## CANDRANANDA'S DATE

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Muni Śrī Jambūvijayajī (1961) has earned the gratitude of the students of Indian philosophy, particularly of the students of the Vaisesika system, by publishing a highly useful and learned edition of Candrananda's commentary (Vrtti) on the Vaisesika-sutras. However, for want of evidence, neither he (pp. 12-13 of the Sanskrit introduction) nor Professor Anantalal Thakur (pp. 22-23), who has contributed a scholarly introduction to the volume, has been able to determine Candrananda's date any more precisely than saying that Candrananda followed Uddyotakara (fifth or sixth century A. D.). I would, therefore, like to point out that there is evidence to suppose that tenth century A. D. is the lower limit of Candrananda's life-time. The following passages are obviously quoted from his Vrtti by Helaraja (3.6.2-3; Subramania Iyer's edition pp. 210-211), who was in all probability a senior contemporary of Abhinava-gupta (Charudeva Shastri 1930:652-653; Subramania Iyer 1963:xi), the famous philosopher and poetician unanimously assigned to tenth century A. D. by scholars:

(a) din [sic. dig]-lingaviśesad viśesa-lingabhavac caika dig iti Kanadah. Cp. dig-lingaviśesad viśesa-lingabhavac caika dig ity arthah. (Candrananda 2.2.14 p. 18).

- (b) tatha ca ta [= Kāṇādāḥ] evam āhuḥ aditya-saṃprayogād bhūta-pūrvād bhaviṣyato bhūtāc ca prācī (Vaiśeṣika-sūtra 2·2·14) iti. savitur ahar[sic. Omit]-ahar-ādau yena pra-kalpita-dik-pradeśena saṃyogo 'bhūd bhavati bhaviṣyati vā tasmād āditya-saṃprayogāt prācîti vyapadeśaḥ, prāga[sic. prā]ñcaty ata [ādityam] iti kṛtvā. Cp. savitur aharādau yena kalpita-dik-pradeśena saṃyogo 'bhūd bhavati bhaviṣyati vā tasmād āditya-saṃyogāt 'prācī' iti vyapadeśaḥ prāñcaty ata ādityam iti. (Candrânanda on 2·2·16, which is the same as the sūtra cited by Helārāja, the number 14 (in the place of 16) being that of the Upaskāra recension; p. 19).
- (c) tatha 'dakṣiṇā-pratīcy-udīcī ca' [sic. 'tatha dakṣiṇā pratīcy udīcī ca'] (Vaiśeṣika-sūtra 2·2·15) iti sūtram.

  tasmād [sic. asmād, reading of manuscripts C and N consulted by Subramania Iyer] evâditya-saṃyogād pratīpâdi[sic. daks iṇā-di, contextually appropriate reading of manuscripts A, D, and H consulted by Subramania Iyer]-vyapadeśah. Cp. asmād evâditya-saṃprayogād dakṣiṇâdi-vyapadeśah. (Candrânanda on 2·2·17, which is the same as the sūtra quoted by Helārāja, the number 15 (in the place of 17) being that of the Upaskāra recension; p. 19).
- (d) anenaiva ca prakārena pūrva-daksinadīny antarālarūpāny api dig-antarāni vyākhyātānity uktam sūtram 'etena
  dig-antarāni vyākhyātāni' (Vaisesika-sūtra 2·2·16) iti. Cp.
  anenaiva prakārena pūrva-daksinadīni dig-antarāni vyākhyātāni.
  (Candrananda on 2·2·18, which is the same as the sūtra quoted
  by Helārāja, the number 16 (in the place of 18) being that of

the Upaskara recension; p. 19).

Furthermore, a quotation the source of which is not known so far, prān-mukho 'nnāni bhuñjīta, is found to be the common to works of both Helārāja (3.6.19 p. 225) and Candrananda (6.2.2 p. 48).

On the basis of the evidence noted above, Candrananda's date must now be placed between fifth or sixth century A. D. and tenth century A. D.

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