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Pudgalo 'vācyaḥ — Apropos of a Recently Rediscovered Sanskrit Manuscript of the Saṃmitīyas. Critical Edition of the First Chapter of the Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā by Saṅghatrāta*

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1. Introductory remarks

In July 2014, in San Polo dei Cavalieri, a small town not far from Rome, among the properties belonging to Francesca Bonardi—Giuseppe Tucci's (1894–1984) widow, who had passed away a few months earlier—Oscar Nalesini, an official of the former Museo Nazionale di Arte Orientale "Giuseppe Tucci" in Rome (to which all properties were donated), found three Sanskrit manuscripts: a fragment of a paper manuscript of the *Sphuṭārthā* by Haribhadra, a modern copy of the *Catuṣp̄ṭḥatantra* on Nepalese paper, and an undated palm-leaf codex of an unpublished text belonging to the

* This paper is the first result of a study on the *Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā* of Saṅghatrāta that I have been carrying out since 2014. I wish to thank all the friends and colleagues who have invited me to introduce the text and its contents during lectures, conferences and workshops in the meantime: Nalini Balbir, Vincent Eltschinger, Harunaga Isaacson, Cristina Pecchia, Karin Preisendanz, Peter Skilling, Raffaele Torella, Vincenzo Vergiani and Stefano Zacchetti (a list of these events is given in Skilling 2016: 50, n. 71; more recently, for the same purpose, I was kindly welcomed by Lata and Mahesh Deokar at the Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Pune University, on 7 February 2019). In 2015, the first two chapters were perused during a workshop entitled "Buddhist Texts in

scholastic literature of the Saṃmitīya tradition,¹ the *Abhidharma-samuccayakārikā* by Bhadanta Saṅghatrāta.²

The sensational discovery of the latter manuscript, along with a copy of the *Manicūdajātaka* by Sarvarakṣita (12th cent.) that Tucci made at the monastery of Gong dkar chos sde in Central Tibet in 1948, was described by Tucci himself in a moving passage from his travelogue *A Lhasa e oltre.*³ The publication of the *Abhidharma-samuccayakārikā* had been anticipated for some years—as one of the books "in preparation" for the Serie Orientale Roma ever since the first volume of the series had appeared in 1950—under the title *The Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā* by *Sanghatrāta*, *text and commentary of an unknown work, the Sanskrit manuscript of which has*

Sanskrit: Intensive Readings at Mahidol University" (Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Mahidol University, Salaya Campus, Nakhon Pathom, Thailand, 12-25 February). I wish to thank Mattia Salvini, who organized this workshop, as well as all of the attendees who provided me with useful insights, in particular (in alphabetical order): Giuliano Giustarini, Kengo Harimoto, Harunaga Isaacson, Kei Kataoka, Gregory Max Seton and Peter Skilling. Special thanks is owed to Oscar Nalesini and to the authorities of the Museo Nazionale di Arte Orientale "Giuseppe Tucci," in particular to Laura Giuliano and the Superintendent Francesco di Gennaro, for kindly having allowed me access to the manuscript of the Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā and for having entrusted me with its study with a view to its publication. I thank the three editors of this volume very much—Marta Sernesi, Vincent Eltschinger, and Vincent Tournier—for having provided me with a number of interesting and useful comments. Dragomir Dimitrov, Harunaga Isaacson, Giacomella Orofino and Mattia Salvini have also read the paper and kindly offered me some comments and suggestions. Kristen de Joseph has kindly revised the English.

- ¹ On the spelling Sammitīya (instead of Sāmmitīya), see below, § 2.3, and notes 37–38.
- ² On monastic names ending with ° *trāta*, see the paper by Tournier in this volume, p. 889 and n. 95.
- ³ See Tucci 1996: 169–170. For the official English translation, see Tucci 1956a: 151. Another English translation can be read in Sferra 2008: 21, n. 17. Note that the name of the Gong dkar monastery (aka Gong dkar rdo rje gdan and Gong dkar chos sde, see Fermer 2016) is misspelled in Tucci as Kong dkar.
- As O. Nalesini (personal communication, e-mails of 5–6 February 2020) pointed out to me, the discovery of the manuscript that is described in his autobiography by Tenzing Norgay (bsTan 'dzin nor rgyas) (1914–1986), the Sherpa who assisted Tucci in 1948 and who later became famous for having been the first to reach the summit of Mount Everest with Edmund Hillary in 1953, could coincide with that of the *Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā* and/or of the *Maṇicūḍajātaka* (see Norgay and Ullman 1955: 124–125). However, it should be noted that the account of Norgay does not perfectly coincide with the version we read in Tucci.

been found in Tibet. The editor would have been Antonio Gargano, one of his students, together with Tucci (e.g., vols. I, X, XVI, XVII), or Tucci on his own (e.g., vol. III). Later on, Tucci would speak briefly about the *Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā* during a lecture he gave in Japan in October 1955.⁴ From 1966 on, references to the *Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā* disappeared from the cover of the Serie Orientale Roma (SOR),⁵ but it is very likely that Tucci continued to work on this text in subsequent years, since he referred to it in two letters written in 1975 and addressed to his Indian friend and colleague Vasudeva Vishwanath Gokhale (1900–1991).⁶ However, the announced book was never completed, and the text was never published.

After Tucci's death, all efforts to gain access to the *Abhidharma-samuccayakārikā* manuscript, on the part of both Italian and foreign scholars, failed. I have personally been trying to trace this precious object since the mid-'90s, when, in cooperation with Claudio Cicuzza, I was working at the collection of Sanskrit manuscripts kept at the IsIAO. But while it was possible to find a film roll containing negatives of the *Maṇicūḍajātaka*, which was later published by Albrecht Hanisch,⁷ there was no trace of the Abhidharmic text. All attempts to make contact with Francesca Bonardi were unsuccessful.

As soon as Oscar Nalesini gained access to the manuscript, he contacted me and asked me to identify the work contained in it.

Gokhale and Tucci had known each other since Tucci's stay in Śāntiniketan in the second half of the 1920s (see Shendge 1993: 350).

⁴ Okano 1998: 14–15. The text of this lecture was published in Japanese the following year. See Tucci 1956b.

⁵ The last reference to the *Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā* as a book in preparation is on the inside back cover of vol. XXXIII.

⁶ Part of this correspondence, which Nalesini found in spring 2015, is now kept in the archives of the library of the former Museo Nazionale di Arte Orientale "Giuseppe Tucci." "In October 2017, after the demise of the Museum and the moving of its belonging to the seat of the newly established Museo delle Civiltà, the library, as well as the photographic and documental archives, due to space shortage, have been stored in an underground storeroom. The manuscript of the *Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā* was, together with other manuscripts, documents and ancient books from the Museo Nazionale di Arte Orientale, placed in a metallic armoir in the library of the Museo delle Civiltà, where it still was in early 2019" (Nalesini's personal communication, 21 February 2020).

⁷ A complete edition of this text was published in Hanisch 2008, but some excerpts and reproductions had already appeared in Hanisch 2006: 136–155.

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For this purpose, he kindly allowed me to take pictures of the manuscript, even if unofficially. In theory, at that time, the codex had not yet been formally acquired and inventoried by the museum. The manuscript was in fact simply wrapped inside some paper and two pieces of cardboard, and there were no clues or titles that permitted a clear and immediate identification of the work by a non-specialist. It was possible to work officially on this manuscript only several months later, after the completion of the bureaucratic process by which the manuscript was formally acquired as a museum property. At any rate, between July and August 2014, I transliterated the entire text and started to translate it. In February 2015, I had the opportunity to read and study the first two chapters of the work in Thailand with a small group of students and colleagues.⁸

Subsequently, in spring 2015, again at Tucci's home, Nalesini, who was still inventorying the properties that Mrs Bonardi had left to the museum, found some notebooks and a complete transliteration of the work. This transliteration, or more probably a preliminary draft of it, was mentioned in a short, undated letter, written on the old, prewar headed paper of the IsMEO, that Tucci had sent to Luciano Petech, and which is now preserved in the archives of Petech that the latter's heirs have donated to Elena De Rossi Filibeck.⁹

Caro Luciano,

Ho ricevuto con qualche ritardo, come sempre qui la posta, la tua lettera. [...] Qui ho lavorato molto intercalando il lavoro con le ascensioni: il mio diario è finito e così pure la trad. del Deb dmar: ho incominciato l'interpretazione dell'Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā trascritta da Gargano: è un'opera Sammitīya, [sic] molto difficile ma molto importante. 10 [...]

⁸ See above, note *.

⁹ I thank Elena De Rossi Filibeck for having allowed me to transliterate this letter here. Together with Oscar Nalesini, she is planning to publish a volume containing the full correspondence between Tucci and Petech. Three letters have already been published in De Rossi Filibeck 2019.

¹⁰ "Dear Luciano, I received your letter with some delay, as always with the mail here. [...] I have worked a lot here, interspersing the work with climbs: my diary is finished, as is the trans. of the Deb dmar: I started to interpret the Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā, which has been transcribed by Gargano: it is a Saṃmitīya work, very difficult but very important. [...]"

It is not clear when Gargano made his transliteration, or when (or where) this short letter was written. In fact, the references to mountain climbs, the completion of a diary and the translation of the Deb dmar suggest a date corresponding to one of Tucci's final expeditions in Nepal (1952-53, 1954) or in the Swāt valley (1955), certainly a date prior to 1971, which is the year in which Tucci published the volume Deb t'er dmar po gsar ma. Tibetan Chronicles by bSod nams grags pa, Vol. I (SOR XXIV)11—even though, as Oscar Nalesini has pointed out to me, on those expeditions, he used to write letters on the new, postwar headed paper of the IsMEO.¹² Whatever the case may be, the above-mentioned correspondence with Gokhale demonstrates that the transliteration that has come down to us was completed only after 1975, since it is clear from a letter that in the mid-'70s, Tucci was still looking for someone able to decipher the manuscript. It suffices here to reproduce only a few sentences (see also below, figs. 1-4):

Rome, 11 GIU 1975

My dear Friend,

please excuse my very late reply to your kind and informative letter of February 25 last, [...] I shall also send you a page of a ms. written in the so-called <u>arrow point script</u>, whih [sic for which] is as arre [sic for rare] as it is important. The text is a very difficult one, though there often occur verses entirely reproduced from the Abh. Dharma Kosa. If you can really find a team of your scholars, who can help us in the basic transcription of the texts, that would be an aid for us both, especially in saving our eye-sight.

¹¹ As is clear from the correspondence with L. Petech, Tucci discovered a copy of the *Deb ther dmar po gsar ma* in July 1948 (see De Rossi Filibeck 2019: 124–126). The discovery of the *Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā* was made some time later, during the final weeks of this expedition, which ended in October 1948. Gargano did not follow Tucci on this expedition, thus there is no doubt that he transliterated the manuscript after Tucci came back to Rome in January 1949 (after the expedition in Tibet, Tucci went directly to the USA; see Nalesini 2012: 135 and n. 24, 145–146). Therefore, it can be excluded that the diary mentioned in this letter refers to *A Lhasa e oltre*, and that this letter was written in 1948 while Tucci was still in Tibet. More likely, this letter was written in Nepal during the expedition carried out in 1952–53, the travelogue of which was published in 1953 (*Tra giungle e pagode*). The travelogues of the other expeditions in Nepal and Swāt were published in 1960 (1954 expedition: *Nepal: alla scoperta del regno dei Malla*) and in 1963 (1955 expedition: *La via dello Swat*).

¹² Private communication: e-mail of 12 July 2019.

Tucci annotated Gargano's transliteration and corrected it in a number of places (for a specimen, see fig. 5). In spring 2015, I was also able to compare my preliminary transliteration—a copy of which had in the meantime been deposited in the museum archives—with the one made by Gargano and revised by Tucci; the differences were minimal.

Besides Tucci and Antonio Gargano, it seems that after the discovery of the manuscript, the only scholar who had had the opportunity to check this Saṃmitīya work was Edward Conze (1904–1979), who refers to it in a note in his book *Buddhist Thought in India* (1962).¹³

In March 2015, I received the formal permission to work on this manuscript with a view to its critical edition and annotated English translation, which will be published in the Manuscripta Buddhica series. The completion of this volume might require another two or three years: the main difficulty is due to the absence of a commentary and to the conciseness and cryptic nature of the work. To the best of my knowledge, the Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā by Sanghatrāta has never been translated into Tibetan or Chinese: the author and work were totally unknown before Giuseppe Tucci found the manuscript in 1948. We do not even have quotes from this work in other texts, at least as far as we currently know. None of the 547 (anustubh) stanzas that make up the text occur, for instance, in the Samskṛtāsamskṛtaviniścaya by Daśabalaśrīmitra (c. 1100–1170), ¹⁴ which contains several Sammitīya verses. ¹⁵ Nor do we know the place or time of composition of this work. The only reliable data can be inferred from the manuscript itself, which probably dates back to the mid-13th century (see below). Luckily the manuscript is basically undamaged, but, as will be elaborated later, the copyist did not correct his own work: there is no shortage of errors, and the philological work also involves the study of parallels in the Abhidharma literature in Sanskrit and Pāli.

¹³ See below, note 27.

¹⁴ For the date of Daśabalaśrīmitra, see van der Kuijp n.d.

¹⁵ In particular, in chapters 16–21. See Skilling 1987: 4–5, 8; 2006: 100; 2016: 11–12. The Tibetan text of several stanzas quoted from a Saṃmitīya treatise in the *Saṃskṛtāsaṃskṛtaviniscaya* are edited in Namikawa 2011: 377–405. I thank Kazunobu Matsuda very much for having provided me with a copy of Namikawa's book.

As a token of respect for Cristina Scherrer-Schaub, a special person and a scholar whom I greatly admire, I am pleased to present here the first result of this study, which, in addition to the account of the recent history of the manuscript, also includes its description and the annotated edition and tentative translation of the first chapter, entitled *Āyatanasamuccaya*.

