saw the past, present and future simultaneously.)

The way in which Caccantaṅ, the father of Cīvakaṅ, entrusts his kingdom into the hands of Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṅ and as a result meets his end provides Tēvar with an opportunity to explain in several places these ideas regarding the influence of karmas over the human soul. When Uruttiratattaṅ advises Caccantaṅ not to leave the kingdom in the care of Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṅ the latter says,

*aḷantu tāṅ koṅṭa arun tavam uṭaiya nīrārkk
aḷantana pōkam ellām avar avarkk arrai nālē
aḷantana vālu nālum atuv enakk uraiyal enrāṅ*

.. .. . 1

(For the people who had followed strict penance the amount of pleasures they enjoy and the extension of their life span have been measured even at the time of birth.)

Here he indirectly says that according to the nature of karmas the soul will enjoy pleasures and the extension of its life span. The poet comments on the ignorance of Caccantaṅ when he did not listen to the advice of his ministers and says that this was the effect of his karmas.

*inamām enr uraippinum ṭtam eṅṅāṅ
munamākiya pāṅṅmai mūlāitt eḷalār*

.. .. . 2

(Though he was advised that his desires were just like the desires in the previous cases [these are explained in the previous verses] he did not consider the danger he would face, as the bad karmas of his previous births were present.)

When Caccantaṅ has to face the war against Kaṭṭiyaṅkāraṅ he tries to send Vicayai, his queen, away in the flying machine. She is grieved by the situation. He consoles her saying that everything happens according to karmas.

*cātalum piratarāṅnum tam vīṅaip payattiṅakum
ātalum aḷivum eḷlām avai poruṭṭkku iyalpu kaṅṅāy
nōtalum parivum ellām nuṅṅuṅarv iṅṅmai arṅē*

... .. . 3

(Death and birth are due to one's own karmas. Creation and destruction are also in the nature of things. Therefore being worried and anxious over them is due to lack of right knowledge.)

He explains to Vicayai, before she leaves in the flying machine, how all human relationships are merely temporary and how the soul has to go through numerous births till it reaches perfection.

1 Cc. v. 213 2 Ibid, v. 215. 3 Cc. v. 269.

*tollai nam pīravi eṅṅir toṭu kaṭal maṇalum ārrā
ellaiy avvavarruḷ ellām ētilaṅ pīraṅtu niṅki
cellum ak katika tammūṭ cēralaṅ cērntu ninra
illinuḷ irāṅtu nāḷaic currāmē irankal vēṅṭā |*

(If we count the number of our previous births they are even more than the grains of sand in the ocean. We did not have any connection in those births, We are not going to have any connection in the births we are going to get after this birth. Therefore do not worry over the relationship we had only for two days [i.e. for short period]).

Having considered the interplay of the soul and its karmas and how Tēvar has developed the ideas regarding this poem, we shall now consider the process by which the soul sheds these karmas to achieve salvation. This clearly is the whole theme of the Cc. in which the successive stages of the soul's progress towards salvation are outlined through the life story of Cīvaḅaṅ. These stages, fourteen in number, are called *guṇasthānas*. These fourteen stages are :

1. *Mithyā-dṛṣṭi* (misbeliever)
2. *Sāsvādana-samyagdṛṣṭi* (having taste of faith in downfall)
3. *Samyag-mithyā-dṛṣṭi* (Mixture of Right and Wrong belief)
4. *Avrata-samyagdṛṣṭi* (vowless right belief)
5. *Deśavirata-samyagdṛṣṭi* (partial vow)
6. *Framatta-samyata* (imperfect vows)
7. *Apramatta-samyata* (perfect vows)
8. *Apūrva-karaṇa* (new thought activity)
9. *Anivṛṭti-bādara-samparāya* (advanced thought activity – a stage in which gross passions still remain)
10. *Sūkṣma-samparāya* (slightest delusion)
11. *Upasānta-kaṣāya-vitarāga-chadmasṭha* (subsided delusion)
12. *Kṣiṇa-kaṣāya-vitarāga-chadmasṭha* (delusionless)
13. *Sayogi-kevalin* (omniscience with vibration)
14. *Ayogi-kevalin* (omniscience without activity)

During the first five stages the soul remains in the householder's stage. Then it ascends to the stage of an ascetic from where it attains salvation.

The birth of Cīvaḅaṅ in this world is due to his karmas which were acquired in his previous birth. In his previous birth he separated a young swan from its parents for sixteen days and the karmas he acquired from this action cause his separation from his mother for sixteen years in his next birth.² Most of his acitons in this birth

1 *Ibid*, v. 270.

2 Cc, vv. 2859-2888.

are to prevent the inflow of kārmiic matter (saṃvara) and to shed the karmas he acquired in his previous birth (nirjarā). A soul cannot shed its karmas at once. It has to prepare itself on the path of renunciation where it withdraws from all the attachments of the material world and abandons all its desires. To reach the path of renunciation religion serves as a ladder in the shape of injunctions and rules of conduct. Jaina religion is made up of right belief (samyag-darśana), right knowledge (samyag-jñāna) and right conduct (samyag-cāritra), which are together known as a *ratnatraya* or *guṇatraya*. These three as Ts. says are the paths to liberation.

*samyagdarśanaḥ jñānacāritrāṇi mokṣamārgaḥ*¹

(Right belief, right knowledge and right conduct are the path to liberation.)

This ratnatraya is often referred to in Cc.

Accaṇanti, the teacher of Cīvakaṇ, when imparting knowledge to Cīvakaṇ says that the souls must have these three characteristics.

*kō neri taḷuvi ninra kuṇattoḷu puṇarin māto
nā neri vakaiyi ninra naleuyirkk amirtam enrān*²

(He said that the ambrosia for the four kinds of souls is the possession of the three guṇas which form the path of Lord Jina).

Before attempting an analysis of Tevar's explanation of these "three gems" in his work, it is necessary to know what constitutes right faith, right knowledge and right conduct and how these are acquired.

Right faith

Right faith is the cause of right knowledge and right conduct.³ Samantabhadra in his Ratnakaraṇḍa (Śrāvaka-cāra Rk.) defines right faith as follows :

*śraddhānam paramārthānām apta-āgama-tapobhṛtām |
trimūḍha poḍham aṣṭāṅgam samyagdarśanam asmayam* //⁴

(Right faith consists in believing the true ideal, scriptures, and teachers. It is free from three follies and has eight aspects. It is devoid of eight prides.)

Right faith is of two kinds, right faith from the practical point of view (*vyava-hāra-samyag-darśana*) and right faith from the real point of view (*nīścaya-samyag-darśana*). Right faith from the practical point of view is to have faith in the fundamental principles in Jainism and right faith from the real point of view is self-realisation.

1 Ts. 1 : 1.

2 Cc. v. 374

3 Samanta Bhadra, Ratnakaraṇḍa-Śrāvaka-cāra, The library of Jaina Literature, Vol. IX. Arrah, 1917, v. 31.

4 Rk. 4.

ethics. Before dealing with what right conduct is and how this is explained in the Cc., we shall describe how right faith and right knowledge have been discussed in the Cc.

When the poet describes Cīvakaṇ, who has attained knowledge from his teacher, he describes his condition through an allegorical expression.

*kāṭci naṇ nilaiyiṇ ṅāṇak katir maṇik katavu cārttip
pūṭci cāl oḷukkam eṇṇum va yirat tāḷ koḷuvip polla
maṭciy il kaṭikaḷ ellām aṭaitta piṇ varampil inṇatt
aṭci il ulakam v̄rat tirantaṇaṇ alarnta tārāṇ¹*

(After having locked the door against the bad courses of actions which do not destroy birth, by fixing the jewelled door of right knowledge on the door step of right faith and bolting it with the lock of right conduct, he, the one who wears the full-bloomed flower garland, opened the ways to climb into the boundlessly happy world which is not ruled by anyone.)

Here the poet describes the right faith as the door-step, the right knowledge as the jewelled door, and the right conduct as the lock. He says that Cīvakaṇ has acquired all these after receiving instruction from his teacher.

In Kēmacariyār ilampakam, Cīvakaṇ explains what is right faith, right knowledge and right conduct to the brahmin ascetics in the following verse :

*meyvakai terital ṅāṇam viḷankiya poruḷka tammaip
poy vakaiy inṇit tēral kāṭciy aim poriyum vāṭṭi
uy vakai uyirait tēyāt oḷukutal oḷukka mūṇrum
iv vakai niraṇta pōḷtey iru viṇai kuḷiyum enṇāṇ²*

(He said that [right] faith is to know the truth, [right] knowledge is to know the right things without false ideas and the [right] conduct is to prevent the soul from getting destroyed by torturing the five senses. When the soul is filled with these three, the two karmas³ will be destroyed.)

In Muttiyilampakam, the right faith is taught to Cīvakaṇ by the Cāraṇaṇ Maṇi-vaṇṇaṇ when the former requests to be instructed. Before teaching the right faith, the Cāraṇaṇ preaches to him about the rare acquisition of the human body,⁴ its uncertainty, and its perishing nature.⁵ He also explains the misery of the four gatis, hell, animal, human and deva.⁶ Cāraṇaṇ explains about these miseries first and then about the right faith, for one can only avoid these miseries by having the right faith. To have the right faith as explained earlier, faith in a true ideal is important. To stress this aspect the

1 Cc. v. 381.

2 Cc. v. 1436

3 The two karmas are the ghāṭiya and aghāṭiya karmas.

4 Cc. vv. 2749-2753

5 Ibid, vv. 2754-2761

6 Ibid, vv. 2762-2811

(Those who realise the fact that, Intiraṇ who enjoys happiness and the capricious monkey are only enjoying the fruits of their karmas and those who do not praise Intiraṇ because he is happy and despise the monkey because it is fickle, are people who understood the āgamas of the Lord [Jina].)

After explaining the nature of the people who understand the āgamas of the lord Jina, the Cāraṇaṇ expounds the eight essentials of the right faith and the necessity of overcoming pride, to have the right faith.

*uruvarp pēṇal uwarpp inmaiṅ ulaiyāv inpan talāi nirral
arivar ciṅappiṅkk etir virumpal aḷintōr niruttal aram pakartal
ciṅiyār inattuc cēvinmai ciṅaṅ kai viṅtural cerukk avittal
iraivan arattulārkk ellām iniyar atal itu teḷivē¹*

(The following are the results of understanding the scriptures and realising their truth : to be devoid of aversion, to have the desire to attend on great saints and to achieve liberation and honour the wise, to be ready to restore the fallen in the right path, to preach dharma to others, to avoid ignorant people, to destroy anger and pride, and to be friendly with co-religionists.)

Having explained the right faith, the Cāraṇaṇ deals with the results of having the right faith. Tēvar borrows these ideas from Rk. and explains them.

*Samyagdarśanaśuddhā nārakatiryāṅnapuṅsakastritvāni |
duṣkulavikṛtālpāyurdaridratām ca vrajanti nāpyavratikāḥ ||²*

(The people whose minds are purified with the right faith will not observe vows. They will not be reborn in hells or as animals or as neuter or female sexes or in low families. They will also not have physical deformities or short lives or poverty.)

The Cāraṇaṇ expounds this idea found in Rk. in the following lines of the Cc. :

*ceriyac conṇa poru ṭelintār cērār vilāṅkir peṅṅākār
kurukār narakam or ēḷum kiḷ mnt tēvar kuḷāṅ tiṅṅār*

....
.. ³

(People who had realised the facts explained above, i.e. about right faith, will neither be born in the animal world nor as a woman. They will neither go to any of the seven hells⁴ nor will take birth as any of the three kinds of devas.)

1 Cc. v. 2816

2 Rk. 35

3 Cc. v. 2817

4 The seven hells and their description and the details about the denizens in the hells are explained in Ts. Chapter III.

The glory of the right faith is explained through the story of the dog changing into a yakṣa in the Cc. Rk. says, even a dog becomes a deva and vice versa from virtue and vice respectively.

śvāpi devo'pi devaḥ śvā jāyate dharmakilbiṣāt |
 //¹

In the Cc. the dog which was beaten by brahmins turns into a yakṣa when Cīvakaṇ whispers pañcanamaskāra mantra in its ears.² It had its knowledge of the right faith and since it had the right faith, though it was a dog it turned into a yakṣa.

Ethics

Following the discussion of the right faith and right knowledge, right conduct which is the result of the above two will now be discussed. The rules for right conduct form the main part of Jaina ethics. Jaina ethical rules are intended to pave the way for the soul towards salvation. It is difficult for an aspirant to attain the highest ideal of right conduct at once. These rules are evolved in such a way that one can gradually train himself to do this. "Initially" as Williams says, "the lay estate was admitted by the Jina only in deference to human frailty and was regarded in theory as a stage of preparation for the ascetic life."³ But as days went on, one notices that more importance was given to the lay life in the medieval period than in the early ages. This can be seen in the Cc. which is a work of the medieval period. Here both the householder's and the ascetic's life have been clearly explained through the life story of Cīvakaṇ and the other characters associated with him.

Among the fourteen guṇasthānas, the stages through which the soul passes on its way to salvation, the first five belong to the householder's stage and the soul prepares itself for the ascetic's life in these stages. In the first stage—mithyādṛṣṭi guṇasthāna, wrong belief, passion, lack of self discipline etc. which bind the soul to karmas are in action. When right belief is achieved the soul reaches the fourth stage, the *avirata samyagdṛṣṭi*⁴ (vowless right belief) stage. The second and third stages, *sāvādāna samyagdṛṣṭi*⁵ (downfall), and *samyag-mithyādṛṣṭi*⁶ (the mixture of Right and Wrong belief) are stages through which the soul falls down to the first stage from the fourth stage, it manifests the four anantānubandhikaṣāyas due to wrong belief when it is in the fourth stage.

From the fourth stage in which the soul conquers its faith-obscuring karmas (darśana-mohaṇiya karmas) and subdues the anantānubandhi category of passion, and attains right faith, it proceeds to the fifth stage, the *deśa-virata-samyagdṛṣṭi* stage. In this stage the householder destroys the apratyākhyāna karmas and tries to conquer his character obstructing karma (cāritra-mohaṇiya-karma). To overcome these

1. RK. 29.

2. Cc. vv. 934-960.

3. A. Williams, *op. cit.* Introduction, p. XVI.

4. Bhargava, *op. cit.* p. 214.

5. *Ibid.* pp. 213, 214.

6. *Ibid.* pp. 211, 212.

karmas the householder observes twelve vows. Samantabhadra defines them as follows :

*gṛhīnām tredhā tiṣṭhaty aṇugūṇaśikṣāvratātmaḥ karaṇam |
pañcātricaturbhedaṁ trayam yathāsaṅkhyam ākhyātam ||*¹

(The conduct prescribed for the householder is of three kinds. They are vratas in the form of aṇu, guṇa, and śikṣā. They consist of five, three and four divisions respectively.)

1. The five partial vows (*aṇuvratas*) which are prescribed for a house-holder are :

- (i) non-violence (*ahimsā*)
- (ii) truth (*satya*)
- (iii) non-stealing (*asteya*)
- (iv) celibacy (*brahma*)
- (v) non-possession (*aparigraha*)

These five partial vows are parallel to the absolute vows (*mahāvratas*) of an ascetic. Along with these five partial vows, a householder is also expected to renounce wine, meat and honey.²

2. These five partial vows are supplemented by the three *guṇa vratas*, the digivrata, anarthadaṇḍavrata, bhogopabhoga- parimāṇa-vrata.³ These three vows are related to the limitation of daily work, food and enjoyment.

3. The third kind of vow, the *śikṣā-vrata*, is of four kinds, the *deśavakāśika*, *sāmāyika*, *prōśadhōpavāsa* and *vaiyāvṛtya*. These emphasise the inner purity of the heart.⁴

Deśavakāśikavrata is to limit the sphere of one's activity from day to day and for fixed periods.

Sāmāyika-vrata is to refrain from the five kinds of sin for a particular period of time every day. This vow consists of —

- (i) *pratikramaṇa* (thinking about the sins committed and repenting for them)
- (ii) *pratyaḥkhyāna* (to determine to avoid doing sins in future)
- (iii) *sāmāyika karman* (to renounce personal attachments and to develop a common feeling to all)
- (iv) *stuti* (to praise the twenty four Tirthaṅkaras)
- (v) *vandanā* (to show devotion towards a particular Tirthaṅkara) and
- (vi) *kāyotsarga* (to withdraw attention about body and contemplate on the spiritual self).

1 RK. 51.

2 RK. 66

3 RK. 67, Ts. 7:21,

4 Bhargava, *op. cit.* p. 102.

Poṣadhōpavāsa-vrata is fasting for the whole day on the eighth and fourteenth days of every fortnight.¹

Vaiyāvṛtya-vow is distributing gifts (dāna) without expecting anything in return, to ascetics of excellent qualities, treating them well and giving comfort to those who are in trouble.² This gift (dāna) can be given in four ways : giving food, medicine, means (or means to acquire knowledge, i.e. books) and shelter. Samantabhadra in his Rk. explains vaiyāvṛtya-vow as follows :

*āhārauṣadhayor apy upakaraṇāvāsayoś ca dānena /
vaiyāvṛtyam bruvate caturātmavyena caṭurasrāḥ 11³*

(Those who have four kinds of knowledge (mati-jñāna, śruta-jñāna, avadhijñāna and manaḥparyāya-jñāna) say that giving food, medicine, means to get knowledge and shelter are the four kinds of vaiyāvṛtya vow.)

