

KEY TERMS

सूत्र

Sūtra

Sutra

from “to sew” a thread, yarn, cord

a sacred thread

a kind of text

न्याय

nyāya

Nyaya

“That by which the mind is led to a conclusion”

the science of right or just reasoning

विशेष

Viśeṣa

Vishesha

“Particularity”

thus *Vaiśeṣika* is the school which emphasizes the existence of particular individuals

QUESTIONS

1. How was it that the revolutionary developments in Buddhism and Jainism led to the development of the six orthodox *darshanas*?
2. What are some of the essentials or common ideas that all six of the orthodox *darshanas* agree upon?
3. What is the distinctive character of the Nyaya philosophy?
4. What are the four valid means of knowledge according to Nyaya?
5. According to the Nyaya philosophers, how does one determine the difference between mistaken knowledge or ignorance and truth? In other words, what is the test of truth?
6. What is the distinctive character of the Vaisheshika philosophy and what view of reality is adopted by this system?
7. What view of the soul is developed in the Vaisheshika and how is this view consistent with the orthodox conception of the soul?