

Editorial

I am delighted to be able to present our fourth Newsletter to appear within twelve months. We have three substantial contributions in this issue, on manuscripts of works of different genres. Ryugen Tanemura (Tokyo University), a new contributor, presents a note on the *Mṛtasugatiniyojana* of Śūnyasamādhivajra, an as yet unpublished Buddhist tantric work dealing with the rites for the departed. I would like here to gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the authorities of Tokyo University Library, who gave us permission to include a photograph of two folio-sides of a Nepalese manuscript of this work in their collection.

Csaba Dezső gives us the second half of his parallel edition of the first act of the $Kundam\bar{a}l\bar{a}$ in the Nepalese and the South Indian recension. His work demonstrates the importance of Nepalese manuscripts of $n\bar{a}\underline{t}aka$ s, and provides much material and food for thought for those studying the transmission of such works. The NGMPP has microfilmed many more $n\bar{a}\underline{t}aka$ manuscripts, and it is to be hoped that Dezső and other scholars competent in Sanskrit and Prakrit will study them.

Michael Hahn returns to this issue with the third installment of his 'Frequent User Highlights'. The work that is emphasized this time, Śivasvāmin's $Kapphin\bar{a}bhyudaya$, is one which may be unfamiliar even to lovers of Sanskrit poetry, but certainly deserves to be much better known, and this piece should show that clearly. Hahn's new edition of this long poem $(mah\bar{a}k\bar{a}vya)$ —with splendid facsimiles of the oldest and most important manuscript—has just been published, and I am sure that the paper in this Newsletter will leave many eager to see it.

The steady stream of indological publications making use of manuscripts microfilmed by the NGMPP continues: in this issue we have two brief book announcements. I may note here that our announcements do not aim to provide exhaustive information on all book publications using such material. We welcome, I may also add, information on all publications (whether books or articles) that draw on material of the NGMPP, and suggestions regarding important publications that might be announced in our Newsletter.

Diwakar Acharya, who had contributed to the first three Newsletters, is absent from this issue; but I may mention here his recent announcement of a most important discovery among the manuscripts filmed by the NGMPP: 'The Original $Paṇhav\bar{a}yaraṇa/Praśnavy\bar{a}karaṇa$ Discovered', in: Newsletter of the Centre of Jaina Studies (SOAS) Issue 2 (March 2007) pp. 22–23.

Our next issue is projected to appear in October; some contributions intended for it have already been received, but I would like to encourage all scholars working on NGMPP manuscripts to send us material—be it announcements, studies, editions, or something different—for consideration for publication here. I thank the contributors to this issue, and thank also our readers, particularly those who provide feedback on the Newsletter and on the work of the NGMCP. I hope that they will find something interesting and useful in the following pages.

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Mṛtasugatiniyojana: A Manual of the Indian Buddhist Tantric Funeral

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The number of philological studies of the Indian Buddhist funeral is small, perhaps mainly because of the very small number of texts which prescribe or record the procedures of it. This small paper reports on the Sanskrit manuscripts of the *Mṛtasugatiniyojana* (MṛSuNi), a manual of Buddhist Tantric funeral, which is one of the rare and precious materials for studies of the Indian Buddhist funeral.¹

The Sanskrit text of the MṛSuNi has been transmitted, as far as I know, in two manuscripts: one is preserved in the Tokyo University Library (MS No. 307) and the other in the Kaiser Library, Kathmandu. The latter was microfilmed by the NGMPP (Reel No. C47/9). As reported in MATSUNAMI's catalogue, manuscript No. 307 of the Tokyo University Library contains the texts of the MṛSuNi and five other Buddhist Tantric works in one bundle. The text of the MṛSuNi is contained in ff.1v–9r.² First I was editing the Sanskrit text of the MṛSuNi based only upon this manuscript. It was Iain Sinclair who kindly drew my attention to the Kathmandu manuscript.³

With regard to the Kathmandu manuscript, the material is palm-leaf and the size reported in the index card in the first frame of the MṛSuNi film is $19.6 \times 4.1cm$. The script is bhujimol. The number of folios is eleven. There are five lines per side with the exceptions that there are six lines on f. 1v and four lines on f. 11v. Although the colophon does not refer to the date of copying, judging from the script and the size of the manuscript, it seems to have been copied not earlier than the thirteenth century.

The colophons of the two manuscripts state that the author is Śūnyasamādhivajra. 4



Mrtasugatiniyojana MS T: MS preserved in the Tokyo University Library, No. 307

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¹ As far as I know, two other Buddhist Tantric texts surviving in Sanskrit contain prescriptions for funerals. One is Padmaśrīmitra's Maṇḍalopāyikā, the system of which, according to the author, is (like the MṛSuNi) based on the Guhyasamājatantra. (PaŚrMiMa-Up: praṇamya sarvabhāvena vajrācāryam mahāgurum | maṇḍalopāyikām vakṣye śrīsamājānusārataḥ || (f. 1v1)). He also quotes several verses from the Catuṣpīṭhatantra. The author devotes the last section, Antasthitakarmoddeśa, to the prescriptions of the funeral (ff. 15r8–15v11). The codex unicus is preserved in the Tokyo University Library, and there is no known Tibetan translation of this text. The other is the Ācāryakriyāsamuccaya of Darpaṇācārya or Jagaddarpaṇa. Darpaṇācārya devotes the last section, Nirvṛtavarāragryāntyesṭilakṣaṇavidhi, to the prescriptions of the funeral (MS S ff. 240v7–244v4 (= 480.7–488.4)). For the text of the funeral rites of the Ācāryakriyāsamuccaya see below.

²For a description of this manuscript see Matsunami 1965: 112. ³This manuscript is not reported in BBK. But Nagao (1963: 13, No. 494) and Moriguchi (1989: 102, MS No. 431) report this manuscript. I had not been aware of the descriptions of the Kathmandu manuscript in these two sources.

⁴For variations of the author's name see footnotes 7 and 9 below.

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samāptam idam mṛtasugatiniyojanābhidhānam †antyeṣṭeḥ†.⁵ kṛtir iyam paṇḍitaśrīśūnyasamā-dhivajrapādānām. (MS T f. 9r3–4, MS N f. 11v2–3)

This is more or less supported also by the Tibetan translations⁶ of the MṛSuNi.⁷ According to the *Deb ther snon po*, Śūnyasamādhivajra (or rather Śūnyatāsamādhivajra?) is another name of Devākaracandra (probably a corruption of Divākaracandra) who was one of the four great disciples of Advayavajra (Maitrīpa) (ROERICH 1988: 392ff., 842). However the *guru* lineage mentioned in the second from the last verse of the MṛSuNi is different from that of the *Deb ther snon po*. The last two verses say that the author received the great teachings of the funeral from Venerable Bhadra (Bhadrapāda), and that his manual is based on the Guhyasamāja system and supplemented by the teachings of the *Sarvadurgatipariśodhanatantra* (SaDuPaTa).⁸ The same lineage is also mentioned in the colophon of the *Tattvajñānasamsiddhi* (TaJñāSam),⁹

 5 ° bhidhānam antyesteh] ° bhidhānam mantyesteh T; ° bhidhānam atyesteh N. This sentence is slightly odd. I suspect the possibility that a word (perhaps $vidh\bar{a}nam$) is missing after antyesteh.

⁶Two Tibetan translations of the MrSuNi are preserved in the Tibetan canon. One was translated by Phyogs dban dga' byed and Prajñākīrti (MṛSuNi_{Tib1}). The Tibetan title of this translation is Tha ma'i mchod pa'i cho ga, which is probably a translation of Antyeşţividhi. The other was translated by Avadhūtivairocanavajra and lDi ri chos kyi grags ($MrSuNi_{Tib2}$). The Tibetan title is dPal nan son thams cad yons su sbyan ba'i rgyud las phyun ba spyan ma'i nan son sbyon ba'i cho ga. The contents expected from this Tibetan title are found only in the latter half of the MṛSuNi. For the summary of the contents of the MṛSuNi see below and TANEMURA 2004a. TANEMURA 2004a reports only the first translation. The colophons of the two Tibetan translations do not clearly state that the title is Mṛtasugatiniyojana (see footnote 7 below). The aksaras by later hands on the last folio of the Kathmandu manuscript read a[sthi?]pra[kṣā?]raṇavidhi and divamgatasya durggatimocanā/ya/ kriyā.

⁷ The colophon of MṛSuNi_{Tib1}: tha ma'i cho ga'i min gi rnam grans gśin po bde bar gśegs pa'i gnas la 'god pa źes bya ba pa ndi ta dpal tin ne 'dzin rdo rjes (*Samādhivajra) mdzad pa rdzogs so || (D f. 38r5–6, P f. 29v1). The colophon of MṛSuNi_{Tib2}: śi ba bde 'gror sbyar ba'i cho ga śin tu 'dod pa mchog tu gyur pa źes bya ba'i min can dpal ston ñid tin ne 'dzin rdo rje'i (*Śūnyatāsamādhivajra) źabs kyis mdzad pa rdzogs so || (D ff. 34v7–35r1, P f. 33v4).

⁸This does not necessarily mean that the GuSaTa itself teaches prescriptions for a funeral, only that the mantra-visualisation-system employed in the MṛSuNi is that of the GuSaTa. This eclectic syncretism of the teachings of the tantras of different classes may become a target of criticism by theoreticians. This kind of syncretism is, however, found in a number of Buddhist Tantric ritual manuals. As stated above, the PaŚrMiMaUp quotes verses from the Catuṣpīṭhatantra although the author states that his manual follows the system of the GuSaTa (see footnote 1). Kuladatta's Kriyāsamgrahapañjikā, a comprehensive manual of Buddhist Tantric rituals, is a good example of a manual in which this kind of syncretism is found. This character of ritual manuals is found in Śaivism also. See Sanderson 2005: 356ff.

 9 According to the colophons of the manuscripts reported in BBK (p. 277), the author's name has variations such as Śūnyasamādhivajra, Śūnyatāsamādhivajra, and Samādhivajra. See also footnote 7.

another work of Śūnyasamādhivajra, which teaches the practices concerning Vajravārāhī cult.

MrSuNi:

 $\acute{s}r\bar{\imath}bhadrap\bar{a}dapadm\bar{a}d$ $\bar{a}s\bar{a}dya$ $mahopade\acute{s}am^{10}$ $a-ntyesteh^{11}$ |

kṛtam antyeṣtividhānam^{12} śrīguhyasamājanītyedam \parallel

yac chrīguhyasamājān na pūryate¹³ karma tasya paripūrye¹⁴ |

 $\acute{s}r\bar{\imath}maddurgati\acute{s}odhanatantroktam^{15}$ hy $\bar{a}\acute{s}ritam$ karma \parallel

(MS T f. 9r1-3, MS N f. 11r5-11v2)

TaJñāSam colophon:

kṛtir iyam ācāryamañjughoṣādhiṣṭhitācāryaśrībhadrapādapaṅkajaparāgapraṇayiṇā m^{16} paṇḍitaśrīśūnyasamādhipādānām (S_{ED} p. 63, ll. 22–23)

It is unclear who this Bhadrapāda is. Theoretically, the honorific title of a master whose name ends with bhadra can be Bhadrapāda. As stated above, according to the Deb ther snon po. Śūnyasamādhiyajra was a disciple of Advayavajra. The well-known honorific titles of Advayavajra are, however, Avadhūtapāda and Maitrīpa. It should be noted that the colophon of the TaJñāSam has several variant readings and in the colophon of one of the Tokyo University manuscripts of the TaJñā-Sam Śūnyasamādhivajra has the title Avadhūta. 17 Kuddālapāda mentions his master Bhadrapāda in several places in his Acintyādvayakramopadeśa (AcAdKraUp). He also mentions the guru lineage from Paramāśva down to him. 18 It is, however, unclear who this Bhadrapāda is and whether or not this Bhadrapāda might be

¹⁰mahopadeśam] N; mahāpadeśam T

 $^{^{11}}$ antyesteh] corr.; antyaisteh T ${\rm N}$

 $^{^{12}}$ antyestividhānam] corr.; antyaistividhānam T ${\rm N}$

 $^{^{13}}$ chrīguhyasamājān na pūryate
] T; $chr\bar{\iota}guhyasamāj\bar{a}nup\bar{u}ryate$ N 14 paripūry
el T; $parip\bar{u}ryai$ N

 $^{^{15}}$ 'sodhana'] N; 'parisodhana' T

 $^{^{16\,\}circ}$ praṇayiṇām] em. following the variant reading reported in BBK p. 277; ° $pranayita^\circ$ SED