The fifth guṇasthāna, the deṣavirata-samyagdṛṣṭi guṇasthāna, in which the soul remains in the stage of a householder, has also been divided into eleven stages from the viewpoint of the spiritual progress of a householder's life. These stages are called 'pratimās'. They are :

1. *Darśana* – the first stage in which the householder gets his faith in Jainism, its doctrines, and their observance in practical life.
2. *Vrata* – the stage in which the householder starts to observe all the twelve vows – the five aṇu-vratas (partial vows), the three guṇavratas and the four śikṣā-vratas.
3. *Sāmāyika* – the stage in which the householder performs sāmāyika⁴ three times a day and therefore he is called a sāmāyika śrāvaka.⁵
4. *Proṣadhānaśana* – the stage in which the householder regularly fasts twice a fortnight and thereby applies himself to holy meditation.⁶
5. *Sa-citta-virata* – the stage in which the householder gives up eating all unripe things, for he is merciful not to kill them.⁷
6. *Rātri-bhuktivirata* – the stage in which the householder gives up taking food at night, as eating in nights causes killing of minute living beings.⁸
7. *Brahmacarya* – in this stage the householder gives up all his sexual indulgences.⁹
8. *Ārambhavinivṛtta* – the stage in which the householder gives up all worldly engagements and occupations.¹⁰
- 9–11. The last three stages, *paricitta-parigraha-virata*,¹¹ *Anumati-virata*¹² and *Uddiṣṭa-tyāga*¹³ are mainly preparatory stages to the ascetic life.

1 Rk. 106.

4 Supra, p. 143.

7 *Ibid*, 141

10 *Ibid*. 144.

13 *Ibid*, 147.

2 *Ibid*, 111, 112, 113.

5 Rk. 139.

8 *Ibid*, 142,

11 *Ibid*. 145.

3 *Ibid*, 117.

6 *Ibid*, 140.

9 *Ibid*, 143.

12 *Ibid*, 143.

In the Paricitta-parigraha-virata stage, the householder gives up the possession of the ten kinds of worldly goods¹ (i) land, (ii) houses, (iii) silver, (iv) gold, (v) cattle, (vi) grain, (vii) maid servants, (viii) man servants, (ix) clothes, and (x) utensils.

In the Anumati-virata stage, the householder gives up giving advice on worldly matters.

In the Uddiṣṭa-tyāga stage, the householder renounces all worldly attachments and goes to a guru (spiritual teacher), performs austerities and leads an ascetic life.

In the Cc. all these stages are clearly developed through the story of Cīvakān. These stages are so closely knitted with the story of Cīvakān, that one does not even realise that the life history of Cīvakān is only an example through which Tēvar explains the doctrines of Jainism.

Cīvakān attains the first stage, the Darśanika śrāvaka stage, through the teachings of his teacher Accaṇanti. The teaching of Accaṇanti gives Cīvakān the right faith, right knowledge and right conduct. He becomes an ideal householder who is anxious to attain liberation. In this state the poet describes Cīvakān as a person who has opened the door to climb into the boundlessly happy world, after having closed the door against bad karmas, by fixing the door of *knowledge* on the door step of *faith* and bolting it with *conduct*.²

The next five pratimās are explained through his life history, starting from the time after his education up to the time he achieved his kingdom and lived as king. Apart from the life history of Cīvakān in this birth, the poet also explains the importance of five partial vows (aṇu-vratas) through the story about his previous birth. These are explained through the preachings of Pavaṇamātēvaṇ (the father of Cīvakān in his previous birth) to Acōtaraṇ (Cīvakān in his previous birth), when he came to know that his son has separated a young swan from its mother. He expounds non-violence, truth, non-stealing, celibacy and non-possession in the following verses :

Non-violence

aram periya kūṛiṇ alaṅkal aṇi vēlōy
maram puri ko neṅcam vaḷiyāp pukut antiṅṅic
ceṅum periya tivaṅkaḷ ceṅzu kaṭit ḍṭi
*uṛum periya tuṅyam uyirk kolaiyum vēṅṭā.*³

(Oh, the one who wears garland and holds the spear, coming to talk of the nature of the bad karmas, they are karmas which enter through the heart of the soul which likes adharma and get accumulated and remain in the soul. When the soul has these karmas in it, it suffers. Therefore killing, [hiṃsā] which is the basic factor for bad karma is not suitable for you.)

1 Rk. 145

2 Cc. v. 381, supra, p. 137 ff

3 Cc. v. 2868

Truth

*meyy urai viḷaṅku maṇi mēl ulaka kōpuraṅkaḷ
aiyam ilai ninra pukaḷ vaiyokattu maṇṇum
maiyaḷ viḷai mā naraka kōpuraṅkaḷ kaṅṅir
poyy uraiyum vēṅṅā purattitumin enrā.¹*

(If you speak the truth, your fame will ever be in this world and in your next birth you will acquire the jewelled temples of heaven. Do not speak lies which give you the confusing temples of hell. [Therefore] give up speaking lies.)

Non-Stealing

*muḷari muka nāka muḷaiy eyiṟ ulutu kiṟa
aḷavi ruyar cey vari vaṅ maṇṇar aṅaṅalum
viḷaiṅ ariya mā tuyaram viḷ katiyuḷ uykkum
kaḷavu kaṅaṅakak kaṅintiṭutal cūṭā.²*

(It would be best to give up stealing immediately because, [when one does it] in this world, the king will kill by piercing him with the tusk of the elephant which has a face like a lotus. [It will also] cause one to fall into hell where one undergoes hardship.)

Celibacy

*maḷattakaiya nallār maṅaṅ kariya māṟṟār
piṭart talai oḷ vaḷ pōṟ pīrar maṅaikaḷ cāriṅ
eṭupp ariya tuṅpatt iṭaip patuvar innā
naṭukk uṭaiya kāmam viṭuttiṭuta nār.³*

(If one goes to the wife of another man thus placing a sword on his own neck, and causes his wife who is innocent [maṭamai] to worry, he brings on himself unbearable worries. [Therefore,] it is better to renounce his lustful inconstancy.)

Non-Possession

*teruḷir poruḷ vāṅulakam ēṟutarkkuc cempon
iruḷil paṭukāl pukaḷ vittilaiy eniṅ ellā
aruḷu naka vaiya nokav aiṅporiyu naiyap
poruḷu nakav iṭṭum poruḷ yāṭum poruḷ anr.⁴*

(If one realises [this, he will know that] the wealth, which is achieved while the world, the grace, and the wealth itself laugh at it and the five senses suffer without enjoying it, is not the real wealth. The real wealth will give one fame in the world and it will also serve as a ladder to reach the golden world in the next birth.)

1 Cc. v. 2869

2 Ibid, v. 2870

3 Ibid, 2871

4 Cc. v. 2872

In this life Cīvakaṇ strictly observe *ahimsā* (non-killing) wherever possible. When he goes to retrieve the cows which were stolen by the hunters from the cowherds, he does not hurt or kill anyone.¹ He controls the elephant which came to kill Kuṣamālai without killing it.² In certain circumstances he fights with his enemies either to safeguard himself or to save his country.

Cīvakaṇ observes the different kinds of *sāmāyika* vratas in several instances. After the fight with the kings to win Kāntaruvatattai, Cīvakaṇ makes a golden image of Lord Arhat. He offers *dāna* and worships the lord Jina who destroys sins. The following lines where this incident is narrated shows that he repents over his sins (*pratikramaṇa*) and determines to avoid sins in future (*pratyākhyāna*).

.. .. .
*pōrkeḷu kaḷattup pāvam pulampoḷu pōkkinānā*³

(He removes the sins committed in the battlefield and the aversion caused in the mind after committing sins.)

ceytav ap pāvam ellān tīrttiṇṇ tīrttaṇ pātam
eytiya cāṭaṇ kūvitt iraiṇcupu toḷutu vāḷtti. .⁴

(He worshipped the lord Arhat, who removes all the sins committed in all births, after obtaining the offerings placed on the feet of Arhat..)

Cīvakaṇ performs *vandanā* and *stuti* in a mountain before going to *Cittirakūṭam*⁵ and in the temple in *Araṇapātam*.⁶ In these two places he praises the attributes of lord Arhat.

The aspects of *vaiyāvṛtya* vow are also explained through the deeds of Cīvakaṇ. Cīvakaṇ imparts knowledge (gift of knowledge) to a hunter⁷ and converts hunters who are flesh-eaters to lead a moral life. He explains to them the results of eating flesh and the pains in hell etc. When imparting knowledge to the brahmin ascetics in *Cittirakūṭam*, Cīvakaṇ explains to them that even right conduct will not save the soul, if it is not accompanied by the right faith. The ascetics in *Cittirakūṭam* live with their wives as brahmanical faith allows them to lead that kind of life. Cīvakaṇ tells them that one cannot attain salvation when one has wordly attachments, such as having wives. He further says that their efforts to attain liberation are like swimming in the sea with the stone tied around the neck.⁸ In addition he explains that even the physical tortures in performing *tapas* are ineffective and futile without the right faith and right knowledge. He says to them, “if you think that sleeping on hanging swings and eating fruits will destroy the bad karmas, then the bats which hang on the trees and feed on fruits also should be able to eradicate their bad karmas.⁹ If you think that feeding on Alli seeds and grass grains and standing in the midst of five kinds of fire (*pañcāgni*) will help to

1 *Ibid*, vv. 453, 454

4 *Ibid*, v. 821

7 *Ibid*, vv. 1233-1236

2 *Ibid*, vv. 983, 984

5 *Ibid*, vv. 1418-1420

8 *Cc.* v. 1426

3 *Cc.* v. 820

6 *Ibid*, vv. 1242-1247

9 *Ibid*, v. 1429

eradicate the karmas, then the doves which feed on pebbles and live in the hot desert will also be able to destroy their karmas.¹ If you believe that you can achieve the highest goal by growing long matted hair, bathing in water and sleeping on floors, then the bears in the forest will also attain salvation when they bathe in water.² If you think that giving up a luxurious bed and living in huts and sleeping on the floor can eradicate karmas, then the karmas of the hunters who live in mountains under the same living conditions also will be destroyed.³ ” After elucidating these, Cīvakaṅ explains to them what is right faith, right knowledge, and right conduct and how they assist in the destruction of karmas.⁴

Apart from giving dāna of knowledge, Cīvakaṅ also does other kinds of dānas (gifts). Cīvakaṅ gives auṣadha dāna (gift of medicine) to Patumai who was bitten by a snake.⁵ After acquiring his kingdom, he also donates gifts to the temple.⁶ He gives hundred villages to burn the lamp in the Jaina temple and four million gold pieces for making pūjā in the temple. After all these, he also gives a hundred elephants and a hundred chariots for the service of temples. The nature of gifts, their importance and the results of giving gifts are also explained by the cāraṇaṅ who preaches Jaina doctrine to Cīvakaṅ. He says that the best kind of gift is like sowing seeds in a fertile land which yields a bumper harvest and the bad kind of gift is like sowing seeds in a useless land.⁷ The best kind of gift is the gift given to the ascetics and the other kind is the gift given to the people of ordinary merit. He condemns giving gifts to sinful people.⁸ The cāraṇaṅ also explains the vaiyāvṛtya vow in detail. Through the explanation of the cāraṇaṅ Tēvar brings out the explanation he borrowed from Rk. Rk. says that the hospitality shown to an ascetic should be as follows :

*navapuṅyaih pratipattiḥ saptaguṇasamāhitena śuddhena |
apasūna-ārambhānām āryānām iṣyate dānam ||⁹*

(The welcoming of (and the offering good to) holy saints, who do not engage themselves in the householder's work (crushing, grinding, kindling fire and the like), having received them with the nine-fold ceremonies (i) prostrating oneself at his feet, (ii) offering him a high seat, (iii) washing his feet and applying the 'washing' to one's forehead in token of reverence, (iv) worshipping him, (v) saluting him, (vi-viii) preserving one's own mind, speech and body in a state of purity and (ix) offering him pure suitable food) by a layman excelling in the seven (well known) virtues ((i) faith, (ii) contentment, (iii) devotion, (iv) jñāna (wisdom) (v) control of greed, (vi) forgiveness and (vii) śakti (energy or assiduity) is called dāna).¹

1 *Ibid.*, v. 1430

2 *Ibid.*, v. 1431

3 *Ibid.*, v. 1432

4 *Ibid.*, v. 1436

5 *Cc.* v. 1290

6 *Ibid.*, v. 2564

7 *Ibid.*, v. 2823

8 *Ibid.*, v. 2828

9 Rk. 113

10 Champat Rai Jain, translation for Rk., Arrah, 1917, pp. 52, 53.

Tēvar explains the above through the preaching of the carāṇaṃ as follows :

*toṭikk kaiyār roḷutu vāḷttit vūmaṇi nilattuḷ ārrip
poṣip punai tukili nikkip pukaḷnt aṭi kaḷiya pinṇai
aṭutta cānt akiliṇ āviy āy malar aruccittāṇār
koṭuppar uālamirta mūṇriṇ kuṇam purint atankiṇārkkē¹*

(If the ascetic (comes to his house), the householder will worship him with hands wearing armllet (the ornament 'toṭi') and praise him. He will make the ascetic sit on the jewelled floor.² Then he will wipe the dust on the feet of the ascetic with a fine garment and wash them with water. After that he will worship his feet with sandalwood, aloe, fragrant things and flowers and give him four kinds of food with the three qualities.)³

The cāraṇaṃ also explains the fruits of giving gifts. The gift offered to a holy saint will cause the soul to be born in the land of enjoyment (bhogabhūmi),⁴ where it can enjoy all its desires. The gift given to ordinary people will cause the soul to be born in the Karmabhūmi, where the men are expected to live by doing various occupations.⁵ The gifts offered to people who had not controlled their five senses will cause the soul to be born in various islands, with human body and animal face.

The seventh stage, the Brahmacharya pratimā, comes in Cīvakaṇ's life after he realises the transient nature of the worldly life. Soon after watching the scene where the gardener snatches a jack fruit from a female monkey which got the fruit from its mate,⁶ Cīvakaṇ ponders about the unreal nature of this world. He gives up all his desires and enjoyments. The poet describes this stage of renouncing enjoyments and pleasures as follows :

*vēḷkaimaiy enṇu nāvīṇ kāma ventēraṇ mānti
māṇci onrāṇum inri mayāṅkiṇērk iruḷai niṅkak
kaṭṭiṇār tēvar āvar kaḷviḷakk ataṇai enru
tōṭṭiyār roṭakkappaṭṭa cori matak kaḷiṇ in miṇṭāṇ⁷*

(Having decided that they (the gardener, the female monkey and the male monkey) must be celestials who showed him the guiding light of renunciation in order that the darkness may be dispelled, the one who was enjoying intemperately the exhilarating drink of lust with the tongue of passion abjuring all good deeds, rejected the enjoyment of pleasures like a rut-flowing intoxicated elephant who has been goaded (into the right direction)).

1 Cc. v. 2827.

2 Here, making the ascetic sit on the jewelled floor means to give him a high seat.

3 The three qualities are purity in thought, word and deed. Naccinārkkṇiyar, commentary on Cc. v. 2827.

4 Cc. vv. 2830-2840.

5 Cc. v. 2841

6 Ibid, vv. 2721-2725

7 Cc. v. 2729

Though the ladies in the palace try to attract him, he decides to renounce the world.¹ After rejecting the desires in pleasures² he goes to the temple where he meets the two cāraṇas who instruct him in the Jaina doctrine and tell him the story about his previous birth.

In the last three pratimās Cīvakaṇ prepares himself for the life of an ascetic. He renounces all his passions and his kingdom and goes to his spiritual guide Cṛivartamāna cuvāmikaḷ³ and performs penance.

The ascetic life of Cīvakaṇ and the attainment of his liberation are mainly explained through the answer of the ascetic Cutaṇmar to the questions put to him by the king Cēnikaṇ about Cīvakaṇ. The rules an ascetic should observe are also preached by the cāraṇaṇ who instructed Jaina doctrine to Cīvakaṇ.

