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An approach to Kaarya Karana Vaada in context to Prakruti Sama Samveta and Vikruti Vishama Samvetha

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ABSTRACT

Ayurveda is an ancient science based on different schools of philosophies. As it is an applied science so it has the scientific background. The fundamental principles of Ayurveda are laid down after undergoing experimentation from time to time. This is the reason that these principles are still applicable and holds good even in present era. One such basic principle is Kaarya Karana Vaada (cause and effect theory). Kaarya Karana Vaada consists of two basic philosophy, Satkaaryavaada (theory of existence) and Asatkaaryavaada (theory of non existence). The principles of diagnosis and management of disease according to Ayurveda is based on this Kaarya Karana sidhantha. It helps in understanding the concepts of prakruti Sama Samavetha and vikruti Vishama Samavetha, the two principles explained in Ayurveda to understand the concept of diagnosis, treatment and health management.

Key words: Satkaaryavaada, Asatkaaryavaada, Prakruti Sama Samaveta, Vikruti Vishama Samaveta.

INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda being oldest living science have many fundamental concepts on which Ayurveda have grown and proving its efficacy from time to time. Ayurveda is as much as a philosophy as a science. It is the applied aspect of philosophical concepts. The functional, structural, pharmacological, psychic and physiological principles of Ayurveda are based on fundamentals of Indian philosophy like Panchabhautika theory, the concept of Triguna and various Vaadas.

Its need of the hour to re-establish the fundamental

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facts in context with present scenario. The explanations and predictions are footing steps to understand basic science and successive use in applied sciences. so to understand Ayurveda one should have thorough knowledge of this basic principles which existed during the times of evolution of Ayurveda, and it holds good in present era too. The same idea is supported by Sushruta who states that one who wants to comprehend the science completely needs to take the help of the basic sciences which existed during the times when Ayurveda was evolving.^[1]

Kaarya Karana Sidhantha is one among the fundamentals of Ayurveda, with its two supporting views;

- 1. Satkaaryavaada
- 2. Asatkaaryavaada

The above concepts help us to know the method adopted in framing and understanding Ayurveda. The contemplative study of this method is necessary to understand the text to optimum level and can help expanding the areas of research in Ayurveda, this article is an attempt to encompass the cause and

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effect theory (*Satkaarya* and Asatkaarya) in concept of Vyadi and its management.

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Vaada is a theory put forth using tools like tarka (logic) and is the one which is not against an established concept.^[2] Through the knowledge of *Kaarya Karana Sidhantha* one can easily understand the basic principles of *Chikitsa*. *Kaarya Karana Vaada* is one such basic principle which elaborates about *Kaarya* (effect) and *Karana* (cause). *Karana* is defined as pre existing, and it is the definite cause which is essential for occurrence of *Kaarya*^[3] or any tool that helps in the production are termed as *Karana*. Karana is divided into three types

Samavayi Karana, Asamavayi Karana, Nimmitta Karana^[4]

- Samavayi Karana (intimate cause): Samavayi Karana is one which has intimate relationship with Kaarya and Karana, Samavayi Karana exists throughout the process of Kaarya Utpatti.^[5] eg: Tantus are the Samavayi Karana for vastra.^[6]
- Asamavayi Karana (non intimate cause): Asamavayi Karana is one which produces Kaarya with the Samavayi sambandha either with Karana or Kaarya. eg: tantu Samyoga is asamvayi Karana for vastra.^[7]
- Nimmita Karana (instrumental cause): Apart from the above two, any instrumental cause responsible for production of Kaarya is known as Nimmitta Karanas. eg: loom, weavers etc.^[8]

Kaarya is that, which the Karta (doer) intends to obtain and aims his activities to accomplish.^[9] When we apply Kaarya Karana Vaada in Roga Utpatti, Doshas are the Samavayi Karana, Dusti of Doshas and Samyoga with Dhatus is Asamavayi Karana and Nidanas are the Nimmitta Karanas.

Kaarya Karana Vaada has two aspects

- Satkaarya Vaada
- Asatkaarya Vaada

Satkaarya Vaada

Satkaarya Vaada is propounded by Sankhya Darshana, supported by Yoga Darshana and Bhagavat Geeta.

It explains about the presence of *Kaarya* in the *Karana* even before the process of *Kaarya Utpatti*. Kaarya is the transformed (parinama) form of *Karana* which cannot be perceived before its production, as it is subtle in nature,^[10] here *Samavayi Karana* is given importance.^[11]

Satkaarya Vaada is proved by following 5 analogies,^[12]

- a) Asadakaranat
- b) Upadanagrahanat
- c) Sarvasambhavaabhavat
- d) Saktasyashakyakaranat
- e) Karanabhavat

Asatkaarya Vaada

This Vaada is propounded by Vaisheshika Darshana and is supported by Nyaya and Boudha Darshana.^[13] Asatkaarya Vaada explains Kaarya do not exist in Karana and is proclaimed entirely as a new product.^[14] As Kaarya Utpatti is entirely new episode, the term Arambha Vaada is used.^[15] Here doer (Karta) and other instrumental causes (Nimmitta Karanas) are considered essential for occurrence of Kaarya. for eg: Seed only is not cause for growing up of plant, the other causes like sawing, watering are also essential for plant to grow. To prove Asatkaarya Vaada five analogies are provided namely.^[16]

- a. Bhudhi bheda
- b. Sanjnya bheda
- c. Kaarya bheda
- d. Akara bheda
- e. Sankhya bheda

When we analyze both the above theories superficially they look like contradictory to each other but the deep sited knowledge explains both theories

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are complimentary to each other. When the Samavayi Karana is considered as a prime cause for occurrence of Kaarya, then Satkaarya Vaada holds true. When Nimmitta Karana are considered as a prime cause for occurrence of Kaarya, then Asatkaarya Vaada holds true.