¹⁷See MS No. 196(26) of the Tokyo University Library: krto $\'sr\bar{\imath}ma\~njughoṣapras\bar{a}d\bar{a}dhiṣṭhit\bar{a}c\bar{a}ryyava{<}tva{>}tna\'sr\bar{\imath}bha$ $dradapakaj rapar \bar{a}qapun \bar{a}yan \bar{a}pam dit \bar{a}c\bar{a}ryy avadh \bar{u}ta\acute{s}r\bar{\imath}\acute{s}\bar{u}nyasa$ $m\bar{a}dhivajrap\bar{a}d\bar{a}n\bar{a}m$ m iti || (sic) (f. 67v3–5). This colophon is somewhat corrupt but Śūnyasamādhivajra is called Avadhūta. See also MS No. 202(2): kṛto 'yaṃ maṃjughoṣaprasādādhisthitācā $ryavara\acute{s}r\bar{\imath}bhadrap\bar{a}dapamkajopac\bar{a}qapranayit\bar{a}c\bar{a}ry$ avandhuta $\acute{s}r\bar{\imath}$ - $\dot{sunyavasam\bar{a}dhivajrap\bar{a}d\bar{a}n\bar{a}m}$ iti || (sic) (ff. 299v6–300r1). The above is also corrupted, but °ryavandhuta° can be emended to °ryāvadhūta°; MS No.146: kṛti 'ya śrīmajughoṣa, prasādādhisthi $t\bar{a}c\bar{a}ryyavara\acute{s}r\bar{i}bhadrarap\bar{a}d\bar{a}pakaryyapac\bar{a}gra, \quad panat\bar{a}ryyavadh\bar{u}\underline{h}$ $\dot{s}r\bar{\imath}sunet\bar{a}sam\bar{a}dhivajrap\bar{a}d\bar{a}n\bar{a}m \parallel (sic) (f. 9v1-2)$. This is heavily corrupted, but ${}^{\circ}ryyavadh\bar{u}h$ could be emended to ${}^{\circ}ry\bar{a}vadh\bar{u}ta^{\circ}$. Note that all of these MSS contain various corruptions of what almost certainly should be obhadrapādapankajaparāgapranayinām, as in the colophon of the TaJñāSam.

¹⁸See AcAdKraUp vv. 88cd–90ab: paramāśv[o] vīṇāpāda indrabhūtih salakşmibhiḥ || vilāsavajro guṇḍerī padmācāryo mahākṛpaḥ |

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identical with the master of Śūnyasamādhiyajra. The famous Bhadrapāda who has a close relation to the Guhyasamājatantra (GuSaTa), on which the MrSuNi is based, is Dīpankarabhadra. 19 It seems implausible that the master of Śūnyasamādhivajra could be the relatively early Dīpankarabhadra. But it is interesting to note that the colophon of the TaJñSam quoted above might be interpreted as referring to a master ($\bar{a}c\bar{a}ryah$) Mañjughosa as Bhadrapāda's teacher. According to tradition, Mañjuśrī revealed the secret teachings of the GuSaTa to Dīpankarabhadra's teacher, Buddhaśrījñāna (Jñānapāda), after which the latter founded the Jñānapāda school of the GuSaTa. However it would be very odd to say that a person empowers or protects (adhitisthati) a person. It is, therefore, more probable that this Manjughosa is a name of a deity, and that the reading in which he is called an $\bar{a}c\bar{a}rya$ is not correct.²⁰

The MṛSuNi is a mixture of verse and prose. In the verse parts the author uses the $\bar{a}ry\bar{a}$ metre. In the TaJñāSaṃ, the author displays greater metrical variety, using $indravajr\bar{a}$, $upaj\bar{a}ti$, $vasantatilak\bar{a}$, vamśasthavira, indravamśa, $ś\bar{a}rd\bar{u}lavikridita$, $sragdhar\bar{a}$, and $\bar{a}ry\bar{a}$. Of these $\bar{a}ry\bar{a}$ is employed most frequently.

As clearly stated by Śūnyasamādhivajra in the two verses of the MrSuNi quoted above, the mantravisualisation-system of the GuSaTa is employed in the MrSuNi. He states also that this was supplemented by the teachings of the SaDuPaTa, which is the authoritative scripture for funeral rites as performed in the modern Kathmandu valley. Thus the content of the manual is divided into two main parts. The former is the Yoga of the Resuscitation of the Dead (mrtasamjīvanayogah), which is based on the visualisation method taught in the GuSaTa, chapter 14. By this yoga, an officiant reinstalls the wisdom $(j\tilde{n}\bar{a}nam)^{21}$ of an individual in his corpse, bestows the initiation (abhisekah) on the resuscitated individual, and guides the wisdom to go out from the aperture in the crown of the head so that the individual may be liberated, or go either to the Buddha Land (buddhaksetram) or the Pure State of Existence. The latter is the Rite to Prevent the Dead from Going to the Bad States of Existence (*durgatipariśodhanam) based on the teachings of the SaDuPaTa. In this latter part, which is to be performed during and after the cremation, the officiant

dharmapādasya kramato bhadrapādakramā*gataḥ (em.; ° gatāḥ) \parallel e-ko 'bhiprāyaḥ sarveṣām advayajñānam uttamam \mid (S_{ED} p. 204, ll. 4–7). See also Kuranishi 1999: 5ff.

strikes and washes the bones and the garments of the dead so that various obstructions which prevent him from being liberated may be removed.²² In this way, the MṛSu-Ni contains two different systems which do not perfectly harmonise with each other.

Finally I should report here the fact that the whole text except the last two verses of the MṛSuNi was incorporated into Darpaṇācārya's Ācāryakriyāsamuccaya (ĀcKrSa).²³ As has been pointed out in several publications, Darpaṇācārya drew on various texts in writing the ĀcKrSa.²⁴ The last section also has the source text.²⁵ There are a number of manuscripts of the ĀcKrSa surviving in the Kathmandu valley and elsewhere in the world. This means that we have no small quantity of materials to edit the MṛSuNi. I hope to publish a critical edition of the MṛSuNi in the near future.

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¹⁹Dīpankarabhadra wrote the *Guhyasamājamaṇdalavidhi*, a versified manual of the ritual practices of the GuSaTa. SĀNKRTYĀYANA reported the colophon of the manuscript of this text, which says that the author is Bhadrapāda (1937: 28). Note that there is discrepancy between the footnote numbers and the footnotes on p. 28.

 $^{^{20}}$ The colophons of some manuscripts read śrī<code>Mañjughoṣa</code>° instead of <code>ācāryaMañjughoṣa</code>°. See BBK p. 277.

²¹Normally, it is $vij\tilde{n}\bar{a}na$ that goes out from the body at the time of death.

 $^{^{22}} Probably these rites (asthyāditāḍana$ etc.) are based on the SaDuPaTa $S_{\rm ED}$ p. 176, ll. 16–26, $T_{\rm ED}$ (Takahashi 1986) p. 107(12), l. 1–p. 105(14), l. 2. The mantras to be uttered in these rites are taught elsewhere in this tantra (e.g. mantras to be uttered in the $asthy\bar{a}dit\bar{a}dana$ are taught on p. 180, ll. 6–20 of $S_{\rm ED}$).

 $^{^{23}\}mathrm{See}$ also footnote 1. The opening line of the relevant section of the ĀcKrSa might imply the direction of borrowing: $adhun\bar{a}$ parinirvrtavajrācāryaśarīrasyā*ntyeṣṭi(em.; °nteṣṭi MS S)vidhir ucyate. praṇipatya *locanākhyām (em.; locanākhyā MS S) ... (MS S f. 240v7 (= 480.7)). It is odd that the mangala, in which the author's homage and adoration to the deity (in this case, the Goddess Locanā) and the subject-matter to follow are indicated, follows the sentence which indicates the subject-matter.

²⁴E.g. SAKURAI points out that probably most of the prescription of abhiseka in the ĀcKrSa is a borrowing from Abhayākaragupta's Vajrāvalī (1996: 33). TANAKA points out that the ĀcKrSa drew on Nāgabodhi's Guhyasamājamandalopāyikāvimśatividhi (2003: 153). I have pointed out that the ĀcKrSa borrows most of the pratisthā section from the Vajrāvalī (TANEMURA 2004b: 96), and that some verses in the vāstunāga section of the ĀcKrSa are almost identical with those in Tathāgatavajra's Samvaramandalavidhi, which is preserved in the Tibetan canon (Toh. 1511, Ota. 2226) (TANEMURA 2002: 571–572, Notes 27, 28).

²⁵ John Brough edited (or rather transcribed) a part of a manuscript written by Amrtānanda and presented by Hodgson to the Indian Office Library (Vol. 29, No. 8) (1996: 671). His edition contains a text of a manual of funeral rites (mṛtyusaṃskāraḥ). The description is very short but the outline of the text is similar to that of the MṛSuNi. If we consider the number of the manuscripts of the ĀcKrSa, the MṛSuNi might have offered a framework for funeral rites to the Buddhism of the Kathmandu Valley via the ĀcKrSa. I thank Iain Sinclair for drawing my attention to the article of Brough.

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ĀcKrSa

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A Parallel Edition of the Nepalese and South Indian Recensions of the First Act of the Kundamālā (Part II)

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The last newsletter (no. 3, January-February 2007) contained a parallel critical edition of the first half of Act One of Dhīranāga's drama, the $Kundam\bar{a}l\bar{a}$. In this issue I shall present the second half of the act using the same source material: two Nepalese palm-leaf MSS (N₁ = NGMPP B 15/6 and N₂ = NGMPP A 1027/11 and A 24/13, the latter one, dated to N.S. 551, possibly being a copy of the former) for establishing the Nepalese recension, and Dutta's edition of the Southern recension based on four MSS: two in Grantha (T₁ and M₁), one in Telugu (T₂) and one in Kannada script (M₂), one of which, namely T₁, was available to me in a (not too easily legible) microfilm copy.

The Nepalese MSS, just as in the first half of the act, usually give better readings than the Southern ones. This is especially true about the section following Sītā's question, kudo me tādiso bhāadheo? (interrupting verse 20), after which the Mysore MSS are not available for the rest of the act, and the readings of the Tanjore MSS are often hopelessly corrupt, above all in the Prakrit passages. Though Dutta, as well as the editors preceding him, did their best to extract meaningful Prakrit sentences sometimes from utter gibberish, it is perhaps possible to improve upon the text at a few places, also taking into consideration the readings of the Nepalese recension.² Nevertheless, the reconstructed Prakrit passages of the Southern recension are far from being perfect, and one can only hope that more and better manuscript material will come to light in South India which will make further improvement possible.

The beginning of the portion edited in this paper is worth a closer look. At Lakṣmaṇa's request Sītā agrees to send a message back to her cruel (niṭṭhuro) husband, but she is still reluctant to reproach him. "Is your majesty not capable of even this much?", asks Lakṣmaṇa, and with Sītā's reply we reach the text edited in this article. In the Nepalese recension she says: "You have rightly expelled the innocent Sītā from your heart, [but is it right to expel her] also from the country?"³, while the Southern recension seems to read the opposite: "You were wrong to expel the innocent Sītā from your heart, how much more

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²E.g. 14+: savvadā matthaanihidena, 25+: raharenu vi Lakkhanassa, ibid.: kahim de bhaavamto loavālā..., 26+ mahābhāa, idha evva ciṭṭha, etc.

 $^{^3}juttam$ tuha niravarāham Sīdam nivvāsidum hiaādo, kim visaādo vi?

even from the country?"⁴

If we suppose that Sītā has braced herself to reproach Rāma then the text of the Southern recension appears to be more logical. That she resented the way Rāma had treated her is shown e.g. in Act Three when she speaks about the mixed emotions invading her upon seeing Rāma for the first time after many years, and anger, pride and shame are among those feelings beside love and respect.⁵ Another telling detail is the name by which Sītā calls the father of her two sons: Kuśa replies to Rāma's question that when they get into some mischief their mother says: "Sons of that merciless man, behave yourselves."

On the other hand, though Sītā calls Rāma "merciless" to herself, when her friend accuses her husband of cruelty she is ready to defend him and says: "He left me only with his body, not with his heart." When her friend asks her how she knows another man's heart, Sītā replies: "How could his heart belong to someone else than Sītā?" Vālmīki also assures Sītā in the first act that Rāma did not abandon her in his heart, and the vidūṣaka, who knows the feelings of his friend, confirms the same when he says that Rāma holds the earth with his arms and the earth's daughter in his heart.

