THE QUOTATIONS IN THE KAMASUTRA OF VATSYAYANA

According to $K\bar{a}mas\bar{u}tra$ I, 1 the author, Vātsyāyana, composed this text on the basis of older works on this subject. The tradition is given there as follows.

Prajāpati (the creator) composed a treatise on the trivarga (the three aims of life) in 100,000 adhyāyas (chapters). Later on the three aims of life were treated separately by different authors, i.e. dharma (legal and moral duty) by Manu Svāyaṃbhuva, artha (political and material profit) by Bṛhaspati and kāma (love and sensual desire) by Nandin, the servant of Mahādeva (= Siva). Only the length of Nandin's work is given: 1,000 chapters. This part was further abridged by Auddālaki Svetaketu in 500 chapters and once more by Bābhravya Pāñcāla in 150 chapters. Bābhravya's version consisted of seven adhikaraṇas (main section), the titles of which are identical with those of the seven main sections in the Kāmasūtra of Vātsyāyana, i.e. sādhāraṇa-sāṃprayogika-

 $kany\bar{a}samprayuktaka-bh\bar{a}ry\bar{a}dhik\bar{a}rika-p\bar{a}rad\bar{a}rika-vaisika-aupanisadika).$

The sixth part of Bābhravya's version (On courtesans) was remade by Dattaka (at the request of the courtesans of Pāṭaliputra). In this connection the other six parts were recomposed by different authors: Cārāyaṇa (1), Suvarṇanābha (2), Ghoṭakamukha (3), Gonardīya (4), Goṇikāputra (5) and Kucumāra (7).

However, as Dattaka and the others treated only parts of the subject and Bābhravya's work is difficult to study on account of its length Vātsyāyana reduced the whole to a concise manual ².

We occasionally find in Sanskrit literature that a treatise claims divine origin to enhance its reputation. In Mahābhārata XII, 59 (Critical

^{1.} Ed. by Madhavacharya, Kalyan-Bombay, 1935.

^{2.} This tradition is repeated in $\bar{a}ry\bar{a}$ stanzas in the Kandarpacūdāmani of Vīrabhadradeva (Introduction 17-29).

Edition) another legendary tradition about the three aims of life (and moksa, redemption as the fourth) is given.

We insert here a juxtaposition of the *Kāmasūtra* and *Mahābhārata* traditions:

Kāmasūtra I, 1 Prajāpati (100,000 chapters) (three aims) dharma artha kāma (1,000 ch.) (Manu Svāyambhuva) (Brhaspati) (Nandin) Auddālaki Svetaketu (500 ch.) Bābhravya (150 ch.), in seven main sections, treated separately by Dattaka Cārāyana Suvarņanābha Ghotakamukha Gonardīya Gonikāputra Kucumāra the whole condensed by: Vātsyāyana (36 ch. in seven main sections)

Mahābhārata XII, 59, 28-30 and 86-91 (Critical Edition)
Svayambhū, viz. Brahman (100,000 chapters)
(three aims and redemption)
Siva Viśālākṣa (10,000 ch., Vaiśālākṣam)
Indra (5,000 ch., Bāhudantakam)
Bṛhaspati (3,000 ch., Bārhaspatyam)
Kāvya, viz. Uśanas (1,000 ch.).

We see that a legendary original of 100,000 chapters (adhyāyas) is claimed by both texts, but according to the Kāmasūtra tradition this work of 100,000 chapters dealt with the three aims of life which were treated separately afterwards, whereas in the Mahābhārata tradition (XII, 59, 30 and 85) redemption (mokṣa) too belonged to the contents of this legendary work. However, this work is there called daṇḍanīti (Mahābhārata XII, 59, 78 f.), and the enumerated topics refer in most cases to political problems, so that Kane³ and others interpret this report as the tradition of political science. Actually Bṛhaspati is elsewhere known as political teacher (e.g. in the Kāmasūtra) and in the list of experts on rājadharma (king's duty) in Mahābhārata XI, 58, 1 f. we find the following names: Bṛhaspati, Viśālākṣa, Kāvya, Indra, Pṛācetasa Manu, Bharadvāja and Gauraśiras.

If we compare the tradition in $K\bar{a}mas\bar{u}tra$ I, 1 with that in $Mah\bar{a}-bh\bar{a}rata$ XII, 59 we find that both presuppose an opus magnum composed by the Creator (Prajāpati or Svayambhū). Other Sanskrit treatises

^{3.} History of Dharmaśāstra, Vol. III, Poona, 1946, p. 4.

too claim divine origin, e.g. the god Brahman is regarded as the founder of the drama (nāṭya); a dharmasūtra is attributed to Viṣṇu, etc.

We might argue that these texts really existed but were attributed to gods. However, the length of 100,000 chapters is incredible, and even a length of 1,000 chapters is questionable. Vātsyāyana, the author of the $K\bar{a}mas\bar{u}tra$, is not quoting Prajāpati or the servant of Siva (Nandin) but only Auddālaki and the later authorities. None of these texts is extant any more and that's why we are not able to verify the authenticity of the quotations 4. Bābhravya Pāñcāla was the founder of a $k\bar{a}ma$ school (Bābhraviyāḥ) which Vātsyāyana quotes several times.

