# A Translation of the New Edition of the Suśrutasamhitā

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### Kalpasthāna, adhyāya 3

#### Introduction

#### **Translation**

And now we shall explain the rule (*kalpa*) that is the required knowledge about mobile poisons.<sup>201</sup>

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The full explanation about the sixteen carriers (*adhiṣṭhāna*) of the mobile poisons, that have been mentioned by me in brief, will be stated.

Come back to the issue of "kalpa". Look up passages in the Kośa.

- 4 In that context, they are:
  - sight and breath,
  - · teeth and nails,
  - mouth,
  - urine and faeces,
  - menstrual blood,
  - semen,
  - penis,
  - saliva,
  - lethal points,
  - nipping with the mouth (*mukhasaṃdaṃśā*),
  - fart (avaśardhita),<sup>203</sup>
  - anus, 204
  - bones,
  - bile,
  - bristles ( $\sin ka$ ), and
  - · corpses.
- 5 TBA
- 6 The enemies of the king pollute the waters, roads and foodstuffs in enemy

<sup>201</sup> In contrast to stationary, plant poisons. No reference is made to Dhanvantari (see Birch, Wujastyk, Klebanov, Parameswaran, et al. 2021).

<sup>202 &</sup>quot;Carrier" for base, foundation ( $adhisth\bar{a}na$ ) tries to capture the idea that the author will describe the creatures in which poisons inhere.

<sup>203</sup> This interpretation comes from Dalhana on 5.3.4 (Su 1938: 567), but he reads विशिष्ति.

<sup>204</sup> Dalhana on 5.3.4 (Su 1938: 567) noted this reading.

- territory. The experienced physician, who has learned how to purify things, should clean up those polluted things.
- 7 Polluted water is slimy and smells of tears.<sup>205</sup> It is covered with froth and covered with streaks. The frogs and fish die, the birds are crazed and, along with the wetland creatures, they wander about aimlessly.
- 8 Men, horses and elephants who swim in it experience vomiting, delusion, fever, swelling and sharp pains.<sup>206</sup> He should try to purify that polluted water, after curing their ailments.
- 9 And so, he should burn axlewood and garjan oil tree, as well as corky coral tree, with crimson trumpet-flower tree and small-flowered crape myrtle and weaver's beam tree, and with golden shower tree and white cutch tree. Then he should sprinkle that ash, cold, on the waters.
- 10–11 And in the same way, putting a handful of the ash in a pot, one may also purify water that one wants.
  - If any one of the limbs of cows, horses, elephants, men or women, touch a place on the ground that enemies have spoiled with poison, or a ford or rock or a flat surface, then it swells up and burns and its hair and nails fall out on that place.<sup>207</sup>
  - In that situation, he should grind up country sarsaparilla together with all the aromatic items, with alcoholic drinks. And then he should sprinkle the paths that need to be used with waters mixed with mud.<sup>208</sup> And if there exists another path, he should go by that.<sup>209</sup>
  - When grasses and foods are polluted people collapse, fall unconscious. And others vomit. They have loose stool (*viḍbheda*) or they die. One should apply to them the therapy as described.

<sup>205</sup> अस्र normally means "tears," but rarely means "blood."

<sup>206</sup> On the polysemy of elephant/snake ( $n\bar{a}ga$ ), see Semeka-Pankratov 1979.

<sup>207 &</sup>quot;Swells up" translates an unclear reading that was probably श्यति, which may be an irregular form of  $\sqrt{$ शू, श्वा, श्वि (see Whitney 1885: 175–176).

<sup>208</sup> Our "alcoholic drinks" translates *surā*. For a discussion of this term at our period see McHugh 2021: 37–39 *et passim*.

<sup>209</sup> Dalhana on 5.3.12 (Su 1938: 568) cited a similar reading for the fourth pada, but with a negative particle, "and if there is no other way, one should go by that."

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ष्टा, तच्छिष्येणाग्निवेशेन प्रणीता, चरकदृढबलाभ्यां प्रतिसंस्कृता चरकसंहिता, श्री-चक्रपाणिदत्तविरचितया आयुर्वेददीपिकाव्याख्यया संवलिता (3rd edn., Mum-

bayyāṃ: Nirnaya Sagara Press), url, accessed 01/01/2018.

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KL Kaiser Library (n.d.).

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NGMCP (2014), 'Nepal-german Manuscript Cataloguing Project. Online Title List and Descriptive Catalogue', Universität Hamburg and Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, URL.

RORI Rajasthan Oriental Research Institute (n.d.).

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   AVS 3.141-5, NK #1210) and black creeper
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   #1928, and marica (black pepper) Piper
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