Considering all this one would expect Lakṣmaṇa will assure $S\bar{t}a\bar{t}$ that $R\bar{a}$ ma's heart remains with her, but he does not appear to do so in our text. The first sentence of his reply is as contradictory in the two recensions as $S\bar{t}a\bar{t}$'s above quoted words are. The Nepalese recension reads: "You have not given any message, my lady, that could / should be sent", 11 while in the Southern one he says: "You have given a message, my lady, that must be sent". 12 The following verse (14), continuing Lakṣmaṇa's speech, also differs in the two recensions. The first half of the sloka is the same: "Perhaps you have been expelled, my lady, by the mighty $[R\bar{a}ma]$ from his heart". 13 In the Southern recension the verse continues as follows: "[But] why [has he expelled you] from home, [but] why [has he expelled you]

even from the country?"¹⁴ The reading of the Nepalese MSS (gṛhāt prati gṛhaṃ nāma kathaṃ janapadād api) is more difficult to interpret and is possibly corrupt. As it stands it might mean: "Perhaps you have been expelled, my lady, by the mighty [Rāma] from his heart instead of (?) his house. Perhaps [he has expelled you] from home, ¹⁵ [but] why [has he expelled you] even from the country?" One might consider emending prati gṛhaṃ to patigṛhaṃ or patigṛhān, ¹⁶ but the sentence would still remain problematic. Further, more drastic emendation could result in the following: kathaṃ patigṛhān nāma? "How [could he] possibly [expel you] from the husband's house?"

Further Differences Between the Two Recensions: the Sanskrit Passages I shall now return to some Sanskrit passages of the text edited in the last newsletter. In the Nepalese recension, when Sumantra stops the chariot he addresses Laksmana as follows "The chariot has stopped, sir. Her majesty may alight." ¹⁷ If we examine the Southern MSS, T₁ and M₂ both have similar readings. Dutta, however, either following T₂ or emending the text, puts Sumantra's above quoted words into Laksmana's mouth, since, as he remarks, "Sumantra does not appear to converse directly with Sītā in the drama". 18 Sumantra, however, does not necessarily address Sītā in the Southern manuscripts. Though the vocative $\bar{a}yusman$ is missing from M_2 and T_1 , he might nevertheless speak to Laksmana, as he does in the Nepalese recension. Therefore one might consider accepting the reading of M_2 : "Sumantrah (rajjvākarṣanam abhinīya): esa sthito rathah. tad avataratu devī."

A few lines below Sumantra says "yad ājñāpayati devaḥ" to Lakṣmaṇa in the Southern recension, which is, as Dutta rightly points out, "undoubtedly inappropriate in this context". ¹⁹ The Nepalese MSS have a better reading again: "yathājñāpayasi".

In his soliloquy Lakṣmaṇa recalls Rāma's words with which he entrusted his brother with the thankless task of abandoning Sītā in the forest. In the Nepalese recension Rāma appears to be more aloof than in the Southern one when he says: "Dear Lakṣmaṇa, it's rumored that Sītā's chastity has been ruined because she stayed in Rāvaṇa's house. Therefore one can hear unusual gossips among the citizens. So it would not be appropriate if we tainted the honour of Ikṣvāku's race, which is spotless like the autumn moon, just for the sake of a wife." In the Southern

⁴ na juttam tava niravarāham Sīdam hiaādo nivvāsidum kim uņa visaādo tti. This reading follows the Tanjore MSS with conjectural emendations. The beginning of the sentence (na juttam tava), however, seems to be the same in the Mysore MSS.

⁵Act Three, 11+, Dutta's ed. p. 41.

 $^{^6 {\}rm Act}$ Five, 14+, Dutta's ed. p. 85f: $niranukrośasya~putrau,~m\bar{a}~c\bar{a}palam~iti.$

⁷Act Two, Dutta's ed. p. 29: aha sarīreṇa, ṇa puṇa hiaeṇa.

⁸Ibid.: kaham tassa hiaam Sīdāe parakeraam bhavissadi?

 $^{^927+\} vatse,\ janāpavādabhīruņā mahārājena tvam tyaktāsi,\ na tu hṛdayena.$

¹⁰Act Five, Dutta's ed. p. 71: ede āsanakesarino gurudarabharuvvahanajādaparissamā via muhavivaraviņiggaamuttākalāvacchalena phenadhāram uvvahamti, taha takkemi bāhujualena pudhavīm hiaena pudhavīduhidaram uvvahamto adisaagaruo samvutto tti. (One might consider emending to samvutto si.)

¹¹samdeṣṭavyam āryayā na kim cid api samdiṣṭam.

 $^{^{12}}$ samdestavyam āryayā samdistam.

 $^{^{13}}ar{a}ryar{a}$ nirv $ar{a}sitar{a}$ n $ar{a}ma$ hṛday $ar{a}t$ prabhaviṣṇun $ar{a}$ |

¹⁴katham grhād? grhān nāma, katham janapadād api?

 $^{^{15}} grham \ n\bar{a}ma$ could be emended to $grh\bar{a}n \ n\bar{a}ma,$ as in the case of the Southern recension.

¹⁶Cf. verse 20: nirvāsitā patigṛhād.

^{173+:} āyusman, esa sthito rathah. avataratu devī.

 $^{^{18}}$ Dutta's ed. p. 3, note 11.

¹⁹Dutta, Appendices p. 4.

^{203+:} devyāh kila Sītāyā Rāvanabhavanāvasthānād acāritryam utpannam. tatah paurānām anyādrśā eva pralāpāh śrūyante. tan

recension Rāma is less direct when he brings up Sītā's alleged adultery,²¹ and less distant when he mentions her by name instead of referring to her simply as "a wife".²²

When Laksmana makes up his mind to convey Rāma's decision to Sītā he introduces the bad news with the following words in the Nepalese MSS: "Now I, Lakṣmaṇa, unworthy as I am because of bestowing the misery of eternal separation from one's kin, will respectfully tell you something, so please brace yourself."23 The text of the Southern recension appears to me somewhat less satisfactory: "Now I, the unworthy Laksmana who shares the misery of eternal separation, will respectfully tell you something, please brace yourself." ²⁴

In verse 7 Laksmana is hardly able to tell Sītā it is her exile that Rāma ordered. "Words stuck in my throat", kantham badhnāti bhāratī, he says in the Nepalese recension, an idiom comparable with e.g. the definition of astringent flavour in the $Su\acute{s}rutasamhit\bar{a}$ (1.42.9: yo vaktram pariśosayati, jihvām stambhayati, kantham badhnāti, hrdayam karsati pīdayati ca sa kasāyah). The Southern MSS read granthim badhnāti bhāratī, "the words tie a knot", which we have to fill out by understanding "in my throat".

In verse 9 Laksmana repeats the terrible news to Sītā with plain words. In the Nepalese recension he says: "[Though you are] endowed with the merit of chastity, you have been abandoned for good by our master (your husband)", 25 which indicates both the irrevocability of Rāma's decision and Laksmana's sympathy for Sītā. In the Southern recension Laksmana says: "It seems (kila) you have been abandoned by our master (your husband), who is endowed with the merit of morality", 26 thus extolling Rāma's rectitude instead of siding with Sītā, which suits less well Laksmana's general attitude.

Sītā swoons when she learns that Laksmana is about to leave her alone in the forest. In both recensions the breeze revives her (vanamārutena in the Nepalese MSS, mṛdunānilena in the Southern ones), but while in the Nepalese recension she regains consciousness in one step and the wind becomes the means of her samāśvāsana, in the Southern recension first she breathes again ($disty\bar{a}$ śvasiti, reports Lakṣmaṇa) and then the breeze helps in her pratyānayana. The reason for this curious doublephased recovery (supposing that it is secondary) might have been that the transmittors felt the necessity of a word that is closer to $praty\bar{a}gat\bar{a}$ in verse 10 than samāśvāsana.

In verse 13 Lakşmana conveys Rāma's final message to Sītā. We find a curious difference between the two recensions at the beginning of the verse: the Nepalese MSS (actually N_1 , since N_2 is corrupt) read tvam devi citranihitā grhadevatā me, while the Southern MSS have tvam devi cittanihitā grhadevatā me. Citra and citta are very close readings and one could easily have changed into the other, but which one should we regard as primary? The text of the Southern recension is easily interpretable: Sītā is always present in Rāma's heart as the goddess of the house, which suits the above quoted passages in which Rāma's heart appears to have remained with Sītā. The word $citranihit\bar{a}$ in the Nepalese recension, if it is not just a scribal error, might have been motivated by descriptions of household goddesses appearing on paintings e.g. in the Navasāhasānkacarita (9.36): citrasthitānām grhadevatānām iti sphuranti sma tadaiva vācah.²⁷

In verse 17 Laksmana describes how various animals show their compassion for Sītā and, according to the Nepalese recension, he remarks: "These animals are superior, not we humans" (tiryaggatā varam amī na vayaṃ manusyāh). This reading seems to give a better meaning than what we have in the Southern MSS (tiryaggatā $varam \ am\bar{\imath} \ na \ param \ manusy\bar{a}h)$, which might be the result of the corruption of vayam to varam (the reading of the Tanjore MSS) to param.

When Vālmīki asks Sītā how she got into such a state she is too ashamed to give an answer (27+). The sage resorts to his "eye of visualisation" (dhyānacakṣus) and, in the Nepalese recension, he realises that "this is the consequence of Vālin's murder" (aye, Vālivadhavijrmbhitam etat!). This realisation is missing from the Southern recension, and Vālmīki tells Sītā only what has already been clear both to her and to the audience, namely that Rāma abandoned her because he was afraid of people's malicious gossip. It seems conceivable that this reference to Vālin's death was left out deliberatly from the Southern recension, thus avoiding an inauspicious matter. Dhīranāga, however, might have associated those two incidents in Rama's life which do not suit this archetype of righteousness: the murder of the legitimate king of the monkeys and the banishment of the innocent Sītā.

na yuktam kalatramātrasya kṛte 'smākam śaraccandranirmalasyeksvākuvamšasya kalankam utpādayitum.

²¹Ibid.: devyāḥ kila Sītāyāḥ Rāvaṇabhavanasaṃsthānāc cāritram prati samutpannavimarśānām paurānām anyādrśāh pralāpāh pravartante.

²²Ibid.: tan na śaknomi Sītāmātrasya kṛte śaraccandranirmalasyeksvākukulasya kalankam utpādayitum.

 $^{^{23}6+:\} ayam\ anavaratas vajana prav\bar{a}saduhkhasa mvibh\bar{a}ganirlak sa$ no Laksmano vijnāpayati, tat sthirīkriyatām hrdayam.

 $^{^{24} {\}rm Ibid.}$.
 ayamanavaratapravāsaduhkhabhāgī nirlaksano Laksmano vijnāpayati, sthirīkriyatām hṛdayam.
²⁵parityaktā tvam āryena cāritryagunaśālini...

 $^{^{26}}tyakt\bar{a}$ kila tvam āryena cāritraguņa
śālinā...

 $^{^{27} \}mathrm{One}$ might also compare Bāṇa's beautiful sentence towards the end of the fourth ucchvāsa of the Harsacarita, in which the reflections of the sleeping bride's face in the mirrors of the jewelled wall are fancied as the faces of $qrhadevat\bar{a}s$ peeping in through bull's-eye windows (p. 73): tatra ca hrītāyā navavadhūkāyāḥ parānmukhaprasuptāyā maņibhittidarpaņeṣu mukhapratibimbāni prathamālāpākarnanakautukāgatagrhadevatānanānīva maņigavākṣakeṣu vīkṣamānah ksanadām ninye.

Sītā: evam viņņavesi — juttam tuha ņiravarāham²⁸ Sīdam ņivvāsidum hiaādo, kim visaādo vi? (evam vijnāpayasi — yuktam tava niraparādhām Sītām nirvāsayitum hrdayāt, kim visayād api?)

 ${\rm LAKŞMAŅAḤ:}\ {\rm saṃdeṣṭavyam^{29}}\ \bar{\rm aryay\bar{a}}\ {\rm na}\ {\rm kim}\ {\rm cid}\ {\rm api}\ {\rm saṃdiṣṭam}.$

āryā nirvāsitā nāma $V_2:55v$ hṛdayāt pra*bhaviṣṇu*nā 30 $N_1:8r$ †gṛhāt prati gṛhaṃ nāma† 31 kathaṃ janapadād api?

