SAMPRAYOGA CONCEPT IN THE TEXT OF PAURURAVA MANASIJA SUTRA

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Abstract:

‘Paururava Manasija Sutra’ is one of the kama's texts that talks about sexual pleasure and all related to it. The unique thing in this text is to use religious-spiritual terms in its descriptions. One of the interesting terms becomes the subject of this study is the word ‘samprayoga’ which refers to the meaning of ‘achieving pleasure from sexual intercourse’. In yoga literature, the word ‘samprayoga’ has the meaning of ‘union' and the like in the spiritual context. The reason why the term is used in this study due to the term is the chosen focus that fulfill this study. The concept of ‘samprayoga’ in the ‘Puraurava Manasija Sutra’ text that describes sexual pleasure will be read through the view of yoga and tantra. The literature of tantra, for example, once stated that sex acts will become only divine when it is able to be transcended. Sex action is the medium to achieve the highest awareness. ‘Shiva’ and ‘Sakti’ are the cosmic principles that underlie this teaching. In the physical context, energy flows through sex, and in a spiritual context, the energy flows toward the highest source of all existences. Through this analysis, it is expected to provide an idea that sex can be used as a medium to achieve the highest awareness.

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I. Introduction

To the date, the text of Kama Sastra has not been used yet as the main reference in the life process of the people, especially those related to kama (desire) and its derivatives. There is no unit of course that specifically discusses of the text. Although some students try to bring this up through scientific work, either thesis or dissertation, but the findings have not been able to provide full information about the text, either to the students or to the public community.

Some texts that have appeared such as Vatsyayana Kama Sutra, Kokkaka Rati Rahasya, Kalyanamala Anangaranga, Rsi Sembina, and others have not been the subject of scientific studies as other studies, especially in Indonesia, whereas sex and sexuality are the basic problems of everyday human life. Based on the text ever published and circulated, the text of kama literature in principle not only talk about the problem of sex itself and so far society still feel taboo to talk about it. People generally think that talking about sex is something that is not feasible (the Balinese call it something as dirty mind or ngeresor obscene), morally, it did not seem to fit.

The text of literature is generally a structural science about sex. It describes about the things that underlie how kama becomes something important in human life, how it always attracts and sucks human thoughts and concerns, how the right technique to practice sex, when is the right time for it, and other matters related to worldly pleasures. Even in some texts it is mentioned that sex is not merely a relationship to achieve worldly pleasure, but a meeting (intercourse) to give birth to something new that is very significant. The terms used also almost resemble the terms in the text of Yoga or Tantra. Like the Tantric texts (eg. Vijnana Bhairava Tantra and Rsi Sembina), if sex energy flows down, a new generation will be born. Human race still exists to this day because sex energy is moving down. If sex energy moves up, then spiritual awareness is born. A second born or dvijati occurs when the sex energy can be fully directed upward.

One of the rich kama's texts with the terms Yoga, what happens in the Yoga process which also similar to the process of intercourse or having a sex is in Paururava Manasija Sutra text by Pururava. This text’s length is not as long as the Kama Sutra one from Vatsyayana, but the content is very complete, the terminology or terms used are also related to the terms Yoga and Deity, and has a high philosophical.
One of the most interesting terms that appears in PaururavaManasija Sutra text is 'samprayoga'. The text of Jnana Siddhanta and other Yoga texts deal with this term in depth. This term is related to the phenomena of a sadhaka who diligently practice Yoga which is generally accepted by society. It is said that in the stage of samprayoga, a sadhaka experiences having union with Brahman (God). Meanwhile, in the PaururavaManasija Sutra text stated that when a person is in copulation or coitus, this is called samprayoga. Of course this is very unique, because how a different situation has the same term. If it is associated with tantric texts as a spiritual science, then the sampayoga that exist in the stages or techniques of Yoga has a close relationship with the term samprayogapresented in the PaururavaManasija Sutra text.