2. The manuscript

2.1 The manuscript is one of the few examples of a rather rare Indian script that has been called "arrow-headed script," "point-headed script" or "Pfeilspitzenschrift" by the first scholars who studied it in the last two decades of the nineteenth century (i.e., C. Bendall, G. Bühler, B. Liebich), ¹⁶ and which in more recent literature is better known as Bhaikṣukī, ¹⁷ a name used by Al-Bīrūnī—in his famous account of Indian culture and civilization entitled *Kitab ta'rikh al-Hind* (1030)—to refer to the script used by the Buddhist *bhikṣus*. More recently, Dragomir Dimitrov has suggested that the original name of this script was Saindhavī, ¹⁸ because it seems that this is the name by which it appears in several Tibetan works on calligraphy. Dimitrov further argues that the Saindhavī script was used predominantly by the Saṃmitīya Buddhists, who were also known as the Saindhavas, with a probable reference to the Sindhu region with which they are traditionally associated.

So far, besides a handful of epigraphs, only two Bhaikṣukī/Saindhavī manuscripts have been available to scholars: a copy of the *Candrālaṃkāra*, partly preserved in Cambridge (CUL MS Or. 1278) and partly in black and white photographs taken in Kathmandu in 1971, now kept at the Alderman Library of the University of Virginia; and the above-mentioned *codex unicus* (available only on microfilm) containing the *Manicūḍajātaka* by Sarvaraksita.

A few years ago, information about other manuscripts in Saindhavī script preserved in Tibet emerged. A fragment of a first

¹⁶ See Dimitrov 2010: 3–5.

¹⁷ See, e.g., Hanisch 2006; 2008; Dimitrov 2010; Skilling 2016.

¹⁸ See Dimitrov 2016 and 2020; see also Dimitrov 2010: 8.

 $^{^{19}}$ Reproductions of both parts of the $Candr\bar{a}lamk\bar{a}ra$ manuscript have been published in Dimitrov 2010: Appendix.

manuscript was reproduced in a report on the preservation of palm-leaf manuscripts in the Tibetan Autonomous Region that was published in October 2012. This fragment (catalogue number ZX0165-YB15), which has been studied by Dimitrov, contains two small portions from the Acelakamahāsūtra, a Middle Indo-Aryan version of the Kassapasīhanādasutta (= Dīgha Nikāya no. 8), and from the very beginning of another sūtra, which immediately follows it and which corresponds to the Pāli Tevijjasutta (= Dīgha Nikāya no. 13).²⁰ Some leaves of a presumed second manuscript have been featured in a documentary (in two parts) on Xizang Television (XZTV) on 18 and 25 November 2012. Dimitrov was able to produce a still photograph from this documentary with an image of one of the leaves; he then identified the work it contained as a portion of the Kevattasūtra, one of the sūtras of the Dīrghāgama (= Kevaddhasutta, Dīgha Nikāya no. 11).21 A picture of yet another manuscript was published on the back cover of the 2017 edition of the journal Tibetan Palm Leaves Manuscripts Studies. In September 2018, Peter Skilling kindly sent me a digital scan of this cover. I transliterated the Saindhavī leaf it reproduced and identified its contents as a fragment of a Middle Indo-Aryan version of the *Rājāsūtra* or *Śrāmaṇyaphalasūtra, again from the *Dīrghā*gama (= Sāmaññaphalasutta, Dīgha Nikāya no. 2),²² despite the title given in the cover refers to the Brahmajālasūtra (《梵网经》).²³ Unfortunately, for the time being, no manuscript from which these pictures are taken is easily available to scholars (it is not even clear to me where they are currently kept), but it is probable that in the coming years they will become accessible and be studied.

The number of the known Sanskrit and Indic manuscripts written in Saindhavī script is in any case destined to increase in the near future. Just recently, during a workshop held in Beijing at the

 $^{^{20}}$ For bibliographical details, a transliteration and a thorough analysis of these snippets, see Dimitrov 2020: 185–199.

²¹ For further details and a diplomatic transliteration of this leaf, see Dimitrov 2020: 168–184. See also Skilling 2016: 15–16 (p. 16 also contains a black-and-white reproduction of this leaf; see also below, fig. 11).

²² See Hartmann 2004: 128.

²³ See below, fig. 12 (梵网经 is the simplified version of 梵網經). The Tibetan issue of the same number of the journal has *Brahmajālasūtra* in Tibetan translation (《র্রমান্টির্বার্ডিরেই সমান্ট্রার্ডিরেই সমান্ট্রার্ডিরেই সমান্ট্রার্ডিরেই সমান্ট্রার্ডিরেই সমান্ট্রার্ডিরেই সমান্ট্রার্ডিরেই সমান্ট্রার্ডিরেই সমান্ট্রার্ডিরের মান্ট্রার্ডিরেই সমান্ট্রার্ডিরেই সমান্ট্রার্ডিরেই সমান্ট্রার্ডিরের মান্ট্রার্ডিরের সমান্ট্রার্ডিরেই সমান্ট্রার্ডিরের মান্ট্রার্ডিরের সমান্ট্রার্ডিরের মান্ট্রার্ডিরের মান্ট্রার্ডির মান্ট্রার্ডির মান্ট্রার্ডির মান্ট্রার্ডির মান্ট্রার্ডির মান্ট্রার্ডির মান্ট্রার্ডির মান্ট্রার্ডির মান্ট্রার্ডির মান্ট্রার মান্ট্রার্ডির মান্ট্রার মান্ট্র মান্ট্রার মান্ট্র মান্ট্

China Tibetology Research Centre (Workshop on Sanskrit Manuscripts Studies. A Pre-Panel Session of the 7th Beijing International Seminar on Tibetan Studies, 8 January 2020), Phurtsham (大普仓), from the Institute of Sanskrit Studies of the Tibet Academy of Social Sciences in Lhasa, presented a paper entitled "An Introduction to the Bhaiksukī Manuscripts Preserved in Tibet." She has introduced and briefly described eight unpublished manuscripts preserved in Tibet. From her account it is now evident that the snippets recently studied by Dimitrov, and identified by him as parts of a Sammitīya Canon,²⁴ actually belong to the same codex,²⁵ i.e., a copy of the *Dīrghāgama*—or at least of a part of it, or of a mahāsūtra anthology—again labelled Brahmajālasūtra, probably due to the title of the last sūtra of the collection.²⁶ This manuscript is catalogued with the number ZX0165-YB15 and counts 78 leaves. The same leaf of the Kevaṭṭasūtra reproduced by Dimitrov has been shown by Phurtsham in one of her slides as a specimen of this manuscript (see also below, fig. 11). The other seven manuscripts comprise a poetical work attributed to Buddhapālita (23 leaves), a copy of the *Haricandrajātaka* (8 leaves), a copy of the Adhyarddhaśataka attributed to Aśvaghoşa (6 leaves), which is kept in the Tibet Museum in Lhasa, and four unidentified manuscripts (respectively of 30, 10, 10, and 2 leaves).

2.2 The manuscript of the *Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā* consists of 14 leaves, measuring approximately 50×6 cm.²⁷ Each leaf contains two string-holes and three writing areas on both the recto and the verso sides, with the exception of leaves 1r and 14v, which were originally blank.²⁸ There is no serious damage; a moisture stain is

²⁴ See Dimitrov 2020: chap. 2.6.

²⁵ Dimitrov was aware of this possibility; see Dimitrov 2020: 186, 188.

 $^{^{26}}$ The $Brahmaj\bar{a}las\bar{u}tra$ is in fact the last $s\bar{u}tra$ in the $D\bar{r}rgh\bar{a}gama$ of the (Mūla-)Sarvāstivādins (see Hartmann 2004: 128) and it is possible that it has the same position in the $D\bar{r}rgh\bar{a}gama$ of the Saṃmitīyas. For further considerations, see Tournier and Sferra, in preparation.

 $^{^{27}}$ E. Conze, who saw this manuscript at Tucci's place in the 1950s (see above § 1.1), provides a misleading statement on the number of leaves, likely confusing it with the number of written sides: "Sanghatrāta [sic], Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā. 26–27 leaves. To be published in SOR" (Conze 1962: 281, n. 7; see also p. 124).

²⁸ A few words, some *akṣaras* in Rañjanā script (see fig. 21) and a drawing (probably made by other hands), for the most rubbed away, are visible on these sides. I will transliterate and interpret these words and *akṣaras* in the future, when needed also with the help of an infrared photograph.

visible on the first leaf (fig. 6), and the edges of two leaves are partly cut: i.e., the upper margin of fol. 8, resulting in four *akṣara*s on the upper-right portion of fol. 8v being unreadable or hardly decipherable; and the lower margin of fol. 12, resulting in three *akṣara*s on the right bottom of fol. 12r being unreadable or hardly decipherable (fig. 7).

The manuscript contains the whole text but was never completed. There are two clues for this: 1) there are no corrections in the margins and no signs of correction (including cancellations) within the body of the text, even in the case of evident mistakes—like the repetition of stanzas 3.29c–32b (fols. $3v_7-4r_2$) and 10.6–8 (fol. $11r_8-v_1$), which occurs because the same line in the exemplar was copied twice (fig. 8). 2) There are no coloured drawings in the spaces usually reserved for this purpose on the first and last leaves of the manuscript. These blank spaces, both on the left and right edges of the leaves, measure circa 6 cm each (figs. 9–10).²⁹

In relation to the other manuscripts in Saindhavī script that are currently available, we note that the support of the *Abhidharma-samuccayakārikā* matches almost perfectly with that of the *Maṇicūḍajātaka* and the available portion of the *Dīrghāgama*, i.e., the *Kevaṭṭasūtra* and the other snippets published by Dimitrov; the layout of these three manuscripts is also quite similar, if not identical (see fig. 11).³⁰ Each contains three identical writing areas divided by similar vertical lines; each of the three contains 8 lines on each side with approximately the same number of *akṣaras*, which ranges from 25 to 32 in the two lateral writing areas and 31 to 38 in the central writing area; in all three manuscripts, there are similar, smaller writing areas on the first and last leaves. All this suggests that these three manuscripts may have been copied in the same scriptorium. The manuscripts of the *Candrālaṃkāra* and of

²⁹ That these blank spaces were normally used for this purpose is confirmed by the above-mentioned Saindhavī manuscript that was shown in the XZTV broadcast and by several northern Indian palm-leaf manuscripts, especially those of the *Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā* (see, e.g., Cambridge University Libray, MS Add. 1464, https://www.cam.ac.uk/news/worlds-oldest-illustrated-sanskrit-manuscript-launches-india-unboxed-film-series; Los Angeles County Museum of Art, M.86.1.85a-d [relevant images visible in Kim 2009]).

 $^{^{30}}$ As Phurtsham has pointed out during her presentation (see above), each leaf of the manuscript ZX0165-YB15 measures 54 \times 5 cm and contains 8 lines per side (see also Dimitrov 2020: 186).

the $R\bar{a}j\bar{a}s\bar{u}tra$ instead feature a completely different support and layout (fig. 12). Moreover, the graphic signs for the numerals that are used in the $Abhidharmasamuccayak\bar{a}rik\bar{a}$ and in the $Manic\bar{u}daj\bar{a}-taka$ manuscripts are identical with those of the $Candr\bar{a}lamk\bar{a}ra$ (fig. 13). These three manuscripts are foliated in the left margin of the versos; the same is probably also true of the $Kevattas\bar{u}tra$ and the $Sr\bar{a}manyaphalas\bar{u}tra$, but we cannot be sure of this (the numerals are also not visible).

As regards the ductus, there are no significant differences among the Saindhavī manuscripts available so far. The script is very regular, and the tables provided by Hanisch and by Dimitrov also match quite well with the Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā manuscript, and are already very comprehensive.³¹ On the basis of the latter, we can add a relatively large group of new clusters (see below, fig. 14.1–4); notable are the rendering of the subscript cha (with the value of \dot{sa}) (e.g., fols. $10v_6$, $11r_5$) and the use of a specific sign to indicate the *upadhmānīya* (in fols. $5r_5$, $6r_8$, $7v_2$, $10r_4$, $11v_7$), although it is not always used (e.g., on fol. $1v_6$ and in a number of other places, we simply have the *visarga*) (fig. 15). Note that a similar sign to record the *upadhmānīya* occurs quite regularly in Śāradā and Proto-Śāradā,³² and sometimes also in manuscripts produced in Nepal.³³ The *upadhmānīya* does not occur in the manuscripts of the Candrālamkāra and the Manicūdajātaka, nor is visible in the images of the *Kevaṭṭasūtra* and of the *Rājāsūtra* that are available so far.34

An interesting feature of the *Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā* manuscript is the use of letter numerals to indicate the number of stanzas. It should be noted that the placement of these numbers is seemingly random: they are often at the end of a chapter, but sometimes also in the middle of it. The shapes of these letters are

³¹ See Hanisch 2006: 115–120; Hanisch 2008: 267–316; Dimitrov 2010: 73–119.

³² See Slaje 1993: 28 and Melzer 2010: 64.

 $^{^{33}}$ See, for instance, Cambridge University Library, MS Add. 1694, where the $upadhm\bar{a}n\bar{v}ya$ is regularly written in this manner. I owe this reference to Florinda De Simini. For an example, see fol. $71r_3$ (https://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/view/MS-ADD-01694-00001/71).

³⁴ I thank Dragomir Dimitrov for having kindly provided me with a colour image of the *Kevaṭṭasūtra* leaf that he was able to reproduce from the XZTV broadcast and with a preliminary draft of his book now just published.

slightly different from those that we usually find in northern manuscripts (fig. 16).³⁵

We further note the presence of a few words in Tibetan in some of the colophons, in *dbu med* script (fig. 17),³⁶ and the use of drawings with the shapes of wheels or flowers in order to mark the boundaries of chapters and colophons (fig. 18.1–2).