Sītā: evam mama vaaņeņa viņņavidavvo tae 32 mahārāo — sā tavovaņavāsiņī savvadā 33 matthaaņihideņa 34 amjaliņā viņņavedi: jai 35 aham ņigguņā vi ciraparicida tti vā, jādāvacca tti vā, aņādha tti vā, Sīda tti vā, tato sumaraņamettakeņāvi aņugihidavva mhi.

(evam mama vacanena vijñāpayitavyas tvayā mahārājaḥ— sā tapovanavāsinī sarvadā mastakanihitenāñjalinā vijñāpayati: yady aham nirgunāpi cirapariciteti vā, jātāpatyeti vā, anātheti vā, Sīteti vā, tataḥ smaraṇamātreṇāpy anugrahītavyāsmi.)

LAKSMANAH:

imam sandeśam ākarnya kṣate kṣāram ivāhitam daśām asahyām śokārto vyaktam āryo gamiṣyati.

Sītā: vaccha, adimahante³⁶ visaamamḍale³⁷ ahaṃ tuma ettikadukkhasahāā? saṃpadaṃ tae ekkeṇa so ciṃtitavvo. tā gaccha, bhādukasarīre sāvadhāṇo hohi.

(vatsa, atimahati viṣayamaṇḍale 'haṃ tavaitāvadduḥkha-sahāyā? sāmprataṃ tvayaikena sa cintayitavyaḥ. tad ga-ccha, bhrātrśarīre sāvadhāno bhava.)

LAKSMANAH: anurūpam mahānubhāvatāyāh.

 $N_1:8v$ SĪTĀ: aṇṇaṃ ca. jā*da, paṇamidavvā³⁸ ca tae Rāhavakularāadhāṇī sā bhaavadī,³⁹ tae sussūsidavvo⁴⁰ ppaḍimāga- $N_2:56r$ do mahārāo, pālaïdavvā ca tae ajjāṇaṃ *āṇattī, samassā-

 $\frac{}{28}$ niravarāham] N_2 , niravarānu(?)ham N_1

SĪTĀ: evvam vi tam jaṇam viṇṇavehi — ṇa juttam tava ṇiravarāham Sīdam hiaādo ṇivvāsidum²⁸ kim uṇa visaādo tti.

(evam api taṃ janaṃ vijñāpaya — na yuktaṃ tava niraparādhāṃ Sītāṃ hṛdayān nirvāsayituṃ, kiṃ punar viṣayād iti.)

LAKŞMANAH: samdeştavyam āryayā samdiştam.

āryā nirvāsitā nāma hṛdayāt prabhaviṣṇunā. kathaṃ gṛhād? gṛhān²⁹ nāma, kathaṃ janapadād api?

SĪTĀ: evvam vi mama vaanādo viņņavidavvo — sā tapovaņavāsinī savvadā matthaanihidena³⁰ amjalinā viņņavedi:³¹ jai aham niggunā ciraparicidetti vā, anāhetti vā, Sīdetti vā, sumaranamettaena anugahidavvetti.

(evam api mama vacanād vijñāpayitavyaḥ — sā tapovana-vāsinī sarvadā mastakanihitenāñjalinā vijñāpayati: yady aham nirguṇā cirapariciteti vā, anātheti vā, Sīteti vā, smaraṇamātrakeṇānugrahītavyeti.)

Lakşmanah:

imam sandeśam ākarnya kṣate kṣāram ivāhitam daśām asahyām śokasya vyaktam āryo gamiṣyati.

 $S\bar{1}T\bar{A}$: adimahante³² visaamamdale³³ kahim tumam³⁴ samti ettiä dukkhasahāyā? sampadam mae viņā tue ekkeņa eso cimtidavvo. tumam³⁵ bhāduassa sarīre³⁶ sāvahāņo hobi tti

(atimahaty api viṣayamaṇḍale³⁷ kutra te santy etāvanto duḥkhasahāyāḥ? sāmprataṃ mayā vinā tvayaikenaiṣa cintayitavyah. tvam bhrātuh śarīre sāvadhāno bhaveti.)

LAKSMANAH: anurūpam etan mahānubhāvatāyāh.

Sītā: vaccha Lakkhaṇa, paṇamidavvā tue mama vaaṇādo Rāhavaülarāahāṇī³⁸ bhaavadī Ayojjā, sussūsidavvo³⁹ pa-

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 $^{^{29}}$ samdestavyam] $N_1,$ sadestavyam N_2 30 prabhavisnunā] $N_1,$ prabhujisnunā N_2

 $^{^{31}}$ grhāt prati gr
ham nāma] $N_1N_2,$ katham patigrhān nāma conj.

 $^{^{32}}$ tae] N_1 , taye N_2

 $^{^{33}}$ savvadā] conj., sāvadā N_1N_2

 $^{^{34} \}circ$ mattha
ạnihideṇa] $N_1,$ °matthaṇihideṇa N_2

 $^{^{35}}$ jaï] $N_1,$ jayi N_2

 $^{^{36}}$ adi°] N_1 , yadi° N_2

 $^{^{37}}$ visaa°] N_1 , visaya° N_2

 $^{^{38}}$ panamidavvā] em. ISAACSON, panavidavvā $N_1\,N_2$

 $^{^{39}{\}rm bhaavad}\bar{\rm l}]~N_1,~{\rm bhayavad}\bar{\rm l}~N_2$

 $^{^{40}}$ sussūsidavvo] conj.,sussū
idavvo N_1N_2

 $^{^{28}}$ ņiravarāham Sīdam hiaādo ņivvāsidum] conj., ņiravavarādhim (?) sīdi hiaādo ņivvāsidum T_1 , ņiravarādham sidim piaādo (ņivvāsidum?) T_2 , ņiraparāham imam jaṇam sapadi hiaādo ņivvāsidum Dutta $(M_1,$ ņivvāsidam $M_2)$

 $^{^{29}}$ gṛhān] em. ISAACSON, gṛhāṃ T_1 , gṛhaṃ DUTTA

 $^{^{30}}$ savvadā matthaaṇihideṇa] $conj.\,$ savama(?)cāmaṃaṇihideṇa $T_1,$ sava... aṇihideṇa $T_2,$ savvahā sīmaṃṭaaṇihideṇa Dutta(M_2 ?), avaccamanthaanihidena M_2

 $^{^{31}}$ vinnavedi] T_1 , vinnavedi tti Dutta

 $^{^{32}}$ ° mahante] em., ° mahamde T_1T_2 , ° mahide DUTTA (M_1M_2)

 $^{^{33}}$ visaamandale] Dutta \overrightarrow{reads} it as vi saamandale

 $^{^{34}}$ kahim tumam] Dutta $(M_1M_2),$ ham tu vi $\overset{\cdot \cdot \cdot}{T_1}T_2$

 $^{^{35}}$ tumam] DUTTA $(M_1 T_2)$, tuha M_2 , tava T_1

 $^{^{36}}$ bhāduassa sarīre] Dutta $T_1\,T_2M_1,$ bhāduassarīre M_2

³⁷visayamandale] 'pi svakamandale DUTTA

 $^{38 \}circ h\bar{a}n\bar{l}$ T_1 , dh $\bar{a}n\bar{l}$ Dutta

 $^{^{39}}$ sussūsidavvo] T_1 , sussusidavvo Dutta

saïdavvāo⁴¹ ppiasahīo Ppiamvadāmissāo,⁴² sumaridavvā ca tae mamdabhāinī.⁴³ (iti roditi.)

(anyac ca. jāta, pranamitavyā ca tvayā Rāghavakularājadhānī sā bhagavatī, tvayā śuśrūsitavyah pratimāgato mahārājah, pālayitavyā ca tvayāryāņām ājñaptih, samāśvāsayitavyāh priyasakhyah Priyamvadāmiśrāh, smartavyā ca tvayā mandabhāginī.)

LAKSMANAH:

āryām svahastena vane vimoktum⁴⁴ śrotum tathāsyāh paridevitāni sukhena Lankāsamare hatam mām ajīvayan Mārutir āttavairah.

(diśo 'valokya)

ete rudanti harinā haritam vimucya, hamsāś ca śokavidhurāh karunam rasanti. nrtvam tvajanti šikhino 'pi vilokya devīm, 45 tirvaggatā varam amī na vayam manusyāh.

SĪTĀ: atthamido sūro, dūre adīdo mānusasampādo, tā $N_1:9r$ na⁴⁶ juttam avaram vi*lambidum.

(astamitah sūryah, dūre 'tīto mānusasampātah, tan na yuktam avaram vilambitum.)

LAKSMANAH (añjalim baddhvā): ārye, Laksmanasyāpaścimo 'yam pranāmāñjalih, tat sāvadhānena grhyatām.

Sītā: niccāvahidā kkhu⁴⁷ aham. (nityāvahitā khalv aham.)

LAKSMANAH:

āryam tam vā

bāndhavān vā smarantyā

 \acute{s} okād \bar{a} tm \bar{a}

mrtyave⁴⁸ nopaneyah.

 $N_2:56v$ I*ksvākūnām

santatir⁴⁹ garbhasamsthā

seyam devyā

yatnatah pālanīyā.

 41 °saï°] N_1 , °sii° N_2 42 ° missāo] conj., ° mimmāo N_1N_2 43 obhāinī] N_1 , obhāginī N_2 ⁴⁴vimoktum] N_1 , vimoksam N_2 45 devīm] N_1 , devī N_2 ⁴⁶na] $N_1 N_2^{pc}$, om. N_2^{ac}

 47 kkhu] N_1 , kku N_2

 48 mrtyave] N_1 , mrttave N_2

 49 santatir] N_1 , santati N_2

dimāgado mahārāo, sāhidavvā ajjūnam ānatti, samassāsidavvā⁴⁰ Piamvadāmissāo mama piasahīo, sumaridavvā savvakālam mamdabhāinī. (iti roditi.)

(vatsa Laksmana, pranamitavyā tvayā mama vacanād Rāghavakularājadhānī bhagavaty Ayodhyā, śuśrūsitavyah pratimāgato mahārājah, sādhayitavyāmbānām⁴¹ ājñaptiḥ, samāśvāsayitavyāḥ Priyamvadāmiśrā mama priyasakhyah, smartavyā sarvakālam mandabhāginī.)

LAKSMANAH (sodvegam): āryām svahastena vane vimoktum śrotum ca tasyāh paridevitāni sukhena Lankāsamare hatam⁴² mām ajīvayan Mārutir āttavairah.

(vilokya)

ete rudanti harinā haritam vimucya, hamsāś ca śokavidhurāh karunam rudanti. nrttam tvajanti šikhino 'pi vilokya devīm, tiryaggatā varam amī na param⁴³ manusyāh.⁴⁴

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Sītā: vaccha Lakkhana, āsannātthamayo⁴⁵ sūro, dūre a ido mānusasampādo. uddīnā pakkhino, samcaramti sāpadā. gaccha, na juttam parilambidum.

(vatsa Laksmana, āsannāstamayah sūryah, dūre ceto mānuşasampātaḥ. uḍḍīnāḥ pakṣiṇaḥ, saṃcaranti śvāpadāh. gaccha, na yuktam parilambitum.)

Laksmanah $(a\tilde{n}jalim\ baddhv\bar{a})$: $\bar{a}rve$, ⁴⁶ sarvapaścimo 'vam Laksmanasya pranāmānjalih. tat sāvadhānam parigrhyatām.

Sītā: niccāvahidā khu aham. (nityāvahitā khalv aham.)

Laksmanah: vijñāpayāmi devīm:

āryam mitram

bāndhavān vā smarantyā

śokād ātmā

mrtyave nopaneyah.

Iksvākūnām

santatir garbhasamsthā

sevam devyā

yatnatah pālanīvā.⁴⁷

 $^{^{40}}$ samassāsidavvā] T_1 , samassasidavvā Dutta

⁴¹ambānām] Dutta, śvaśrūṇām previous eds.

 $^{^{42}\}mathrm{hatam}]$ Dutta $(M_1M_2),$ m
rtam T_1T_2

⁴³param] Dutta (M_1M_2) , varam T_1T_2

⁴⁴manusyāh] DUTTA (M_1M_2) , amarsyāh T_1T_2

 $^{^{45}}$ āsannātthamayo] DUTTA (M_1) , āsannāsamao M_2 , āsatthamati

 T_1 , āsamdhamati T_2 ⁴⁶ārye] T_1 , om. DUTTA

 $^{^{47}}$ pālanīyā] T_1T_2 , rakṣaṇīyā DUTTA (M_1M_2)

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Sītā: appadihadavaaņo⁵⁰ kkhu Saumittī. (apratihatavacanah khalu Saumitrih.)