When one renounced all worldly attachments, he reaches the sixth guṇasthāna, the pramatta-samyata guṇasthāna and the ascetic's life starts from here. He is expected to observe five mahā-vratas (absolute vows) which correspond to the five aṇuvratas (partial vows) of a householder. The five aṇu-vratas are made as Bhargava says, "keeping in view the social obligations of a householder"⁴, but, mahā-vratas are unconditional and absolute. Non-violence, truth, non-stealing, celibacy and non-possession are expected to be observed without any restriction by an ascetic. Mūlācāra, the basic text dealing with the conduct of digambara monks, gives the following twenty eight qualities which a monk should be endowed with.⁵

- 1-5. Five absolute vows (*Pañca-mahā-vratas*)
- 6-10. Five-fold path of vigilance (*Pañcasamītis*)
- 11-15. Control of five senses (*indriyajaya*)
- 16-21. Six essential duties (*ṣaḍāvaśyakās*)
22. Pulling out of the hair (*keśaluñcana*)
23. Nudity
24. Non-bathing
25. Sleeping on the ground
26. Not cleaning the teeth
27. Taking food in standing posture
28. Eating only once in twenty four hours (*Ekabhakta*)

Observing all these twenty eight qualities, an ascetic is also expected to perform penance in order to get rid of his accumulated karmas and to check the inflow of the new karmas.⁶ These penances are of two kinds, external and internal.⁷ In external

1 Cc. v. 2732

2 *Ibid*, vv. 2925-2952

3 *Ibid*, v. 3040. Ref. also the commentary of Naccīṇārkkīṇiyar on the Cc. v. 3040.

4 Bhargava, *op.cit.* p. 152

5 „ „ pp. 150, 151

6 Ts. 9 : 3

7 *Ibid*, 9, 19-20

penances the ascetic undergoes physical endurance whereas in internal penances he controls his mind.¹ There are six external penances and six internal penances which an ascetic performs before he attains his salvation. *The external penances are :*²

1. *Anāśana* (fasting) – not taking any food for a limited period or till death.
2. *Avamodarya* – eating less than what one wants and this helps the ascetic to overcome the senses and the sleep.
3. *Vṛtti-parisaṃkhyāna* – taking a mental vow to accept food from a householder on certain condition. If the condition is too difficult, the monk will be without food for a long period and thereby he uproots the desire for food.
4. *Rasa-parityāga* – renouncing one or more of the six delicacies, milk, curd, ghee, oil, sugar and salt. This tapas is also to overcome the senses, the sleep, and to study without any disturbance.
5. *Vivikta-śayyāsana*– residing and sleeping in a lonely place.
6. *Kāya-kleśa* – mortification of the body.

The six internal penances are :

1. *Prāyaścitta*–observing expiation of any sin committed consciously or unconsciously.
2. *Vinaya* – showing reverence and having belief in right faith, right knowledge, right conduct and paying respect to superiors.
3. *Vaiyāvṛtya* – offering services to saints.
4. *Svādhyāya* – learning the holy texts,
5. *Vyutsaiga* – renouncing the attachment to the body.
6. *Dhyāna*– meditation.

Of all these twelve kinds of penances, dhyāna holds the most important place in asceticism. It is through dhyāna that the concentration of the mind is achieved. Ts. defines dhyāna as follows :

*Uṣṭamasamhananasyaikāgracintānirodho dhyānam ā antarmuhūrtat.*³

(Dhyāna, the concentration of mind, is only possible up to forty eight minutes (antarmuhūrta) and it can be only practised by a man with a good constitution.)

This dhyāna is classified into four kinds, the āṛta dhyāna (painful concentration), rudra dhyāna (concentration on terrible things in order to achieve unrighteous gains), dharmā dhyāna (righteous concentration) and śukla dhyāna (pure concentration).

1 Pūjyapāda, Sarvārthasiddhi, Commentary on Ts. 9 : 19-20.

2 Ts. 9 : 19

3 Ts. 9 : 27

4 *Ibid*, p. 202

The āṛta dhyāna and rudra dhyāna do not help an aspirant to attain salvation, instead they give bad results and these two are only found in the soul up to the fifth guṇasthāna.

The dharma and śukla dhyāna lead the soul to liberation. By performing dharma dhyāna the soul burns away all the eight karmas and attains the four infinite qualities. While observing dharma, dhyāna the ascetic should feel that his body is different and he should give up all his attachments to his body. Dharma dhyāna leads the soul to heavenly pleasures and indirectly to liberation.¹ The difference between dharma-dhyāna and śukla-dhyāna is as Bhargava says, "in dharmadhyāna, the consciousness of the distinction between subject and object of knowledge persists; whereas in śukla dhyāna all conceptual thinking ceases gradually".²

With the help of śukla-dhyāna the soul finally leaves the body and attains liberation.

Now, we shall see how the soul progresses towards salvation from the sixth guṇasthāna, the pramatta-samyata guṇasthāna, where the ascetic life starts.

In the sixth stage, though the ascetic observes complete restraint, still he is open to such negligence such as pride, enjoyment of senses, passions and sleep. In the four guṇasthānas starting from the fourth guṇasthāna, avirata-samyagdr̥ṣṭi guṇasthāna, the soul destroys the four anantānubandhi kaṣāyas (anantānubandhi krodha, anantānubandhi māna, anantānubandhi māyā, and anantānubandhi lobha) and the three darśana mohaniya karmas (mithyātva karma, samyagmithyātva karma and samyaktva karma). From the seventh guṇasthāna, the apramatta-samyata guṇasthāna, when the soul ascends to the next guṇasthāna, the apūrva-karaṇa guṇasthāna, it ascends to either the kṣapaka śreṇi or the upaśama śreṇi. These two, the kṣapaka śreṇi and the upaśama śreṇi, are two spiritual ladders which help the soul to either destroy all the karmas or to subside them.

If a soul ascends upaśama śreṇi it could only subside its karmas and it cannot attain the highest state, the mokṣa, for, the subsided karmas once disturbed come up to the surface and hence the soul falls from the height of spirituality it has reached. Even if the soul succeeds in following the upaśama śreṇi it cannot climb beyond the eleventh guṇasthāna which is the highest guṇasthāna for the soul which follows upaśama śreṇi. If a soul follows kṣapaka śreṇi it can climb up to the highest goal, the mokṣa, by annihilating all its karmas.

As in the Cc. Civakan follows the kṣapaka śreṇi, we here explain the progress of a soul which follows kṣapaka śreṇi. The soul which has ascended on the kṣapaka śreṇi to the eighth guṇasthāna reaches the next guṇasthāna, the anivṛtti-bādara-samparāya guṇasthāna. In this stage the soul first destroys the following sixteen

1 Bhargava, *op.cit.* p. 202

2 *Ibid*, p. 202

karmas :¹ (i) nidraṇidrā karma, (ii) pracalāpracalā karma, (iii) styānaḡḡddhi karma, (iv) tiryag-gati-nāma-karma, (v) naraka-gati-nāma-karma, (vi) ekendriya-nāma-karma, (vii) dvīndriya-nāma-karma, (viii) trīndriya-nāma-karma, (ix) caturīndriya nāma-karma, (x) tiryagānupūrvi nāma-karma, (xi) narakānupūrvi nāma-karma, (xii) sthāvāra nāma-karma, (xiii) sūkṣma nāma-karma. (xiv) sādharāṇa nāma-karma, (xv) ātapa nāma-karma, and (xvi) uddyota nāma-karma. After destroying the above said sixteen karmas the soul destroys the eight passions, the four pratyākhyānāvaraṇa karmas (pratyākhyānāvaraṇa krodha, pratyākhyānāvaraṇa māna, pratyākhyānāvaraṇa māyā, and pratyākhyānāvaraṇa lobha) and the four apratyākhyānāvaraṇa karmas (apratyākhyānāvaraṇa krodha, apratyākhyānāvaraṇa māna, apratyākhyānāvaraṇa māyā, and apratyākhyānāvaraṇa lobha). Then the napuṃsaka veda and the striveda are destroyed. In the end of this ninth guṇasthāna, the soul also destroys the puruṣa veda saṃjvalana-krodha, saṃjvalana-māna, and saṃjvalanamāyā karmas. From here the soul ascends to the tenth guṇasthāna, the sūkṣmasamparāya guṇasthāna, and in here the soul annihilates its saṃjvalana-lobha karma. After this the soul ascends to the next guṇasthāna, the upaśāntakaṣāya-vitarāga-chadmastha guṇasthāna, and from there it proceeds to the twelfth guṇasthāna, the kṣīṇa-kaṣāya-vitarāga-chadmastha guṇasthāna, where the soul first destroys the two kinds of sleep (nidrākarma and pracalā karma). Then the soul destroys the five jñānāvaraṇiya karmas (matijñānāvaraṇiya, śrutajñānāvaraṇiya, avadhijñānāvaraṇiya, manaḥparyāya-jñānāvaraṇiya and kevalajñānāvaraṇiya karmas), the four darśanāvaraṇiya karmas (cakṣur-darśanāvaraṇiya), acakṣur-darśanāvaraṇiya, avadhī-darśanāvaraṇiya and kevala-darśanāvaraṇiya), and the five antarāya karmas (dānāntarāya, lābhāntarāya, bhogāntarāya, upabhogāntarāya and vīryāntarāya). After destroying these karmas the soul ascends to the thirteenth guṇasthāna, the sayogi-kevali-guṇasthāna where the soul becomes a sayogi-kevalin. From here the soul next ascends to the final stage, the ayogi-kevali-guṇasthāna, in which the soul completely annihilates the seventy two karmas¹ which are not hitherto destroyed. In the last moment of this guṇasthāna the soul destroys all the thirteen remaining karmas.¹ Once all the karmas are destroyed, the soul attains liberation, the highest goal of the soul.

The way Cīvakaṇ attained salvation following kṣapaka-ṣreṇi is depicted through allegorical expressions in the verses starting from 3076 to 3082 in Cc. Though Tēvar does not mention the names of the different guṇasthānas, the order in which the karmas are eradicated by Cīvakaṇ strictly follows the order of the eradication of Karmas by a soul which follows Kṣapaka ṣreṇi. The whole process is described as a war between Cīvakaṇ and his karmas. Cīvakaṇ started the war against his foes, the karmas, having right knowledge as his chariot, the idea of saving his soul as his horse, right faith as his elephant, kindness as his infantry, right conduct as the support for his body and the truth as his sword and shield.² When he, with

1 Puṅjyapāda, *op. cit.* commentary on Ts. 10:2.

2 Cc. v. 3074.

his army, surrounded the walls of the city of his enemies, the karmas,¹ they came out ready for a war, having sleep as their elephant, food as their chariot, forgetfulness as their horses and diseases with vāta, pitta and śleṣman as their infantry.² The army of the karmas is described as a big ocean full of sharks. In this fight Civakaṇ kills the karmas and ascends towards salvation.

The progress of the soul of Civakaṇ up to the ninth guṇasthāna, the anivṛtti-bādara-samparāya guṇasthāna is explained through allegorical expression in the following verse :

*teliv arutt eluvar paṭṭār ir eṇmar tiḷatttu vilntār
kaḷiru kāl utaippav eṇmar kavilntanar kaḷattin ullā
pīliri viḷ pēṭi peṇ ṇḍy aruvakait tuvarppum pēcin
aḷipaṭu cintaiy ennum āḷi vāy vilntav anrē³*

(In the battle field seven people fell down unconscious. Sixteen of them fell down after fighting. Eight people were overthrown when the elephant kicked with its leg. If one talks about the neuter sex which fell down shouting, the female sex and the six non-passions, they all fell under the wheel of kind thought.)

Here, by the expression ‘‘eluvār paṭṭār’’ (seven people fell down) the annihilation of the seven karmas, i. e. the four anantānubandhi kaṣāyās and the three darśana mohaniya karmas,⁴ is shown. The sixteen people who fell down after fighting are the sixteen karmas⁵ which are supposed to be destroyed in the beginning of the ninth guṇasthāna, the anivṛtti-bādara-samparāya guṇasthāna. The eight people who were kicked by the leg of the elephant are the eight passions, the four pratyākhyānāvaraṇa karmas and the four apratyākhyānāvaraṇa karmas.⁶ In the same guṇasthāna, Civakaṇ also destroys the female sex and the neuter sex and the six nokaṣāyas.⁷ At the end of this guṇasthāna Civakaṇ annihilates the puruṣa veda,⁸ and the three samjvalana kaṣāyas.⁹ After that he ascends to the tenth guṇasthāna, the sūkṣma-samparāya guṇasthāna in which he eradicates also the fourth samjvalana kaṣāya, the samjvalana lobha. This is explained in the following lines :

*kurōtanē mānan māyan kūrpp uṭaiy ulōpan eṇpar
virōtittu viralir cuṭṭi veru varaṭ tākka viran
niṭōtanaiy ampir konrān10*

(Kurōtan (krodha), Mānan (māna), Māyan (māyā) and Ulopan (lobha) who is covetous, came opposing with pointed fingers. (Civakaṇ) killed them with the help of (his mind full of) control over passions.)

1 Cc. v 3075

2 Ibid, v. 3075

3 Ibid, v. 3076

4 Supra, p. 152

5 Supra, p. 153

6 Supra, p. 153

7 Cc. v. 3076

8 Ibid, 3077

9 Supra, p. 153, Cc. v. 3079

10 Ibid, v. 3080

After this Cīvakan ascends to the next guṇasthāna, the upaśānta-kaśāya-vitarāga-chadmastha and from there he ascends to the twelfth guṇasthāna, the kṣīṇakaśāya-vitarāga-chadmastha guṇasthāna. In this stage he annihilates the two kinds of sleep, the nidrā karma and the pracalā karma.¹ In the same guṇasthāna, he with the help of sukla-dhyāna,² eradicates the five jñānāvaraṇīya karmas,³ four darśanāvaraṇīya karmas,⁴ and the five antarāya karmas.⁵ This stage is explained in the following verse :

*puṇari pōr ciru puṇ kēlvīp paṭaiyoṭu pukaintu poṅki
uṇarvoṭu kāṭci pōr enr iṭaiyuru kokkal ērār
iṇar ēri muḷakkam anna cukkilat tiyānam ennum
kaṇaiy erint ukaippa viḷntu kār paṭai cūḷappaṭṭār⁶*

(The kings Uṇarvu, Kāṭci, and Pēru (jñānāvaraṇīya karmas, darśanāvaraṇīya karmas and Antarāya karmas) come blazing with anger, with their army which had inferior knowledge and fought (with Cīvakan). They all fell down when attacked by the roaring flames of Cukkilattiyānam (Sukladhyāna) and lay on the ground surrounded by their infantry.)

At the end of this guṇasthāna Cīvakan completely destroys all the ghāṭīya karmas and ascends to the thirteenth guṇasthāna, the sayogikevali guṇasthāna. After destroying all the ghāṭīyā karmas, the soul of Cīvakan attains the four infinite qualities and surpasses the three lokas and the aloka and achieves godship. This progress is described in the following verse :

*kāṭip pōr manṇar viḷak kaṇaiy eri citari veyyōn
ōṭiya vakaiyin onriy ulak ucci muḷaittatē pōl
viti pōy ulaka mūnrum viḷuṅkiyiṭṭ alōka nunki
āṭiy ant akanra nānmaik koṭiy eṭutt iṇaimai koṇṭān.⁷*

(Having dispersed the arrows of fire everywhere so that the kāti kings (ghāṭīya karmas) who were fighting (against him) were destroyed, he the one who is like a sun as mentioned in the āgamas, (spread his lustre all over) as if he had sprung up on the top of the loka. Then he surpassed the three lokas and the aloka and attained godship by taking the flag of four (ananta jñāna, ananta-darśana, ananta-vīrya and anana-sukha) which has no beginning and end.)

In this Arhat stage, the queens of Cīvakan come to worship him and on their request he preaches the Jaina doctrine to them.⁸

After this stage the soul of Cīvakan ascends to the final guṇasthāna, where it destroys all the remaining aghāṭīya karmas and attains liberation. Tēvar describes this final stage as follows :

... Viṭu perrān viḷaṅki nāl viṇaiyum venrē.⁹

1 *Ibid*, v. 3080

2 *Cc.* v. 3081

3 *Supra*, pp. 129, 130; *Cc.* v. 3081

4 „ pp. 130;

5 „ pp. 131, 132; „

6 *Cc.* 3081

7 *Cc.* 3082

8 *Ibid*, vv. 3105-3111

9 *Ibid*, v. 3114

(He attained liberation (mokṣa) by overcoming the four karmas (the aghāṭiya karmas)).

The soul which is completely free from karmas and which has attained the four infinite qualities and which has no body is called as siddha. According to Digambara Jains this stage of siddha cannot be attained by women and can be only attained by men. First the women have to get rid of their woman-hood and then only can attain salvation. This is explained in the Cc. through the characters, Vicayai, the mother of *Civakaṇ* and the queens of *Civakaṇ*. Vicayai renounced the world before *Civakaṇ* and did penance, but there is no reference in the Cc. to show that she attained liberation. When describing the queens of *Civakaṇ* Tēvar says that after they renounced the worldly affairs, they performed penance, in order to get rid of their life as women.

...peṇ piṛapp iṭiyac cintitār¹

(They meditated to get rid of their birth as women).