2.3 The final colophon can be divided into two parts. The first part consists in the last stanza of the work and its final rubric.

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ity āryyasaṃmitīyānām abhidharmmanayoditāḥ | samuccitā mayā dharmmāḥ sūktam atra muner vvacaḥ || samāptā abhidharmmasamuccayakārikā krtir ā[13v_8]cāryyabhadantasaṃghatrātasya mahākaveḥ || || ślokaśatāni pañca ślokāś ca pañcāśat || ||
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Thus, the *dharmas* taught according to the Abhidharma method of the Venerable Saṃmitīyas have been collected by me. The well-spoken teaching of the Muni is [to be found] here [i.e., in this text].

The *Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā* is completed; [it is] a work of the master Bhadanta Saṅghatrāta, a great poet. [Its extent is] 550 stanzas.

This part does not contain any particular problems. Suffice it here to note three things: 1) instead of the word *sāṃmitīya*, which is no doubt attested in primary sources (e.g., in the *Prasannapadā ad* 7:4 [avataraṇikā], 9:1, 15:11) and is quite common in secondary literature, here we find the word *saṃmitīya*, which is likewise attested in some primary sources³⁷ and can be considered perfectly plausible

³⁵ See, for instance, the table "Letter-numerals" published in Bendall 1883, at the end of the book. See also Dimitrov 2010: 53–60 and Dimitrov 2020: 202, 204.

 $^{^{36}}$ Some of these words are simply transliterations of the Saindhavī script into $abu\ med$. The fact that these transliterations occur in colophons might reveal the attempt to make immediately evident the content of the work to readers that were unfamiliar with the Saindhavī script. This is not an isolated case. The same practice is visible, for instance, at the end of the Saindhavī manuscript containing the poetical work attributed to Buddhapālita (see above, § 2.1) and that has been shown in one slide by Phurtsham (MS no. ZX0842-BG125, fol. $23v_2$). See also Dimitrov 2020: 198–199.

³⁷ For some references, see the paper by Tournier in this volume, p. 862, n. 9.

(and that for this reason has been adopted here).³⁸ 2) The name of the author is followed by the epithet mahākavi, which is relatively frequent for poets.³⁹ The same epithet also occurs in the colophons of the Manicūdājātaka40 and of the Mahāsamvartanī $kath\bar{a}^{41}$ by Sarvaraksita, two works that can justify the attribution of this epithet to their author. In fact, if the first is properly a poem, whereas the second is a technical text—a poetic śāstra that describes the universe from the Sammitīya point of view—in the latter, Sarvaraksita also utilizes a large array of metres⁴² and alamkāras, especially śabdālamkāras.43 In the case of Sanghatrāta, we simply do not have any information about other possible works authored by him, and in no way can the Abhidharmasamuccaya $k\bar{a}rik\bar{a}$ be defined as a $k\bar{a}vya$. Although we cannot exclude the possibility that he was a poet, it is also possible that the epithet is used here in a more generic way, perhaps just to stress his learning and/or intelligence. It may be relevant in this context to note that the epithet mahākavi also occurs in relation to historical kings⁴⁴ and that it can be read for instance in a laudatory formula, which von Hinüber has called the "Buddhaghosa colophon," 45 that is

³⁸ The term <code>sammitīya</code> and its variants can be explained in several ways. Already in 1955, André Bareau had proposed various possible etymologies: "those who live in harmony" / "those who are worthy of respect" (<code>sammatīya</code>), "those who are gathered" / "those who are equal" (Pāli <code>samitīya</code>), "those who have a correct measure [that is, a correct understanding of Buddha's teaching]" (<code>sammitīya</code>) and "those who follow the teaching of Sammata" (<code>sāmmatīya</code>) (cf. Bareau 1955: 121; cf. also Eckel 2008: 114). According to Bu ston, "[they were called] "Worthy of Respect" (*Sammatīya) since they taught the doctrine of a master who was respected (*Sammata) by a great number of people." (<code>Chos 'byung</code>, fol. 100v: <code>skye bo mang pos bkur ba'i slob dpon gyi lugs ston pas kun gyis bkur ba]; cf. also Obermiller 1932: 100). It is difficult to say which one of these explanations is closest to the self-definition of the Sammitīyas themselves, because unfortunately we do not have original sources that provide us with an explanation or a para-etymology of the name.</code>

³⁹ For instance, we find this epithet in the final rubric of some works of Aśvaghoṣa (Saundarananda), Kālidāsa (Vikramorvasīya), Kṣemendra (Avadānakalpalatā, Kalāvilāsa), Bhayabhūti (Uttararāmacarita) and Somadeva (Kathāsaritsāgara).

⁴⁰ See Hanisch 2008: 250.

⁴¹ See Okano 1998: 382.

⁴² See Okano 1998: 90-96.

⁴³ See, e.g., Okano 1998: 111-112, 213-214, 216-225, 228-241.

⁴⁴ See Tournier 2018: 38, n. 40.

⁴⁵ See von Hinüber 1996: 131; 2015b: 424.

present with slight changes in all the conclusions (*nigamana*), sometimes only in the Burmese edition, of the commentaries authored by or attributed to Buddhaghosa, as well as at the end of his *Visuddhimagga*. ⁴⁶ As far as I am aware, this famous exegete never defined himself as a "great poet," nor is he known to have composed *kāvyas*. 3) The work contains 547 stanzas, notwithstanding that the declared size of the text should correspond to 550 stanzas. It is very likely that the latter number is purely approximate: it frequently happens that the number given in the final rubrics of the texts differs slightly with respect to the actual extent of the works. Of course, we cannot completely rule out the possibility that some verses of the *Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā* were lost, that is, not copied during the transmission of the work, and that the text originally contained some additional stanzas, but as far as we can see at present, there are no evident gaps in it.

The second part of the final colophon, which was authored entirely by the copyist, consists of two stanzas, followed by the so-called *deyadharma* formula and by the indication of the place where the manuscript was copied. It is written in a Sanskritized Middle Indic and requires a few corrections and comments. Suffice it here to briefly discuss the main points, because a thorough study of the passage and its language has just been published by D. Dimitrov.⁴⁷

The first stanza, which is transliterated here verbatim, corresponds to the *pratītyasamutpādagāthā*, often referred to as the *ye dharmā* formula; it is extremely common and, as is well known, reproduced on many different objects, such as manuscripts (typically at the end of the text), epigraphs and seals:⁴⁸

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ye dharmmā hetuprabhavā tesām hetu tathāgato avaca \mid tesām ca yo nirodho evamvā[14r_1]dī mahaśśamaṇo \mid\mid
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Of those *dharmas* that arise from a cause, the Tathāgata exposed the cause; and that which is their cessation, the great ascetic teaches in this way.

⁴⁶ See Visuddhimagga 614.1–11.

⁴⁷ See Dimitrov 2020, esp. pp. 45–46, 87–89.

⁴⁸ For a classification of objects inscribed with the *ye dharmā* formula, see Strauch 2009: 49–52. In the classification of different forms of this stanza pre-

A few things are worth noting: 1) the sequence <code>tesām</code> <code>hetu</code> for the more usual <code>hetum</code> <code>teṣām</code>— even though the sing. acc. <code>-u</code> is attested in BHSG § 12.22, the word <code>hetu</code> should probably be corrected, <code>metri</code> <code>causa</code>, to <code>hetum</code>; 2) the words <code>tathāgato</code> <code>avaca</code> for <code>tathāgato</code> <code>hy</code> <code>avadat</code>, which is the more frequent ending of this <code>pāda</code>—in this case, no correction is needed, since the third-person sing. <code>aorist</code> <code>avaca</code> is attested, for instance in the <code>Mahāvastu</code> (see BHSG § 32.113), and is also common in Pāli; 3) the reading <code>mahaśśamano</code> for the expected <code>mahāśramano/mahāśramanah</code>; and 4) the retention of the nominative masculine endings in <code>-o</code>, which is clearly a Prakritism.

The second stanza is also quite common, and can be traced in various Buddhist sources either in this or in slightly different forms:⁴⁹

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savvapāpass<'> akaraṇaṃ kuśalass<'> aupasaṃpadā^ | sacittapayirodamanaṃ etaṃ buddhāna śāsanaṃ ||O||
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a kuśalass<'> em.] kuśalassa MS
 b upasampadā em.] upasampadām MS

Abstaining from all sins, attaining what is wholesome, completely disciplining one's own mind: this is the teaching of the Buddhas.

It is striking that the language here is identical with that of the Saṃmitīya (aka Patna) *Dharmapada*. This stanza may be compared to the parallel in the Pāli *Dhammapada*:

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savvapāpass<'> a akaraṇaṃ kuśalass<'> upasaṃpadā b | sacittapayirodamanaṃ etaṃ buddhāna śāsanaṃ || (Saṃmitīya Dharmapada 19:16) 50
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sented recently by von Hinüber (2015a) it corresponds almost exactly to 2.2.1, the "avaca group" among the "Hybrid Pāli inscriptions." On this stanza, see also Boucher 1991; Skilling 2003–2004; Dimitrov 2020: 11–12.

a savva° MS (see also Dimitrov 2020: 131)] sabba° all editions (Shukla, Roth, Mizuno, Cone) ♦ °pāpass<'> em.] °pāpassa all editions b kuśalass<'> upasaṃpadā em.] kuśalassu apasaṃpadā MS; kuśalassa upasaṃpadā Shukla, Mizuno; kuśalassa apasaṃpadā Cone; kuśalassa apasaṃpadā(!) Roth

⁴⁹ On this stanza, see also Mizuno 1981: 160–161; 1984: 173–174.

 $^{^{50}}$ Cf. MS fol. $19r_{1-2}$. This is st. 357 in Shukla's ed. (p. 38), st. 358 in Roth's ed. (1980: 129), st. 357 in Mizuno's ed. (1981: 161; 1984: 173), st. 357 in Cone's ed. (1989: 197–198).

sabbapāpassa akaraṇaṃ kusalassa upasampadā | sacittapariyodapanaṃ etaṃ buddhāna sāsanaṃ || (Dhammapada 183 [14:5])⁵¹

In particular, we observe *savva* for P. *sabba* and Skt. *sarva*; ⁵² the genitive singular in *-ssa*; *sa*° for *sva*°; the reading °*payirodamanam* instead of P. °*pariyodapanam*; ⁵³ *etam* for Skt. *etad*; and the genitive plural *-āna*. Furthermore, the reading *buddhāna śāsanam* instead of the likewise attested readings *buddhānuśāsanam*⁵⁴ and *buddha-sya śāsanam*⁵⁵ suggests a proximity between the Saṃmitīya and Theravāda transmission of this stanza. ⁵⁶

The text of the *deyadharma* formula is no doubt corrupt. It is also transliterated here verbatim, although some corrections could easily be introduced in the text.

deyadharmmo yam [14 r_2] paramudānadānapatisya bhadantaprabhākirttīkasya yad atra puṇyaṃ tad bhavatu mātāpitrisarvvassatvadevamanuṣyapādāprapāta iti [14 r_3] || śrīnālindralikhitam iti || ||

- 51 Reproduced from the edition by von Hinüber and Norman (p. 52), with only one minor change, i.e. $buddh\bar{a}na$ for $Buddh\bar{a}na$.
 - ⁵² See also Dimitrov 2020: 131–133, 184, 207.
- ⁵³ The evolution rya > riya > yira (by metathesis) is quite common in Middle Indo-Aryan, including Pāli (see, e.g., Oberlies 2019, § 23.3), and is evidently common also in Saṃmitiya texts. One instance occurs in the available folio of the $R\bar{a}j\bar{a}s\bar{u}tra$ (line 2), where we read $ayirassa\{m\}$ instead of ariyassa of the Pāli parallel (see Tournier and Sferra, in preparation). See also Dimitrov 2020: 88, 194.
- 54 See, for instance, Mahāvastu III.543.7–8: sarvapāpasyākaraṇam kuśalasyo-pasampadā | svacittaparyodamanam etad buddhānuśāsanam ||. The same reading also occurs in the Prātimokṣasūtra of the Mūlasarvāstivādins 93 (st. 8), variant: svacittaparidamanam) and in the Prātimokṣasūtra of the Lokottaravādins 36.22–23. V. Tournier has pointed out to me that the variant svacittaparyodapanam in Tatia's edition should be deleted, since it is an erroneous correction by the editor, likely based on Senart's earlier emendation of the Mahāvastu verse: "I checked the Nor ms. of that portion, and the reading is confirmed by the Bāmiyān ms. of the same text (Karashima 2008: 82–83). The Bāmiyān manuscript (also representing a Lokottaravādin recension) incidentally reads buddhāna śāsanam, so there isn't a clear divide between Mahāsānghika and Mūlasarvāstivādin recension of the pāda on the one hand, and Sammitīya and Theriya on the other" (Tournier's personal communication, 2 January 2020).
- ⁵⁵ See, for instance, *sarvapāpasyākaraṇam kuśalasyopasampadaḥ* | *svacittaparya-vadanam etad buddhasya śāsanam* || (*Udāṇavarga* 28:1 and *Prātimokṣasūtra* of the Sarvāstivādins 73 [st. 7]).
 - ⁵⁶ For further linguistic comments on this stanza, see Dimitrov 2020: 87–89.