Laksmanah: idam aparam vijñāpayāmi:

jyesthasya bhrātur ādeśād ānīya vijane vane parityaktāsi vad devi dosam ekam ksamasva me.

SĪTĀ: jjetthabbhāduvaaṇāṇuvattī⁵¹ tumaṃ⁵² tti ko tuha⁵³ doso āsamkīadi?

(jyesthabhrātrvacanānuvartī tvam iti kas tava dosa āśańkyate?)

LAKSMANAH (pradaksinīkrtya): bho bho lokapālāh! śrnvantu śrnvantu bhavantah:

 $es\bar{a}$ vadh $\bar{u}r^{54}$

Daśarathasya mahārathasya...

 $N_1:9v$ SĪTĀ: *adisalāhanīāim akkharāim. (atiślāghanīyāny akṣarāṇi.)

LAKSMANAH:

...Rāmāhvayasya grhinī Madhusūdanasya...

Sītā: kudo me ettiāim bhāadheāim? (kuto ma iyanti bhāgadheyāni?)

LAKSMANAH:

 \dots nirvāsitā patigrhād vijane vane 'smin...

SĪTĀ (karṇau pidhāya): santaṃ pāvaṃ. (śāntam pāpam.)

LAKSMANAH:

 $\dots ek\bar{a}kin\bar{\imath}$ vasati... 55

(Sītā bhayam nāṭayati.)

LAKSMANAH:

... raksata raksatainām.

 $(S\bar{\imath}t\bar{a} \ garbham^{56} \ darśayati.)$

 50 appadihadavaano] $N_1,$ apratihatavaano N_2

Sītā: appadihadavaano khu Somittī. (apratihatavacanaḥ khalu Saumitriḥ.)

Laksmanah: iyam aparā vijñāpanā.

Sītā: kā aṇṇā? (kānyā?)

Lakşmanah:

jyesthasya bhrātur ādeśād ānīya vijane vane parityaktāsi devi tvam:

dosam ekam ksamasva me.

Sītā (sāsram):⁴⁸ jetthavaaņāņuvattī⁴⁹ tumam tti paritosakāle ko doso āsamkīadi?

(jyesthavacanānuvartī tvam iti paritosakāle ko dosa āśańkvate?)

(Lakṣmaṇaḥ sapradakṣiṇaṃ⁵⁰ parikrāmati. Sītā roditi.) Laksmanah (diśo 'valokya): bho bho lokapālāh! śrnvantu bhavantah:

esā vadhūr

Daśarathasya mahārathasya...

Sītā: adisilāhanijjāim akkharāim sunīamti.⁵¹ (atiślāghanīyāny akṣarāṇi śrūyante.)

Laksmanah:

...Rāmāhvaya-

sya grhinī Madhusūdanasya...

Sītā: kudo me tādiso bhāadheo?⁵² (kuto me tādrśo bhāgadheyaḥ?)

Laksmanah:

 \dots nirvāsitā patigrhāt...

(Sītā karņau pidadhāti.)

LAKSMANAH:

... vijane vane 'smin

ekākinī

vasati raksata raksatainām.

(Sītā garbhaṃ darśayati.)

Laksmanah: enām api bhagavatīm āryāyāh krte vijñā-

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 $^{^{53}}$ tuha] N_1 , tuma N_2

 $^{^{54}}$ vadhūr] N_1 , vadhū N_2

⁵⁵vasati] $N_1 N_2^{pc}$, vati N_2^{ac}

 $^{^{56}}$ garbham
] $N_1,$ gabbham N_2

 $^{^{48}}$ sāsram] T_1 , sasambhramam Dutta

 $^{^{49}}$ °vattī] T_2 , °vatti Dutta $(M_1M_2T_1)$ 50 °dakṣiṇaṃ] T_1 , °dakṣiṇaṃ praṇamya Dutta

 $^{^{51}}$ suņīamti] conj., suņīati T_1 , suņīamdi Dutta

 $^{^{52}}$ "Eight pages of the Mysore Mss (foll. 7–14) are lost beginning from this place." (DUTTA)

N2:57r LAKSMANAH: etām api Bhāgīra*thīm āryāyāh krte vijñāpayāmi: payāmi (jānubhyām sthitvā kṛtāñjalih): jātaśramām⁵⁷ jātaśramām kamalagandhakrtādhivāsaih⁵³ kamalagandhakrtādhivāsaih kāle tvam apy kāle tvam apy anugrhāņa tarangavātaih, anugrhāņa tarangavātaih, devī yadā devī yadā ca savanāya⁵⁸ vigāhati tvām, ca savanāya vigāhate tvām, Bhāgīrathi,⁵⁹ Bhāgīrathi, praśamaya ksanam ambuvegam. praśamaya ksanam ambuvegam. ye ke cid aye ke cid atra munayo *nivasanty⁶⁰ aranye $N_1:10r$ tra munayo nivasanty aranye vijñāpayāvijñāpayāmi śirasā pranipatya tebhyah: mi śirasā pranipatya tebhyah: strīty ujjhitestrītv ujihitety aśaraneti kulānganeti ty aśaraneti kulāgateti sevam sadaidevī sadā va bhavatām anukampanīyā. bhagavatām anukampanīyā. eso 'ñjalir eso 'ñjalir viracito vanadevatābhyo, viracito vanadevatānām, vijñāpanām vijñāpanām kṣaṇam imām avadhārayantu: kṣaṇam imām avadhārayantu: suptā pramāsuptā pramādavaśagā visamasthitā vā davaśagā viṣamasthitā vā yatnād iyam yatnād iyam bhagavatībhir aveksanīyā. bhagavatībhir aveksanīyā. bho bho himsrā, bho bho himsrā, bhūmir eṣā bhavadbhir bhūmir eṣā bhavadbhir varjyā, devo varjyā, deśo na pravešah⁶¹ paresām. na praveśyah paresām. mrgyo mrgyo, mrgyo mrgyo, vipravāse sakhīnām vipravāse sakhīnām yūyam sakhyo, yūyam sakhyo, mā kṣaṇaṃ muñcatainām. mā kṣaṇaṃ muñcatainām. sakhyo nadyah, sakhyo nadyah, svāmino lokapālā,⁵⁴ svāmino lokapālā, mātar Gange, mātar Gange, bhrātaraḥ śailarājaḥ, bhrātarah śailarājāh, bhūyo bhūyo bhūyo bhūyo yācate Lakṣmaṇo 'yam: yācate Lakṣmaṇo 'yam: vatnād raksyā⁶² vatnād raksyā rāja*putrī. gato 'ham. $N_2:57v$ rājaputrī. gato 'ham. (iti niskrāntah.) (pranamya niskrāntah.)

 $N_1:10v$ Sītā: ⁶³ saccam⁶⁴ jeva mam mandabhāinim pari*ccaïa

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 $^{^{57}\}circ$ śramām] em., °śramā $N_1~N_2$ 58 savanāya] N_1 , vasanāya N_2 59 bhāgīrathi] N_1 , bhāgīratīm N_2 60 nivasanty] $N_1~N_2^{pc}$, nivamty N_2^{ac} 61 praveśaḥ] N_2^{pc} , praśaḥ N_2^{ac} 62 rakṣyā] N_1 , rakṣā N_2 63 sītā] N_1 , om. N_2

 $^{^{64} {\}rm saccam}] \ conj, \ {\rm saccakam} \ N_1 \ N_2$

Sītā: kahaṃ! saccaṃ evva maṃ eāiṇīṃ pariccaïa gado Lakkhaṇo. *(vilokya)* haddhī haddhī! atthamido

 $^{^{53}}$ ° gandha°] previous~eds.,° gasyandha° $T_1T_2,$ ° garbha° Dutta 54 lokapālāļem.,lokapālāḥ Dutta

dha, hā Sattuggha, ṇa juttaṃ dāṇi tumhāṇaṃ Sīdāe aṇādhamaraṇaṃ uvekkhiduṃ. (saśokatrāsam) hā tāda, hā Uttarakosalādhiva, paraloagado vi ṇa tumaṃ karesi puttavadhūe parittāṇaṃ. (vilokya) haddī haddī, atthamido sūro, rahareṇuā 65 vi Kumāralakkhaṇassa ṇa dīsanti. gadā hariṇaā 66 ssakaṃ ssakaṃ āvāsaṃ. 67 uḍḍīnā 68 saṃpadaṃ pakkhiṇo, sāvadā a 69 saṃcaranti. cchāijjaï adisaaṃ aṃdhaāreṇa dīṭṭhī. ṇimmāṇusaṃ mahāraṇṇaṃ. adisakusalā eāiṇī kiṃ karemi mandabhāiṇī? $(s\bar{a}sram)$ haddī haddī, kiṃ ṇu kkhu mae kadaṃ pāvaṃ jeṇa idaṃ visamaphalaṃ $N_1:11r$ aṇubhavāmi? kahiṃ ca *bhaavanto 70 loavālā, kahiṃ ca te $N_2:58r$ Lakkhaṇaviṇṇāvidāo vaṇadevadāo, kahiṃ vā te Rāha*vāṇaṃ kulakkamagadā Vammīa-Vasiṭṭhappamuhā mahesiṇo je ṇa maṃ mandabhāiṇiṃ pariccāanti? $(iti\ moham\ upagatā.)^{71}$

gado Kumāralakkhano. hā Kumāralakkhana, hā Bhara-

(satyam eva mām mandabhāginīm parityajya gatah Kumāralaksmana, hā Bharata, hā Śatrughna, na yuktam idānīm yusmākam Sītāyā anāthamaranam upeksitum. hā tāta, hā Uttarakośalādhipa, paralokagato 'pi na tvam karosi putravadhvāh paritrānam. hā dhik, hā dhik! astamitah sūryah, ratharenavo 'pi Kumāralaksmaņasya na drśyante. gatā hariņāh svakam svakam āvāsam. uddīnāh sāmpratam pakṣiṇah, śvāpadāś ca samcaranti. chādyate 'tiśayam andhakāreṇa dṛṣṭiḥ. nirmānusam mahāranyam. atyakuśalā?? ekākinī kim karomi mandabhāginī? hā dhik, hā dhik! kim nu khalu mayā kṛtam pāpam yenedam viṣamaphalam anubhavāmi? kutra ca bhagavanto lokapālāh, kutra ca tā Laksmaņavijnāpitā vanadevatāḥ, kutra vā te Rāghavāṇām kulakramagatā Valmīka-Vasisthapramukhā maharsayo ye na mām mandabhāginīm paritrāyanti?)

(tatah praviśati Vālmīkih.)⁷²

VĀLMĪКІḤ: ākarṇya Jahnutanayā-

samupāgatebhyaḥ sandhyābhisekasamaye

munidārakebhyah⁷³

ekākinīm aśaraṇām⁷⁴

rudatīm araņye

garbhāturām striyam ati-⁷⁵

tvarayāgato 'smi.

tad yāvat tām⁷⁶ anvesayāmi. (iti parikrāmati.)

 $^{65}\circ$ reņuā
] $N_1~N_2^{pc},~^\circ{\rm re}$ ā N_2^{ac} 66 hariņa
ā] $N_1,~{\rm hariņay}$ ā N_2

sūro, rahareņu vi Lakkhaņassa⁵⁵ ņa dīsaï,⁵⁶ hariņaā a saam āvāsam āamti, uḍḍīņā pakkhiņo, samcaramti sāpadā, chāijjaï⁵⁷ amdhaāreņa diṭṭhī, nimmāņusam mahāraṇṇam. kim karomi mamdabhāā? kīsa araṇṇehim⁵⁸ pavvajāmi eāiṇī? adese asalākāe bhavāmi?⁵⁹ kim ņu khu mae pāpam kadam⁶⁰ jassa dāṇim evvam viraham savvahā⁶¹ aṇubhāvido mhi? kahim de bhaavamto loavālā? kahim vā de Lakkhaṇaṇiuttāo vaṇadevadāo?⁶² kahim de Rāhavakulakkamāgadā Vasiṭṭha-Vammīippamuhā mahāppahāvā mahesiņo?⁶³ te dāṇim mam parittāaṃtu abhido bhīdie.⁶⁴ (iti moham gacchati.)