As a result of this meditation they gained pure knowledge and destroyed their birth as women and attained the state of Indras.²

All the souls which have attained siddhahood are equal. There is no god beyond these souls. The relationship between these souls and the souls which have not attained liberation will be discussed under the sub section "Theological ideas". Before dealing with the theological ideas, it is also necessary to discuss the ritualistic ideas found in the Cc.

Ritualistic Ideas

In the early canons of Jainism no importance was given to rituals. The first descriptive mention of Jain rituals is found in the *Ādipurāṇa* of Jinasena.³ It is not known whether these rituals mentioned in the *Ādipurāṇa* (Ap.) were prevalent among Jains earlier than the period of the Ap. or whether they were framed by Jinasena in a way similar to the Hindu saṃskāras.⁴

The Ap. deals with fifty three kriyās, in its chapter thirty eight.⁵ Although all the ritual mentioned in the Ap. are not found in the Cc., there are references to a few rituals. The kriyās which are found in the Cc. are discussed below.

The kriyā which is performed when naming a child is called *Nāmakarman*. This kriyā is done on the twelfth day after the child's birth.⁶ In the Cc. this kriyā is performed when naming the children of *Civakaṇ*. The astrologers draw their horoscopes calculating the position of the stars with their highest positions, their lowest positions and their relationship with each other. After calculating the horoscopes they named the children⁷ on the twelfth day.⁸

1 Cc. v. 3120

2 *Ibid*, v. 3121

3 Williams, *op. cit.* p. 274

4 *Ibid*, p. 274

5 Ap. chapter XXXVIII, 50-311

6 *Ibid*, XXXVIII, 57-59

7 Cc. v. 2703

8 Naccinārkkīyār, the commentary written on Cc. v. 2703

Lipisaṃkhyāna kriyā is the kriyā which is made at the age of five when a child starts his education first time.¹ This kriyā is performed when Cīvakaṇ started his education first and this is explained in the following verse :

*arum ponnum maṇiyu muttum kāṇamuṇ kuṟuṇiyākap
paran̄i elāp pirappum vaittup paṁm pon̄ cey tavicin̄ ucci
iruntu pon̄ ilai cem pon̄ ūciyāl eḷutiy ērppat
tiruntu por̄ kaṇṇiyārkkuc celviyaic cārṭtinārē.²*

(Having placed the trays of rice on which gold, jewels and pearls are being kept to the amount of a Kuṟuṇi³ and having sat on the golden seat, the teacher united the young lady (goddess of education) with Cīvakaṇ who wore golden garland, by writing on the golden leaf with the golden needle.)

The rituals performed in marriage are mentioned in the Cc. in the description of the marriage between Ilakkaṇai and Cīvakaṇ. Though Cīvakaṇ marries eight girls, only the wedding which took place between Ilakkaṇai and Cīvakaṇ is described with full details of wedding rituals. According to the Ap. a young man should marry a girl from a suitable family with the permission of his guru.⁴ The marriage should be performed in front of the holy fire after making pūjā to Jina.⁵ After the wedding for seven days the couple should have no sexual relationship and they should go to a place of pilgrimage if possible. When they return home on proper time they should indulge themselves in sexual pleasures for the procreation of children.⁶

Tēvar follows some of these rules in describing the wedding of Cīvakaṇ with Ilakkaṇai and also borrows some of the ideas expressed in the gr̄hya sūtras. Ilakkaṇai whom Cīvakaṇ married was from a suitable family as she was his cousin, the daughter of his uncle Kōvintaṇ. In the wedding, the officiating priests made the altar with newly spread sand, sacred grass (darbha) and sacrificial fuel. They also placed two vessels of water, a pot of incense and a vessel of ghee, in the proper places. These detailed descriptions about making the altar and placing the water, incense, and ghee are not mentioned in the Ap. The water and ghee which are placed in the vessels are for the ceremony of madhuparka.⁷ Madhuparka is the first honour that the father-in-law bestows upon the bridegroom.⁸ The two vessels of water are, one for the washing the feet of the bridegroom and the other the arghya water.

1 Ap. loc. cit. 102-103

2 Cc. v. 369

3 'Kuṟuṇi' is a grain measure equal to one marakkāl or eight measures. Madras Tamil lexicon, Vol. II, Madras, 1962, p. 1054.

4 Ap. loc. cit. v. 127

5 „ „ v. 128

6 „ „ vv. 131-134

7 Naccinārkkinīyar, commentary on the Cc. v. 2464

8 R. B. Pandey, *Hindu Samskāras*, 2nd Edition, Delhi, 1969, p. 211.

The priests also placed a golden pot full of fried rice grains, a grinding stone and sacred fuel.¹ The pot full of rice grains is kept for the ceremony of *lāja-homa*. This ceremony is performed as a symbol of fertility and prosperity.² The brother of the bride pours fried grain mixed with *ṣamī* leaves (*prosopis spicigera*) into the hands of the bride and she offers them with the joined hands into sacrificial fire while the bridegroom recites verses to bring prosperity and unity.³ Though this is not described in the Cc. in detail the idea of placing a pot of fried rice grains explains the purpose for which it is kept. The grinding stone was kept to perform the ceremony of *aṣmārohaṇa* or the mounting of the stone. This ceremony is performed to make the wife firm in her devotion and loyalty to her husband.⁴

Cīvakaṅṅ married *Ilakkaṅṅai* in front of the sacred fire.⁵ There is no mention of Cīvakaṅṅ going to a sacred place for seven days with his wife or observing celibacy for seven days as mentioned in Ap.

The renunciation of worldly attachments after leading a lay life is called *gṛhatyāga*.⁶ According to the Ap. when a lay man wants to renounce the world, he has to perform *pūjā* to *Jira* and after that he should entrust his property to his son and should ask the son to preserve it.⁷ Cīvakaṅṅ did this ceremony before going to do penance. He called all his sons and made *Caccantaṅṅ* king and divided his other possessions among his other children.

Theological ideas

According to Jainism all the souls which are free from karmas attain godhood. There is no god beyond these gods. These gods in no way help the souls with karmas. Each soul should shed its karmas with its own efforts and attain godhood. Though these gods do not help the other souls in the path of salvation, still in Jainism prayer and meditation have an important place. The souls with karmas pray and meditate upon the attributes of the freed souls, not in order to praise them or flatter them, but to awaken the latent potentialities of godhood in them,

In the Cc., there are a few places where Cīvakaṅṅ praises lord Arhat. He praises lord Arhat before he goes to the mountain *Cittira-kūṭam*.⁸ In this prayer, Cīvakaṅṅ by praising the attributes of lord Arhat tries to see the goal which a soul should reach. The following verse which is one of the verses in his prayers serves as a good example :

*kātalāl eṅ viṅaiyuṅ kaḷipav enriy ak kātal
ātalāl eṅ viṅaiyuṅ kaḷiyāv enrum araitiyār
pōtulāyt tēṅ ruḷittup paḷintu vaṅṅu tivaṅṅ ulām
kōtai tāḷ piṅṅik kōmā ninnait toḷutēṅ.*⁹

1 Cc. v. 2464

4 *Ibid*, p. 219

7 *Ibid*, p. 285

2 Pandey, *op. cit* p. 218

5 Cc. v. 2468

8 Cc. v. 1426 ff

3 *Ibid*, p. 218

6 Williams, *op.cit.* p. 285

9 Cc. v. 1420

(You tell me that eight karmas will be eradicated by the love placed on you and at the same time you also tell that if the same love is placed on another object, the eight karmas cannot be removed. Therefore I pray you, the lord, who sits under the piṅgi tree which is lowered with the swaying flower garlands made of honey dropping blossoms surrounded by bees.)

In the above verse one can see how Cīvakaṇ is trying to realise the necessity of getting rid of karmas, by praising the lord Arhat who has got rid of his karmas.

Most of the prayers we find in the Cc. are prayers which extol the glories and qualities of freed souls. According to Jainism the freed souls are of two kinds, the disembodied and the embodied souls. The disembodied souls are called Siddhas and the embodied souls are called Arhats or Jinas. The Siddhas are of two kinds, the Tirthaṅkara Siddhas and the Sāmānya Siddhas. Tirthaṅkara Siddhas are the Siddhas who preached the doctrine of Jainism to the people in their embodied condition after shedding their karmas. The others are Sāmānya Siddhas. The Arhats or Jinas are souls who are embodied though they have attained perfection. They are called Arhats as they are worthy of adoration and worship¹ and called Jina as they had overcome all the five senses and the eight karmas.² Jina is also called a Tirthaṅkara, because, he by preaching the Jaina doctrine helps the human beings to cross the ocean of saṃsāra.³ Since these souls have human body, the human beings find it easy to worship them. Siddhas who are without any human body can be understood only by yogic contemplation. To perform yogic contemplation the individual must be fit and spiritually qualified.

Apart from Siddhas and Arhats, there are other saints and ascetics who are in their embodied state, but respected and worshipped. They are the Ācāryas, the head of the saints,⁴ the Upādhyāya, the teaching saint, and the Sādhu, an ascetic.

These five souls, the Siddha, the Arhat, the Ācārya, the Upādhyāya and the Sādhu are called Pañcaparameṣṭhin. The prayer made to these five classes of people are called Pañca-namaskāra or Pañca-parameṣṭhi-stuti. It runs as follows :

namo arihaṅtāṇaṃ, namo siddhāṇaṃ, namo āyariyāṇaṃ, namo uvajjhāyāṇaṃ, namo loe savvasāhūṇaṃ ⁵

(I bow to the Arhats, I bow to the Siddhas, I bow to the Ācāryas, I bow to the teaching saints, I bow to all the Sādhus in the world-)

This Pañca-namaskāra mantra is mentioned in a few places in the Cc. In Kuṇamālaiyār ilampakam, the dog which was beaten by the angry brahmins⁶ turned into a deva when Cīvakaṇ pronounced Pañcanamaskāra mantra in its ears.⁷ Tēvar refers

1 A. Chakravarti, Introduction to Samayasāra, Jānapitha Moorti Devi Granthamala, English series, I, First edition, 1950, p. cxv.

2-3 Ibid, p. cxv

4 J. Jaini, *op. cit.* pp. 2, 80

5 Williams, ,, p. 185

6 Cc. vv. 945-947

7 Ibid, v. 945

to the Pañcanamaskāra mantra as 'aimpatam'. The following lines relate the incident in which the dog after hearing the Pañcanamaskāra mantra turns to be a deva destroying all its karmas.

*kaṭṭav aimpatāṅka nīrāk karu vinai kaḷuvappaṭṭu
marraṇavan tēvaṇāki.. .. 1*

(He became deva after having washed all the bad deeds (karu vinai) by the water of the aimpatam (Pañcanamaskāra mantra) which he had learnt ..)

In the Cc. in some instances, the benediction to lord Arhat alone is mentioned. Caccantaṇ, the father of Civakaṇ before sending his wife Vicayai in the flying machine pronounces the benediction to god. Here the god to whom he prays is lord Arhat.

*inpa mikk uṭaiya cirttiy iṭaivanat aṇai kūrit
tunpam il paravai ūrti cirttiṇāṇ 2*

(He after pronouncing the benediction to lord Arhat, put [her] in the harmless vehicle which was in the shape of a bird.)

Apart from pañcanamaskāra, the Jains also say catuḥ-śaraṇa (four goings for refuge). This is the recourse to the four refuges of the Arhats, the Siddhas, the Ācāryas and the law (of the Jinas) (dhamma). This catuḥśaraṇa runs as follows :

*arhaṃte saraṇam pavajjāmi, siddhe saraṇam pavajjāmi,
sāhū saraṇam pavajjāmi, kevali-pannattam dhammam saraṇam pavajjāmi. 3*

(I go to the Arhat for refuge, I go to the Siddha for refuge, I go to the Sādhu for refuge and I go to the religion which is pronounced by the souls which attained omniscience for refuge)

This catuḥ-śaraṇa is found in the Cc. in the benedictory stanzas. The first verse is the recourse to the lord Arhat, the second to Siddha, the third to the Sādhu and to the Dhamma. 4

Thus in the course of the discussions in this chapter we have seen how Tēvar has struck a new line in the composition of a perukāppiyam in Tamil with a religious motive. His literary predecessors, Iṅko, and Koṅkuvēḷir, though they were Jains dealt with themes which did not have a religious motive. Accordingly there are only a few references scattered here and there in the Cḷappatikāram and the Perukatai to Jainism which serve as reflections of the social status accorded to the religion in their times rather than as manifest religious propaganda. In the Maṇimēkalai of Cāttaṇār this is no more the case and his poem is full of religious debates employing highly Sanskritised and specialised Buddhist philosophical jargon. The Cc. is a book written with similar motive from the hands of a Jaina author. As we have seen in the course of this chapter, the Cc. displays the erudition of the author in

1 *Ibid.*, v. 951

3 Williams, *op. cit.* p. 186

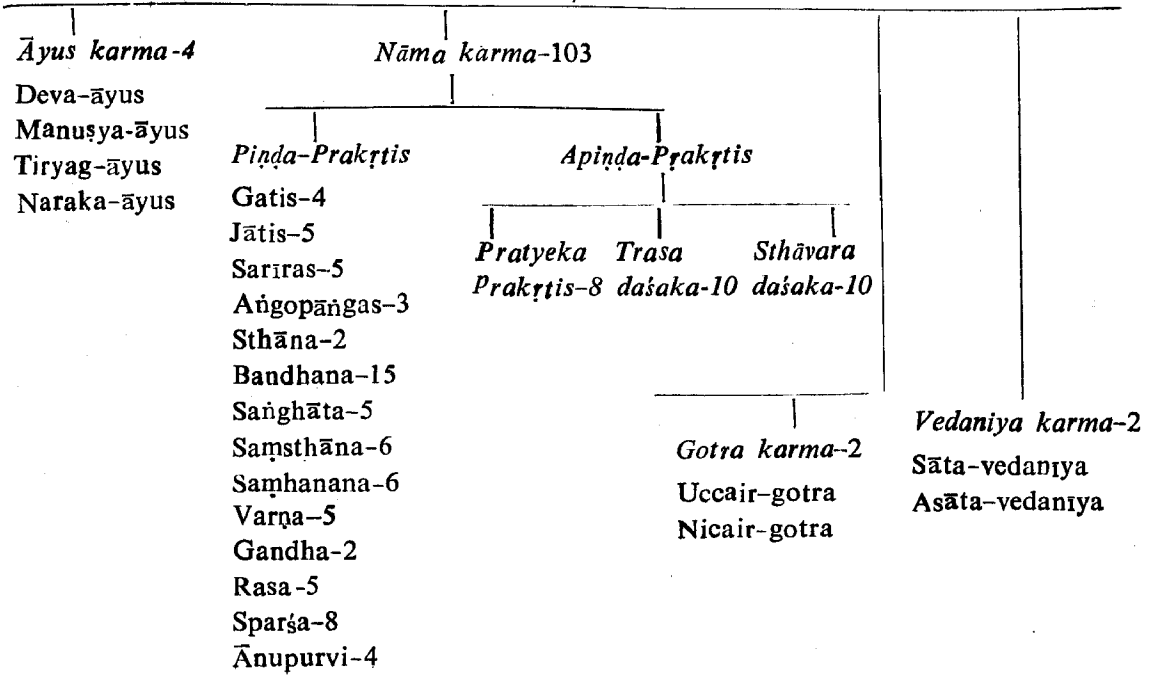
2 *Ibid.*, v. 273

4 Cc. vv. 1-3

the authentic treatises of Jaina philosophy which were all written originally in Sanskrit and Prakrit. The concepts and vocabulary peculiar to the Jain philosophical system have been appropriately adapted by Tēvar to suit his narration and the Tamil language and culture. He has transformed a mere skeleton of Jaina Puranic story into an elaborate 'magnum opus' of Jaina doctrine. The religious and conceptual aspects of the transformation have been explained in this chapter. The linguistic aspect will be dealt with in the next chapter.