According to *Kāmasūtra* I, 3 Pāñcāla (viz. Bābhravya) established the 64 (i.e. 8 times 8) ways of love (Pāñcālī catuḥṣaṣṭiḥ) which are distinguished from the 64 arts (*kalāḥ*). Vātsyāyana accepts the term « Sixty-four » only as a figurative term because the number of the ways of love varies. For Vātsyāyana it is a technical term like the « seven-leaved » tree (*saptaparṇa*) which has more than seven leaves (II, 8).

The individual authors are quoted in those main sections for which they are said to be specialists. Dattaka plays a special role because he is mentioned first in Vātsyāyana's enumeration but is quoted as expert on courtesans (the sixth main section), whereas the other individual authors are enumerated in the order of the main sections. Only in a few cases are they mentioned in an other context, and one of them, the specialist of the seventh main section, is not quoted (Kucumāra) ⁵. In most cases the opinions of the individual teachers are quoted without the refutation of Vātsyāyana, e.g. Ghoṭakamukha in the 3rd, Gonardīya in the 4th main section. Such quotations are interpreted by the commentary Jayamaṅgalā: gonardīya iti pūjārtham adhikaraṇe 'dhikṛtatvāt (Gonardīya honourably because he is the authority for this adhikaraṇa) IV, 32. This is different from the Arthaśāstra of Kauṭilya, where in most cases the views of the individual authors are contradicted by another individual author and/or by Kauṭilya.

In the Arthaśāstra the individual authors discuss with each other in a stereotyped order. Such debates are no verbatim quotations from extant works. However, they may represent authentic views though their style must be fictitious. In the $K\bar{a}mas\bar{u}tra$ stylistic adaptations are less evident 6 . Here the individual authors occur in a stereotyped form only once without refuting each other, viz. $K\bar{a}mas\bar{u}tra$ I, 5 treats three types of women $(n\bar{a}yik\bar{a}s)$ to be resorted to; then Gonikāputra mentions

^{4.} There are only few data on Vātsyāyana's predecessors in Sanskrit literature. These references were compiled by Richard Schmidt, Beiträge zur indischen Erotik, Berlin, 1922, § 1 sub voce and by S. C. Upadhyaya, Kama Sutra of Vatsyayana (Complete Translation), Bombay, 1961, pp. 47 ff.

^{5.} His name occurs only in I, 3 in the 21st of the 64 arts (kalāḥ): kaucumārāśca yogāḥ, the tricks of Kucumāra.

^{6.} Though they exist, e.g. in V, 6 Gonikāputra refers directly to the quotation of the teachers: « te hi... ».

a fourth type, and ultimately Cārāyaṇa a fifth, Suvarṇanābha a sixth, Ghoṭakamukha a seventh and Gonardīya an eighth type.

The quotations of the teachers (*ity ācāryāh*) have a purport similar to that in the *Arthaśāstra*. These quotations render the views of a varying number of specialists, as do the opinions cited as *ity eke* (some say). Here it goes without saying that the stylistic form must be by the author Vātsyāyana, but there is no clue that their contents are fictious too. Vātsyāyana refers to opinions which were really represented or to possible objections (to the latter clearly in the form *tatra etat syāt* / it may be objected here [II, 6]). Vātsyāyana expresses in his own words also the views of special groups (materialists, fatalists, and political thinkers [I, 2]), a local custom (*deśasātmyam*, II, 16) or a general opinion (*prāyovadaḥ*, III, 28; V, 40, 43). Self-quotations of Vātsyāyana (i.e. isolated statements without a debate) emphasize Vātsyāyana's standpoint.

The Kāmasūtra is far less polemical than the Arthaśāstra, where most views are refuted? In the Kāmasūtra a greater number of quotations remain undisputed or are only slightly modified. A by-effect of quoting in both texts is to variegate the bhāṣya style. The debates in the Kāmasūtra are less elaborate, as the Kāmasūtra is more concise and closer to the sūtra than to the śāstra style.

^{7.} See Appendix II. The relations between Kautilya and Vātsyāyana were discussed by Friedrich Wilhelm, Die Beziehungen zwischen Kāmasūtra and Arthasāstra, in: «Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft», Band 116, 2 (1966), pp. 291-310. On the roll of the quotations in the Arthasāstra see Friedrich Wilhelm, Politische Polemiken im Staatslehrbuch des Kautilya, Wiesbaden, 1960 (further references in both publications).