(katham! satyam eva mām ekākinīm parityajya gato Lakṣmaṇaḥ. hā dhik, hā dhik! astamitaḥ sūryaḥ, rathareṇur api Lakṣmaṇasya na dṛṣyate, hariṇā api svakam āvāsam āyānti, uḍḍīnāḥ pakṣiṇaḥ, saṃcaranti svāpadāḥ, chādyate 'ndhakāreṇa dṛṣṭiḥ, nirmānuṣaṃ mahāraṇyam. kiṃ karomi mandabhāgā, kīdṛṣam araṇyaiḥ pravrajāmy ekākinī? adeṣe aṣalākāyāṃ bhavāmi. kiṃ nu khalu mayā pāpaṃ kṛtaṃ yasyedānīm evaṃ virahaṃ sarvathānubhāvitāsmi? kutra te bhagavanto lokapālāḥ? kutra vā tā Lakṣmaṇaniyuktā vanadevatāḥ? kutra te Rāghavakulakramāgatā Vasiṣṭha-Vālmīkipramukhā mahāprabhāvā maharṣayas ta idānīṃ māṃ paritrāyantām abhito bhīteḥ.)

(tatah praviśati Vālmīkih.)

Vālmīkiḥ (sasambhramam): ākarṇya Jahnutanayā-⁶⁵

 $^{^{67}}$ āvāsam] N_1 , geham N_2

 $^{^{68}}$ uḍḍīṇā] conj., uḍḍiṇṇā N_1N_2

 $^{^{69}}$ a] conj., na N_1N_2

 $^{^{70}}$ bhaavanto] N_1 , bhaavado N_2

 $^{^{71}}$ gatā] N_1 , gatāh N_2

 $^{^{72}}$ vālmīkih] N_1 , valmīkih N_2

 $^{^{73}\}circ$ dārakebhyaḥ] $N_1,$ °dākebhyaḥ N_2

 $^{^{74}}$ aśaranām] em., asaranām N_1 N_2

⁷⁵ati°] em., iti N_1 N_2

 $^{^{76}}$ yāvat tām] N_1 , yāttām N_2

 $^{^{56}}$ dīsaï] em., disaï T_1T_2 , dīsaī Dutta

 $^{^{57}}$ chā
ijjaï] conj., cājajjaï $T_1T_2,$ chajjaï Dutta

 $^{^{58}{\}rm k\bar{i}}$ sa araņņehim] Dutta, kisaraņī $T_1,$ kisaraņi T_2

 $^{^{59}}$ adese asalākā
e bhavāmi] DUTTA, adesaa(ā?)salākāti gapāmi $T_1,$ adesaa
salākāti bhavāmi T_2

 $^{^{60}}$ kadam] T_1T_2 , kidam Dutta

 $^{^{61}}$ viraham savvahā] DUTTA, virahasabba T_1

viraliani savvaliaj BOTTA, viraliasabba T_1 62 kahim de bhaavamto loavālā? kahim vā de Lakkhaṇaṇiuttāo vaṇadevatāo?] conj., kaham dehavamto nalā kahi dāva lakkhaṇaṇiittāde vaṇadevatāta T_1 , kaham dehavamto nalī kahi dāva lakkhaṇaṇiimtāde vaṇadevatāta T_2 , kaham dehavamto ṇālokaï dāva Lakkhaṇaniuttā de [tāo] vaṇadevadāo? DUTTA

 $^{^{63}}$ kahim de Rāhavakulakkamāgadā Vasittha-Vammīippamuhā mahāppahāvā mahesino?] Dutta, kahi de rāvāṇikulakkamāgadā vavasitthavaṃmiippamuhā mahāpparabhāvā (°ppararabhāvā T_2) mahesino T_1T_2

 $^{^{64}}$ te dāņim mam parittāamtu abhido bhīdie] DUTTA, te dātrimiņa parittā ahidehiti T_1 , te dātrimiņa parittāa abhidebhiti T_2

 $^{^{65}}$ °tanayā°] em., °tanayāḥ $T_1(?)T_2$, °tanayāṃ DUTTA

 $S\bar{I}T\bar{A}$ (samj $n\bar{a}m$ labdh $v\bar{a}$): ko eso mantedi? (vilokya) kadham! na ko vi. nūnam tam jeva Lakkhanavinnattim⁷⁷ anusaramtī Bhāīradhī⁷⁸ taramgavādena mam anuginha-

(ka eşa mantrayate? katham! na ko 'pi. nūnaṃ tām eva Laksmanavijnaptim anusarantī Bhāgīrathī tarangavātena mām anugrhnāti.)

N₁:11v VĀLMĪKIH: katham! andhakāra*samruddhatayā drstisamcārasya⁷⁹ na kim cid api drśyate. bhavatu, śabdāyisye. ayam aham bhoh!

> SĪTĀ (utthāya parikrāmati): vaccha Lakkhana! kim padiniutto⁸⁰ si?

(vatsa Laksmana! kim pratinivrtto 'si?)

Vālmīkih: bhavati, nāham Laksmaņah.

SĪTĀ (avagunthanam krtvā, apasrtya): haddī haddī! anno $N_2:58v$ ko *vi parapuriso. bhodu, nivāraissam. mahābhāa, idha jjeva cittha. itthiā kkhu aham eāinī.

> (hā dhik, hā dhik! anyah ko 'pi parapurusah. bhavatu, nivārayisyāmi. mahābhāga, ihaiva tistha. strī khalv aham ekākinī.)

> Vālmīkih: bhavati, alam parapurusaśankayā. 81 dināvasānasamaye Bhāgīrathīsamupāgatebhyas tapasvikumārebhyah⁸² śrutvā tapodhano 'ham tvām abhyupagantum āgatah. prechāmi cātrabhavatīm

tad yāvat tām evānveṣayāmi. (anveṣaṇam⁶⁷ nātayati.)

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SĪTĀ (pratyāgamya): ko eso mam vijjaï?⁶⁸ (vicintya) na ko vi. ānattikara-Lakkhanavinnattim anusaramtī Bhāīraī taramgena mam anugahnādi.⁶⁹

(ka eşa mām vījate (vīkṣate)? na ko 'pi. ājñaptikara-Lakşmanavijnaptim anusarantī Bhāgīrathī tarangena mām anugrhnāti.)

Vālmīkih: katham!⁷⁰ andhakārasamruddhatayā drstisamcārasya na kim cid api⁷¹ drśyate, atah śabdāyisye.⁷² ayam aham bhoh!

Sītā (saharsam): vaccha Lakkhana! padiniutto si? (vatsa Laksmana! pratinivrtto 'si?)

Vālmīkiņ: nāham Laksmaņah.

 $S\bar{I}T\bar{A}$ (avagunthanam⁷³ $n\bar{a}tayati$): accāhidam! anno eso ko vi⁷⁴ parapuruso. tā nivāraissam.⁷⁵ mahābhāa, idha evva cittha.⁷⁶ itthiā aham eāinī.⁷⁷

(atyāhitam! anya esa ko 'pi parapurusah. tan nivārayiṣyāmi. mahābhāga, ihaiva tiṣṭha. stry aham ekākinī.)

Vālmīkih: esa sthito 'smi. vatse, tavāpy alam parapurusaśańkayā. divasāvasānasavanāya⁷⁸ Bhāgīrathīm samupāsya pratinivrttebhyo munikumārakebhyas⁷⁹ tvadvrttāntam upalabhya tapodhano 'ham tvām evābhyupapa-

samupāgatebhyah sandhyābhisekavidhaye munidārakebhyah ekākinīm aśaranām rudatīm araņye garbhāturām striyam atitvarayāgato 'smi.66

 $^{^{66}}$ °tvarayā°] Dutta, °tvaramā° T_1 , °paramā° T_2

 $^{^{67}}$ anvesanam] em., anvekanam T_1 , anvesam Dutta

 $^{^{68}}$ mam vijjaï] em.,mam vijjaï Dutta, ma vijjaï $T_1,$ mahajii T_2

 $^{^{69}}$ ānattikaralakkhanavinnattim aņusaramtī Bhāīra
ī taramgena mam anugahnādi] Dutta, ānattikaro lakkhanavivannatti anaccharamti bhaavatarambhāmramrahitaribhāena mi anuganādi T_1 , ānattiikaro lakkhanavivvanati anaccaramti bhaavatavva bhāāirihi tāriśaeņami aņugahņādi T_2

 $^{^{70}}$ katham] em., atham T_1 , athavā T_2 , iyam DUTTA

 $^{^{71}}$ na kim cid api] conj., na T_1 DUTTA (T_2)

 $^{^{72}}$ śabdāyisye] T_1 , śabdāvāisye T_2 , śabdāpayisye DUTTA

 $^{^{73}}$ avagunthanam] em., avakunthanam T_1 , avakuntham DUTTA (T_2) 74 vi] em., vā DUTTA (T_1T_2) 74 ni

⁷⁵tā nivāraissam
] T_1 , nivāraissam $T_2(?)$, kaham dāņim nivāraïssam Dutta

⁷⁶mahābhāa, idha evva cittha.] conj., mahābhāa itham evam T_1 , mahāhāa iththam vicintya evvam $T_2(?)$, mahāhidam vicintya evvam

⁷⁷itthiā aham eāiņī] em., itthiā [[ā]]aham ni(?) eāai $nilde{n}$ ī T_1 , iddiāā ahini eāaini T_2 , itthiāham eāinī a DUTTA

 $^{^{78}}$ divasāvasānasavanāya] Dutta (T_2) , diavasānasavanāya T_1

 $^{^{79}}$ °kumārakebhyas] T_1T_2 , °dārakebhyas Dutta

 $^{^{77} ^{\}circ}$ viņņattim
] $N_1,$ °viņattim N_2

 $^{^{78}{\}rm bh\bar{a}\bar{i}radh\bar{i}}]$ $N_1,$ bh
ā \bar{i} rathī N_2 ⁷⁹drsti°] N_1 N_2 pc, om. N_2 ac

 $^{^{80}}$ °niutto] em., °niatto N_1 N_2

 $^{^{81}\,^{\}circ}$ purusa $^{\circ}]$ $N_{1},$ $^{\circ}$ pusa $^{\circ}$ N_{2}

 $^{^{82}}$ tapasvi° | N_1 , tapaśvi° N_2

dharmena jitasangrāme $R\bar{a}$ me ś \bar{a} sati⁸³ medin \bar{n} m kathyatām kathyatām 84 vatse vipad esā⁸⁵ kutas tava?

 $N_1:12r$ SĪTĀ: *tado jjeva puņņimāmiamkādo eso asaņivādo. (tata eva pūrnimāmrgānkād eso 'sanipātah.)

Vālmīkih: Rāmād eva vipattir āgatā bhavatyāh?

 $S\bar{I}T\bar{A}$:86 adha im? (atha kim?)

Vālmīkih: yadi tvam varņāśramavyavasthāhetubhūtena mahārājena parityaktāsi tan na yuktam asmākam tava paritrānam anusthātum. svasti, yāsyāmi. (iti parikrāmati.)

Sītā: bhaavam, vinnavemi. (bhagavan, vijñāpayāmi.)

Vālmīkih: kathaya, kathaya.

 $S\bar{\mbox{\scriptsize IT}}\bar{\mbox{\scriptsize A}}:$ jadi aham r $\bar{\mbox{\scriptsize ain}}\bar{\mbox{\scriptsize a}}^{87}$ niv
v $\bar{\mbox{\scriptsize asida}}$ tti kadua bhaavad $\bar{\mbox{\scriptsize a}}$ $N_2:59r$ ņāņukampi*dā, 88 tā esā gabbhagadā mama Rahu-Dilīva-Dasaradhappahudīṇam⁸⁹ saṃtadī tumhāṇam pālaṇīa.⁹⁰ (yady aham rājñā nirvāsiteti kṛtvā bhagavatā nānukampitā, tad esā garbhagatā mama Raghu-Dilīpa-Daśarathaprabhrtīnām samtatir yusmākam pālanīyā.)

> Vālmīkih (parivṛtya): aye katham! Raghukulam udāharate. bhavatv anuyoksye. 91 vatse, kim tvam Daśarathasya vadhūh?

Sītā: adha im? (atha kim?)

N₁:12v VĀLMĪKIH: Videhādhipate*r Janakasya duhitā?

Sītā: jam bhaavam ānavedi. (yad bhagavān ājñāpayati.)

Vālmīkih: Sītā tvam?

SĪTĀ: sā jjeva aham mamdabhāinī. (saivāham mandabhāginī.)

