



## ***Buddha's Anthropological Declaration on Race or Caste***

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Every species is distinct by way of its **reproductive character** (*liṅga*), which accounts for its *jāti*, which is reckoned as the *differentia* that makes it distinct from other species:

**Jātivibhaṅgaṃ pāṇānaṃ, aññamaññā hi jātiyo;**

Every species viz., grass or tree (vegetation) too has a **unique reproductive character** as the *differentia*:

**Tiṅarukkhepi jānātha, na cāpi paṭijānare**

**Liṅgaṃ jātimayaṃ tesam, aññamaññā hi jātiyo;**

So is the case with the worms, insects and ants:

**Tato kiṭṭe paṭaṅge ca, yāva kunthakipillike;**

So is the case with small and big quadrupeds:

**Catuppadehi jānātha, khuddake ca mahallake;**

So is the case with vertebrates like serpents or crawling creatures:

**Pādūharepi jānātha, urage dīghapiṭṭhike;**

So is the case with the fish or the living beings of the water world:

**Tato macchehi jānātha, oḍake vāriḅocare;**

So is the case the birds or the living creatures that fly in the sky

**Tato pakkhīpi jānātha, pattayāne vihaṅgame;**

**Liṅgaṃ jātimayaṃ tesam, aññamaññā hi jātiyo.**

As each species is to be classified according to its unique reproductive character, so is the case with the species called the *homo sapiens* (man) having just one unique reproductive character, i.e., *liṅga* that defines a man.

**Yathā etāsu jātisū, liṅgaṃ jātimayaṃ puthu;  
Evaṃ natthi manussesu, liṅgaṃ jātimayaṃ puthu.**

Does not the modern science or Anthropology affirm the similar view when making the statement that:

**'The very fact that the human beings can inter-breed with one another is the very proof that there is only one race or *jāti* – the *homo sapiens*- i.e., *man*'.**

**WHY do the people then differentiate or discriminate each other in the name of *jāti* (caste) or race ?**