

*i.e.* it does not become a different object altogether though transmuted. For this reason it is held that there is in reality only one kind of mutation which includes the other varieties, *i.e.* change of characteristic covers the other mutations. What then is this change? Change is the manifestation of another characteristic on the disappearance of the previous characteristic of a substance which remains constant (9).

(1) The three conditions of a yogin's mind, *viz.* concentrated, fixed and closed spoken of before, are not the same as the changes of characteristics, symptoms (relating to time) and states (new or old) dealt with in this aphorism. By the word 'Etena' (by this) it is only meant that as there are changes in the state of the mind, so there are mutations in the Bhūtas and Indriyas. The commentator has explained that in each one of the three conditions of the mind there can be mutations of characteristics, symptoms and states.

(2) Change or mutation can be of three kinds—relating to the characteristics, relating to the symptoms (time), and relating to the state. That is how we understand and speak of the difference between objects. When one characteristic disappears and another rises, that is called change of characteristics. For example, when fluctuations cease and closeness appears we say that the mind has undergone a change of characteristic.

The three periods of time are designated symptoms. The difference that is signified by the variation in time-epochs is called symptomatic change. For example, we speak of fluctuations having existed, and are not present now; or closeness having existed before, it is present now, or it will be in future. Change of symptoms is designated by the three periods, past present and future.

Again, symptomatic change is also distinguished. There the distinction is not on the basis of characteristic or symptom. For example, one piece of diamond is first called new, then after some time it is called old. The symptom present being the same it is divided into old and new. The change in