

stages of his activity. Vyādi and Vindhyavāsin may appear to be nicknames of Rudrila. Vyādi, a ferocious elephant and Vindhyavāsa, a resident of the Vindhya forest, may after all be applied Rudrila.

Regarding his date, he seems to have flourished in the second or third century before Christ. Dr. Bhattacharya also supposes that Isvarakṛṣṇa lived later than Vindhyavāsin. Māthara was according to Itsing a contemporary of Asvaghōsha. Isvarakṛṣṇa, whose work was commented on by Māthara, may be assigned to the first century of Christ. Is Isvarakṛṣṇa the same as Jesus Christ? One is tempted to ask it if he reads "*The Unknown life of Jesus Christ*" which relates that Jesus learnt Sāṅkhya under a brahmin teacher at Jagannatha. Even Sūśruta follows Sāṅkhya doctrines and Vindhyavāsin in his Sāṅkhya work must have discussed the denotation of Śabdārtha and his views were held in high respect by Patanjali, Bhartṛhari etc.,

5. BHIKSHU

The commentators on *Slokavārtika* of Kumārila frequently refer to one Bhikshu as the opponent whose opinions Kumārila is considered to criticise. The identity of Bhikshu will go far towards the elucidation of certain problems in the history of the Nyāyadarśana. Kumbhakarna in his *Sangtarāja* frequently quotes from Bhikshu and Śākya-Bhikshu, and the quotations are now traced to Nāgarasarvasva of Padmaśrī, a Buddhist monk. But Bhikshu of Kumārila appears to be Dharmakīrti, who defined *pratyakṣa pramāna* in the terms of

प्रत्यक्षं कल्पनापोढमभ्रान्तम्—

and Jayanta Bhaṭṭa criticises the definition and says:—

तस्माद्यत्कल्पनापोढपदं प्रत्यक्षलक्षणम् ।

भिन्नगुणा पठितं तस्य व्यवच्छेद्यं न विद्यते ॥

अभ्रान्तपदस्यापि व्यावर्त्यं न किञ्चन तन्मतेन पृथ्यामः ।

इति सुनिपुणबुद्धिर्लक्षणं वक्तुकामः

पदयुगलमपीदं निर्ममे नानवद्यम् ।

भवतु मतिमहिम्नश्चेष्टितं दृष्टमेत-

ज्जगदभिभवधीरं धीमतो धर्मकीर्तिः ॥

This Bhikshu seems to have written a work called *Bahyārthasiddhi*. Two references to this work are traceable one in *Prakarana-Panchikā*:—

अप्रकाशात्मन एव प्रकाशः संभवतीति बाह्यार्थसिद्धावुक्तम् ।