

the division is based on the peculiarities of the different states. As they are countered by contrary meditation, so are they manifested by favouring causes. All Kleśas are but varieties of nescience, because all of them are permeated by error. When an object is coloured by nescience, it is followed by the other Kleśas (3). They are felt whenever there is nescience and they dwindle away when nescience is thinned away.

(1) The four forms of Kleśa like Asmitā etc. are really variations of Avidyā. The Kleśas like Asmitā etc. have four states viz. dormant, attenuated, interrupted or active. Prasupti or dormancy is existence in the form of germ or latent power. A dormant affliction rises again when it gets an occasion. Atanu or attenuated Kleśa is one that is thinned by Kriyā-yoga. Avichchinna or interrupted Kleśa is that which is suppressed by other Kleśas. Udāra means active. At the time of anger antipathy is in operation and attachment is in abeyance. When by the practice of detachment, attachment is controlled then it is called 'attenuated'. Existence in a latent state is dormancy. Untraceable or unseen latencies though not bearing fruit at one time might become fruitful later. Hence they are regarded as dormant. The state of Kleśa means a state when an afflictive mental modification is in operation.

A dormant Kleśa is somewhat like a Kleśa which has become like a parched seed, because both are unnoticeable. The dormant Kleśa however shows itself whenever it gets an occasion while the Kleśa which has become like a parched seed will not appear even when there is the occasion. That is why the commentator has called the latter the fifth state of affliction. It is in reality entirely different from the four states mentioned before. As a burnt seed does not sprout again, so that Ātman is not affected by Kleśas burnt in the fire of knowledge.

(2) When the Kleśa becomes like a parched seed, then a yogin becomes Jivan-Mukta (i.e. liberated though alive). Such a yogin becomes free by subjugating the Chitta and that is why his present body becomes his last one as he is not born again.