In particular, paramudāna° is likely a mistake for paramadāna°, and the word dāna in the same compound is probably repeated twice due to a dittography (the compound *paramadānapati* is attested, for instance, in the Saptaśatikā Prajñāpāramitā).⁵⁷ The genitive °patisya is a Prakritism for °pater (see BHSG §§ 10.78–79) and has to be retained. The name of the donor, Prabhākirttīka, is a bit suspicious and might be a mistake for Prabhākīrti or Prabhākīrtikara, even if to the best of my present knowledge the latter name is not usual. The last words are certainly corrupt and perhaps also incomplete. The compound °sarvvassatva° should be emended to °sarvvasatva°. Let us note en passant that the akṣara de of the word deva is not perfectly legible in the manuscript, but there is a good chance that this is the *akṣara* that should be read there (see fig. 19) and that "father" (pity) is rendered with the spelling pitri, which is less regular, but nevertheless attested—for instance, in the Gilgit manuscript of the Sanghabhedavastu⁵⁸—and should therefore be retained. In fact, the most problematic part of this formula is the last compound: the many parallels that are available both in inscriptions and manuscripts usually show a more elaborate clause, which involves the mention of both the beneficiaries of the merit produced as well as the goal, i.e., their acquisition of the supreme or unsurpassed knowledge (anuttarajñāna). Instead of the reading mātāpitrisarvvassatvadevamanusyapādāprapāta iti, the more common pattern, which we read for instance in a paratext of the Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā (261.16–17), is ācāryopādhyāyamātāpitrpūrvamgamam krtvā sakalasattvarāser anuttarajñānāvāptaye iti (sic). Let us note incidentally that instead of anuttarajñānāvāptaye, in some sources we find anuttarajñānaphalāptaye (e.g. in the Calcutta manuscript of the Maitreyavyākaraṇa), anuttarajñānaphalāvāptaye (e.g. in the Vimalakīrtinirdeśa [p. 511] and the Yogāmbarasādhanopāyikā of Amitavajra [fol. 12v]),⁵⁹ anuttarajñānalābhāya (Cittaviśuddhiprakaraṇa, fol. 14v) or even anuttaraphalāvāptaye (Vajrapadasārasamgraha, fol. $85v_6$). In our case, it is not at all clear whether the mention of the anuttarajñāna is omitted due to a mis-

⁵⁷ See *Saptaśatikā Prajñāpāramitā* 346.3.

 $^{^{58}}$ See Gnoli 1977: xv, whose policy, however, was to standardize ri with r when the latter was the expected vowel in classical Sanskrit.

⁵⁹ For two further examples, see Schopen 1979: 12.

take in transmission or it was never present in the sentence. We could also conjecture a reading such as *mātāpitri<pūrvaṃgamaṃ kṛtvā> sarvvasatva<rāśer> devamanuṣyapadāvāptaya iti*, with no reference to the typically Mahāyānist goal, but the last part of this formula in particular remains uncertain and is apparently not attested in clear parallels. ⁶⁰ Notwithstanding this substantial difference and the doubts about its original reading, there is no question that the use and adaptation of this formula at the end of a Saṃmitīya work is a further piece of evidence that it need not be identified exclusively with the Mahāyāna, pace the conclusions of Gregory Schopen (1979: 12, "[...] we must conclude that the formula *yad atra puṇyaṃ*, etc., is virtually the exclusive property of the Mahāyāna"). ⁶¹

The toponym present in the compound śrīnālindralikhitam ("[The manuscript] has been written in Śrīnālindra") has been identified differently by previous scholars. Tucci suggests that Nalendra (sie for Nālindra in Tucci 1956b) is nothing but Nālandā, the famous monastic educational (and ritual) centre in present-day Bihar, and that the spelling Nalendra reflects the Tibetan pronunciation of this word. However, Kiyoshi Okano, who did not have access to the manuscript of the Abhidharma-samuccayakārikā and could rely only on Tucci's words, believes that this toponym, i.e., Nalendra, refers to a monastery in Tibet situated 30 kilometres northwest of Lhasa and 130 kilometres from Gong dkar chos grwa, a monastery also known as Nālendra, dPal

⁶⁰ V. Tournier has kindly pointed out to me that the wish to obtain good rebirths among god and human beings is attested (in that case en route to Buddhahood) in a 6th-century inscription from Jaggayyapeta in the Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh ([...] devamanu(s)[ya]vibhūtipūrvvakam buddhattvaprāptinimittam [...]); see Tournier 2020: 219–220. The entire inscription, no. 136 of the Early Inscriptions of Āndhradeśa (EIAD) corpus, is also published online at http://epigraphia.efeo.fr/andhra/ (last accessed 7 February 2020).

⁶¹ For a more recent and detailed discussion of this formula, see Tournier 2014: 36–42; 2018: 43–46; 2020: 181ff.

⁶² See Tucci 1956b: 2: "Therefore, it seems that this manuscript was written at Nalendra temple, in other words, Nālandā (那爛陀寺). It is worth noting that the name of this famous forest of learning (学林) is not written as Nālandā but as Nalendra, according to the way Tibetans always spell [this temple's name]." (I thank Kenji Takahashi for having kindly translated for me this passage from the original Japanese.)

Nālendra (= *Śrīnālendra),63 'Phan yul Nālendra and, again, Nālandā. Accordingly, he thinks that the manuscript could not have been produced before the foundation of the monastery by Rong ston smra ba'i seng ge (aka Rong ston Shes bya kun rig) (1367-1449) in 1435 CE 64 and that the dating Tucci proposes for this manuscript (as well as for the manuscript of the Manicūḍajātaka), i.e., the eighth or ninth century,65 is wrong.66 No date is indicated in the colophon, but it is likely that this manuscript was produced in the same period as the manuscripts of the Manicūdajātaka and the Candrālaņkāra, that is, the twelfth century ⁶⁷ or perhaps a bit later. The identification of Śrīnālindra/Nālindra is in any case problematic. It could perhaps, and provisionally, be identified with a monastery called Nālendra that is mentioned by Tāranātha in chapter 32 of his rGya gar chos 'byung as—apparently—a different monastery than Nālandā, established by the Pāla king Mahāpāla, son of Mahīpāla I (r. c. 980–1028). 68 However, one should keep in mind that Tāranātha, a relatively late author (1575-1634), is not always reliable in his accounts and some further research is no doubt required in this regard. The mention of two monasteries with very similar names is in fact a bit suspicious. Moreover, the actual existence of a king named Mahāpāla, not otherwise mentioned in any of the epigraphical records available thus far, is not at all certain. Alexis Sanderson has raised some skepticism in this regard in his essay "The Śaiva Age." 69

⁶³ See, for instance, Ferrari 1958: 39.

⁶⁴ On the history of this monastery, see Jackson 2019, who posits its foundation in 1436. For its geographical location, see Ferrari 1958: 39. A description of the monastery (with a map and some pictures) may be found in Akester 2016: 46–47, 56–61.

⁶⁵ See Tucci 1996: 170.

⁶⁶ See Okano 1998: 16 and n. 28, which refers to secondary literature on this monastery.

⁶⁷ For the dating of the *Candrālamkāra* manuscript, see Dimitrov 2010: 47.

 $^{^{68}}$ rGya gar chos 'byung A: fol. $82r_{2-3},\,$ p. 463; B: 175.5–7. B: [...] mchod 'os kyi mthil du mdzad | dpal nā landār (A: lendrār) yang chos gzhi 'ga' re btsugs | so (A: sau) ma pu ri dang | nā lendra dang | tsha ba gsum gyi gtsug lag khang la sogs par yang chos gzhi mang po btsugs; "[Mahāpāla] [...] also established several religious foundations at Nālandā, and many others also in Somapura, Nālendra, and the Trikaṭukavihāra" (transl. Sanderson 2009: 95–96, n. 179; see also Chimpa & Chattopadhyaya 1970: 289). For the dates of Mahīpāla I, see Dimitrov 2016: Appendix I, in particular p. 756.

⁶⁹ See Sanderson 2009: 96.

3. About the text

3.1 The *Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā* deals with the same topics as the *Abhidharmakośa* of Vasubandhu and the *Abhidharmadīpa* of (Ārya/Ācārya) Īśvara,⁷⁰ but the subdivision of its chapters is not perfectly parallel to that of the other two works (see below, Table). Even though the *Abhidharmakośa* is never quoted directly and explicitly, since paraphrases of stanzas from this text occur all throughout the work, it is very likely that it is precisely Vasubandhu who is alluded to in those parts of the *Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā* where Saṅghatrāta refers to doctrines supported by others by saying "*kecit* [...]," that is, "Some [say...]" or "*apare* [...]" or even "*anye* [...]," i.e., "Others [say...]." Two examples occur in the very first chapter:

1

rūpaṃ viṃśatidhā śabdas tridhā gandhaś ca ṣaḍ rasāḥ | saptadhehāṣṭadhā spṛśyaṃ kecid ekādaśātmakaṃ || (1:7)

Colour/shape has twenty aspects; sound and smell are threefold; tastes are six; in our system (*iha*), tangible object is sevenfold [and/or] eightfold; some [say that it] consists of eleven [aspects].

rūpaṃ dvidhā viṃśatidhā śabdas tv aṣṭavidho rasaḥ | ṣoḍhā caturvidho gandhaḥ spṛśyam ekādaśātmakam || (Abhidharmakośa 1:10)

 $R\bar{u}pa$, which is twofold [= colour (varna) and shape ($sansth\bar{a}na$)], has twenty aspects; sound is eightfold; taste is sixfold; smell is fourfold; tangible object consists of eleven [aspects].

In both texts, $r\bar{u}pa$ has twenty aspects, which, following the *Abhi-dharmakośabhāṣya*, include four main colours (blue, red, yellow and white), eight secondary colours (grey, etc.), and eight shapes (long, short, square, round, tall, little, equal, unequal), whereas taste is sixfold (sweet, sour, salty, chilly, bitter, astringent). Differences concern sound, smell and tangible object. In the *Abhidharmakośa* and its *Bhāṣya*, sound is eightfold because each of its main four subdivisions—i.e., sound caused by the four great elements conjoined [with consciousness] ($up\bar{a}ttamah\bar{a}bh\bar{u}tahetu$ -

 $^{^{70}}$ On the name of the author of the *Abhidharmadīpa*, see Li 2012: 2–4.

ka), caused by the four great elements not conjoined [with consciousness] (anupāttamahābhūtahetuka), articulate (sattvākhya) and inarticulate (*asattvākhya*)⁷¹—can be pleasant and unpleasant. Smell is fourfold since it can be good, bad, mild (or neutral) and strong. Tangible object has eleven aspects, since it is connected with the four great elements and can be tender, rough, heavy and light, as well as cold, hunger and thirst.⁷² At present I am unable to say with certainty why, in the Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā, sound and smell are threefold, and tangible is sevenfold and/or eightfold. As regards smell, we can hypothesize that Sanghatrāta conceives it to be threefold inasmuch as it can be pleasant, unpleasant and neutral. Such a definition of smell actually occurs in primary sources, for example in the Pañcaskandhaka of Vasubandhu,73 in the *Prakaranapāda* of Vasumitra⁷⁴ and in the *Arthaviniścayasūtra*nibandhana by Vīryaśrīdatta;75 it is also referred to in the Abhidharmakośabhāṣya.⁷⁶ We could also hypothesize that the same pattern can be applied to sound, but I was unable to find confirmation on this regard in other sources. We could very tentatively explain tangible object as being sevenfold in connection with the seven categories of tactile objects, starting with "tender" and so on, and eightfold in connection with the four great elements together with their respective peculiar qualities,⁷⁷ or only taking into

⁷¹ Lit. "called Being," i.e., pertaining/belonging to living/sentient beings, and "called not-Being," i.e., not pertaining/belonging to living/sentient beings.

⁷² See also Pañcaskandhaka § 1.2.10 (3.5–7): sprastavyaikadeśah katamah | kāyasya visayo mahābhūtāni sthāpayitvā slaksnatvam karkasatvam gurutvam laghutvam sītam jighatsā pipāsā ca |, and Arthaviniscayasūtranibandhana 96.4–5.

⁷³ Pañcaskandhaka § 1.2.8 (3.1–2): gandhah katamah | ghrāṇaviṣayah — sugandho durgandhas tadanyaś ca |.

⁷⁴ See La Vallée Poussin 1971, vol. I: 18.

⁷⁵ See Arthaviniścayasūtranibandhana 96.2–3: gandhas trividhaḥ — sugandho durgandhaḥ samagandhaś ceti |.

⁷⁶ Abhidharmakośabhāṣya 7.6–7: sugandhadurgandhayoḥ samaviṣamagandhatvāt | trividhas tu śāstre — sugandho durgandhaḥ samagandha iti |.

⁷⁷ See, for instance, Pañcaskandhaka § 1.1 (1.6–2.2): catvāri mahābhūtāni katamāni | pṛthivīdhātur abdhātus tejodhātur vāyudhātus ca || tatra pṛthivīdhātuḥ katamah | kakkhaṭatvam | abdhātuḥ katamaḥ | snehah | tejodhātuḥ katamaḥ | uṣmā | vāyudhātuḥ katamaḥ | laghusamudīraṇatvam |; Mahāvyutpatti §§ 1843–1851: catvāri mahābhūtāni | 1 pṛthivīdhātuḥ | 2 abdhātuḥ | 3 tejodhātuḥ | 4 vāyudhātuḥ | 5 khakkhaṭatvam (sic for kakkhaṭatvam) | 6 dravatvam | 7 uṣṇatvam | 8 laghusamudīraṇatvam |. See also Rahula 1971: 4.

consideration their peculiar qualities, which in some sources are held to be eight, i.e., two per element.⁷⁸ Alternatively, the tangible could be eightfold in connection with the four great elements that can be internal and external, i.e., belonging to oneself or to the external reality, as is taught, for instance, in *Majjhima Nikāya*'s *sutta* no. 28.