Based on the background above, there are three fundamental provisions that make this text interesting to be studied in this study. First, because academically this text has not been used as the main study, it is considered important to study it in depth. Secondly, the literary text of kama literature is in principle as an ancient science text on sex. Along with that, it describes matters related to complex problems of kama. Third, the most important is the terminology or term used to refer to events or processes in sex more closely to the terminology of Yoga. Of course between yoga and sexual activity are predicted have proximity or even there is a possibility of a different technique to achieve the samegoal.

I. Discussions

2.1 The Text of PaururavaManasija Sutra

PaururavaManasija Sutra is one of kamasutra's texts which discusses about sexual relation techniques and matters related to the process of sexual intercourse. This text is the work of Pururava, the first King of the Aila or Somavamsa dynasties. Rg Veda (X.95.18) (Griffith, 1896) states that he is the son of Ila. Vishnu Purana calls him an ancestor of the Pandavas and Kauravas. Mythologically, it is also said that Pururava spent 86,000 years practising the art of sexual love with beautiful dancers of Urvasi heaven. So, he is said to have qualified to teach this art of love to mankind. The Mantra Rg Veda (10.95) (Griffith, 1896) describes the dialogue between King Pururava and Urvasi, which is later recounted in the BrahmanaSatapatha.

The text of PaururavaManasija Sutra edition of DhundirajaSastri published in Kamakunjala (Varanasi: Chowkhamba Sanskrit Series Of fi ce, 1967), pp 1-27,
commented by Jayakrsna This confiscation contains 53 sutras that describe in detail of the techniques of sexual intercourse, sense or achievement of happiness when having sex with a certain age girl, a good time to make love and waning desire to have the sex. In his description, the technical terms that used in it more leads to spiritual terms, notably the term of Yoga.

The word ‘yoga’ comes literally from the Sanskrit language 'yuj' which means 'relationship,' 'union'. Yoga Sutra Patanjali I.2 (Hartranft, 2003) states: 'yogascitta- vrtti-nirodhah' - yoga is the cessation of mind. Swami Vivekananda (tt:p.11 PDF) says that the indriya organ with manah, buddhi and ahankara formed a compound thing called antahkarana (internal instrument). All these have the principle that it is the various processes of chitta(mind stuff). The thought waves that are in the chittaare called vrtti. Yoga function is to remove this thought wave so that it returns calm and pure. The mind that no longer jumps anywhere and finally makes the atma (human’s soul) unite with the paramatma(God).

The texts of Bhagavad-gita (II.50) (Yogananda, 2008) Krishna states: yogaḥ karmasukauśalam-skill in action is yoga. Here, yojameans parallel to a work which had done well, with totality. When a person works with a focused mind, where he or she self-melts into the work, then this is Yoga. One's attention is entirely devoted to the work, so that the subjects that work and the objects that are done merge into one. When the subject and object are united, then all that remains is the process of doing it. This condition is called Yoga.

Similarly, Krishna defined Yoga as a relief / balance in being’s lifestyle - Samatvam yoga uchyate(Bhagavad-gita, II. 48). When a person lives a balanced life, not excessively, according to need, then this is called Yoga. An unbalanced life according to Krishna is not called Yoga. So, for example, enduring hunger for hours, or torture yourself due to spiritual reasons is not called Yoga. Balanced in all situations, both physical and mental are Yoga.

The teachings of Samparyoga in principle is not far away with Yoga itself. Samparyoga's teaching is closely related to the mind. A person will be able to attain a higher awareness (Brahman/God) only when the motion or wave of his mind has ceased. When one is united in sex, as described in the text of VigyanBhairav Tantra, the wild mind will stop. When the mind is no longer wild, the spiritual door automatically opens. If the spiritual door is opened, then the Self (atma) whois
shackled in the body, will unite with Paramatma (God), just as there is room inside the room and outside the room become altogether when the door is removed.

Having sex is also an act, so that people can reach Yoga through it. As Krishna states that the skill inside sex will bring someone to union. When his attention is totally focused on the sex activity he is doing, he will experience union with his partner. As that union happened, the spiritual gate also automatically opens, and finally blends or unite with Brahman.