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Aghātiya karmas



Ghāṭīya karmas

Jñānavarāṇīya karma-5	Darśanāvarāṇīya-9	Mohanīya-28	Antarāya-5
<p>Mati-jñānavarāṇīya- Śruta-jñānavarāṇīya- Avadhi-jñānavarāṇīya- Manahpariyāya-jñānavarāṇīya- Kevala-jñānavarāṇīya-</p>	<p>cakṣur-darśanāvarāṇīya- Acakṣur-darśanāvarāṇīya- Avadhi-darśanāvarāṇīya- Kevala-darśanāvarāṇīya- Nidrā- Nidrā-nidrā- Pracalā- Pracalā-pracalā Siyānagiddhi-</p>	<p>Darśanamohanīya Saṁyaktva- Mithyātva- Miṣṭra-</p>	<p>Dāna-antarāya Lābha-antarāya Bhoga-antarāya Upabhoga-antarāya Virya-antarāya</p>
Kaṣāya			
No-kaṣāya			
<i>Krodha</i>	<i>Māna</i>	<i>Māyā</i>	<i>Lobha</i>
<p>Anantānubandhi-krodha Apratyakhyānavarāṇa-krodha Pratyakhyānavarāṇa-krodha Saṁjvalana-krodha</p>	<p>Anantānubandhi-māna Apratyakhyānavarāṇa-māna Pratyakhyānavarāṇa-māna Saṁjvalana-māna</p>	<p>Anantānubandhi-māyā Apratyakhyānavarāṇa-māyā Pratyakhyānavarāṇa-māyā Saṁjvalana-māyā</p>	<p>Anantānubandhi-lobha lobha Apratyakhyānavarāṇa-lobha lobha Pratyakhyānavarāṇa-lobha Saṁjvalana-lobha</p>
			<p>Hāsyā Rati Arati Śoka Bhaya Jugupśā Puruṣa-veda Strī-veda Napumsaka-veda</p>

way into the Tamil language.¹ For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. Añjana	Añcanam	(The black dye applied to the eyes)	Aiñk. 16
2. Kumāri	Kumari	(a virgin)	Pur. 301
3. Diśā	Ticai	(directions)	Aiñk. 98
4. Nidhi	Niti	(wealth)	Akam. 60
5. Nemi	Nemi	(wheel)	Kur. 189
6. Śakaṭa	Cakaṭam	(a vehicle)	Kur. 5; Pur. 102

These words which are used in the social life had equivalent words in Tamil before they came in vogue in Tamil. But, apart from these words, another class of words came into Tamil which included words not prevalent in Tamil before the migration of the Aryans into the Tamil country. These are words which are related to Aryan religion. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. Amarāḥ	Amarar	(the devas)	Paṭṭ. 184, 200
2. Amṛta	Amiṭtam	(food containing six tastes)	Kur. 83, 201
3. Asura	Acurar	(demons)	Pur. 174
4. Āhuti	Ākuti	(oblation)	Pur. 99
5. Ārādhana	Ārātanai	(the food offered to the gods)	Pari. 6
6. Ulkā	Urkam	(fire-brand)	Kur. 41
7. Daiva	Teyvam	(God)	Aiñk. 76, 4
8. Tapasvin	Tapaciyar	(ascetics)	Nar. 141
9. Nātha	Nātan	(Rudra the God of Ātirai asterism)	Pari. 8
10. Puṅgava	Puṅkavam	(the bull, the Śiva's mount)	Pari. 8
11. Bhūta	Pūtam	(element)	Pur. 369, 17
12. Mantra	Mantiram	(sacred and esoteric chantings)	Tirumur. 95
13. Mithuna	Mituṅam	(Gemini)	Pari. 11, 12
14. Yakṣa	Iyakkan	(a yakṣa)	Pur. 71
15. Yūpa	Yūpam	(sacrificial pillar)	Pur. 40, 15
16. Rohiṇi	Urōkiṇi	(The asterism found in conjunction with the moon)	Net. 163
17. Cāpa	Cāpam	(bow)	Nar. 228
18. Sandhi	Anti	(evening)	Pur. 2

1 A collection of the Sanskrit loan-words in the Caṅkam works are given by M. Iracamanikkanar in his *Tamil moḷi-Ilakkiya Varalāru*, Madras, January, 1963.

These Skt. loan-words when borrowed in Tamil are always made of phonemes which are found in Tamil. Tolkāppiyar divides these Skt. words into two kinds.¹ The first kind of loan-words are the words which are made of phonemes which are common to Skt. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>		<i>Tamil</i>	
1. Kamalam	(lotus)	Kamalam	(lotus)
2. vanam	(forest)	vanam	(forest)

The second kind of words are the words which are originally made of phonemes which are not found in Tamil, but when borrowed from Skt. were altered according to the Tamil grammatical rules. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>		<i>Tamil</i>	
1. Sūtra	(aphorism)	Cūttiram	(aphorism)
2. Yakṣa	(a yakṣa)	Iyakkaṇ	(a yakṣa)
3. Bhūta	(element)	Pūtam	(element)

In the middle Tamil period the number of Skt. loan-words used in Tamil literature increased in number. The introduction of Buddhism and Jainism in Tamil land, the Bhakti movement of the Śaiva Saints and the Vaiṣṇava Āḷvārs, the encouragement and patronage given by the kings who were ruling Tamil land for Skt. and Pkt. studies and the great interest shown by the poets in borrowing Skt. ideas and stories from Skt. literature are the main reasons which caused the increase of Skt. loanwords in Tamil.

The literary works which were composed in the Middle period before the period of the Cc. can be classified into three categories :

- (i) The didactic works (The eighteen minor works (Paṭiṇṇkiḷkaṇakku works))
- (ii) The devotional hymns of the Śaiva saints and Vaiṣṇavs Āḷvārs
- (iii) The epics, the Cilappatikāram, the Maṇimēkalai and the Perunkatai

Tiruvaḷḷuvar, the author of the Tirukkuṛaḷ, one of the eighteen minor works, has freely borrowed ideas from Skt. works such as the Manudharma Śāstra, the Nīti Śāstra, the Āyurvedic treatises and the Kāma sūtra and these ideas are very often expressed with the help of Pkt. and Skt. works, hybrid forms and translations of Skt. phrases. According to S. Vaiyapuri Pillai, out of seven hundred and fifty words used in the Tirukkuṛaḷ, one hundred and fifty are of Skt. and Prakritic origin.²

1 (i) *vaṭa-cot kiṭavi vaṭav eḷutt orii*
eḷuttoṭu puṇarnta collākumṇ

(ii) *citaintaṇa variṇum iyaintaṇa variyār.*

Tolkāppiyam, Collatikāram, Eccaviyal, Sutras, 401, 402

2 S. Vaiyapuri Pillai, *Kāvīyakālam*, p. 51.

The following are some of the loan-words found in the Tirukkuraḷ.

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Pkt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. Amātya	Amacca	Amaiccan	(minister)	Ver. 381
2. Ācāra		Ācāram	(conduct)	„ 1075
3. Āśā		Ācai	(desire)	„ 266
4. Kāma		Kāmaṇ	(God of love)	„ 1197
5. Kārikā		Kārikai	(acting as agent)	„ 571
6. Nāma		Nāmam	(name)	„ 360
7. Pūjana		Pūcaṇai	(offering)	„ 18
8. Bhagavan		Pakavan	(god)	„ 1
9. Bhāgya		Pākkiyam	(luck)	„ 1141

Since the Kuraḷ deals with almost all the aspects of life, love, politics, ethics etc., Skt. loan-words in all these fields were borrowed and these words enriched Tamil language and made it more flexible and resilient. Some of the Skt. words found in the Tirukkuraḷ are first introduced only in this book.¹

As Vaiyapuri Pillai says, “the inspiration kindled by Vaḷḷuvar (the author of the Tirukkuraḷ) produced a few works very much on the same lines as the Tirukkuraḷ.”² The other works classified under the eighteen minor works are also indebted to Sanskrit literature in their ideas and as a result of it, the number of Sanskrit words in Tamil also increased. We give below some examples which are taken from the Tirikaṭukam and the Ciṛupaṇcamūlam.

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. Udārata-	Utāratāi-	(liberality)	Ciṛupaṇ. 12
2. Gati-	Kati-	(way, path)	Ciṛupaṇ. 94
3. Śiṣṭa-	Ciṭṭaṇ-	(disciplined man)	Ciṛupaṇ. 96
4. Divya-	Tippiyam-	(divine)	Tirikaṭ. 43
5. Duhkha-	Tukkam-	(worry)	Tirikaṭ. 60
6. Pramāṇa-	Piramāṇam-	(measure)	Tirikaṭ. 7
7. Dāna-	Tānam-	(gift)	Ciṛupaṇ. 36
8. Jñāna-	Ṇānam-	(knowledge)	Ciṛupaṇ. 36
9. Svarga-	Cuvarkkam-	(heaven)	Ciṛupaṇ, 36

66, 92

In their devotional songs, the Śaiva saints and the Vaiṣṇava Ālvars tried to use the language of the masses to which Skt. diction added richness. For example the

1 S. Vijayapuri Pillai, *Kāvīyakālam*, p. 51.

2 *Ibid*, p. 88

following line which is taken from one of the Tēvārams of Appar has three Skt. words out of five words used in the line.

kāla pācam piṭṭ eḷu tūtuvar

(The messengers with the noose of Yama [the god of death]).

The three words in italics are Skt. loan-words.

The Cilappatikāram, the earliest epic in Tamil literature contains many Skt. words and a few Skt. stories. As this epic does not have religious motif we do not find many religious words. The following are some examples taken from the large number of Skt. words used in the Cilappatikāram.

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. Ankuṣa	Ankucam	(goad)	XXII : 49.
2. Iṣa	Icaṇ	(the wealthy one)	X : 186
3. Udaya (giri)	Utaye (māl varai)	(the hill of the rising sun)	V : 5
4. Kavi	Kavi	(the poet)	111 : 33
5. Gaṇa	Kaṇam	(the eighteen Deva gaṇas)	V : 176
6. Gaṇikā	Kaṇikaiyar	(professional actor and dancer, prostitute)	XI : 183, XV : 25, XXII : 106
7. Śāpa	Cāpam	(curse)	VI : 23, X : 233 XXIII : 169
8. Śītāla	Cilātam	(rock seats)	X : 25, 161 XV : 154
9. Śaṅkha	Caṅkam	(conch)	XI:47
10. Śaṅkara	Cankaraṇ	(He that gives bliss)	X:186
11. Sundara	Cuntaram	(beauty)	
12. Nagara	Nakaram	(city)	IV:84,V, 200 VI 129
13. Madhukara	Matukaram	[honey bee]	XXV:20.

The Buddhist epic, the Maṇimēkalai, which deals with Buddhist doctrine in most of its chapters has imbibed a large number of Sanskrit and Prakrit words and in some parts where the Buddhist philosophy is expounded there seem to be more Skt. words than Tamil words. In the following passage the words in italics are Buddhist philosophical terms.

1 Appar Tirumuraḥi, 5, Paṅṅirutirumuraip peruntiraṭṭu, collected by P. Iramanathapillai, 1961, verse 608, p. 156.

Cāttiya taṇma vikalam āvatu
kāṭṭappaṭṭa tiṭṭāntaṭṭil
cāttiya taṇmam kuṛaiyupaṭutal;
“cattam nittam, amūrttam ātalāl;
yātonru yātonru amūrttam atu nittam.
putti pōol” enṛāl
tiṭṭāntamākak kāṭṭappaṭṭa
putti amūrttam āki ninre
anittam ātalān, cātana amūrtattuvam
nirampi, cāttiya nittattuvam kuṛaiyum.¹

T. Cattiya taṇma vikalam—Skt. Sādhya dharma vi-kala (defective major term)²

T. Cattam—Skt. Śabda (sound)

T. Nittam—Skt. Nitya (eternal)

T. Amūrttam—Skt. Amūrta (non-corporeal)

T. Tiṭṭāntam—Skt. Dṛṣṭānta (example)

Besides Buddhist Philosophical terms, there are also other Skt. words and Skt. names.

<i>Skt</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. Udyāna	Uyyāṇam	(royal gardens)	111 : 52.
2. Citra	Cittiram	(Painting)	111 : 168.
3. Jala	Calam	(Water)	XXIV : 47.
4. Tirtha	Tirttaṇ	(name of Buddha)	V : 98.
5. Turaga	Turakam	(horse)	VII: 99 XI: 134
6. Nakula	Nakulam	(mongoosē)	XIX: 96.
7 Bhagavan	Pakavaṇ	(Lord Buddha)	III:61, XXIII:174
8. Purāṇa	Purāṇan	(the ancient one)	V:98
9. Yōjana	Yōcanai	(a distance equal to)	
		four Kādams)	VI:211, IX:21
10. Varṇa	Varuṇam	(Class)	V:87, VI:56

The Peruṅkatai, the first work in which a Skt. story is used as the theme, contains a good number of Skt. words. For example—

<i>Skt</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. Antaḥ-pura	Antappuram	(the female apartment)	41:3, line 31
2. Arava	Aravam	(Noise)	2:10, line 45
3. Vrata	Viratam	(Observance)	2:3, lines 130
4. Kuṅkuma	Kuṅkumam	(saffron)	I:46, line 256
5. Nirmita	Nirumitam	(produced)	2:13, line 16

1 *Maṇimākalai*, Tavattiṛam pūṇṭu tarumam kēṭṭa kātai, lines 349–358.

2 Krishnaswami Ayangar, *Maṇimākalai in its Historical Settings*, London, 1927, p. 216.

The number of Skt. words found in the Peruṅkatai is comparatively very much smaller than what we find in the Cc.

There are two main reasons which necessitated the use of a larger number of Skt. words by Tevar in the Cc.

(i) As in the case of the Maṇimēkalai, the need to explain religious (Jaina religious terms in the case of the Cc.) concepts involving Skt. technical terms resulted in many of these terms being used as such or in a translated form.

(ii) The employment of the Virutta metre so as to enable the poem to be set to music. The viruttam metre unlike the metres of the 'pā' variety found in the earlier Tamil literature, is governed by the scansion of the lines into syllables, with appropriate use of alliteration (etukai) and assonance (mōṇai) which place relatively more severe constraints on the metrical composition. Thus it became necessary for the author to draw from a much larger vocabulary. This vocabulary included words from Skt. along with their equivalents in Tamil.

The following examples from the Cc. show how one word borrowed from Skt. is used in two or more forms in Tamil :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. Kṣema	Cēmam	(safe)	670
	Ēmam	(prosperous)	1988
2. Amṛta	Amirtam	(ambrosia)	2827, 1178, 1731
	Amirtu	(ambrosia)	222, 350
3. Hiṅgulika	Iṅkulikam	(vermilion)	2239
	Kulikam		
4. Pratimā			
(Pkt. Paḍimā)	Paṭimai	(image)	2752
	paṭimam	(image)	2642
	Paṭivam	(form)	395, 1166

Now we will analyse the phonological and semantic changes of the words which are not Jain religious technical terms.

Before starting the analysis of the phonological changes in the Skt. loan-words in the Cc., one thing must be borne in mind. The gender system in Tamil and in Skt. are entirely different from one another. Tamil has a natural gender whereas Skt. has a grammatical gender. Therefore when Tamil borrowed Skt. words in it, as a general rule, the Tamil personal endings -n, or -r, or the neuter endings -ai, -m, or i are added ¹

¹ Vaidyanathan *Loc.cit.*, p. 430.

The vowel changes :

Since Tamil has most of the counterparts for Skt. vowels, except *ṛi*, *ṛi*, *ḷi* and *ḷi*, the phonological changes which take place in vowels are comparatively less than in the consonants. According to the phonetic system of Tamil, any vowel can begin a word. Therefore, vowels in the initial position, hardly undergo any changes, unless the letter which follows it exercises influence on it. This is true of the medial vowel also, but they often undergo changes by the influence of the preceding or the following letter, always a consonant or a consonant cluster.

Initial 'a' :

The initial 'a' in Skt. usually remains unchanged in Tamil words. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. agada	atakam	(medicine)	403
2. aṅjana	aṅcaṅam	(collyrium)	1632, 2357
3. atiṣaya	aticayam	(pre-eminence)	2813
4. adhvan	attam	(path)	1185
5. anta	antam	(end)	3082
6. abhaya	apayam	(safety)	2999
7. amṛta	amirtam	(ambrosia)	851
8. alakta	arattakam	(red lac)	2459
9. ayana	ayaṅam	(road, path)	851
10. asta (Pkt. attha)	attam	(western mountain)	18, 1733, 2022, 2211
11. astra	attiram	(arrow)	815

(i) 'a' in the first syllable, though often remaining unchanged, sometimes changes into 'e'. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. gandha	Kentam	(fragrant smell)	3115
2. garuḍa	keluḷaṅ	(vulture)	1926
3. yantra	entiram	(machine)	1614

(Here the initial 'y' has been dropped.)

(ii) 'a' in the first syllable, if continued by a conjunct consonant, sometimes changes into 'ā'. For example :

<i>skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. Kāñcukin	Kāñcuki	(clad in armour)	2862
2. Nandaka	Nāntakam	(sword)	815

(iii) There is one case in the Cc. where the 'a' in the initial syllable has been lengthened after the elision of the following 'h'. For example :

Skt. mahārāṣṭra; Pkt. marahaṭṭa; Tam. māraṭṭam. 2161.