2

niṣyandaḥ sadṛśo hetoḥ vipākaḥ karmmaṇaḥ kila | satvākhyo 'vyākṛtaḥ kecit{o} balāj jātaṃ tu [2r₁] pauruṣaṃ || avighnabhāvādhigatam ādhipatyaphalaṃ dvidhā || prahāṇaṃ yo visaṃyogo dhiyā prāptiḥ kvacit phalaṃ⁷⁹ || (1:16–17)

[There are five kinds of fruit:] 1) niṣyanda ("[Fruit of] Equal Emanation") is similar to the cause; 2) it is said that vipāka ("[Fruit of] Retribution") comes from karman; some [others believe that vipāka is] called Being [i.e., it pertains to sentient beings, and] is non-defined (avyākṛta); 3) the pauruṣa ("[Fruit of] Human Strength"), in its turn (tu), arises from effort; 4) the ādhipatyaphala ("Fruit of Sovereignty"), [which exists] in two ways, ⁸⁰ is obtained from the absence of obstacles; ⁸¹ 5) visaṃyoga ("[Fruit of] Disconnection") is the destruction [of the evil propensities (anu-śaya)] made by insight. ⁸² In some [sources], it is [also] the attainment [of the unconditioned nirvāṇa].

vipāko 'vyākṛto dharmaḥ sattvākhyo vyākṛtodbhavaḥ | niḥṣyando hetusadṛśo visaṃyogaḥ kṣayo dhiyā || yadbalāj jāyate yat tat phalaṃ puruṣakārajam |

⁷⁸ See, for instance, Arthaviniscayasūtra 9.1–6: rūpam katamat? yat kimcid rūpam sarvam tac catvāri mahābhūtāni | catvāri ca mahābhūtāny upādāya, katamāni catvāri? tadyathā — pṛthivīdhātur abdhātus tejodhātur vāyudhātus ca | pṛthivīdhātuh katamah? yad gurutvam ca kakkhaṭatvam ca | abdhātuh katamah? yad dravatvam abhiṣyandanatvam ca | tejodhātuh katamah? yad uṣnatvam paripācanatvam ca | vāyudhātuh katamah? yad ākuñcanaprasāraṇa<m> laghusamudīraṇatvam ca |. See also Candamahāroṣaṇatantra 468 (chap. 16); and Sūtaka 353–354 (chap. 2).

⁷⁹ I interpret the word *phalam* as syntactically connected with the following stanza 18 (see below §§ 6, 8). Consequently, it is not translated here.

⁸⁰ This statement is not fully clear to me. It could be a reference to its being a fruit with respect to the "doer" and with respect to the "enjoyer" (see Dhammajoti 2007: 235).

⁸¹ See below, § 6, st. 1.10cd.

⁸² Following *Abhidharmakoṣabhāṣya ad* 2:57: dhīh prajnā |, both here and below I interpret the word $dh\bar{\imath}$ as synonym of $prajn\bar{a}$.

apūrvah saṃskṛtasyaiva saṃskṛto 'dhipateḥ phalam || (Abhidharmakośa 2:57–58)

The [Fruit of] Retribution is a non-defined *dharma*, is called Being [i.e., it pertains to sentient beings and] arises from a defined [*dharma*]. The [Fruit of] Equal Emanation is similar to the cause. The [Fruit of] Disconnection is the destruction [of evil propensities] due to insight. The Fruit arisen from Human effort is that which arises by force of that. A conditioned [*dharma*] that follows a conditioned [*dharma*] is the Fruit of Sovereignty.

Suffice it here to note that in this example, as well as in the previous one, it is not explicitly stated that the opinion of the others is wrong; it is simply registered as a (probably less attractive) alternative.

In many other passages, Sanghatrāta simply reformulates the words of the *Abhidharmakośa*. Let us consider two examples:

1

caittā veditacaitanyasamj \tilde{n} āspar \tilde{s} amanaskri $[3r_7]$ yā $h \mid cchando <'>dhimok<math>\tilde{s}$ o vyāyāmo sm γ tibuddhisamādhaya $h \mid (3:4 [72])$

The thought concomitants (*caitta*) [that are known as the ten $ma-h\bar{a}bh\bar{u}mikadharmas$] are: 1) feeling (*vedita*); 2) volition (*caitanya*); 3) ideation ($samj\tilde{n}a$); 4) contact (sparsa); 5) attention ($mana-skriy\bar{a}$); 6) desire for action (chanda); 7) determination (adhimo-kṣa)[, i.e.,] exertion ($vy\bar{a}y\bar{a}ma$); 8) memory (smrti); 9) discernment (buddhi); and 10) concentration ($sam\bar{a}dhi$).

vedanā cetanā saṃjñā cchandaḥ sparśo matiḥ smṛtiḥ | manaskāro 'dhimokṣaś ca⁸³ samādhiḥ sarvacetasi || (Abhidharmakośa 2:24)

Feeling, volition, ideation, desire for action, contact, discernment, memory, attention, determination and concentration are in any thought.

2

śraddhānusārī mṛdvakṣo jñeyo darśanavartmani | dharmmānusārī tīkṣṇākṣas tasminn eva vyavasthitaḥ || (6:26 [233])

⁸³ Or 'dhimuktiś ca (see La Vallée Poussin 1971, vol. I: 153).

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On the Path of Vision [of the truths], the "follower [of the path] in accordance with faith" has to be known as having weak faculties; established in this very [Path], the "follower [of the path] in accordance with the teachings" [instead] has sharp faculties.

mṛdutīkṣṇendriyau teṣu śraddhādharmānusāriṇau | (Abhidharmakośa 6:29ab)

At these [moments], the [practitioners] of weak and sharp faculties are [respectively] the "follower [of the path] in accordance with faith" and the "follower [of the path] in accordance with the teachings."

3.2 In the *Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā*, there are only two sentences that contain a reference to the distinctive doctrine of the Saṃmitīyas, as well as of all the Vātsīputrīyas in general, i.e., to the *pudgala* (lit. "person"), which they hold to be a real and ultimate entity, even though indeterminate in its relation to both the aggregates and *nirvāṇa*, and which for this reason is most targeted in non-Personalists Buddhist works, where it is interpreted as contrary to the doctrine of *anātman*.

The first reference, which is quite explicit, occurs at the very beginning of the text. The passage is however somewhat problematic. The reading $ev\bar{a}vadanyat\bar{a}$ in $p\bar{a}da$ d is almost certainly corrupt. I have tentatively conjectured $ev\bar{a}nyad$ $anyath\bar{a}$, which at present seems to me the closest possible correction.⁸⁴

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arūpiņo manovarjyā dharmmāyatanam anyathā | vānye ca • pudga[1v_5]lo 'vācyaḥ sarvvam evānyad anyathā^{85} || (1:8)
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[All] the immaterial [dharmas] apart from the mind are the Basis of the Dharmas; alternatively (anyathā $v\bar{a}$), even [all] the other [dharmas fall under dharmāyatana]. The pudgala is inexpressible. Any other thing [exists] in a different way [that is to say, is expressible].

The ineffability of the *pudgala* is a key Vātsīputrīya (and hence Saṃmitīya) standpoint. Comparison with the paradigmatic Vātsī-

⁸⁴ Other possible conjectures are more intrusive (e.g., *sarvvasyaiva tadanyatā*) or syntactically more problematic (e.g., *sarvvam eva tadanyatā*).

⁸⁵ evānyad anyathā conj.] evāvadanyatā MS

putrīya thesis listed, expounded, and criticized for instance by Bhāviveka in the *Tarkajvālā*, ⁸⁶ by Asanga and Vasubandhu in the Mahāyānasūtrālankāra (18:92–103) and its Vivrti, 87 and by Śāntarakşita and Kamalasīla in Tattvasangraha 336-349 and its Pañjikā, 88 would invite to explain the word avācya ("inexpressible," "ineffable") by the impossibility to say whether the *pudgala* is the same or different from the skandhas; the discussion here pertains rather to the twelve *āyatana*s, but this is likely not a problem, given that the two sets represent parallel, alternative schemes of phenomenological classification, which in the Theravada tradition, at least, are consciously correlated starting with the Abhidhammapitaka. 89 Thus, the vijnānaskandha is associated with the manaāyatana, the other mental aggregates (vedanā, samjñā, saṃskāras) are associated with the dharmāyatana, and the rūpaskandha is associated with all the remaining internal and external āyatanas (eye, ear, etc.; colour/shape, sound, etc.).

The second reference is implicit and occurs in stanza 23 of the sixth chapter, entitled *Mārgasamuccaya*, at the end of a description of the stages/fruits that lead the *ārya* to *nirvāṇa*. Here we find the famous metaphor of fire and fuel, which is already attested in early Buddhist scriptures⁹⁰ and can be found also in other *pudgalavāda* texts. According to the latter, this would exemplify the relationship that exists between the *pudgala* and the aggregates on the one hand, and between *pudgala* and *nirvāṇa* on the other.⁹¹ To put it briefly: just as fire is identifiable and conceivable only in the presence of fuel, while it is not identical with it, so does the *pudgala* in relation to the aggregates; and like fire, once the fuel is extinguished, returns to its unmanifest and delocalized state, so the *pudgala* obtains *parinirvāṇa*, once defilements are extinguished. In

 $^{^{86}}$ See Iida 1968: 196–200, and Eckel 2008: 114–115, 118, 121 (trans.); 310, 313, 315 (text).

⁸⁷ See Eltschinger 2010.

⁸⁸ See Sferra, forthcoming.

⁸⁹ See Bodhi 2000: 1122–1123.

⁹⁰ See, e.g., *Majjhima Nikāya* **72** and *Saṃyutta Nikāya* **II.84–87**. On the fire metaphor in the early Buddhist teachings, see Gombrich 2009: chapter 8.

⁹¹ For an indepth analysis, with references to primary and secondary sources, see Priestley 1999: 165–186.

this state it is not annihilated, but its existence—baseless, boundless and unmanifested—is unfathomable.92

The entire relevant passage is edited (without changes in orthography) and translated here below. Stanza 19 is not completely clear to me, and could be corrupt and in need of further emendation. At present, I limit myself to translating it literally.

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tatas trayodaśe citte phalam āryyo <'>dhigacchati |
jugupsamāno nirvvetti<sup>93</sup> tataķ kāmān dvidhāśucīn || (6:19 [226])
dvitīyam bahunirvviņņah phalam āpnoty anāsravam
nirvviņņah sarvvašas tv āryyah trtīyam adhigacchati | (6:20 [227])
bahirmmukhapravṛttānām kleśānām sarvvaśah<sup>94</sup> ksayāt
etad vairāgyam ity uktam vīta [6v<sub>6</sub>] rāgas<sup>95</sup> tv atah
                                           [param | (6:21 [228])
antarmukhapravyttānām bamdhānānām vimocanāt
sa vimuktim avāpnoti caturtham<sup>96</sup> cāmalam phalam || (6:22 [229])
pūrvvāparādhanirjjātabhavasamdhinirodhatah<sup>97</sup>
parinirvvāti nisklešo nirindhana ivānalah | (6:23 [230])
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19. Then, in the thirteenth mind, 98 the Noble One attains the [first] fruit [i.e., the Srotaāpatti]; then, being disgusted, he becomes unfeeling⁹⁹ towards the twofold desires, that are impure.

- 93 nirvvetti em. (Salvini)] nirvvitte MS
- 94 sarvvaśaḥ em.] sarvvaśāḥ MS
- ⁹⁵ vītarāgas em.] vītārāgas MS
- 96 caturthaṃ em.] caturddhaṃ MS 97 °bhava° em.] °bhavā° MS

99 This translation is based on the assumption that in Buddhist texts, and in particular in this context, the verbal root nirvid (as well as the connected noun nirvidā) expresses more a lack of interest towards the objects of desire than a kind of disgust or revulsion, even if this is its basic meaning in Classical Sanskrit, and notwithstanding the word jugupsamānah suggests that, at least at the beginning, a sense of dislike or aversion is in some way present. The formula nibbindati ukkanthati nābhiramati, which occurs several times in Pāli sources (see, e.g.,

⁹² This interpretation of the metaphor of fire and fuel, which brings the Pudgalavāda very close to various non-Buddhist traditions, was obviously criticized by other Buddhists. See Duerlinger 1982 and Eltschinger 2010: 314-316.

⁹⁸ It seems that according to Sanghatrāta the satyābhisamayas are 12 (three for each of the satyas) and not 16, like in the Abhidharmakośa (st. 6:27ab): tato duḥkhaṃ tribhir jñānaiḥ (em.; jñānauḥ MS) seṣāny evaṃ tribhis tribhiḥ | pasyati [...] (Abhidharmasamucayakārikā 6:18abc₁) "Therefore, [the practitioner] sees the [truth of] suffering by means of three kinds of knowledge; in the same way [he sees] the remaining [three truths] each one by means of three [kinds of knowledge]."

- 20. Disenchanted with many [objects of desire], he attains the second fruit [i.e., the state of Sakṛdāgāmin], which is free from impurities; but [when] the Noble One is completely disenchanted, he attains the third [fruit, i.e., the state of Anāgāmin].
- 21. Due to the complete destruction of the defilements that are directed towards [something] external, this [third fruit] is called Detachment; it is after this [destruction that the Noble One] is [called] "free from attachment."
- 22. Due to liberation from the fetters that are directed towards [something] internal, he attains liberation, i.e., the fruit that is the fourth and pure [= the state of Arhant].
- 23. [When he has become] free from defilements, due to the cessation of the bondage with [the chain of] existence, which is produced by the previous faults, he enters Parinirvāṇa, like a fire without fuel.

4. Style and language

In accord with the typical Abhidharmic style, Sanghatrāta privileges short and often also cryptic sentences. Although he is able to compose stylistically estimable verses, as evidenced by the opening of the text, sometimes, for the sake of conciseness, he opts for less regular syntactic constructions; quite striking, for instance, are the nine occurrences of the syllable $v\bar{a}$ at the beginning of a $p\bar{a}da$ (stt. 30, 66, 108, 150, 205, 224, 310, 317).