2.2 The concept of Samprayoga

According to the Sanskrit Dictionary for Spoken Sanskrit, the word samprayoga means' conjunction, spell, employment, attaching, mutual proportion, contact with, application, matrimonial or sexual union with, connection, joining together, connected series or arrangement, union, fastening'. Jhon Taber (2005) said that 'samprayoga' not only means connection but more on proper functioning which meansthesenses, objectsof perception and cognition are fully functional so the probability of error will not occur.

As Anga (2015: 74) said that samprayogaconsists of six types. First, avinirbhayasamprayoga (an indivisible relationship); Second, misribhavasamprayoga (mixed relationship); third, samavadhana samprayoga (collective relations); fourth, sahahavasamprayoga (simultaneous relationship); fifth, kriyanusthanasamprayoga (activity relationship); and sixth, sampratipattisamprayoga (side by side relationship). Of the six types of samprayoga, this study is more focused on kriyanusthanasamprayoga (relationship activity), because samprayogain the Pururava Manasija Sutra text is associated with sexual acts.

Patanjali Yoga Sutra (II.44) mentions: swadhyaya ishtdevatasamprayoga - through the self-study (swadhyaya) someone is attributed to the forces underlying the universe (istha) (Bharati, tt: 32). Here, samprayogameans relationship or union. Through his swadhyaya, one will unite with the idol God who became his focus. From all these explanations, then samprayogameans relationship or union. In the Pururava Manasija Sutra text the word samprayoga is translated by commentator Jayakrsna Diksita as 'fusing in the bed to enjoy sex'. Pururava, the author himself called it 'intercourse(having sex/senggama)'. Meanwhile, in general the act of
intercourse in the texts of Kama and Tantra is called Maithuna. Maithuna is a Sanskrit term used in Tantra which is translated as "sexual union" in the context of ritual. Maithuna is the most important act of the five makara and is a major part of the Tantric Basic Ritual known as Panchamakara, Panchatattva, and Chakra Tattva. In this context both Samprayoga and Maithuna have similar meanings.

Even so, both maithuna and samprayoga in certain situations have different meanings and even opposites. Some sects or spiritual colleges consider the maithuna to be purely mental and symbolic. It is connected with the TTI nishpakriya (purification as adults) (Kamala Devi, 1977: 19-27). Maithuna will be only effective when the sexual union is sacred. The couple becomes divine where the woman is Shakti, while her male is Shiva. Maithunawill be very worldly if there is no spiritual transformation within (O mar Garrison, 1964: 103). While the word samprayoga is more often defined by 'unification' in the context of yoga teachings. When a person is able to unite the individual's soul with universal's one, then the person is insamprayoga.

SushmaKulshreshtha in his work "Erotics in Kalidasa III: Experiencing Bliss: Samprayoga" (2007) describes the study of samprayoga in Kalidasa's text. Samprayoga here is the 'art of love' which consists of 8 types, namely: 1. Alingana (Hug); 2. Cumbana (Kissing); 3. Nakhaksata (nail painting); 4. Dantaxata (intimate pinch); 5. Samvesana (Enjoying together); 6. Prahanana (slap); 7. Sitktra (Manita) (sound Moaning or inarticulate); and 8. Purusayita (reverseposition).

But why does the text proclaim sex as samprayoga? What is the relationship between sex and Yoga? When seeing from the terms used, almost every pleasure generated from sexual intercourse is always associated with achievements of sadhanaspiritual as Brahman, Yoga, and others indicating that sex besides as a worldly activity, it has more aspects than it. The Puraurava Manasija Sutra's text indicates sex has dimensions that not only possess worldly pleasures. Some tantric texts suggest that sex if used as a sadhanawill be spiritually visible, and even the symbol of cosmic unification is symbolized by the coitus relationship between men and women. In tantra, man is a representation of purusa (aspect of consciousness) and woman represents pradana (materialaspect).