Medial 'a'

The medial 'a' normally does not undergo any changes, but sometimes changes into 'i'. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. Nimittika	Nimittikaṇ	(astrologer)	539
2. Pippali	Tippili	(long pepper)	2703
3. Maṇḍala	Maṇṭilam	(circle)	1771

In some cases medial 'a' also changes into 'ai' when it is followed by 'y'. For example :

Skt. Ālaya Tam. Ālaiyam abode 897

Final 'a'

(i) The final 'a' often changes into 'ai'. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. Cāmara	Cāmarai	(a chowry)	429, 2412
2. Nirodhana	Nirōṭanai	(control over the passions)	3080
3. Darbha	Taruppai	(sacred grass)	2464

(ii) In some neuter nouns the final 'a' changes into 'u'. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. Amṛta	amirtu	(ambrosia)	222
2. leṣa	ilēcu	(easy)	770
3. sphaṭika)			
Pkt. phaliha)	paḷikku	(crystal)	192
4. palāṣa	palācu	(a kind of tree, Butea Frondosa)	834
5. dūta ¹	tūtu	(message)	1876

(iii) In one case the final 'a' has become 'i'. For example :

Skt. stūpa Tam. tūvi (pinnacle) 531

(iv) In some words the final 'a' is dropped. For example :

Skt. nagara Tam. nakar (city) 701

1 'Dūta' in Skt. means messenger. The equivalent of Skt. 'dūta' in Tamil is 'Tūtan'. Here the word 'tūtu' which is used in the sense of 'message' in Tamil is not used in the same sense in Skt.

(v) 'a' which comes as the final letter of the word 'hanta' always changes into 'ō'. For example :

Skt. hanta Tam. antō 1036, 1806

'ā'

Initial 'ā'

The initial 'ā' has always remained unchanged.

	<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1.	ākula-	ākulam	(confusion)	1104
2.	ācāra	ācāram	(good conduct)	2889
3.	ājñā-			
	(Pkt. ānā)	ānai	(command)	1087
4.	ādara-	ātaram	(regard)	189
5.	ādi	āti	(beginning)	366

Medial 'ā'

The medial 'ā' often remains unchanged, sometimes shortens to 'a'.

For example

(i)	<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1.	śalākā-	calākai	(iron rod)	669
2.	kalāpa-	kalāpam	(women's zone of beads consisting of sixteen strands)	2069
3.	ācāra	ācāram	(good conduct)	2889
(ii)	<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1.	Kumāri	kumari	(virgin)	368
2.	kalāpa	kalavam	(peacock's tail)	1558, 1982, 2922
3.	pātaka (sin.)	patakar	(sinners)	2783

Final 'ā'

As a general rule the final 'ā' is always changed into 'ai'. For example :

	<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1.	cintā	cintai	(thought)	913, 1124, 1304, 1701

In the following two cases the final 'ā' has been changed into 'i'. Here the 'ā' is preceded by a conjunct consonant in which the second member is 'y'. After the elision of y, the first member of the conjunct consonant has doubled :

	<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1.	Kanyā-	Kaṇṇi	(virgin)	98
2.	Ayodhyā	Ayōtti	(a name of a city)	614

‘i’

Initial ‘i’

‘i’ in the first syllable of the word always remains unchanged. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. indragopa-	intirakōpam	(cochineal insect)	1819
2. kinnara-	kinnaram	(A class of demi-gods)	660

Medial ‘i’

The medial ‘i’ often remains unchanged, but in one case it has changed into ‘u’. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. gāmini-	kāmini	(a mantra which repeatedly pronounced enables one to fly through air)	1719
2. samidhā	camitai	(sacrificial fuel)	
3. paridhi ¹ -	paruti	(sun)	2237

Final ‘i’

The final ‘i’ always remains unchanged For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. śakti-	catti-	(a spear)	144
2. chavi-	cavi-	(beauty)	2484

‘i’

Initial ‘i’

‘i’ in the first syllable also remains unchanged. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. gīta-	kitam-	(song)	1241, 2480
2. śīla-	cīlam-	(conduct)	1545, 2392

Medial ‘i’

Normally the medial ‘i’ remains unchanged, but in one case the medial ‘i’ has shortened to ‘i’. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. dvīpa	tipam	(island)	503
2. khalina ² -	kalinam-	(a bit of horse’s bridle)	784

1 In Skt. ‘paridhi’ means a halo round the Sun. In Tamil ‘paruti’, which has come from Skt. ‘paridhi’, is used as a word for Sun.

2 Khalina—This word has come from Greek.

Final 'i'

The final 'i' always shortens to 'i'. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. kumāri-	kumari-	(virgin)	368
2. dāsī-	tāci-	(a maid servant)	2002

'u'

The vowel 'u' remains unchanged, be it initial, medial or final. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. uttama-	uttamam-	(best)	753
2. upādhyāya-	uvātti-	(teacher)	1090
3. ākula-	ākulam-	(confusion)	1104
4. kuṣumba-	kuṣumpam-	(family)	1437
5. madhu-	matu-	(sweet intoxicating drink)	190

In one case the 'u' in the first syllable,¹ has changed into 'o'; this word has been borrowed through Pali.

Skt. pustaka-	Pali. potthaka-	Tam. pottakam-	(book)	2009
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The medial 'u' has changed into 'i' in one case.

Skt. mānuṣa	Tam. māṇiṭan	(man)	1900
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'ū'

The vowel 'ū' also, like 'u', often remains unchanged whether it is initial or medial.

For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. sūci-	ūci-	(needle)	369
2. karpūra-	karuppūram	(camphor)	1645

Sometimes 'ū' becomes short whether it is initial or medial. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1 karpūra- (Pali & Pkt. kappūra)	kappuram-	(camphor)	197
2. cūrṇa Pkt. cuṇṇa	cuṇṇam-	(powder)	2369
3. tālikā-	tukilikai ² -	(painters' brush)	180, 1107
4. rūpa-	uruvam-	(form)	1571

1 'U' in the first syllable of a Skt. word sometimes changes into 'o' in dravidian languages. This is noticeable even in the other dravidian languages like Kanarese and Telugu. For example

Skt. guṇa-	Telugu. goṇamu-
,, bhujāṅga-	Kan. bojaṅga-

2 The insertion of 'k' in Tamil (Tukilikai) is difficult to explain.

‘r’

Since Tamil has no r̥ in its vowel system, when Skt. words with r̥ are borrowed in Tamil, the letter r̥ undergoes three kinds of changes, i.e. the Skt. r̥ changes into ir, iru, or i in Tamil. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. amṛta-	amirtu-	(ambrosia)	222
2. hṛdaya-	itayam-	(heart)	3123
	(Here the initial h is dropped)		
	Kan. hidaya		
3. dṛḍha-	tīṭan-	(firm)	1546
4. kṛmi-	kirumi-	(worm)	1154

In one word the r̥ has changed into a, and this word has been borrowed in Tamil from Pkt. e.g. :

Skt. vṛtta-			
Pkt. vaṭṭa-	Tam. vaṭṭam	(circle, round)	677
Pāli. vaṭṭa-			

‘e’

Skt. ‘e’, h̄e it initial or medial, often remains unchanged. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. eka-	ēkam-	(alone)	2326
2. kheda-	ētam ¹	(trouble)	1097
3. vega-	vēkam	(poison)	1274

The medial ‘e’ sometimes changes into ‘ai’. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. revati-	iraivati	(name of a nakṣatra)	506
2. videha-	vitaiyam	(a name of a country)	162

‘ai’

The initial ‘ai’ sometimes changes into ‘ayi’. For example :

Skt. airāvaṇa	Tam ayirāvaṇam
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‘ai’ in the first syllable often remains unchanged, but in one word it has changed to ‘ey’. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. kaivalya-	kaivalam	(final emancipation)	2741
2. kaitavam-	kaitavam	(deceit)	2873
3. daiva-	teyvam	(God)	241

1 The word ētam would have also come from the Skt. word ‘gheda’. Whether the Skt. word from which the Tamil ‘ētam’ has come is kheda or cheda the initial letter is dropped here. This dropping of the initial letters is difficult to explain.

'ai' in the initial syllable sometimes also changes into 'ē'. For example :

Skt. vaimānika	Tam. Vēmānikar	(one who moves about in a heavenly car)	2455
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The change of 'ai' into 'ē' or 'e' is also found in other dravidian languages and in Pkt. For example :

Skt. saindhava-	Kan. sendava	(horse)
„ vaiśākha-	„ bēsage	(name of the second lunar month)

This change is also common in Pkt. (Pischel. Rule No. 60)

Skt. aiśvarya	(Pkt.) Aṃg. esajja
„ airāvaṇa	„ (Śauraseni) erāvaṇa

'o'

The vowel 'o', whether it is initial or medial often remains unchanged.

For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. yojanā-	ōcanai	(distance)	338, 1901, 1192
2. doṣa-	tōcam	(fault)	1784
Pkt. dosa			
3. rohiṇi	urōṇi		198

In one case, the 'o' in the first syllable, which is preceded by 'l', has changed into a.

Skt. loka-	Tam. ulakam	(world)	2812
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The consonants

Tamil does not have counterparts for most of the Skt. consonants and in most cases these letters are altered according to the Tamil phonetic system. The four kinds of consonants in Skt., the hard, the hard aspirate, the soft, and the soft aspirate are represented only by the hard consonant in Tamil and sometimes even in this consonant changes take place in order to adjust itself according to the Tamil grammatical system. The following are the consonantal changes occurring in the Cc.

The gutturals, k, kh, g, and gh :

The Skt. letters kh, g, and gh, whether initial or medial are replaced by 'k' in Tamil and 'k' remains unchanged.

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1 kalyāṇa-	kalyāṇam	(marriage)	784
śakata-	cakaṭam	(cart)	369
2 khalīna-	kaliṇam	(a bit of horse's bridle)	784
śaṅkha-	caṅkam	(conch)	701
3 gāmini-	kāmiṇi	(a mantra which helps to fly through air)	1713
svāgata-	cuvākatam	(welcome)	1021
4 ghana-	kaṇam	(heavy)	922
megha-	mēkam	(cloud)	2476
In one word, the initial kh has elided; e.g. :			
Skt. kheda-	Tam. ētam	(trouble)	2988

In the word 'niyamam' the Skt. 'g' has changed into 'y'. Tamil must have borrowed this word from old Sinhalese.

Skt. nigama-	(market place)		
Pkt. nigama-	(,, ,,)		
Pali. nigama	(,, town)	Tam. niyamam (village)	2601
O.Sinh. niyama	(,, place)		

The consonant ṅ always remains unchanged. For example :

Skt. hingulika-	Tam. iṅgulikam	(vermilion)	2239
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The palatals c, ch, j, and jh :

The palatals c, ch, j and jh are replaced by 'c' and 'c' remains unchanged in Tamil. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1 cakra-	cakkaram	(wheel)	2761
kūrca-	kuccu	(weaver's brush)	615
2 chavi-	cavi	(beauty)	2484
piñcha-	piccam	(peacock's tail)	2524
3 jana-	caṇam	(people)	828, 1841
añjana-	añcaṇam	(collyrium)	1632

The consonant ṅ always remains unchanged. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
pañca-	pañca	(five)	1896
kuñjara-	kuñcaram	(elephant)	1840, 2230

The cerebrals ṭ, ṭh, ḍ, and ḍh :

The cerebrals in Skt, ṭh, ḍ and ḍh, are replaced by ṭ, and ṭ remains unchanged. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1 śakāṭa-	cakāṭam-	(cart)	363
2 pṛṭhikā	pṛṭikāi	(seat)	2213
3 bhīṇḍipāla-	piṇṭipālam-	(a missile)	2269
piṇḍa	piṇṭam	(a morsel)	1844
4 dṛḍha	tiṭam	(firm)	1546

The cerebral ḍ has changed into ḷ in the word cūḷāmaṇi and to ḷ in the word keluḷam.

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
garuḍa-	keluḷam	(vulture)	1926
cūḍāmaṇi-	cūḷāmaṇi	(an ornament)	786

The cerebral ṭ has changed into ḷ in the word 'paḷikku'. This word in Tamil has come through Pkt.

Skt. Sphaṭika Pkt. Phaṭiḥa¹ Tamil Paḷikku (crystal)

The consonant ṇ always remains unchanged. For example :

Skt. cūrṇa Tam. cuṇṇam (powder)

The Skt. dental's t, th, d, and dh :

The Skt. dental t always remains unchanged and the other dentals th, d, and dh are replaced by t. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1 tapas-	tavam	(penance)	1545, 2555
nimitta-	nimittam	(omen)	1129
2 sthaṇḍila-	taṇṭilam	(place designed for the sacrificial fire)	2426
tirtha-	tirttam	(a doctrine)	1247
3 dāta	tūtu	(message)	1876
nandaka-	nāntakam	(sword)	815
4 dhūma-	tūmama	(smoke)	847
nirodhanā	nirōṭanai	(control over passions)	3080

1 Ref. R. Pischel, *Comparative Grammar of the Prakrit Languages*, 2nd edition, 1965, para 238.

The consonant n usually remains unchanged in the initial and medial and the final n very often drops. For example :

	<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
	nidhi-	niti	(treasure)	402
	nandaka-	nāndakam	(sword)	815
	Sometimes the dental n changed to cerebral ṇ.			
1	Skt. -ayana	Pkt. Ayaṇa Pal. ayana	Tam. Ayaṇa (walking)	851
2	„ sunaga	Pkt. suṇaga	„ cuṇaṅkaṇ (dog)	960

This change always happens in Pkt. Therefore this could have been an influence of Pkt.

The Skt. labials, p, ph, b, and bh :

The Skt. labials p often remains unchanged and the other palatals ph, b and bh are replaced by p. For example :

	<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1	paṭṭa-	Paṭṭam	(a head ornament)	472
	dvīpa-	Tipam	(an island)	503
2	sphaṭika-	paṭikku	(crystal)	192
Pkt	phaṭiḥa-			
3	bodhi-	pōti	(wisdom)	366
	kuṭumba-	kuṭumpam	(family)	1437
4	bharaṇi	paraṇi	(the second nakṣatra)	1813
	darbha-	taruppai	(sacred grass)	2464

p, and b sometimes also changes into v. This kind of change is common in Pkt. dialects.¹

P-V

1	Skt. pāpin-	Tam. pāvi	(sinner)	761
	Pkt. pāvi			
2	Skt. tapas-	Tam. tavam	(penance)	77, 1545, 2555
	Pkt. tava			

B-V

1	Skt. śābara-	Tam. cavarar	(hunters)	1655
	Pkt. savara			
2	Skt. kabandha-	Tam. kavantam	(a headless trunk)	1310
	Pali. kavandha			
	O.Sinh. kavaṇḍha			

1 R. Pischel, *op. cit.* Paras. 147-148.

The consonant m usually remains unchanged. For example :

Skt. māna-	Tam. māṇam	(sulk)	2382
,, vimāna-	Tam. vimāṇam	(self moving aerial car)	564

In one case m had also changed to v, like the other p and b.

Skt. pratimā-	Pkt. paḍimā-	Tam. paṭivam	(form)	395, 1166
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The consonants y, r, l, and v :

The consonant y often remains unchanged. For example :

Skt.	Tamil		
yāma-	yāmam	(night)	1269
ayaṇa-	ayaṇam	(path)	851

Very often the initial y is preceded by a prothetic vowel i.

Skt. yakṣi-	Tam. iyakki	(Female yakṣa)	1015, 596, 1178
			1590, 1600, 1658

The initial y has dropped in the word ocaṇai.

Skt. yojanā-	Tam. ocaṇai	(distance)	336, 1901, 1142
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r

The consonant r normally remains unchanged, but since r can not be an initial letter in Tamil, always a prothetic vowel a, i, or u is added.

For example :

Skt.	Tamil		
1 raṅga-	araṅkam	(stage)	2112
rava-	aravam	(sound)	2526
2 ravi-	iravi	(sun)	2496
revati-	irēvati	(name of a nakṣatra)	506
rasa-	iratam	(mercury)	960
3 roma-	urōmam	(hair)	2426
rūpa-	uruvam	(shape)	1571
rohiṇī	urōṇi	(name of a star)	198

In one instance the r in the medial has changed to l.

Skt. garuḍa	Tam. kalulaṇ	(vulture)	405
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l

The Skt. 'l' also often remains unchanged. But the initial 'l' is always preceded by a prothetic vowel 'i' or 'u', since in Tamil 'l' cannot stand in the beginning of a word. For example :

Skt.	Tamil		
1 lakṣya-	ilakkam	(target)	188
laya-	ilayam	(a musical note)	1269, 682
leṣa-	ilecu	(a small amount)	727, 1258, 770
2 loka-	ulakam	(world)	2812

v

The Skt. 'v' in most cases remains unchanged, be it initial or medial.
For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1 vajra-	vacciram	(hard)	2732
2 varṇa-	vaṇṇam	(paint)	1107
Pkt. vaṇṇa-			
3 vrata-	vatam	(religious observance)	378
Pkt. vata-			
4 pavitra-	pavittiram	(pure)	2311
In the word pariyālam, the Skt. 'v' has changed to 'y'.			
Skt. parivāra)	Tam. pariyālam (followers)		949
Pkt. pariyāla)			

The sibilants :

Since Tamil has no sibilants in its consonant system, when Skt. words with sibilants ś, ṣ and s, are borrowed, these letters undergo certain changes to be adapted to the Tamil consonantal system. The following changes in the sibilants can be noted from the words used in the Cc.