 83 śāsati] N_1 , sāsati N_2

ttum upāgatah. prcchāmi cātrabhavatīm—

dharmena jitasangrāme Rāme śāsati medinīm kathvatām kathvatām vatse vipad eṣā kutas tava?

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SĪTĀ: tado evva puņņacamdādo me asanipādo. (tata eva pūrņacandrān me 'śaṇipātaḥ.)

Vālmīkih: Rāmād⁸⁰ eva vipattim⁸¹ upagatā?

Sītā: aha im? (atha kim?)

Vālmīkiḥ: yadi tvam varṇāśramavyavasthābhūtena mahārājena nirvāsitāsi tat svasti⁸² bhavatyai. gacchāmy aham. (parikrāmati.)

Sītā: aham⁸³ vinnavemi. (aham vijñāpayāmi.)

Vālmīkih: kathaya, kathaya.⁸⁴

Sītā: jai Rahuvarena nivvāsidetti bhaavadā⁸⁵ nānukampaṇīā, esā uṇa gabbhagadā Rahu-Saara-Dilīpa-Dasarahappahudīnam⁸⁶ tāisānam samtadi tumhānam⁸⁷ padipā-

(yadi Raghuvarena nirvāsiteti bhagavatā nānukampanīyā, esā punar garbhagatā Raghu-Sagara-Dilīpa-Daśarathaprabhrtīnām tādrśānām samtatir yusmākam pratipālanīyā.)

Vālmīkih (pratinivṛtya): katham! Ikṣvākuvaṃśam⁸⁸ udāharati. tad anuvoksye. vatse, kim tvam⁸⁹ Daśarathasva vadhūh?

SĪTĀ: jaṃ bhaavaṃ⁹⁰ ānavedi. (yad bhagavān ājñāpayati.)

Vālmīkih: kim ca Videhādhipater Janakasya duhitā?

Sītā: aha im? (atha kim?)

Vālmīkih: kim tvam⁹¹ Sītā?

SĪTĀ: nāham⁹² Sīdā, bhaavam, mamdabhāinī.

 $^{^{84}}$ kathyatām
] $N_1\ N_2{}^{pc},$ katām $N_2{}^{ac}$

 $^{^{85} \}mathrm{es\bar{a}}]~N_1,~\mathrm{es\bar{a}m}~N_2$

 $^{^{86}}$ sītā] N_1 , om. N_2

 $^{^{87}}$ rāinā
| $N_1,$ rāyinā N_2

 $^{^{88}}$ ņāņu°] N_1 , ņāmaņu° N_2

 $^{^{89}\,^{\}circ}\,$ dasaradha $^{\circ}]$ $N_2,$ $^{\circ}\,$ dasaradha $^{\circ}$ N_1

 $^{^{90}}$ pālaņī
ā] $N_1,$ pālaņīyā N_2

 $^{^{91}}$ anuyoksye] $N_1,$ anuksye N_2

 $^{^{80}}$ rāmād] em., mam rāmād T_1 , mā rāmād T_2 , kāmam rāmād ⁸¹ vipattim] em., hipaktim T_1 , hipattim T_2 , hi vipattim DUTTA

 $^{^{82}}$ svasti
] Dutta, sva T_1T_2

 $^{^{83}}$ aham Dutta, ahi T_1T_2

 $^{^{84}}$ kathaya kathaya] T_1T_2 , kathaya Dutta

 $^{^{85}}$ bhaa
vadā] conj.,bhaadā Dutta $(T_1\,T_2)$

 $^{^{86}}$ rahusaaradilīpadasaraha°] Dutta, raghusaaradilīpadasarāha° T_1 , rabhusaaradilīpadasarābha° T_2

 $[[]T_1]$ tumhāṇaṃ] $[T_1]$, tujāṇi $[T_1]$, om. $[T_2]$, tti dāṇiṃ DUTTA

^{**}S** vamsam] DUTTA, °varīm T_1 , °vavim T_2 **S** tvam] C_1 , °vavim C_2 **S** tvam] C_2 , ca DUTTA C_2

 $^{^{90}}$ bhaavam] Dutta, bhaam T_1 , haam T_2

⁹¹tvam] $T_1(?)$, ca Dutta (T_2)

 $^{^{92}}$ ņāham] conj., ņāhi T_1 , ņahi $Dutta(T_1)$

Vālmīkih (savisādam): hā hato 'smi mandabhāgyah.⁹² atha kim krtam bhavatvā venedrśīm daśām anubhāvvase?

(Sītā lajjām nāṭayati.)

Vālmīkih: ayi⁹³ katham! lajjate. athavā dhyānacakṣuṣo vayam, tad dhyānenaivāvalokayāmah. (dhyānam abhinīya) aye, Vālivadhavijrmbhitam⁹⁴ etat. vatse, janāpavādabhīrunā⁹⁵ mahārāiena tvam tvaktāsi, na tu hrdavena. tan niraparādhā cātrabhavatī. tasmāt tvam asmākam⁹⁶ aparityājyā. tad ehy āśramapadam eva gacchāvah. 97

 $N_2:59v$ Sī*TĀ: bhaavam, ke tumhe? (bhagavan, ke yūyam?)

Vālmīkih: vatse, śrūyatām:

 $N_1:13r$ so 'ham *ciran-

tanasakher Janakasya rājñas⁹⁸

tātasva te

Daśarathasya ca bālamitram,

Vālmīkir as-

mi. visrja svajanapravāsa-

duhkham, tavā-

ham abale śvaśurah pitā ca.

Sītā: bhaavam, ppaṇamāmi. (bhagavan, pranamāmi.)

Vālmīkih: vīraprasavā bhava, bhartuś ca punardarśanam avāpnuhi.

SĪTĀ: ammo! varo jieva mae laddho.⁹⁹ tumam¹⁰⁰ loassa Vammīi, mama una tādo jieva. tā āsamapadam gacchamha.

(parikrāmatah.)

SĪTĀ (Gaigām vilokyānjalim krtvā): bhaavadi Bhāīradhi, 101 jadi aham sotthinā gabbham nivattemi, tado dine dine ssahatthagumhidam kumdamālam uvahāram karaïssam.

(aho! vara eva mayā labdhaḥ. tvam lokasya Vālmīkir, mama punas tāta eva. tad āśramapadam gacchāvah. bhagavati Bhāgīrathi, yady aham svastyā garbham nivartayāmi, tato dine dine svahastagumphitām kundamālām upahāram karisyāmi.)

Vālmīkih: bhavati, atvantavihitaduhsancāro 'yam mā- $N_1:13v$ rgah, višesataš ca sāmpratam. vathā vathā*ham mārgam

 92 ohagyah N_1 , ohagya N_2

(nāham Sītā, bhagavan, mandabhāginī.)

Vālmīkih: hā hato 'smi mandabhāgyah. kimkrto 'yam atrabhavatyāh pravāsah?⁹³

(Sītā lajjām nāṭayati.)

VĀLMĪKIḤ: kathaṃ! lajjate. bhavatu, yogacakṣuṣāham avalokayāmi. (dhyānam abhinīya) vatse, janāpavādabhīrunā Rāmena kevalam parityaktā, na tu hrdayena. niraparādhā tvam asmābhir aparitvājvajva, ehv āśramapadam gacchāvah.

Sītā: ko nu tumam? (ko nu tvam?)

Vālmīkih: śrūyatām:

so 'ham ciran-

tanasakhā Janakasya rājñas,

tātasya te

Daśarathasya ca bālamitram.

Vālmīkir as-

mi. visrjānyajanābhiśankām,

nānvas tavā-

yam abale śvaśurah pitā ca.

Sītā: bhaavam, vamdāmi. (bhagavan, vande.)

Vālmīkih: vīraprasavā bhava, bhartuś ca punardarśanam āpnuhi.

SĪTĀ: tumam loassa Vammīī, mama una tādo evva. tā gacchamha samam⁹⁴ assamapaam. (Ganqām avalokyā- \tilde{n} jalim $baddhv\bar{a}$) bhaavaï Bh \bar{a} īrahi, 95 jaï aham sotthin \bar{a} gabbham ahinivuttemi⁹⁶ tadā tava dine dine sahatthaggutthāe⁹⁷ kumdamālāe uvahāram karaïssam.

(tvam lokasya Vālmīkir, mama punas tāta eva. tad gacchāvah samam āśramapadam. bhagavati Bhāgīrathi, yady aham svastyā garbham abhinivartayāmi tadā tava dine dine svahastaguphitāyāh kundamālāyā upahāram karisyāmi.)

Vālmīkih: atyantaduhkhasancāro 'yam mārgah, višesatas tvām prati. tad yathā yathā mārgam ādeśayāmi tathā tathāham anugantavyah.⁹⁸

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 $^{^{93}\}mathrm{avi}]~N_1,~\mathrm{avi}~N_2$

 $^{^{94}}$ °jrmbhitam] N_1 , °jrmbhatam N_2

 $^{^{95}}$ janāpavāda°] $\stackrel{\cdot}{N_1}\stackrel{\cdot}{N_2}{}^{pc},$ janāda
° $N_2{}^{ac}$

 $^{^{96}}$ asmākam] N_1 , om. N_2

 $^{^{97}}$ gacchāvah
]em.,gacchāmah $N_1\ N_2$

 $^{^{98}}$ rājñas] N_1 , rājña N_2

⁹⁹laddho] conj., lavvo N_1N_2

 $^{^{100}}$ tumam] $N_1,$ tumma N_2

 $^{^{101}}$ bhāīradhi] N_1 , bhāgīradhi N_2

 $^{^{93}}$ atrabhavatyāh pravāsah] conj., atrabhavatyā prasādah T_1 , atrabhavatyā prasāda T_2 , atrabhavatyāh prasādah Dutta

 $^{^{94}}$ °mha samam] conj., sama T_1T_2 , saam DUTTA

 $^{^{95}}$ bhāīrahi
] $T_1,$ hāīrahi $T_2,$ bāīraï Dutta
 96 ahiṇivuttemi] $T_1,$ abhiṇivuttemi
 $T_2,$ abhiṇiuttemi Dutta

 $^{^{97} ^{\}circ} \mathrm{ggutth\bar{a}e}] \ T_1, \ ^{\circ} \mathrm{guddh\bar{a}e} \ T_2(?), \ ^{\circ} \mathrm{gaddh\bar{a}e} \ \mathrm{Dutta}$

 $^{^{98}}$ tathāham anugantavyah] conj., tathāham āgantavyah $T_1,$ tathā vimāgantavya T_2 , tathā samāgantavyam DUTTA

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ādeśayāmi tathā tathā tvayāham anugantavyah.

SĪTĀ: jam bhaavam āṇavedi. (yad bhagavān ājñāpayati.)

Vālmīkih:

 $N_2:60r$ *etasmin kuśakaṇṭake laghutaraṃ nyāso nidheyo 'grataḥ. śākheyaṃ vinatā, namasva śanakaiḥ. śvabhro 102 mahān vāmataḥ. hastenāmṛśa hastadakṣiṇagataṃ 103 sthāṇuṃ samaṃ sāmprataṃ. puṇye 104 'smin kamalākare caraṇayor nirvartyatāṃ kṣālanam.

(Sītā yathoktam parikrāmati.)

 $\mathbf{V}\bar{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{M}\bar{\mathbf{I}}\mathbf{K}\mathbf{I}\mathbf{H}$ (puro 'valokya): vatse, paśyaitad āśramapadam.

Ikṣvākūṇām ca sarveṣām kriyā puṃsavanādikā asmābhir eva kartavyā. mā śuco garbham ātmanah.

api ca,

Kausalyāpādaśuśrūṣāsaukhyaṃ¹⁰⁵ vṛddhāsu lapsyase. paśya¹⁰⁶ sakhyo¹⁰⁷ bhaginyaś ca tathaitā munikanyakāḥ.

(iti nişkrāntau.)¹⁰⁸

etasmin kuśakaṇṭake laghutaraṃ pādau⁹⁹ nidhatsvāgrataḥ. śākheyaṃ vinatā, namasva śanakair. gartto mahān vāmataḥ. hastenāmṛśa tena dakṣiṇagataṃ sthāṇuṃ samaṃ sāmprataṃ. puṇye 'smin kamalākare caraṇayor nirvartyatāṃ kṣālanam.

(Sītā yathoktam parikrāmati.)