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Main sections (adhikaraṇa)	ropics (prakarana)	Chapters (adhyāya)	The teachers (ācāryāḥ)	Schools	Individual authors	Other references	Self-quotations of Vātsyāyana without debate
I sādhāraņākhyam (General)	2	(1)	once $+ V$.			to V.'s predecessors laukāyatikāh + V. (materialists) Kālakāranikāh + V. (fatalists) and	
	т	(3)	once $+ V$.		(Kucumāra) //	(pontical timikers)	
	4 ro	(4)		Bābhravīyāḥ + Goņikāputra	(rancala) Cărayaņa Goņikāputra // Cārāyaņa + Suvarņanābha + Ghoṭakamukha + Gonardīya		once
II sāmprayogikam (on sexual union)	,	Œ	once	Bābhravīyāh	(some) Auddalaki (twice) Bābhravya (Sloka according to	three times: tatra etat syāt (it may be objected here) + tacca na (this is not the case) prāyovādah (general opinion)	опсе

	Self-quotations of Vātsyāyana without debate		·	twice					
	Other references	tantrajñāḥ (experts of kāmatantra) twice	in stanzas ity ācaṣṭe (they call) + ācāryavādaḥ (the opinion of the teachers) + eke	Babhravya $h+V$.// eke (some) $+V$.			deśasātmyam etad	(this is a local custom) + V.	
	Individual authors	The second residence commences	(Pāficāla)		Suvarņanābha	Suvarņanābha Suvarņanābha + V.	ar i i i	w	
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	The teachers (ācāryāḥ)				once $+$ V.				
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	Main sections (adhikarana)								

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III kanyāsam- prayuktakam (acquisition of a wife) bhāryādhikārikam (on married women)	61 822 8 42 824 8 84 8 84 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	ම මුමුමු ව වල ලබ ණ එමග ව වලවල ලැල	once $+$ V .	Bābhravīyāḥ + V. Bābhravīyāḥ + Gonardīya + V.	Dattaka // (Babhravya) Ghotakamukha (twice) Ghotakamukha (twice) Ghotakamukha Ghotakamukha Ghotakamukha	evam hy āhuh (thus they say) + V. prāyovādah (general opinion)	once
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Main sections (adhikaraṇa)	Topics (prakaraņa)	Chapters (αdhyāya)	The teachers (ācāryāḥ)	Schools	Individual authors	Other references	Self-quotations of Vātsyāyana without debate
V pāradārikam	40	(1)	once + V.		Goņikāputra	prāyovādaḥ (general opinion)	
(on other men's wives)	41 42 43	999	once $+ V$.			prāyovādaḥ (general opinion)	
	444	<u> 9</u> 99		Bābhravīyāh	Auddālaki +		
				+ v. // Bābhravīyāḥ + Goņikāputra	Babhraviyan + Gonikāputra + V.//		
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Self-quotations Other references of Vātsyāyana without debate	v.
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Schools	
The teachers (ācāryāļı)	
Chapters (αdhyāya)	EEE 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
Topics (prakarana)	65 66 67 68 68 68
Main sections (adhikaraṇa)	VII aupanişadikam (secret means)

Appendix II AUȚALYA (OR KAUȚILYA)	Individual authors		Bhāradvāja + Višālāksa + Parāsara + Pisuna + Kauņadanta • Vētormādh: • Daki dontanta	+ varavyaum + Danudanupuua + N.	Bhāradvāja + Viśālāksa + Parāśara	+ Fisuna + K. Bhāradvāja + Višālāksa + Parāsara niš	+ risuna + raunapadanta + Vātavyādhi + K.						
THE QUOTATIONS IN THE ARTHASĀSTRA OF KAUŢALYA (OR KAUŢILYA)	Schools	Mānavāḥ + Bārhaspatyāḥ + Auśanasaḥ + K.	and the second s		Mānavāḥ + Bārhaspatyāḥ	+ Ausanasaņ + N. Āmbhīyāḥ + K.	Mānavāh + Parāśaráh + Bārhaspatyāh	T Ausanasair + IX.	Auśanasah	•	Ausanasaņ + Manavaņ + Bārhaspatyāḥ + K.	Mānavāh + Auśanasah + Bārhaspatyāh + K.	
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	ασμικαταπας	I					II	Ш				,	

Individual authors		Kātyāyana + Kaniṅka Bhāradvāja + Dīrgha Cārāyaṇa + Ghoṭamukha + Kiṃjalka + Piśuna + Piśunaputra			Bhāradvāja + K. + Viśālākṣa + K. + Parāśara + K. + Piśuna + K. + Kauṇapadanta + K. + Vātavyādhi + K.	Same form of debate as in VIII, 127
Schools						
The teachers (ācāryāḥ)	twice + K. after each once + K.		once + Vātavyādhi + K. once + K. once + K.	twice + K. after each once + K. fourteen times. + K. after each once + K.	once + K.	four times + K. after each twelve times + K. after each
prakaranas	73 74	93	98 99 103	108 112 116 117	122	128 129 130
adhikaranas '		V	VII		VIII	

Individual authors	Bhāradvāja + Visālākṣa + K. T. TI, 119 and XIII, 174.
Schools	four times + K. after each eke (some) + eke + K. Auśanasaḥ + Bārhaspatyāḥ Bhāradvāja + Vi refers to schools in I, 11 and X, 158 Self-quotations of K. (= Kautilya or Kauialya) in I, 3; III, 4; VII, 119 and XIII, 174.
The teachers (ācāryāḥ)	four times + K. after each eke (some) + eke + K. once + K.
διακαιαηαs	135 138 158 162
adhikaranas	XI XXX XXX XXX XXX XXX XXX XXX XXX XXX