The sibilant 'ś'

The palatal 'ś' normally changes to 'c' in Tamil. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1 śunaka-	cuṇaṅkaṅ	(dog)	960
2 śibikā-	civikai	(a palanquin)	2379, 2628
3 śikhā	cikai	(hair)	195

Sometimes the medial ś changes to y and this change is also common in Malayalam. For example :

Skt. śmaśāna-) Tam. mayāṇam (burial ground)	301
Pkt. maśāna-		

The initial ś is sometimes dropped. For example :

Skt. śaraṇa-	Tam. araṇam (protection)	777
	Mal. araṇ	
Skt. śmaśāna-	Tam. mayāṇam (burial ground)	301
	Mal. masāṇa	

The sibilant 'ṣ' :

The sibilant 'ṣ' normally changes to 'c'. For example :

Skt. doṣa-	Tam. tōcam (fault)	1784
Pkt. dosa-		
Pal. dosa		

In some words 'ṣ' has also changed to 'ṭ'. For example :

Skt. mānuṣa- Tam. māṇiṭam (human being) 1900

The sibilant 's'

The dental sibilant 's', also like the other sibilants, normally changes to 'c'. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1 Sūrya-	Cūriyaṅ	(Sun)	2208
2 Sundara-	Cuntaram	(goodness)	121
3 Sindūra	Cintūram	(vermilion)	86

Sometimes the initial 's' which is followed by a vowel elides. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1 sūci-	ūci	(needle)	369
2 samara-	amar	(war)	777

Sometimes the medial 's' changes to 't', and this change is also very common in Malayalam. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1 rasa-	iratam	Mal. iratam (mercury)	960

In the word kuppāyam the medial 's' has changed to y.

Skt. kūrpāsa- Tam. kuppāyam (jacket) 431

The final 's' in Skt. words is always dropped in Tamil.

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1 havis-	avi	(oblation)	1604
2 maṅas-	maṅam	(mind)	367

(Here the neuter ending 'm' is substituted.)

The aspirant 'h' :

The initial 'h' is always dropped in Tamil. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1 havis-	avi	(oblation)	1601
2 hāra-	āram	(necklace of pearls)	349
3 hiṅgulika-	iṅgulikam	(vermilion)	2239
4 hiranya-	iraṅyaṅ	(a name of an asura)	1813

The medial 'h' very often changes to 'k' and sometimes it assimilates the preceding nasal also. For example :

Skt. smhai- Tam. ciṅkam (lion) 237

The medial 'h' is sometimes elided. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1 rōhiṇi	urōṇi	(name of the third star)	198
2 vṛihi	virī	(rice)	89

Conjunct Consonants :

Initially, the consonant clusters of the Skt. loan-words always become a single consonant or broken up by intrusive vowels, i, or u, or a in Tamil. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1 sthaṇḍila	taṇṭilam	(place designed for sacrificial fire)	2466
2 sthāla	tālam	(plate)	398
3 sthāna-	tānam	(place)	542, 1567, 2823
4 sphaṭika- Pkt. phaliha)	paḷikku Mal. paṭikam	(crystal)	1921
5 dvīpa-	tipam	(island)	503
6 kramuka	kamuku	(arecanut)	68, 1616
7 svāgata	cuvākatam	(welcome)	1021

(here the intrusive vowel 'u' has been introduced and the initial 's' has changed to 'c'.)

If the consonant cluster has 'y', 'r', or 'l' as the second member in a Skt. word, generally it takes 'i' as the intrusive vowel in Tamil. If the first member is 'k', 'c', 't', or 'p' it doubles. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1 astra	attiram	(arrow)	815
2 yantra	entiram	(machine)	1614
3 Sūrya	cūriyan	(sun)	2208
4 hiraṇya	iraṇiyau	(a name of an asura)	1813
5 śukla	cukkila	(pure)	3081

In some cases before the 'r' an 'a' is included. For example :

Skt. cakra	Tam. cakkaram	(wheel)	2761
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If 'r' is the first member of the consonant cluster it takes a prothetic 'u' in Tamil. For example :

Skt. karpūra	Tam. karuppūram	(here 'p' is also doubled.)
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There are instances where in a consonant cluster either progressive assimilation or regressive assimilation takes place.

Progressive assimilation

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1 guhya-	kuyyam	(hypocrisy)	253
2 cūrṇa)	cuṇṇam	(powder)	2369
Pkt. cuṇṇa)			
3 alaktaka	arattakam	(red lac)	2459
4 pustakam)	potthākam	(book)	2009
Pkt. potthaka'			

In a consonant cluster if the first letter is a nasal it changes into a consonant of the group to which the second letter belongs. For example;

Skt. siṃha	Tamil. ciṅkam	(lion)	237
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The sibilant 'ś' is very often assimilated when it comes in a combination with voiceless stops; or sometimes undergoes changes. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil.</i>		
1. lakṣya	ilakkam	(target)	188
catuṣka	catukkam	(junction where four roads meet)	112
2. kṣema	cēmam or ēmam	(a sacred place)	670

Hybrid forms in the Cc.

The term hybrid form is used for the terms constructed with Tāmil and Skt. words, and these forms often function like compounds. In the early Middle Tamil period there are only a few hybrid forms. For example:

oruvantam (Tirukkural-563, 593)

Tam. oru+ Skt. anta = oruvantam 'certainly'.

This word oruvantam corresponds to the Skt. word ekānta, but the word oruvantam here gives the meaning certainty.

In the Cc. the number of hybrid forms is comparatively high. The following are some of the hybrid forms found in the Cc.

1. aṅcanakkōl -1894.

Skt aṅjana + Tam. kōl = a pencil to paint the eyelashes
(collyrium) (stick) with collyrium.

2. aṭṭarakku-468.

Tam. atta + Skt. lākṣā = melted lac
(melted) (lac, wax)

1. In Prakrit before consonant groups 'u' may become 'o'. 'sta' and 'stha' become 'ltha'. R. Pischel, *op. cit.* paras. 125-207.

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| 3. anantanāmaṇi - 2846 | | | |
| Skt. ananta
(endless) | + | Tam. nāmaṇi
(four) | - the four divine attributes
obtained by the soul in the
final state of liberation. |
| 4. araṅkakkūṭṭi - 1557 | | | |
| Skt. raṅga
(stage) | + | Tam. kūṭṭi
(a female dancer,
prostitute) | - a prostitute |
| 5. aravattirai - 1766 | | | |
| Skt. rava
(noise) | + | Tam. tirai
(waves) | - the waves which make
noise |
| 6. aruntavar - 1895 | | | |
| Tam. arun | + | Skt. tapas ¹
(those who do
great penance) | - great ascetics |
| 7. ākulappūcal - 1095 | | | |
| Skt. ākula
(confused) | + | Tam. pūcal
(cry) | - to cry out in confusion. |
| 8. iṅkitakkaḷippu - 145 | | | |
| Skt. iṅgita
(interpretation of
internal sentiments
by external gestures) | + | Tam. kaḷippu
(pleasure) | - pleasure indulging in
amorous thoughts. |
| 9. intiravil-86, 121 | | | |
| Skt. indra
(indra) | + | Tam. vil
(bow) | -rainbow. |
| 10. uruṇēmi-2237. | | | |
| Tam. urul
(whirl round) | + | Skt. nemi
(wheel) | -wheel of a chariot. |
| 11. ulakamaṇṇavan-1558 | | | |
| Skt. loka
(world) | + | Tam. maṇṇavan
(king) | - emperor. |
| 12. entiravūcal-2774 | | | |
| Skt. yantra
(machine) | + | Tam. ūcal
(swing) | - a swing that swings
with the help of a machine. |
| 13. ēkaviṇṇam-855, 1657 | | | |
| Skt. ēka
(one) | + | Tam. iṇṇam
(pleasure) | - pleasure which is unique. |

1 In Skt. 'tapas' means penance. In Tamil the word 'tavar' has come from Skt. 'tapas' meaning the people who perform penance.

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| 14. | karumakkaṭal-2741
Skt. karman +
(deeds) | Tam. kaṭal
(ocean) | - the ocean of the fruits
of deeds |
| 15. | karumattevvar-3074
Skt. karman +
(deeds) | Tam. tevvar
(enemies) | - enemies in the form
of fruit of deeds. |
| 16. | kannimātam-585
Skt. Kanyā +
(virgin) | Tam. mātam
(residence) | - a residence of virgin
princess. |
| 17. | ciṅkanōkku-1569
Skt. siṃha +
(lion) | Tam. nōkku
(look) | - looking over the shoulders
with neck turned as a lion. |
| 18. | kāmakkalam-929
Skt. kāma +
(desire) | Tam. kalam
(vessel) | - the vessel of desire. |
| 19. | kāmakkulaṭavi-921
Skt. kāma +
(desire) | Tam. kuḷavi
(child) | - desire in the form of
child. |
| 20. | kāmaṇappaṇai-2505
Skt. kāma +
(the God of
love) | Tam. appaṇai
(the bed of
arrows) | - the bed of flowers. |
| 21. | kuṅkumakkatirkaḷ-2153
Skt. kuṅkuma +
(saffron) | Tam. katirkal
(rays) | - red colour rays. |
| 22. | kuṇakkaṭal-2813
Skt. guṇa +
(virtue) | Tam. kaṭal
(sea) | - the sea of virtue |
| 23. | kumarippōr-806
Skt. kumārī +
(virgin) | Tam. pōr
(war) | - the first military engage-
ment of a prince. |
| 24. | kumariyaṭal-2020.
Skt. kumārī +
(virgin) | Tam. āṭal
(play) | - (i) to perform sacred
ablutions at Cape
Comarin.
(ii) to unite with a virgin |
| 25. | kōcikanṅṅr-1673
Skt. kauṣika +
(silk) | Tam. nṅṅ
(water) | - water dropping from a
silk cloth. |

26.	kōcika ātai-1650			
	Skt. kauṣika	+	Tam. ātai ¹	- a dress made of silk cloth.
	(silk)		(cloth, dress)	
27.	cīlavēli-379			
	Skt. śīla	+	Tam. vēli	- a fence made of good
	(good conduct)		(fence)	conduct
28.	tarāṇikāvalaṅ-1813.			
	Skt. dharāṇi	+	Tam. kāvalaṅ	- the king.
	(earth)		(protector)	
29.	tavappaḷli-347			
	Skt. tapa	+	Tam. paḷli	- hermitage
	Pkt. tava		(residence)	
	(penance)			
30.	tāpatappaḷli-337			
	Skt. tāpasāḥ	+	Tam. paḷli	- hermitage
	(ascetics)		(residence)	
31.	tavaviḷakku-2850			
	Skt. tapas	+	Tam. viḷakku	- the lamp of penance.
	Pkt. tava-		(lamp)	
	(penance)			
32.	tūpamuṭṭi-558.			
	Skt. dhūpa	+	Tam. muṭṭi	- a thurible of incense
	(incense)		(pot)	
33.	tēcikamuṭṭi-2549			
	Skt. taijasika	+	Tam. muṭṭi	- a bright crown.
	(bright)		(crown)	
34.	nocitavam-1132			
	Tam. noci	+	Skt. tapas	- a little penance.
	(little)		Pkt. tava-	
			(penance)	
35.	pātāḷa-mu-t-ti-2462			
	Skt. pātāḷa	+	Tam. mu + t + tti ²	- the submarine fire.
	(lower world)		(three) (fire)	

1 There is also an opinion that the word 'ātai' in Tamil could have come from Skt. 'Śāta(ka)'. Here ś would have been elided and the final a would have changed to ai.

Note :-This word is found only in Malayāḷam out of all the other Dravidian languages.

2 The word 'muṭṭi' in Tamil is made like the word 'muṅṅir'. This idea of three fires is not found in Skt. As there are only three oceans according to the Tamil literary tradition, the fire also would have been numbered as three.

36. puṇṇiyanampi-1639
Skt. puṇya + Tam. nampi - a person of great merit.
(merit) (best one among men)
37. pōkamakaḷir-2173
Skt. bhoga- + Tam. makaḷir - courtesans
(p|easure) (ladies)
38. pōkam-inra-puṇṇiyan-362
Skt. bhoga + Tam. inra + Skt. puṇya
- the one who is of great religious
merit which produces enjoyment.
39. maṇikkai-839.
Skt. maṇi + Tam. kai - a handle made of precious stone.
(jewel, stone) (hand)
40. matuttaṇṭu-863.
Skt. madhu + Tam. taṇṭu - a bamboo tube for holding liquor.
(wine) (stick)
- 41, vācaney-622.
Skt. vāsa + Tam. ney - fragrant ointment.
(fragrant) (oil)

Skt. compounds in the Cc.

Apart from the hybrid forms, Tēvar has used also many compounds made of Skt. words in his work. In forming the compounds he has often followed the rules of Tamil euphonic combination. For example, in the compound ekavaṇai, the semi vowel v has been inserted in between the two words to bring them together. In Skt. this compound will take the form ekajñā. But in some places he has also followed the Skt. rules of euphonic combinations. For example :

tevatitevaṇ - tēva-ati-tēvaṇ

cantirōtayam - cantira + utayam.

According to Tamil rules it should have become cantiravutayam. Though there are one or two cases like this, very often Tamil rules of euphonic combinations are followed in making compounds even with two Skt. words. There are two kinds of compounds made of Skt. words in the Cc. :

(i) The compounds which are common to both Skt. and Tamil.

(ii) The compounds which are not found in Skt. though they are made of Skt. words and are found in Tamil.

Compounds which are used both in Skt. and in Tamil :

1. aṣṭa-maṅkaḷam - 629, 2410, 2428, 2484
aṣṭa + maṅgaḷa - a collection of eight lucky things : (a lion, a bull, an elephant, a water jug, a fan, a flag, a trumpet, and a lamp) or (a brahmin, a cow, a fire, gold, ghee, the sun, water and a king).
2. a-lōkam-3082
a-loka - portion lying outside loka (Jaina)
3. āti-y-antam-3082
ādi + anta - beginning and end
4. āvaṇa-vīti -2118
āpaṇa (Skt.) + vīthi - bazaar
āvaṇa (Pkt.)
5. intira-kumāraṇ - 1253
indra + kumāra - the son of Indra
6. irāca-mā-nākam - 1276
rāja + mahā + nāga - king of cobras
7. ēka-mā-nakar - 2398
eka + mahā + nagara - the city which is unique and big.
8. ēka-v-āṇai - 141
ēka + ājñā (Skt.) - sole dominion
āṇā (Pkt.)
9. tēva-ḷitam - 2052
deva + gīta - celestial music
10. tēva-tuntupi - 2367
deva + dundubhi - drums of the gods
11. teva-ati-tēvaṇ
deva + adhi + deva - god of the gods, an Arhat
12. nara-pati - 1617
nara + pati - the king
13. muka-vācam - 1055
mukha + vāsa - fragrant spices
(In Sanskrit, the compound 'mukhavāsa' and 'mukhavāsana' are used. Since this mouth perfume is made of five aromatics, the word 'pañca' is also added to the word 'mukhavāsa'. In some instances the word 'mukha' is elided and is used as 'pañca vācam' in Tamil.)
14. pañca-muka-vācam - 2026
pañca + mukha + vāsa - the five aromatics

15. pañca-vācam - 1896
pañca + vāsa - the five aromatics
16. pāta-mulam - 511
pāda + mūla - feet
17. piṇḍi-p-pakavaṇ - 957
piṇḍi + bhagavān - the one who is seated under the Aśoka tree (Arhat).
18. pūmi-tēvi - 2233
bhūmi + devi - the goddess of earth
19. pōka-pūmi - 2580
bhoga + bhūmi - heaven
20. maṇi-mēkalai - 2384
maṇi + mekhalā - a girdle of gems
21. matana-kītam - 1211
madana + gīta - love song
22. mā-tavar - 1195
mahā + tapas - ascetics
23. kāla-c-cakkaram - 1839
kāla + cakra - the wheel of time
24. kuru-kulam-290, 1805, 2605, 3015
kuru + kula - the Kuru dynasty
25. cantiroṭayam - 455
candra + udaya - moonrise
26. cala-ñ-cayaṇam - 1673
jala + śayana - a bed in water
27. cittira-mā-maṇṭapam-2370
citra + mahā + maṇṭapa - a beautiful hall
28. cukkila-t-tiyāṇam - 3081
śukla + dhyānam - meditation on pure spirit
29. cuka-tā - 3096
sukha + dā - one who gives comfort.
30. tik-kayaṅkaḷ - 1794
dig + gajāḥ - the elephants guarding the eight directions
31. kāma-pūmi
kāma + bhūmi - the world of enjoyment.