Apparently the particle tu is often used as a $p\bar{a}dap\bar{u}rana$ and sometimes to mark the change of the subject in the sentence. Consequently, in the translation, I have occasionally opted for a free rendering of this $nip\bar{a}ta$ with expressions like "As for..." (in st. 10) or "in its turn..." (e.g., in st. 16) or even not translating it at all (e.g., in st. 25).

As regards the metre, we note that although the *pathyā* form remains prevalent, the author quite frequently resorts to *vipulās*. Just to offer an impression of the metrical style, the *vipulās* in the first chapter are as follows: *na-vipulā* (22c), *bha-vipulā* (4a, 17a), *ma-vipulā* (11c, 19a, 19c, 24c, 30a), *ra-vipulā* (3c, 12a, 12c, 20c).

Visuddhimagga 558.11–12), seems to imply also a positive aspect, that is, not only a disillusionment or disenchantment with the worldly objects of desire, but also a longing for or yearning for something better (see *Critical Pāli Dictionary* s.v. *ukkanthati*).

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5. About this edition

Given the uniqueness and importance of this manuscript, its peculiarities have been retained: 1) The sandhi, both internal and external, has not been standardized. 2) The punctuation has been faithfully reproduced. Sometimes the copyist divides the words within the $p\bar{a}das$ using a dot (\bullet); its function is not fully clear to me. 3) The orthography has not been standardized. In this regard, it is worth noting that in words that contain the cluster gra, the latter is always written as ggra; in this case, the gemination of g is no doubt a purely orthographical device of disambiguation, since in Saindhavī/Bhaikṣukī script, the $akṣara\ gra$ would be indistinguishable from re. The vowel re is sometimes rendered with re. One instance is at the beginning of the $M\bar{a}rgasamuccaya$, where we find the word srnvan for srnvan (st. 6:4 [211]) (see fig. 20). re101

Among the most conspicuous editorial interventions is the arrangement of the text in metrical form, the insertion of the numbers of the stanzas and, in a few cases, the addition of a comma to help the reader.

For this edition, the following symbols and abbreviations have been used:

enclose the pagination of MS
separates the accepted reading, emendations or con-
jectures from other readings
enclose the numbers of the stanzas
enclose the avagrahas that are absent in the MS
enclose akṣaras or daṇḍas that should be cancelled
cruces desperationis
fleuron/wheel
siddham sign
recto
verso

¹⁰⁰ See also Dimitrov 2010: 117, and 2020: 98-101.

¹⁰¹ See also Dimitrov 2010: 118.

6. Text

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[1v_1] \emptyset namo buddhāya ||
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satvadharmmaganaggratvam • buddhiśuddhiśamaptibhih
prāptān sambuddhadharmmāryyasamghān abhyarccya
                                               [sarvathā || (1)
abhidharmme prasiddhānām saddharmmāṇām samuccayaḥ |
karişyate ya [1v_2] to <'>nyeşām bhavaty, āyatanādayah || (2)
dvidhā cakşuḥśrutighrāṇajihvākāyamanāṃsi ṣaṭ |
ādhyātmikāny āśrayatvāc^{\alpha} cetaso <'>nyatvam ātmanaḥ || (3)
rūpadhvanighreyarasasprsyadharmmās tu gocarāļ
bāhyā[1v_3]ḥ sādhāraṇatvāc^{102} ca prādhānyād
                                       [rūpadharmmayoh^{\beta} || (4)
rūpālocanam atrā'kṣi śrotrādīni yathākramam
vijnānādhyuṣitāny ebhiḥ saha maṃtr manas tridhā | (5)
caksuso visayo rūpam sabdādīni yathendriyam
manasaḥ [1v_4] sarvvam ekasya • svakalāpam apāsya vā || (6)^{\gamma}
rūpam vimsatidhā sabdas tridhā gandhas ca sad rasāh
saptadhehāstadhā sprsyam kecid ekādasātmakam \parallel (7)^{\delta}
arūpiņo manovarjyā dharmmāyatanam, anyathā
vānye ca • pudga[1v_5]lo 'vācyaḥ sarvvam evānyad anyathā^{103} || (8)
samutthānam yad ākṣeptr • janako hetur eva ca
ānantaryyam vinaśyad yad avibandhāya kalpate || (9)
ālambanam abhipretam • yad ārabhya samudbhavah |
ādhipatyan tu janyasya sarvve <'>nye '[1v_6]vighnatām
                                               [prati || (10)<sup>ε</sup>
utthānam prāksahotpannam • virūpe <'>pi pravarttakam<sup>104</sup> |
sabhāgahetuḥ prāgjāto bhūnikāyasadrk sa^{105} vā || (11)^{\xi}
sarvvatragaḥ saṃprayukto vipākas sahabhūs tathā |<sup>η</sup>
sarvvatragāḥ sānuvrttadvividhānāṃ,^{106} sa[1v_7]dhātukāḥ \parallel (12)
yatra ye samprayuktās te sarvve <'>nyonyam, θ vipacyate |
yato <'>taḥ paktir ity anyas tatphalas sahabhūr iti || (13)<sup>1</sup>
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 $^{^{102}}$ sādhāraṇatvāc em.] sādharaṇatvāc MS

¹⁰³ evānyad anyathā conj.] evāvadanyatā MS

¹⁰⁴ pravarttakam em.] pravarttakāt MS

¹⁰⁵ sa em.] sam MS (contra metrum)

¹⁰⁶ sānuvṛtta° em.] sānuvatta° MS

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jāyamānasya yo yasya sthānadātārthato bhavet
ānantaryyam sa tasyānye cittacittikayo [1v_8]r<sup>107</sup> mmanah || (14)
vijnaptisamprayuktanam alambanam idam dvidha
kevalam samprayuktānām icchanti nikhilam ca tat | (15)
nişyandah sadrso hetoh vipākah karmmanah kila
satvākhyo 'vyākrta\dot{h}^{\lambda} kecit<sup>108</sup> balāj jātam tu [2r_1]
                                                [pauruṣam^{\mu} || (16)
avighnabhāvādhigatam ādhipatyaphalam dvidhā |{|}
prahāṇaṃ yo visaṃyogo dhiyā<sup>v</sup> prāptiḥ kvacit, phalaṃ | (17)
dvayor nnişyanda ekasya vipākaḥ pauruṣaṃ dvayoḥ |<sup>§</sup>
ādhipatyam tu sarvveṣām prahāṇam mokṣava[2r_2]rtmanah || (18)
adhvadvaye dvau trisv anye hetavah<sup>o</sup> phaladās tv amī
dvau varttamānau bhaggnāś ca śeṣā\pi bhaggnā kriyāpare \parallel (19)
sarvva eva tu grhņanti varttamānāh phalam kila
dvyekādhvakā jāyamānajātayoḥ karmma
                                [kurvvate || dha [2r_3] || (20)^{\rho}
anyesām api hetūnām phalānām cātra samggrahah
etad evānuśamsaś ca guņaś cādīnavo 'thavā | (21)
bhūtabhautikavijnānadharmmāṇām hi parasparam
catustridvyekakaranam<sup>109</sup> svajāteś caikadheha<sup>110</sup> sah \parallel (22)^{\sigma}
bhūtāni [2r_4] bhūtasādrsyāt prthivyambvaggnimārutāh^{111}
dhrtyādikaṭhinatvādikrtyāmkāni<sup>τ</sup> sahaiva vā || (23)
rūpaśabdamanodharmmāḥ paṃcadhā'vyākrtāny adaḥ |
sarvvāņi kāme • rūpeşu daśā'ntye dve arūpişu | (24)
anāsra[2r_5]ve ca, caittās tu dharmmā anuśayādaya\downarrow
vidādyāḥ saṃprayuktāś ca tathānuparivarttinaḥ \parallel^{\upsilon} (25)
sahabhūni tu sarvvāņi vā • na dve manasī saha
daśa rūpīni vaikam tu trisu vijnaptisambhavah | (26)
sālambanam manah [2r_6] kimcit trayāṇām trīni karmma vā |
dve vipāko 'pare śabdavarjyāni sa tu yatnajaḥ | (27)
nava bhāvayitavyāni vā guptiguņasambhavāt |
abhijneyāni sarvvāņi sākṣātkāryāņi ṣaṭ tu vā | (28)
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107 cittacittikayor em. ] cittā cittikayor MS
108 kecit em. ] kecito MS
109 karaṇaṃ em. ] kāraṇaṃ MS
110 caikadheha em. ] caikatheha MS
111 mārutāḥ em. ] mābhatāḥ MS (note that the akṣaras ru and bha can easily be confused in the Saindhavī/Bhaikṣukī script)
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daśa dvayoḥ pra $[2r_7]$ deśaś ca prahātavyāni vartmanā | parijñeyāni sarvvāṇi sāsravatvāc ca duḥkhavat || (29) vā rūpaśabdau paṃcāptau mano dharmmāś ca ṣaḍvidhāḥ | nābhiprāyo yato <'>to <'>nyad bhāvanāheyam

[aṣṭakaṃ || la || (30)

vitarkka[$2r_8$]ś ca vicāraś ca kāme dhyāne vivekaje | dhyānāntare vicāras tu • parastād dvayam apy asat || (31) dvitīyād ā smrtā prītis trtīyād ā sukhodayaḥ | †prāmodyaijāniruddhatvād† antare dve kilāpare || (32) aduḥ[$2v_1$]khāsukhaniṣpattir ā bhavāggrāt prayogataḥ | saṃjñāsaṃlekhavaiśeṣyāc catasro 'rūpabhūmayaḥ || (33) saṃbhavāt saṃprayogād vā savitarkkādideśanā | saṃbhavād bhūmiṣu jňeyā saṃprayukteṣv

[ato <'>nyathā || 🛇 || (34)

abhidharmmasamuccaye **āyatanasamuccaya**ḥ prathamas samāptaḥ $|| \bullet || [2v_2]$

7. Notes on the text

- Cf. Abhidharmakośa 1:9cd: tadvijñānāśrayā rūpaprasādāś cakṣurāda-yaḥ ||. See also the corresponding Bhāṣya (p. 6): rūpaśabdagandha-rasaspraṣṭavyavijñānānām āśrayabhūtā ye pañca rūpātmakāḥ prasādās te yathākramam cakṣuhśrotraghrāṇajihvākāyā veditavyāḥ | yathoktam bhagavatā cakṣur bhikṣo ādhyātmikam āyatanam catvāri mahābhūtāny upādāya rūpaprasāda iti vistaraḥ | yāny etāni cakṣurādīny uktāni tadvijñānāśrayā rūpaprasādāś cakṣurādayaḥ | cakṣurvijñānādyāśrayā ity arthah |. See also Abhidharmakośa 1:45.
- β Cf. Abhidharmakośa 1:24: viseṣaṇārthaṃ prādhānyād bahvagradharmasaṅgrahāt | ekam āyatanaṃ rūpam ekaṃ dharmākhyam ucyate ||.
- γ Cf. Abhidharmakośa 7:18cd: sāṃvṛtaṃ [scil. jñānaṃ] svakalāpānyad ekaṃ vidyād anātmataḥ ||.
- δ Cf. Abhidharmakośa 1:10: rūpaṃ dvidhā viṃśatidhā śabdas tv aṣṭavidho rasaḥ | ṣoḍhā caturvidho gandhaḥ spṛśyam ekādaśātmakam ||.
- ε Cf. Abhidharmakośa 2:62d: kāraṇākhyo 'dhipaḥ smṛtaḥ.
- ζ Cf. Abhidharmakośa 2:52ab: sabhāgahetuḥ sadṛśāḥ svanikāyabhuvo 'grajāḥ |.
- η Cf. Abhidharmakośa 2:49abc: kāraṇaṃ sahabhūś caiva sabhāgaḥ saṃprayuktakaḥ | sarvatrago vipākākhyaḥ.
- θ Cf. Abhidharmakośa 2:53cd: saṃprayuktakahetus tu cittacaittāḥ samāśrayāḥ |.
- ı Cf. Abhidharmakośa 2:50b: sahabhūr ye mithaḥphalāḥ.
- к Cf. Abhidharmakośa 2:57с: niḥṣyando hetusadṛśaḥ.

- λ Cf. Abhidharmakośa 2:57ab: vipāko 'vyākrto dharmaḥ sattvākhyo vyākrtodbhavaḥ |.
- μ Cf. Abhidharmakośa 2:58ab: yadbalāj jāyate yat tat phalaṃ puruṣakā-rajam |.
- v Cf. Abhidharmakośa 2:57d: visamyogah kṣayo dhiyā.
- ξ Cf. Abhidharmakośa 2:56: vipākaphalam antyasya pūrvasyādhipatam phalam | sabhāgasarvatragayor niṣyandaḥ pauruṣam dvayoḥ ||.
- O Cf. Abhidharmakośa 2:55ab: sarvatragaḥ sabhāgaś ca dvyadhvagau tryadhvagās trayaḥ |.
- π Cf. Abhidharmakośa 2:63abc₁: nirudhyamāne kāritram dvau hetū kurutas trayaḥ | jāyamāne.
- Cf. Abhidharmakośa 2:59: varttamānāḥ phalaṃ pañca gṛḥṇanti dvau prayacchataḥ | varttamānābhyatītau dvau eko 'tītaḥ prayacchati ||. See also Abhidharmakośa 2:55ab.
- σ Cf. Abhidharmakośa 2:65: dvidhā bhūtāni taddhetuh bhautikasya tu pañcadhā | tridhā bhautikam anyonyam bhūtānām ekadhaiva tat ||.
- τ Cf. Abhidharmakośa 1:12: bhūtāni pṛthivīdhātur aptejovāyudhātavaḥ | dhṛtyādikarmasaṃsiddhāḥ kharasnehoṣṇateraṇāḥ ||.
- v Cf. Abhidharmakośa 2:51abc₁: caittā dvau saṃvarau teṣāṃ cetaso lakṣaṇāni ca | cittānuvarttinah.