Application of *Satkaarya Vaada* and *Asatkaarya Vaada* in Ayurveda

As Ayurveda is applied science both Satkaarya Vaada and Asatkaarya Vaada are accepted with a modification for its application in the field of *Chikitsa*. Purusha is adhikaran (subject) in Ayurveda who interacts with loka (world)^[17] as he is influenced by everything around him. As purusha and loka are panchbautika in nature, any variation in the panchbhoutika composition in the body elements leads to Vyadhi and rearrangement of this panchmahabhutas is termed as chikitsa.[18] So it's essential to have knowledge of Rasa in Dravya and Dosha in Vyadi to accomplish the treatment.^[19] But practically we find Dravya (drugs) have combination of multiple Rasas and Vyadhi is manifested by the combination of multiple Dosha. Hence to understand interaction between Rasa in Dravya and Dosha in Vikara one have to know the relationship between Panchamahabhuta, Dosha and Rasa.^[20]

Relation between Panchamahabhuta and Tridosha

Prithvi + Aapa = Kapha

Teja = Pitta

Vayu + Aakash = Vata

Relation between Rasa and Tridosha

Madhura, Amla, Lavana increases Kapha, decreases Vata

Katu, Tikta, Kashaya increases Vata, decreases Kapha

Lavana, Amla, Katu increases Pitta. Madura, Kashaya, Tikta decreases Pitta Dosha.

Relation between Rasa and Panchmahabhoota

Madhura = Prithvi + Aapa

Amla = Prithvi + Agni

Lavana = Jala + Agni Katu = Agni + Vayu Tikta = Vayu + Askash Kashaya = Vayu + Pruthvi

The above relation between Rasa, Panchamahabhuta and Tridosha help us in selection of Dravya of particular Rasa in treating the vitiated Doshas and bringing tridosha to their normalcy which is chikitsa. The interaction between Rasa in Dravya and Dosha in Vyadhi is been explained by the principles of prakruthi Sama Samavetha and Vikruthi Vishama Samavetha in Ayurveda.^[21] Prakruthi Sama Samavetha explains the interaction between Rasas in Dravya and Doshas in Vyadhi results in an effect which is similar to the and Dosha constituting them individual Rasa respectively.^[22] Therefore here the effect of Dravya can be known by analyzing the effect of individual Rasa forming the Dravya and the effect of Vyadhi can be understood by analyzing the effect of individual Doshas forming the Vyadhi.

eg; Godhuma (wheat flour) which has Madhura Ras, Guru Guna and Madhura Vipaka will have Vataahara *Karma*.^[23] So in this concept the effect is pre-existing in its cause therefore it goes in accordance with the concept of *Satkaryavada*.

Vikruthi Vishama Samavetha explains the interaction between *Rasas* in *Dravya* and *Doshas* in *Vyadhi* results in an effect which is totaly new and not similar to the individual *Rasa* and *Dosha* constituting them respectively, therefore here the effect of *Dravya* cannot be known by analyzing the effect of individual *Rasa* forming the *Dravya* and the effect of *Vyadhi* cannot be understood by analyzing the effect of individual *Dosha* forming the *Vyadhi* therefore this new and unpredicted effect cannot be inferred from the cause.^[24]

eg; Brihat Panchamulas are Ushna Virya even though it has Kashaya, Tikta Rasa.^[25] The unpredicted effect is explained with the following reasons

1. Dosha and Vyadhi: even though *Doshas* are the *Samavayi Karana* for *Vyadhi*, however due to

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following three reasons, the effect (laxanas of *Vyadhi*) does not occur in line with the cause (*Dosha*).^[26]

- a) *Parasparena Upahatanam* the individual *Doshas* forming *Vyadhi* may suppress one another.
- b) *Nana Pramananam* difference in proportions of the vitiated *Dosha*.
- c) Anyaisca Vikalpa Nairvikalpanam due to nature of combination of *Dosha* with different *Dhatus*.
- Rasa and Dravya: Rasas are the Samavayi Karana of Dravya, however due to the following three reasons the effect does not occur in line with causative rasa²⁷.
- a) Parasparena Upahatanam The individual *Rasas* in *Dravya* may suppress one another.
- b) Nana Pramananam difference in proportions of *Rasa*
- c) Anyaisca Vikalpa Nairvikalpanam Due to nature of various samskaras (processing) like swarasa etc.

So Vikruti Vishama Samavetha concept is based on Asatkaarya Vaada and here the effect of Dravya and Vyadhi have to be analyzed as a whole and not by its individual constituents.^[28]

This two basic concepts *Prakruthi Sama Samvetha* and *Vikruthi Vishama Samvetha* of Ayurveda are based on *Satkaarya Vaada* and *Asatkaarya Vaada* which are helpful in understanding *Vikara Hetu* and its *Chikitsa*.

CONCLUSION

Ayurveda being the oldest living applied science, have philosophical thoughts existing during the time of its development. *Satkaarya Vaada* and *Asatkaarya Vaada* is one such principle which forms the framework of Ayurveda. These theories have been used in Ayurveda with a modification, so as to suit the purpose of treatment. *Prakruti Sama Samavetha* represents *Satkaarya Vaada* whereas *Vikruthi Vishama Samavetha* represents *Asatkaryavada*. The principle of diagnostics and treatment in Ayurveda are based on this two concepts.

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