

從《瑜伽論記》析論〈真實義品〉「離言自性」的 語言哲學及對「說一切有部」語言觀的批判

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提要

本論文要處理的問題有兩點：(一)、從《瑜伽論記》的解說，析論《瑜伽師地論·菩薩地·真實義品》之「離言自性」(梵 *nirabhilāpya-svabhāvatā*)，試圖釐清這一概念的意義，及其語言哲學內涵。(二)、嘗試分析在《瑜伽論記》的記載中，基於〈真實義品〉「離言自性」的語言哲學，而批判「小乘人」(「說一切有部」)之語言觀存在的三個過失。

關於這兩個本文的論題，筆者的觀點是：(1)、所謂的「離言自性」(相當於「勝義諦」)是指就勝義而言，實「有」離開語言活動的「唯事」(梵 *vastu-mātra*，可說是事物之「終極指涉對象」)之存在；而和「假說自性」(相當於「世俗諦」)，相搭配的概念。(2)、在《瑜伽論記》中，這「離言自性」的「唯事」，是指清淨之「依他起性」和「圓成實性」；而「遍計所執性」和雜染之「依他起性」，則是屬於「假說自性」，即語言活動的範圍。(3)、〈真實義品〉建立「離言自性」的「實有『唯事』」，是爲了澄清「空」的教義，爲了建立遠離「增益執」與「損減執」之「善取空」(或「中道」)而成立的。(4)、「增益執」是指「小乘人」(「說一切有部」)的過失，他們以爲名言「色等『法名』」(「能指」)所指涉的「色等『想法』」(「所指」)，是有其自性、法體的，不能明瞭實際上除了「離言自性」的「實有『唯事』」外，名言「色等

『法名』(「能指」)及其指涉的「色等『想法』」(「所指」)都是屬於「一切唯假」的「假說自性」層面。(5)、依據《瑜伽論記》的記載,小乘人(「說一切有部」)這樣的語言觀有三個過失:「一、隨名多體失;二、名前無體失;三、名前生覺失。」。(6)筆者以為,值得注意的是:依據《瑜伽論記》,〈真實義品〉建立「一切唯假」(言說活動的「假說自性」層面),和「假必依實」(離言說活動的「離言自性」層面)的語言哲學,並以此說明「空」義。建立了離開語言活動的「離言自性」之「唯事」是實「有」的,而並非瑜伽行派後來發展的「唯識」說。就此而言,這是對中觀學派「空」教義的一種澄清,也就是〈真實義品〉所謂的「善取空」者!

關鍵詞: 假說自性、離言自性、「能指」(「色等『法名』」)、「所指」(「色等『想法』」)、「終極所指」(「唯事」)、增益執、善取空、語言哲學

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An Analysis of “*nirabhilāpya-svabhāvatā*” of the *Tattvārtha Chapter* and its Criticism of Sarvāsti-vādin’s View of Language

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Abstract :

This article will address two issues : 1. From the perspective of *Yuqielun ji*'s records, analyze the philosophy of language of the concept “*nirabhilāpya-svabhāvatā* (the inexpressible essential nature)” in the *Tattvārtha Chapter of Bodhisattvabhūmi of Yogācārabhūmi-śāstra*. 2. Expound the *Tattvārtha Chapter*'s criticism of Sarvāsti-vādin's view of language from the three mistakes stated in *Yuqielun ji*'s records.

My views on the above two issues are: (1) The “*nirabhilāpya-svabhāvatā*” is simply the “*vastu-mātra*(the given thing itself, ultimate referent)”, which belongs to the domain of knowledge of the supreme essential nature of all dharmas [just like the “*paramārtha-satya*(ultimate truth)"]; and it complements the concept of “*prajñapti-vāda-svabhāva*(the essential nature conceptualized by verbal designation)” [just like the “*saṃvṛti-satya*(conventional truth)”. (2) In *Yuqielun ji* the “*vastu-mātra*” of “*nirabhilāpya-svabhāvatā*” means pure “*paratantra-svabhāva*(the ‘dependent on others to arise’ self-nature)” and “*pariṇiṣpanna-svabhāva*(the ‘perfect accomplished real’ self-nature)”. The “*parikalpita-svabhāva*(the ‘everywhere schematizing what is grasped’ self-nature)” and foul “*paratantra-svabhāva*” belong to the domain of

“*prajñapti-vāda-svabhāva*”, which is the domain of verbal designations. (3) The establishment of the “*vastu-mātra*” of “*nirabhilāpya-svabhāvatā*” in the *Tattvārtha Chapter* is to clarify the concept “*śūnyatā*(emptiness)” and to establish the “*su-grhītā śūnyatā*(emptiness correctly apprehended)”[or the “Middle Path”] that distances itself from the errors “*samāropa-abhiniveśa*(affirming error)” and “*apavada-abhiniveśa*(denigrating error)”. (4) The error “*samāropa-abhiniveśa*(affirming error/the attachment of affirming too much)” refers to Sarvāsti-vādin’s mistaken view of language. They don’t realize that only the “*vastu-mātra*” of “*nirabhilāpya-svabhāvatā*” is authentic reality. Instead, they mistakenly view the “referent(dharmas [such as “form,” etc.] conceptualized by our mind)” to have its own “*svabhāva*(self-nature)” or “substance”. In fact, both the “name(names [such as “form,” etc.] of the dharmas)” and the “referent” belong to the domain of verbal designations of “*prajñapti-vāda-svabhāva*”. (5) According to *Yuqielun ji*’s records, Sarvāsti-vādin’s view of language has three mistakes : ‘① If we assign many different referring names for a thing, then the same one thing will have many different substances. ② Things do not have substances before we assign referring names. ③ We have cognition of things before we assign referring names to them.’ (6) It must be noted that, according to *Yuqielun ji*’s records, the *Tattvārtha Chapter* establishes the philosophy of language that ‘all dharmas are “*prajñapti-mātram*(only a designation)”’ [the domain of verbal designations of “*prajñapti-vāda-svabhāva*”] and that ‘verbal designations refer to the authentic reality(“*vastu-mātra*”)’ [the domain of the reality “*nirabhilāpya-svabhāvatā*”, and free from verbal conceptual construction]. And the “*vastu-mātra*” of “*nirabhilāpya-svabhāvatā*” is what really exists and is used to explain the concept “*śūnyatā*(emptiness)”. This concept “*vastu-mātra*(the given thing itself)” is different from the Yogācāra Buddhism’s famous concept “*viññapti-mātra*(consciousness only)”, and this explanation clarifies the Mādhyamika Buddhism’s concept “*śūnyatā*”, the so-called “*su-grhītā śūnyatā*(emptiness correctly apprehended)”.

Key words:

prajñapti-vāda-svabhāva (the essential nature conceptualized by verbal designation),
nirabhilāpya-svabhāvatā (the inexpressible essential nature),
 name (names [such as “form,” etc.] of the dharmas),
 referent (dharmas [such as “form,” etc.] conceptualized by our mind),
 ultimate referent (*vastu-mātra*, the given thing itself),
samāropa-abhiniveśa (affirming error/the attachment of affirming too much),
su-grhītā śūnyatā (emptiness correctly apprehended),
 philosophy of language