8. Summary and tentative translation

The following translation is to be considered provisional for several reasons. To the cryptic nature of the text, which is common to other Abhidharmic works, we must add the absence of a commentary or a translation into Tibetan and/or Chinese, and in the end also the fact that the *codex unicus* containing this work was never proofread or corrected after the copying (see above, § 2.2). In order to highlight the passages that, in my opinion, are more problematic, and the interpretation of which is most probably inadequate, some words and sentences have been underlined. It cannot be ruled out that, especially in those parts, the text may also be corrupted and that some corrections may contribute to improving its intelligibility.

Sanghatrāta begins with the initial homage to the three jewels and the explanation of the title and content of the work: "After having worshipped in every way [namely, with body, speech and mind] the Perfect Awakened, the Dharma and the Community of the Noble Ones, which have become the foremost among beings, among teachings and among groups through attainment of wisdom, purity and pacification [of defilements, respectively], a collection of the true *dharmas* that are well known in the Abhidharma

will be made, by means of which [a summary] of the other [dha-rmas] is [also] made. [The true dharmas are] the bases ($\bar{a}yatana$) and so on (stt. 1–2)."

Then the text starts by listing the twelve bases or sense spheres and their main characteristics; these bases are stated to be of two kinds: "[The bases] exist in two ways. Six—eye, ear, nose, tongue, body and mind—are the internal [bases], since [they] are the substratum [of the respective kinds of primary awareness (*vijñāna*), i.e.,] of the mind; the *ātman*[, i.e., the mind,] is different [from them].¹¹³ Conversely, [their] fields—colour/shape, sound, odour, taste, tangible object and mental objects—are external [i.e., are the external bases], since they are common [to all]. And [among the bases, only one is called *rūpāyatana* and only one is called *dharmāyatana*,] since *rūpa* and *dharma* are the most important (stt. 3–4)."

Subsequently, a basic description of the twelve bases is given in stanzas 5 to 8: "In this regard, [the sense faculty of] the eye is the vision of colour/shape. [That of] the ears, etc. are [the hearing of sound, etc.], respectively. [All of these, i.e., the eye, etc.,] are inhabited by [their own] primary awareness (*vijnāna*). Together with them there is the thinker, i.e., the mind (*manas*), which [exists] in three ways [i.e., as defiled (*kliṣṭa*), non-defiled (*akliṣṭa*) and non-defined (*avyākṛta*)].¹¹⁴ The field of the eye is colour/shape. Sound, etc. are [the fields of their] respective senses. Everything [i.e., the twelve *āyatanas*] is [the object] of the mind alone,¹¹⁵ or [everything] apart from its own totality.¹¹⁶ Colour/shape has twen-

¹¹² I.e., probably of the *dharmas* that are not well known and that can easily be inferred from this collection.

¹¹³ The mind is metaphorically called ātman; see Abhidharmakośabhāṣya ad 1:39ab (ahamkārasanniśrayatvāc cittam ātmety upacaryate) and Arthaviniścayasūtranibandhana, chapter 4, p. 95.

¹¹⁴ Or, perhaps, but less plausibly, "the mind [exists] in three ways," because it can be referred to in three ways, i.e., as *citta*, *manah* and *vijñapti* (cf. *Abhidharmakośa* 2:34ab: *cittam mano 'tha vijñānam ekārtham*).

¹¹⁵ In other words, it is only the mind that has the capacity of making the other *āyatana*s its own object.

refer to another viewpoint, according to which everything—that is to say, all the *āyatanas*—is the object of the mind apart from the mind itself and its concomitants (*citta* and *caittas*). These words could refer to the idea that some Sammitīyas did not accept the *svasaṃvedana*: the mind cannot have itself or its concomitants as its own object, since it is impossible that an agent acts on itself.

ty aspects; sound and smell are threefold; tastes are six; in our system, the tangible object is sevenfold [and/or] eightfold; some [say that it] consists of eleven [aspects].¹¹⁷ [All] the immaterial [dharmas] apart from the mind are the dharmāyatana; alternatively, even all the other [dharmas fall under dharmāyatana]. The pudgala is inexpressible (avācya). Any other entity exists in a different way [that is to say, is expressible]."¹¹⁸

Stanzas 9 to 10 list the four Conditions (*pratyaya*): "1) The Origin (*samutthāna*) is precisely the projector and the producing cause.¹¹⁹ 2) Immediateness (*ānantarya*) is that [Condition] which, while disappearing, effects the continuity (*avibandha*) [with the subsequent stage in the production of the effect]. 3) Object (*ālambana*) is intended [as that] clinging to which there is the arising [of the cognition]. 4) As for Sovereignty (*ādhipatya*), [it] is all other [*dharmas*] concerning the absence of obstacles to the thing that has to arise."¹²⁰

Stanzas 11 to 13 describe the subsequent elaboration of the *hetupratyaya* into the five causes: "Origin ($utth\bar{a}na = samutth\bar{a}na = hetupratyaya$), which arises before or together with [the effect], is also productive of what is different ($vir\bar{u}pa$). [Among its subdivisions, the] 1) Homogeneous Cause ($sabh\bar{a}gahetu$), which has arisen before, is similar to the stage ($bh\bar{u}$) and the category ($nik\bar{a}ya$) [of the effect], or is the same ($sav\bar{a}$).\(^{121}\) [Then we have:] 2) Universal [Cause] (sarvatraga), 3) Conjoined [Cause] (samprayukta), 4) Maturation [Cause] ($vip\bar{a}ka$) and 5) Coexistent [Cause] ($sahabh\bar{u}$). [As regards the Universal Cause,] the universal [defiled dharmas] (sarvatraga) are [the causes] of [other dharmas] that have conformity [with them—that is to say, are also defiled] and that are of two kinds [i.e., belonging to their own stage and belonging

¹¹⁷ On this stanza, see above, § 3.1.

¹¹⁸ On this stanza, see above, § 3.2.

¹¹⁹ This corresponds to the *hetupratyaya*, the Condition qua cause. Cf. *Abhidharmakośa* 4:10, *samutthānam dvidhā hetutatkṣanotthānasamjñitam* | *pravartakam tayorādyam dvitīyam anuvartakam* ||, and La Vallée Poussin 1971, vol. III: 36–37.

¹²⁰ See Dhammajoti 2007: 226. See also La Vallée Poussin 1971, vol. I: 309.

¹²¹ In other words, the *sabhāgahetu* shares the category or stage of its effects, but it can even coincide ($sa\ v\bar{a} = sa\ eva\ v\bar{a}$, the particle eva being implicit) with its effect as regards category and stage. Origin, instead, is a wider category: its effect can also be different, that is to say, it can belong to different categories ($nik\bar{a}ya$) and stages ($bh\bar{u}$) within a category.

to other categories as well].¹²² Those [dharmas] that, with respect to some other [dharma] (yatra), are endowed with their constituent element,¹²³ they are all mutually connected [causes]. [As regards the Maturation Cause,] since [the fruit] becomes mature (vipac-) [from it, this cause] is therefore called (iti) 'maturation' (pakti). [As regards the Coexistent Cause,] it is called Coexistent [when the dharmas are mutually] each the effect of the other."

Stanzas 14 to 15 again deal with the *samanantarapratyaya*, here called Immediateness ($\bar{a}nantarya$): "That [dharma] that offers [its own] place to that which is being born [= the effect] is the [condition called] Immediateness for that [effect], in accordance with the meaning [of the word $\bar{a}nantarya$ itself]. Others [believe] that [only] manas is [the $\bar{a}nantarya$ condition] of thought and thought concomitants. They contend that this [= manas] exists in two ways: merely as the support/object ($\bar{a}lambana$) of [the factors] that are connected with mind ($vij\tilde{n}apti$) [= $cittaprayuktasamsk\bar{a}ra$] and as the totality (nikhila) of the connected factors."

In stanzas 16 to 18, the five kinds of fruit or effect are described: "1) Niṣyanda ('[Fruit of] Equal Emanation') is similar to the cause; 2) it is said that (kila) vipāka ('[Fruit of] Retribution') comes from karman; some [others believe that vipāka is] called Being [i.e., it pertains to sentient beings, and] is non-defined (avyākṛta); 3) the pauruṣa ('[Fruit of] Human Strength'), in its turn, arises from effort; 4) the ādhipatyaphala ('Fruit of Sovereignty'), [which exists] in two ways, is obtained from the absence of obstacles; 5) visaṃyoga ('[Fruit of] Disconnection') is the destruction [of the evil propensities (anuśayas)] made by insight. In some [sources], it is [also] the attainment [of the unconditioned nirvāṇa]. The [Fruit of] Equal Emanation is the fruit of two [causes, that is to say, of the sabhāgahetu and of the sarvatragahetu]; the [Fruit of] Retribution is [the fruit] of one [cause, that is to say, of the vipāka-

¹²² See Dhammajoti 2007: 193.

¹²³ By saying that they are "endowed with their constituent element" (*sadhā-tuka*), it is probably meant that they have the same basis (*samāśraya*) (cf. *Abhi-dharmakośa* 2:53cd).

¹²⁴ See Dhammajoti 2007: 224.

¹²⁵ On stanzas 16–17, see above, § 3.1.

hetu]; the [Fruit of] Human Strength is [the fruit] of two [causes, that is to say, of the *sahabhūhetu* and of the *saṃprayuktakahetu*]. Sovereignty ($\bar{a}dhipatya$), which is the abandonment of all [the obstacles], is [the fruit] of the path that leads to liberation."¹²⁶

Stanzas 19 to 20 analyse time in causality as well as the "giving" and "grasping" of a fruit: "Two [causes] are in two times [i.e., both in the past and in the present], the other [causes] are in three [times]; these causes bear fruit. [With respect to the fruit,] two [causes] are present and the remaining [three] are past (bhagna). "Others [believe that only their] action ($kriy\bar{a}$) is past. It is said that all [five causes] grasp the fruit while being present." Belonging to two or one of the times, [the causes] accomplish the [ir] action with regard to [one effect] that is arising or that has arisen."

A further description of the $sahabh\bar{u}hetu$ and of the $mah\bar{u}bh\bar{u}tas$ in particular is given in stanzas 21 to 23: "In this regard, there is also the agglomeration of other causes and of other fruits. And precisely this is [their] advantage, quality or fault. Of the Elements $(bh\bar{u}ta)$, Material Products (bhautika), Mind $(vijn\bar{u}na)$ and mental objects (dharma), there are reciprocally four, three, two and one action. And here this [i.e., the $sahabh\bar{u}hetu$] is [active on its effect] according to one's own birth $(j\bar{u}ti)$ [= laksana] and in one way. ¹³⁰ The $bh\bar{u}tas$ —earth, water, fire and wind—are [called $bh\bar{u}tas$] due to similarity with [what is] existent $(bh\bar{u}ta)$. ¹³¹ Their actions and their characteristics are supporting, etc. and hardness, etc., ¹³² [individually] or together."

¹²⁶ See Dhammajoti 2007: 182.

¹²⁷ See Dhammajoti 2007: 237–238.

¹²⁸ The *sahabhūhetu* and the *samprayuktahetu* are active on a fruit that is present, whereas the *sabhāgahetu*, the *sarvatragahetu* and the *vipākahetu* are active on a fruit that is about to arise (see above, n. π).

 $^{^{129}}$ This, for instance, is the viewpoint of the Vaibhāṣika Saṅghabhadra. See Dhammajoti 2007: 157–165.

 $^{^{130}}$ This probably means that, at first, no $bh\bar{u}ta$, etc. cooperates with the other $bh\bar{u}ta$ s, etc. for the production of the effect: each $bh\bar{u}ta$ is primarily the cause of its own effect. The possibility of their cooperation is mentioned below in st. 23d.

¹³¹ Cf. Sthiramati's Pañcaskandhakavibhāṣā 5.3: [...] bhavantīti bhūtāni.

 $^{^{132}}$ Each one of the four $bh\bar{u}tas$ performs a different action: the earth, supporting (dhrti); water, cohesion (samgraha); fire, ripening (pakti); wind, expansion $(vy\bar{u}hana)$. See above, n. τ .

The next set of stanzas (stt. 24–30) is quite cryptic; its interpretation is particularly problematic and uncertain. These verses explain further characteristics of the ayatanas, starting with their location in their respective spheres of existence: "Thus, colour/ shape, sound, mind and mental objects are the non-defined (avyākrta) [āyatanas and exist] in five ways. All [twelve āyatanas] are in the Kāma[dhātu],133 ten are in the Rūpa[dhātu] spheres,134 and the last two [i.e., the manaāyatana and the dharmāyatana] are in the Arūpa[dhātu] spheres¹³⁵ and in the pure (anāsrava) [realm]. The thought concomitants (caitta), i.e., the dharmas beginning with the evil propensities $(anu\acute{s}aya)^{136}$ and feeling (vit =vedanā) and so forth, are [called] [citta]samprayukta as well as [$citt\bar{a}$] $nuparivartin^{137}$ (stt. 24–25). All [twelve $\bar{a}yatanas$] are Coexistent [causes], or, [if] the two minds [i.e., mind and mental objects] are not together [with them, only] the ten material [āyatanas] (rūpin) [are Coexistent causes], or [only] one [i.e., the $r\bar{u}p\bar{a}vatana$]; but $vij\tilde{n}apti$ arises when there are three (trisu [satsu]) [$\bar{a}yatanas$] (st. 26). The mind is endowed with [its] object ($s\bar{a}la$ *mbana*). Three [āyatanas] or some action is [the cause] of three. Two [āyatanas] are [the Fruit of] Maturation. Others believe that [all the other āyatanas are the Fruit of Maturation,] apart from sound, which (sa tu) arises from the effort [and is a Fruit of Human Strength] (st. 27). Or nine [āyatanas] should be cultivated due to the arising of the quality of protection; all [the $\bar{a}yatanas$] should be recognized, or six should be directly realized (st. 28). Ten [i.e., the material ayatanas] and one part of two [= the immaterial āyatanas, i.e., manas and dharmas] have to be abandoned by means of the path. And all [āyatanas] have to be perfectly known to be like pain, since they are defiled (sāsrava)¹³⁸ (st. 29). Or

 $^{^{133}}$ Cf. Abhidharmakośa 1:30a₂b₁: kāmadhātvāptāḥ sarve [note that the dhātus and not the āyatanas are referred to here].

