The present work aims at an analytic examination of the Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika doctrine about parts and whole. To that end we have brought together all the main arguments of the Sankhyā and the Bauḍḍha philosophers against this doctrine and shown how they amount to a blistering attack on it from all possible angles. We have also shown how the Nyaya defends itself and how, inspite of some lapses here and there, it is a sound and robust defence, and can claim our admiration. Whether and how far we are justified in our attitude can be judged only by the reader - as he ploughs his way through the following pages.

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