

WHERE CLASSICAL WISDOM MEETS INTELLIGENT LEARNING

i. āyu - lakṣaṇa, paryāya, paribhāṣā and pramāṇa

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Lakshana & Paribhasha (Definition) of Ayu

Sanskrit References

āyuḥ śarīrēndriyasatvātmasamyōgaḥ,
- Su.Su.1/15 Dalhana
śarīrēndriyasattvātmasamyōgō dhāri jīvitam
nityagaścānubandhaśca paryāyairāyurucyatē
- Ca.Su.1/42

Meaning:

Ayu (life) is the combination of:

- Physical body (Śarīra)
- Senses (Indriya)
- Mind (Sattva)
- Soul (Ātma)

Paryaya (Synonyms) of Ayu

- 1. Dhari: It does not let the body rot.
- 2. Jivita: It beholds life and allows us to live.
- 3. **Nityaga**: It moves constantly.
- 4. Anubandha: It is interdependent between past life and future life.
- 5. **Chetananuvritti**: Continuity of consciousness (chetanā) throughout life.

Pramana (Span) of Ayu

Sanskrit Reference

varşaśatam khalvāyuşaḥ pramāṇamasmin kālē; santi ca punaradhikōnavarşaśatajīvinō'pi manuşyāḥ; – Ca.Vi.8/122

Meaning: Generally, the lifespan of a human being is considered to be 100 years.

Bheda (Classification) of Ayu

- 1. Hita Ayu
- 2. Ahita Ayu
- 3. Sukhayu
- 4. Dukhayu

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