Dominant or chief Karmāśaya = that which is capable of bearing fruit independently.

Minor Karmāśaya = that which is late in action or is there in a secondary position.

The latency of Karma done under intense lust, anger, spirit of forgiveness, charity, etc. is dominant Karmāśaya. It is always ready to fructify. Its opposite, the minor Karmāśaya, does not become operative independently ; it acts as secondary to the chief Karmāśaya. The Karmāśaya responsible for future births, is thus an aggregate of primary and secondary ones. The minor Karmāśayas do not fructify completely ; so the rule that 'the result of all actions in this life will come about in the following life' is not fully applicable in the case of minor ones.

(c) When a very strong or primary Karmāśaya bears fruit, the opposite secondary one remains subdued. It does not bear fruit at the time, but it can fructify at some future time if it is roused by some kindred Karmāśaya.

In this case also the rule of fructification in the next birth, also does not apply, as the minor Karmas of one life remain suppressed in. it. An example of this is as follows :— A man does pious deeds in his boyhood. Then in his youth he does many beastly acts through greed. At the time of his death, the fully mature latencies of sin form the appropriate Karmāśayas. As a result, the life of a beast that he gets, does not show the result of the pious actions done previously ; but such of the pious deeds as are enjoyable in a human life, remain stored up, and they will become operative when he is again born as a man. These will be helpful when he does pious acts in his subsequent human life. In this illustration the pious and vicious actions should be understood to be not mutually antagonistic. If they had been so, the vice would have killed the effect of the virtuous deeds. Suppose, forgiveness is a virtue and stealing a vice. Larceny does not destroy forgiveness but only anger or non-forgiveness will do it.

M. If the commentary is read after studying these rules, it will become quite clear.

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