According to Śāktaisme, Śiva is paramatattva, the mostultimate reality or prakāśa, pure consciousness. He is Akhilānugata, He is everywhere; akartṛka, impersonal; and akrīya, not active. He is thesampūrṇa, the absolute; nirapekṣa,
without relativity and sat, pure existence. Śāktīs an active, personal existence and includes all individual souls: tvayaikayāpūritamāmbayaitat. She made connection with Śivaas Vimarśatoparakāśa. Vimarśa is defined as the vibration of spontaneity - svābhāvikasphurana- last reality. Vimarśais śakti and when it comes to prakāśa, the absolute as it is, the world of nāmaand rūpa-name and form - comes into existence. In other words, when śakti as an impulse creates a vibration in prakāśa, the awareness of dormant and laten then appears to be action and creates creation. When consciousness (Śiva) passes through the vibration (śakti) as teja, the male seed, it takes the form of vindu(or bindu) - male points and when Śakti enters Śiva, nāda- sound, female’s principle - manifested. When both - nādaand vindu- unite, then become ardhanārīśvara- Pārvatīand Śivain one unity. They, as Kālidāsa said, 'vārgathāvivasaṁprktau... pārvatīparameśvarau,' are connected, even blend into one (Pankaj, 2013:1-8).

RsiSembina’s text also said that sex is bindu. So, this is an understanding that is almost same with the priest. The conscientious priest in the sadhana spiritual will know about or be the bindu or the windu. People who are able to enter windu mean they have been able to meet the true nature of the One (God). The word ‘windu’ is translated as emptiness. Emptiness (windu/ bindu) does not mean the state of nothingness, but no-thingness. Not a void, but in pure, absolute, undivided consciousness. The word bindu/ windu means point (drop) or point. Binduvisargameans to the point (falling of the drop).

Bindu is represented by the crescent moon and a white drop, which is the nectar dripping down to vishuddhi chakra. It is the untimate source out of which all things manifest and into which all things return (Satyananda in Suwantana, 2011).

Bindu is described as a crescent moon and a white dot. This point is the source and place of the return of all that exists. The location of bindu in Hindu tradition is right on the back of the head. A Hindu Brahmin usually leaves a long hair sprout there which is called Sikha. Sikha means flame (the flame of fire). The flame here means the flame of vasana or hidden karma from the pastlife.

Quality sex is sex that applies the teachings aboutbindu as explained above. Without an understanding of this, sex activity is done only to the satisfaction ofordinarypassionswithoutanybenefit.Sospiritualityplaysanimportantrolehere
in sexual intercourse. Sexual intercourse sometimes seems like a double-faced person. There is having sex because of the arousal of passionate flush. Such sex relations do not bring much benefit and can even cause inward mental health. There is sex based on spiritual guidance. Such sex will give good offspring, body health, and spiritual satisfaction (Suwantana, 2011).

II. Conclusions

The teachings of Samprayoga on the PaururavaManasja Sutra text are not only in the context of having sex physically only. Having sex is paralel with Yoga. The use of the term samprayoga in a coitus is an indication about sex. Likewise tantra teachings emphasize that sex is a journey in spiritual achievement. Sex in a physical context will give birth generations who are entirely similar to their predecessors. A human who just born to the world. This is the creature by the universe which is desire to be occurred in such way. The Earth has determined that a series of energies must give birth to a new generation in order to sustain the life.

Tantra said that the same sex if used as a means of meditation will give birth to creation as well, but not the creation of new creatures that seem different, but theourselves that are born. Hinduism has a dwijatic concept, which means a second birth. If a person is able to achieve something as the sex transcendence stated, it is the union between purusa and prakrti, then himself will be born. This is the birth which expected by the relationship, or samprayogain the sadhanaspiritual. Sex can be a symbol so that every sadhanamust lead to cosmic unity. When this relationship occurs, they are between the oneself and the cosmic itself, so the orgasm of the universe can be experienced. The text of Yoga called it as Samadhi. Even, in the text of PaururavaManasijamentioned that there is an achievement on the pleasure of being in a spiritual planet(Brahman).
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