¹³⁴ That is, all the $\bar{a}yatanas$ with the exception of smell and taste. Cf. Abhidharmakośa 1:30b₂cd: $r\bar{u}pe$ caturdaśa | $vin\bar{a}$ $gandharasaghr\bar{a}najihv\bar{a}vij\bar{n}\bar{a}nadh\bar{a}tubhih$ || [note that the $dh\bar{a}tus$ and not the $\bar{a}yatanas$ are referred to here].

¹³⁵ Cf. *Abhidharmakośa* 1:31ab: ārūpyāptā manodharmamanovijñānadhātavaḥ | [note that the dhātus and not the āyatanas are referred to here].

 $^{^{136}}$ Here the word $anu\acute{s}aya$ is used as a synonym of $kle\acute{s}a$ (see also Dhammajoti 2007: 423).

¹³⁷ Cf. Abhidharmakośavyākhyā ad 2:51abc.

¹³⁸ The five kṛtyas, bhāvayitavya, abhijñeya, etc., also occur in Vibhanga 426.

form/colour and sound, which are five; mind and mental objects are sixfold. Since there is no aim, the other set of eight has to be abandoned by means of meditation (*bhāvanāheya*) (st. 30)."

Stanzas 31 to 33ab deal with the four *dhyānas* and some of their *aṅgas*: ¹³⁹ "*Vitarka* and *vicāra* are in the Kāma[dhātu] and in the [first] *dhyāna*, which arises from seclusion (*viveka*), ¹⁴⁰ whereas in the intermediate *dhyāna* (*dhyānāntara*) there is *vicāra* [but not *vitarka*]; ¹⁴¹ afterwards, [in the following *dhyānas*,] both are absent. ¹⁴² Joy (*prīti*) is traditionally held to be present up to the second [*dhyāna*]; the arising of pleasure (*sukha*) is up to the third [*dhyāna*]. Others say that two [that is, *prīti* and *cittaikāgratā*] are in the intermediate [*dhyāna*] due to the ... The manifestation of Neither-pain-nor-pleasure[, which occurs in the fourth *dhyāna*,] is up to the highest state of existence (*bhavāgra*) through practice (*prayogataḥ*)."

The last lines of the chapter (stt. 33cd–34) deal with the four $\bar{a}r\bar{u}pyasam\bar{a}pattis$: "Because of the difference of the impressions of Ideation ($samjn\bar{a}$) [i.e., due to the extent to which Ideation is present], there are the four formless stages ($ar\bar{u}pabh\bar{u}mi$). The teaching [of the attainment] of savitarka, etc. is either by origination (sambhava) or by connection (samprayoga). [It] should be known by origination in the [formless] stages [i.e., by being born there], or in another way than that [i.e., by connection] in the [factors] connected [with the mind]."

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¹⁴¹ See also *Abhidharmakośa* 2:31cd and 8:22d, and *Abhidharmadīpa* 125cd.
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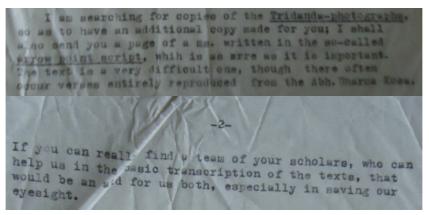
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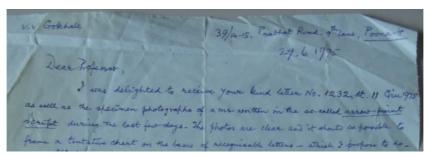
[...] I shall

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If you can reall(y) find a team of your scholars, who can help us in the basic transcription of the texts, that would be an aid for us both, especially in saving our eyesight.

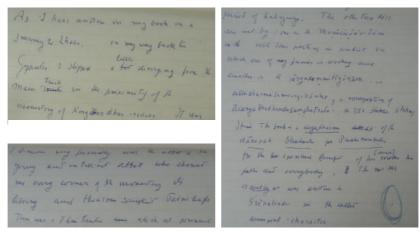
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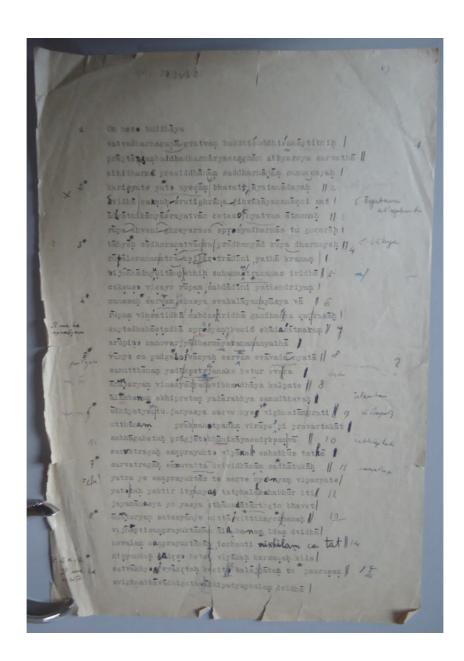
I was delighted to receive your kind letter No. 1232 at. 11 Giu 1975 as well as the specimen photographs of a ms. written in the so-called <u>arrow-point script</u> during the last few days. The photos are clear and it should be possible to frame a tentative chart on the basis of recognisable letters – which I propose to do –

Fig. 3 The answer of Gokhale, 29 June 1975



As I have written in my book on a journey to Lhasa, on my way back to Gyantse I stopped a little diverging from the main track in the proximity of the monastery of Kong dkar. [...] I became very friendly with the young and intelligent abbot who showed me every corner of the monastery, of the library and their own Sanskrit palmleaves. There was a $T\bar{a}r\bar{a}tantra$ [...] The other two MSS are not big: one is the $Manic\bar{u}d\bar{a}vad\bar{a}na$ with some portions in Prakrit on which one of my friends is working and another is the $\bar{a}ryasammit\bar{t}y\bar{a}n\bar{a}m$... $abhidharmasamuccayak\bar{a}rik\bar{a}$, a composition of $\bar{a}caryabhadantasamghatr\bar{a}ta$ in 250 (sic) slokas. The book is a slokas devadharma of the slokas devadharma of sl

Fig. 4
Notes on an undated notebook by G. Tucci (translitterated with silent corrections and adaptations)



 $\label{eq:Fig.5} Fig.~5$ Specimen of A. Gargano's transliteration, with corrections by G. Tucci



Fig. 6 Fol. $1v_{5-8}$, specimen of damage in the MS: humidity



Fig. 7 Fol. 12 r_8 , specimen of damage in the MS: breaking of the edge

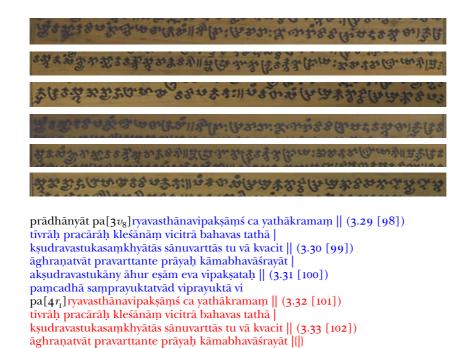


Fig. 8 Fols. $3v_8-4r_1$: reduplication [stt. 98cd-101ab = 101cd-104ab]

akşudravastukāny āhur eṣām eva vipakṣataḥ || (3.34 [103])

paṃcadhā saṃprayuktatvād viprayuktā vimatāguptyagupta[4r2]yaḥ |



Fig. 9 Fol. 1*v*: first leaf



Fig. 10 Fol. 14*r*: last leaf



Abhidharmasamuccayakārikā, fol. 2r



Maņicūdajātaka, fol. 3v



Kevaṭṭasūtra, fol. ? (by courtesy of D. Dimitrov)

Fig. 11 Similarities between Saindhavī/Bhaikşukī manuscripts

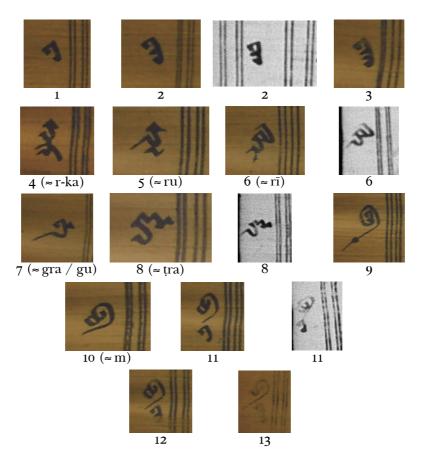


Rājāsūtra or *Śrāmaṇyaphalasūtra, fol. ? [the identification in simplified Chinese characters is wrong, see above p. 654] (after Tibetan Palm Leaves Manuscripts Studies 2017)



Cambridge MS Or. 1278, Candrālaṃkāra, fol. $4^{\rm II}v$ (after Dimitrov 2010: 137)

Fig. 12 Other specimens of Saindhavī/Bhaikṣukī manuscripts



(reproduced from the $Abhidharmasamuccayak\bar{a}rik\bar{a}$ and the $Manic\bar{u}daj\bar{a}taka$ manuscripts; see also Dimitrov 2010: 53–60)



Additional numbering system used in the *Candrālaṃkāra* manuscript (Cambridge MS Or. 1278) to indicate a line number in the case of marginal notes (after Dimitrov 2010: 89; see also p. 116)

Fig. 13 Numerals



Fig. 14.1 Clusters



Fig. 14.2 Clusters

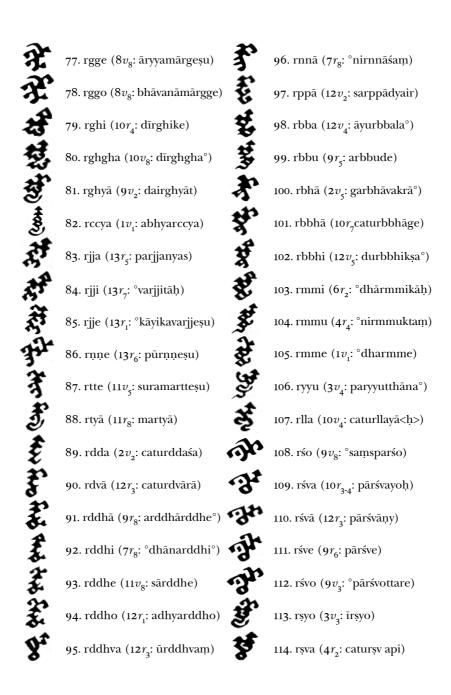


Fig. 14.3 Clusters



Fig. 14.4 Clusters

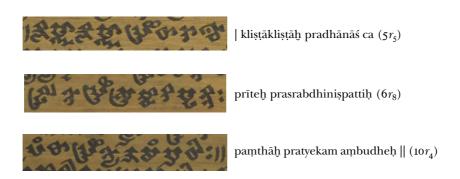


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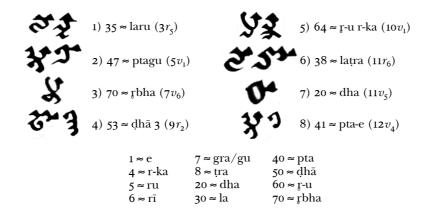


Fig. 16 Letter/Figure numerals (see also Dimitrov 2010: 53–60)



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Fig. 17 Interlinear notes in *dbu med* script

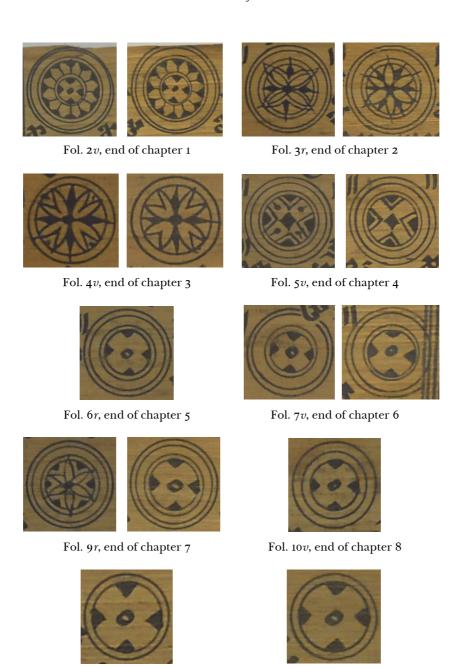
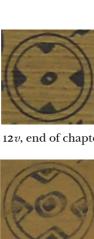
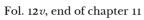


Fig. 18.1 Wheels and flowers

Fol. 12r, end of chapter 10

Fol. 11v, end of chapter 9

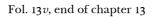






Fol. 13v, end of chapter 12







Fol. 13v, colophon









Fol. 14r, colophon

Fig. 18.2 Wheels and flowers



 $\begin{array}{c} \textit{damanam} \bullet \textit{etam} \ \textit{buddh\bar{a}na} \ (\text{line-filler}) \\ \textit{pitrisarvvassatvadeva} \end{array}$

Fig. 19 Detail of the colophon, fol. 14r



Fig. 20 Detail of fol. $6r_7$: $\dot{s}rinvan\ sv\bar{a}$



Fig. 21 Characters in Rañjanā script, fol. 14r