Compounds which are not found in Skt. though they are made of words from Skt. and are found only in Famil :

1. antara-kumāraṇ - 1264
antara + kumāra - a demigod who is in the intermediate space.
This may be the counterpart of the Skt. compound 'vyantara'.
2. uruva-c-cātakam - 1571
rūpa + jātaka - science of the shape
3. karpakam-kāma-valli - 1129
kalpaka + kāma + valli - the creeper Kāmavalli on the tree Kalpaka
4. kāppiya-k-kavikaḷ - 1585
kāvya + kavikaḷ - the poets who compose kāvyas
5. kāma-mālai - 1357
kāma + māla - a garland of desire
6. kīta-vīti - 2039
gīta + vīthi - an avenue of music
7. catu-muka - 766
catur + mukha - four divisions (of army)
8. tava-vīrar - 3104
(Skt.) tapas = vīraḥ - sages heroic in performing austerities.
(Pkt.) tava
9. matu-p-pali - 471
madhu + bali - the oblation of wine
10. vīṇai-vittakan - 1002
vīṇā + vidagha - the expert in playing on the (vīṇa) lute

There are also a few Tamil translations of the Skt. compounds in the Cc.

For example :

Skt.	Tamil	
1. gṛhadevatā	illuṛai teyvam	- the domestic deity
2. dvijanmānaḥ	iru piṛappāḷar	- brahmins
3. kāmavalli	iṇṇupakkoṭi	- a creeper found in svarga
4. aṣṭakarmaṇi	eṇṇvīnai	- a fruit of deeds accumulattng in eight ways
5. hṛdayakamala	akappā	- heart
6. śataghni	nūṇṇuvāraikkolli	- a deadly machine which kills a hundred people at a time,
7. pañcāgni	aḷalaintu	- the five fires : the dakṣiṇa, gārhapatya, āhavanīya, sabhya, āvasathya

There are also several Skt. verbal roots borrowed from Skt. and used according to the Tamil conjugational rules. For example :

<i>Tamil</i>	<i>Skt. Verbal root</i>		
1. aci-ppa	has—	—laughing	(659)
2. ilak-ittu	likh—	—having written	(180)
3. ilaṅkittittāṇ	laṅgh—	—jumped	(191)
4. layasm-ā	laya— (li)	—to disappear	(1256)
5. kaṇi-tta	gaṇ—	—calculated, decided	(2518)
6. uti—	udi—	—to rise	(1340)
7. kuṅci-ttu	kuṅc—	—having bent	(341)
8. civa	jīva (imperative)	—live !	(9)
9. cēvi	sev—	—having served	(633)
10. mantiri-ttu	mantra—	—having said the mantra	(2465)
11. vaṅci-ttu	vaṅc—	—having deceived	(1756)
12. vaṇṇi-ttal	varṇa—	—describe	(2458)
13. vāci-kkiṇṇāṇ	vac—	—reading	(669)
14. vitāṇi-ttatu	vitāṇa—	—extended	(861)
15. virōti	viruddha—	—opposed	(3080)

Semantic changes :

When words with the same meaning are borrowed from a different language, and are used side by side, a distinction of meaning tends to develop between these words. In some cases, this distinction in meaning seems to be even totally different from the original meaning. A study of the loan-words in the Cc. enables one to observe two kinds of semantic changes in it; one, the development of new meaning which is also common to some of the other Dravidian languages, and the other, the changes which are only peculiar to Tamil. The study of the following words which have undergone certain semantic changes will explain the different kinds of changes.

1. kalyāṇam-784 :

The Skt. word *kalyāṇa* from which the Tamil word *kalyāṇam* is derived has the meaning beautiful, excellence, prosperous, luck, etc. This word when borrowed in Tamil, the meaning has been restricted and it specially meant only wedding or marriage. The entrance of this word in Tamil can even be seen in the early Middle Tamil period. For example ;

kalliyāṇan tēvar pitir viḷa... (Ācārakkōvai, 48:1.)

(The marriage, the rituals observed for Tevar, the ceremony for mane people...)

This change is also common in Malayalam and there though the word is used in the sense of fine, lucky, etc., it also has the meaning wedding or marriage.

2. kāmīni-1713 :

The word kāmīni is derived from the Skt. word gāmin which means 'the one who goes' (pal. gamika, Pkt. gāmi-one who goes). In the Cc. the word kāmīni is restricted only to a certain mantra which helps one to fly through the air when repeatedly pronounced. This restriction in meaning is not found in the other dravidian languages, but it is already in use in the Skt. Jaina texts. Tēvar also must have borrowed this word from the Jaina texts written in Skt. and Pkt.

3. cūlam-3003 :

The word cūlam is obviously derived from the Skt. word śūla which means the trident. Generally it is connected with God Śiva, and considered as his weapon. There are references to this word in the early Middle Tamil texts too. For example :

vaḷaiy uṭaik kaiyil cūlam ēnti . (Cilap. XII. 60)
(bearing the trident in her hand adorned with bangles.)

toṭutta pācattu piṭitta cūlatu... (Mani. VI. 46)
(with a noose which was tied and holding a trident ...)

In Silp. XI. 73 the branched routes are compared with the trident of Śiva.

piṛai muṭik kaṇṇip periyōṇ ēntiyav
aṛai vāy cūlat aru neṛi kavarkkum...

(The routes which are branched like the forked mouthed trident held by the Lord Śiva who has worn the crescent moon in his matted hair as a garland)

It is clear from these references that originally the word cūlam was used for the trident.

In the Cc. the lightning rod is denoted by the word cūlam.

cūla neṛriya kōpurat tōṛramum ..3003

(the appearance of pyramidal towers with lightning rods fixed on them ...)

This usage is not common either in Skt. or in Tamil. The lightning rod must have been in the shape of a trident and that would have made Tēvar call the lightning rod cūlam. This usage of cūlam in the sense of lightning rod is only found in the Cc.

4. tirttam-1247 :

Tirttam is derived from the Skt. word tirtha and it is generally used to denote holy water, a way, a sacred place, bathing place, etc. etc. When this word was borrowed in the Cilappatikāram it is also used in the same sense, i. e. a place of a ceremonial bathing.

tirttak karaiyum tēvar kōṭṭamum... XII. 27

(The banks of the sacred ceremonial bathing place and the temples of the gods.)

In the Cc. this word has been used to denote the sacred āgamās and this is the first time in Tamil this word is used in this sense. In Skt. also it is never used to denote āgamās, but, since the word tirtha has a sense of holiness, Tēvar must have used this word for the holy āgamās of Jains.

Later on and in modern usage too, tirttam is very often used to denote water.

5. nāntakam-815 :

The word nāntakam is derived from the Skt. word nandaka, which denotes the sword of Kṛṣṇa. In Tamil, this word though specifically denotes the sword of Kṛṣṇa, generally it is used for all swords. In Malayalam too this word is often used for swords, and it is always used with the first syllable of the word lengthened, i.e. nāntakam. In Tamil both forms nantakam and nāntakam are common. In the Cc. nāntakam is used in a general sense to denote swords. For example :

nallavai puriyu māntar nāntakam piḷaittu viḷā... 815

(The sword will never fall from the hands of people who do good deeds, even under accidental circumstances.)

In modern Tamil both forms nāntakam and nantakam are in use.

6. paroti-2237 :

The word paruti is derived from the Skt. word paridhi which generally means the halo round the sun or moon. It also means a fence, a circle, circumference of a circle, etc. In Tamil, though being used in the original sense as in Sanskrit, very often it is also used to denote the sun. Apart from the word pariti, the word paruti with the medial i being changed to u, is also used. Even in the Caṅkam literature there are references to these two words paruti and pariti in the sense of sun. For example :

viṇ poru neṭu varaip paritiyil toṭutta..¹

(Like the sun on lofty hills which reach the sky..)

There are also references to pariti and paruti in Aham. 379 : 7, 229 : 1, 360 : 2, kalit. 26 : 2, puṇam. 224 : 7, 358 : 1, perumpāṇ. 2, Kaḷavaḷi 4 : 2 in the meaning sun.

Tēvar has used this word paruti in both meanings, the halo of the sun and the sun. For example :

oḷḷ alar paruti mēlor paruti ninrataṭaiy ottān. 2203

(he stood like a bright flaming sun over its halo.)

7. vēkam-1274 :

The word vēkam is obviously derived from the Sanskrit word vāga which means fast, speed, passion, etc. In Tamil also it is often used in the same sense except for the usage we find in Cc. 1274. Here this word has been used to denote poison,

aravu kāṇra vēkam mikkiṭṭat aṇṇē. 1274

(Alas! the effect of the poison emitted by the snake was great.)

¹ Tirumurukarṇuppaṭai - line 299.

Tēvar must have used this word for poison since the effect of the poison is very quick. There is also a reference to vega in the Cc. in the sense of quickness. For example :

matiyiṅukk ivarnta vēka māmaṇi nākam.. 982
(the quick snake which tries to catch the moon..)

Linguistic influence through Jainism :

The Cc. is the first Tamil literary work in which most of the Jaina religious and philosophical ideas are elaborately discussed. As discussed earlier in the Vth chapter, Tēvar had to borrow words from Skt and Pkt. Jaina treatises to explain these religious and philosophical ideas. In this effort he has used Skt. terms, Skt. compounds, and compounds made of Skt. and Tamil. In some instances he has translated the Skt. and Pkt. terms and Skt. compounds in Tamil. In a few places he has explained the Jaina philosophical terms in Tamil phrases. These various forms will be analysed below,

Sanskrit words :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. krodha-	kurōtaṅ	(Here the saṃjvalana-krodha karma is expressed by the word kurōtaṅ)	3080
2. māna-	māṅaṅ	(the saṃjvalana-māna is expressed by the word māṅaṅ)	3080
3. māyā	māyaṅ	(the saṃjvalana-māyā karma is expressed by the word māyaṅ)	
4. lobha	ulōpaṅ	(the saṃjvalana-lobha karma is expressed by the word ulōpaṅ)	3080

In this word 'ulōpaṅ' the initial u is added as l cannot be the initial letter in Tamil.

In the above four words, Tēvar has added the masculine ending n. Though in Sanskrit these words except māyā belong to masculine gender, when borrowed in Tamil they usually take neuter endings, as krōtam, māṅam, and lōpam. The word māyā is used with feminine ending, i.e. māyā in Sanskrit will become māyai in Tamil. Here Tēvar would have added the masculine ending n as he portrays these four karmas as soldiers who came to fight against Cīvakaṅ.

5. nirodhana-	nirōtaṅai	(obstruction)	3080
6. virāga-	virākam	(passionless)	3030
7. ghāṭiya-	kāti	(the four ghāṭiya karmas)	3082, 1240 2713
8. dāna-	tānam	(gift)	2632
9. gāmini	kāmiṅi	(a mantra which helps one to fly in the sky)	1713

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
10. guṇa	kuṇam	(the three guṇas, samyag-darśana, samyag-jñāna, and samyag cāritra are denoted by the word kuṇam)	
11. jñāna-	nāṇam	(here the word jñānam means samyag-jñāna)	381
12. śrutam	cutam	(sacred knowledge)	3038
In this word, as a consonant cluster cannot come at the beginning of a word in Tamil, the letter 'r' in 'sr' has been elided and 's' has changed into 'c'.			
13. tīrtham	tīrttam	(the sacred texts)	1247
14. tīrthan	tīrttaṇ	(lord Arhat)	821

There are two instances where Tēvar uses Indo-Aīyan forms. They are :

1. Skt. pracalā	Tam. pacalai	(pracalā karma)	3080
Pali. pacalā			
2. Skt. nidrā	Tam. nittai	(nidrā karma)	3030
Pali. niddā			

Sanskrit compounds :

1. aloka (Skt.)	alōkam (Tamil)		3082
a + loka			

Hybrid Forms :

1. anantanaṁmai			
Skt. ananta	+ Tam. nāṁmai	(the infinite four)	2846
2. karumattevvar			
Skt. karma	+ Tam. tevvar	(the karmas who are the enemies)	3074
3. karumakkeṭal			
Skt. karma	+ Tam. kaṭal	(the ocean of karmas)	2741
4. kaivalaccelvaṇ			
Skt. kaivalya	+ Tam. celvaṇ	(the one who has attained emancipation)	2741

Apart from these words and compounds Tēvar has also used Tamil phrases to express the meaning of the Jaina philosophical terms in Sanskrit. For example :

<i>Skt.</i>	<i>Tamil</i>		
1. astikāya	poruṭkaṭ ṛ aintu	(the five astikāyas)	2814
2. anantasukha	iṭaiyilā inṇam	(the infinite bliss)	2847
3. saṭkaṣāya	aṟuvakait tuvarppu	(the six kaṣāyas)	3076
4. pañcanamaskāra	aimpatav amirtam	(the pañcanamaskāra mantra)	941, 947

In the Cc. there are also words which have gained new meanings by the influence of Jainism. These are translations of the Jaina philosophical technical terms. But these words were already existing in Tamil language with a different meaning. For example ; The word 'nanmai' in Tamil means four. But this word is used in the Cc. in the meaning of the four infinite intrinsic qualities which a soul attains when it completely destroys all its karmas. Here the word 'nanmai'¹ is the translation of the Skt, word 'Catuṣṭaya'.

The word 'venṇavan' in Tamil means the one who has won. In Jainism, the one who has won all his karmas is called a 'Jina' (the overcomer of all things) and the word 'venṇavan' is used as the translation of it. Therefore here in the Cc, the word 'venṇavar'² specially means the Siddhas.

The word 'kāṭci' in Tamil means a vision, a sight. In the Cc, 'kāṭci'³ has been used as the translation of the Sanskrit word 'darśana-³, and it is used to express the 'darśanamohaniya karmas', which deludes the right belief. Likewise, the word 'uṇarvu'⁴ which is used in the Cc, gives the meaning of the knowledge obscuring karmas (jnānāvāraṇiṇya karmas) in the Jaina philosophy.

Therefore as a result of the Jaina influence in the Cc., many new words came into Tamil, and also some words which were already existing gained new meanings.

1 Cc. v, 3082.

2 *Ibid*, v. 956.

3 *Ibid*, v. 3082

4 *Ibid*, v. 3082.

CONCLUSION

The investigations described in the foregoing chapters lead to the following conclusions :

The questions regarding the source and the date of the Cc. have been discussed in the first chapter of this thesis. A comparative study of the Cc. with earlier texts which deal with the story of Jivaka showed a remarkable similarity between the Cc. and the works of Vāḍibhasiṃha, the Gc. and Kc. The similarities between these works have been listed and from an analysis of these similarities it is concluded that Vāḍibhasiṃha has consulted the Cc. By fixing the date of Vāḍibhasiṃha as the period between the latter half of the 10th century A.D. and the beginning of the 11th century A.D., the lower limit of the date of the Cc. is also determined. Among the other texts, the Up. of Guṇabhadra and the Mp. of Puṣpadanta are earlier than the works of Vāḍibhasiṃha. It is found that Jivaka story narrated in the Mp. of Puṣpadanta follows the story of Jivaka narrated in the Up. of Guṇabhadra. As the date of the Up. of Guṇabhadra (A.D. 897) is earlier than that of the Mp. of Puṣpadanta (A.D. 965) a comparative study of the Jivaka story narrated in the Up. with the story of the Cc. is described in chapter 3. This comparative study does not provide evidence to definitely fix the Up. as the original source for the Cc. From the Prakrit origin of some of the names of the characters in the Cc. there are grounds to suspect that there could have been a Prakrit version of the Jivaka story which is not available now and dated earlier than the Up. and the Cc. However, regarding the source of the Cc. there is no doubt that a Sanskrit or Prakrit version of the story, either in a book form or existing in the form of oral tradition, must have inspired Tēvar. Next, an analysis of available external evidence which could help to determine the date of the Cc. is carried out. From this study it appears that the probable date of the Cc. may lie between the latter half of the 8th century A.D. and the early 9th century A.D.

In the fourth chapter we have traced the influence of Sanskrit on the literary style of the Cc. It is pointed out here that definition laid down by Sanskrit rhetoricians for a mahākāvya has exerted a great influence on the composition of the Cc. This can be clearly seen in the way in which Tēvar handles the theme, his versification, the figures of speech and allusions, the descriptions, the structure and the division of the story and the other features such as the invocation, the apologia (avaīy-aṣakkam) etc. It has also been indicated how, in spite of this influence of Sanskrit, Tēvar has not given up established poetical traditions of earlier Tamil poems. He combines the two traditions very effectively.

In chapter V it is shown that the primary aim of the Cc. is to preach the gradual development of a soul towards salvation according to Jainism. This is illustrated through the life history of Civakaṇ and Tēvar explains the metaphysical, ethical, and ritualistic concepts of Jainism in the course of his narration. The treatment of the Jaina religious doctrines in the Cc. differs from that found in the earlier didactic works by Jaina authors or in the Buddhistic epic, the Maḡimēkalai. Our discussion in this chapter emphasises how Tēvar's treatment of Jainism in the Cc. is based on a sound knowledge of the original canons in Sanskrit and Prakrit.

The linguistic analysis of the last chapter makes it clear that Sanskrit words have been imported by Tēvar in the Cc. to facilitate his use of the supplementary metres (pāviṇams) and his treatment of the Jaina philosophical tenets. The semantic changes which occur in the Cc. are also shown. The linguistic influence of the Sanskrit on the Cc. is quite considerable and we have listed in our analysis all the Sanskrit loan words and their phonetic and semantic changes.

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