VĀLMĪKIḤ (nirdiśya): idam asmākam āśramapadam. Ikṣvākūṇāṃ ca sarveṣāṃ kriyāḥ puṃsavanādayaḥ asmābhir eva vartyante. 100 mā śuco garbham ātmanaḥ.

Kausalyāpādaśuśrūṣāsaukhyam vrddhāsu lapsyase. paśya sakhyo bhaginyaś ca tavaitā munikanyakāḥ.

(iti niṣkrāntāḥ sarve.)

 $^{102}$ śvabhro] em., svabhro N_1 N_2 103 ° gatam] N_1 , °gata N_2 104 punye] conj., puspe N_1N_2 105 saukhyam] N_1 , saukhyamm N_2 106 paśya] N_1 N_2^{pc} , pa N_2^{ac} 107 sakhyo] The last available folio of N_1 ends here. ${}^{108}N_2$ col.: iti Kundamālānko nāma saṃda[r]bbhaḥ samāptaḥ. krtir iyam kaver Dhīranāgasya.

⁹⁹pādau] DUTTA $(T_2?)$, pādha T_1

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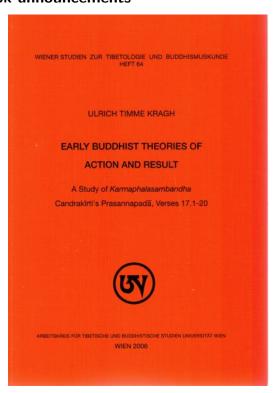
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Early Buddhist Theories of Action and Result: A Study of Karmaphalasambandha. Candrakīrti's Prasannapadā, Verses 17.1–20. Ulrich Timme Kragh. Wien: Arbeitskreis für Tibetische und Buddhistische Studien Universität Wien, 2006. pp. 422. Wiener Studien zur Tibetologie und Buddhismuskunde, 64. ISBN-13: 978-3-920501-03-5; ISBN-10: 3-902501-03-0.

Candrakīrti's famous commentary on the Mūlama-dhyamakakārikā of Nāgārjuna, the Prasannapadā, has been enjoying renewed attention in the past ten years or so. This attention has—fortunately—included efforts to improve upon the text of the editio princeps by Louis de La Vallée Poussin. Important manuscript material not used by the Belgian scholar was first reported on by Anne MacDonald in her paper 'The Prasannapadā: More Manuscripts from Nepal' (WZKS 44 (2000), pp. 165–181). MacDonald has continued to draw on this material, most notably in her doctoral dissertation of 2003 The Prasannapadā Chapter One: Editions and Translations, announced in WZKS 47 (2003), pp. 217–218, and currently being prepared for publication.

Re-editing the $Prasannapad\bar{a}$ is, however, too large a task for any one scholar to be able easily to undertake it. It is therefore good to see this volume, a revised version of a doctoral thesis submitted at the University of Copenhagen in 2003, in which a substantial part of Candra-kīrti's commentary on chapter 17 of the $M\bar{u}lamadhyamakak\bar{a}rik\bar{a}$ (the $karmaphalapar\bar{\imath}ks\bar{a}$: Analysis of Action and Result, as Kragh renders this title) has been reedited (both the Sanskrit text and the Tibetan translation) with an English translation and commentary.

Kragh has had access to the Sanskrit manuscripts used by MacDonald, but has chosen not to collate those which she had concluded to be apographs of other accessible manuscripts. This has left five 'significant' manuscripts which have been used throughout for his edition of the Sanskrit. Two of the five are ones which have been microfilmed by the NGMPP, with reel-numbers E 1294/3 and C 19/8 respectively. The other three manuscripts used for the constitution of the Sanskrit text are also Nepalese, but are now located in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, in Cambridge University Library, and Tokyo University Library.

The edition of the Sanskrit makes use of color-printing (text portions for which there is a parallel being printed in red), and presents for each section the Sanskrit text, 'Substantives' (i.e. apparatus of substantive variants), 'Accidentals' (i.e. apparatus of accidental or non-substantive variants), 'Parallels' (mainly from other commentaries on the $M\bar{u}lamadhyamakak\bar{a}rik\bar{a}$ preserved in Tibetan or Chinese translation), and 'Notes' (including both comments on editorial decisions and additional information on the evidence of the MSS, as well as other miscellaneous notes). The edition of the Tibetan translation looks a little more

conventional, with no use of color, but still contains, on each page, edited text, apparatus of substantives, apparatus of accidentals, and notes.

The Sanskrit text is said (p. 34) to aim at reflecting 'the state of the text shortly before the earliest witness... corresponding to a 13th century edition of the text belonging to the Nevārī-recention'. For this the oldest manuscript, the 13th century palm-leaf manuscript now in the Bodleian Library, serves as 'copy-text'. Its accidentals, including e.g. the scribe's orthographical habits, have been preserved with some exceptions (see p. 43), which may give the text an appearance that is a little unfamiliar to those used to reading standardized modern editions. But even for those not much interested in the accidentals of a manuscript (though it be the oldest and best manuscript now available), Kragh's edition of the Sanskrit of this section should prove of great interest for the substantive changes in the constituted text, as compared with the text of the editio princeps, and for the wealth of documentation of the manuscript readings, of parallels and of other relevant material.

The translation aims at being literal, and contains 'an interspersed commentary discussing points of interest' (p. 163). A convention that may be unfamiliar to many is that all the Sanskrit words are given in parenthesis after the corresponding English word or phrase 'in order to facilitate easy comparison with the original text'.

Twelve pages (401–412) of the Index were omitted by mistake when the book was bound. To correct this oversight, a 'brochure' containing the entire Index (not bearing an independent ISBN number) has been issued by the Arbeitskreis für Tibetische und Buddhistische Studien Universität Wien, and is supplied together with the book.

An evaluation of Kragh's work cannot be undertaken here, in what is after all an announcement rather than a review; but it can certainly be said that it will be very useful to those studying $N\bar{a}g\bar{a}rjuna$ and Candrakīrti, and should prove more widely of interest too. It is to be hoped that others will join Kragh and MacDonald in the task of re-editing the $Prasannapad\bar{a}$ on an improved manuscript basis.

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Lehrschrift über die zwanzig Präverbien im Sanskrit. Kritische Ausgabe der Vimsatyupasargavṛtti und der tibetischen Übersetzung Nye bar bsgyur ba nyi shu pa'i 'grel pa. (Editionen von Texten der Cāndra-Schule, Band I. Dragomir Dimitrov (nach Vorarbeiten von Thomas Oberlies). Marburg: Indica et Tibetica Verlag, 2007. pp. vii, 123. Indica et Tibetica 49. ISBN 3-923776-50-4.

This monograph presents a critical edition—the editio princeps—of a brief text of the Cāndra system of Sanskrit grammar dealing with the meanings of upasargas or 'preverbs'. (On the limitations of 'Präverb' as an equivalent of Sanskrit upasarga see Dimitrov's p. 1 n. 4.) For the Sanskrit text, three manuscripts in the National Archives, Kathmandu, microfilmed by the NGMPP, were used, with reel-numbers B 460/15, B 35/7 (palm-leaf)¹ and B 34/24. The evidence of some other texts on this topic, which provided numerous close parallels, has been taken into account, as has the Tibetan translation (also edited here, on the basis of the five available editions of the bstan 'gyur); though the latter proved of little help in solving the textual difficulties of the Sanskrit.

No translation is given, but more than thirty pages of annotation ('Philologische Bemerkungen', on pp. 43–75) are provided, in which the constitution of the Sanskrit text is commented on, remaining problems are pointed

¹In fact only two folios of the manuscript were filmed on this reel. Fortunately, the remaining folios have been located in the National Archives, and the whole manuscript has been used by Dimitrov—and reproduced in color-facsimile (see below).

out, and numerous points in the Tibetan translation are discussed.

The book is rounded out—or, one might say, $bh\bar{u}sita$ —by facsimiles of all three Sanskrit manuscripts. All have been reproduced in full, the first two in color and the third in black-and-white, together with transcriptions (pp. 76–109). This is particularly welcome: it is rare that the primary evidence is made available to the reader in such a fashion. As the author remarks, this section of the book may also be of use to those studying Nepalese palaeography, especially in view of the fact that all three manuscripts are dated ones.

Readers of this book will surely join the editor in the wish expressed in its last sentence (the conclusion of the 'English Summary', p. 123; cf. p. vii): 'May the second volume of the series 'Editionen von Texten der Cāndra-Schule' published by the Indica et Tibetica Verlag follow soon'.

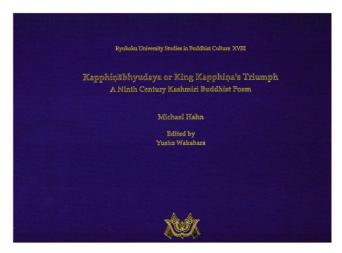
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Some Highlights of the Work of a 'Frequent User' of the NGMPP (III) A new edition of Śivasvāmin's Kapphiṇābhyudaya

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In the third installment of the report about my work with manuscripts from Nepal I would like to briefly describe a manuscript of unique importance, the oldest known manuscript of Śivasvāmin's 'great ornate epic' or $mah\bar{a}k\bar{a}vya$ "King Kapphiṇa's Triumph" or Kapphiṇa-bhyudaya. I have chosen this work because a new edition of this most challenging composition, accompanied by a facsimile edition of this precious manuscript (in colour and at its original size) has just been published in Kyoto:

Michael Hahn: Kapphiṇābhyudaya or King Kapphiṇa's Triumph. A Ninth Century Kashmiri Buddhist Poem. Ed. by Yusho Wakahara. Pp. 1–175 = [1]–[350]; pp. 179–239 contain 52 colour plates and 6 black-and-white plates. Kyoto: Institute of Buddhist Cultural Studies. Ryukoku University 2007 (Ryokoku University Studies in Buddhist Culture. XVIII.) ISBN 978-4-8318-7281-2 C3015. Price: 39,900 Yen.



This publication will enable interested colleagues to form their own opinion about the work and its textual basis, and to check whether my statement about the uniqueness of the manuscript is an exaggeration or not.

The basic facts about the Kapphiṇābhyudaya, its content and its editorial history are given in the postscript to the reprint of the editio princeps (Śivasvāmin's Kapphiṇābhyudaya. The Exaltation of King Kapphiṇa. Ed. with an introduction by GAURI SHANKAR with an appendix and romanized version of cantos i-viii and xix by MICHAEL HAHN. Delhi 1989) and also in my paper "Doctrine and Poetry — Śivasvāmin's essentials of Buddhism. Text and translation of canto xx of his Kapphiṇābhyudaya," (Bauddhavidyāsudhākaraḥ, Swisttal-Odendorf 1997, pp. 207–232. Indica et Tibetica. 30). Since both publications might not be within easy reach of all the readers of these lines, I would like to repeat them here, for the sake of convenience.

The Kapphiṇābhyudaya is one of the few extant specimens of the $mah\bar{a}k\bar{a}vya$ or 'ornate epic' genre composed in India during the first millennium of our common era. Leaving aside the linguistically less artistic compositions of Aśvaghoṣa (Buddhacarita, Saundarananda) and Kālidāsa (Kumārasaṃbhava, Raghuvaṃśa), there are only five or six such works that we know of from this period: Kumāradāsa's Jānakīharaṇa, Bhāravi's Kirātārijunīya, Māgha's Śiśupālavadha, Ratnākara's Haravijaya and Śivasvāmin's work. Opinions are divided as to whether the Bhaṭṭikāvya is really a literary composition or just an exercise in grammar and aesthetics, ad usum delphini or, in Sanskrit, bālabodhanārtham.

Śivasvāmin's poem is based on a story in the early Buddhist narrative work $Avad\bar{a}na\acute{s}ataka$. In section lxxxviii of the $Avad\bar{a}na\acute{s}ataka$ it is narrated how king Kapphiṇa from Southern India sends an insolent message to the rulers of the six cities, Śrāvastī and others, that they must submit to his rule. The rulers of those cities take refuge to the Buddha, who by a miracle converts king Kapphiṇa.

From these meagre facts Śivasvāmin develops a new

and coherent story that permits him to fulfil the requirements of a sargabandha as defined in the alamkāraśāstras on the one hand, and insert many essentials of the Buddhist doctrine at suitable places on the other hand. The immediate target of king Kapphina's expansionism now becomes king Prasenajit, the ruler of Kośala and friend and protector of the Buddha, and the main plot is the careful preparation and execution of warfare. This seems to be conventional, were it not for the surprising conclusion of the poem: when king Kapphina has almost defeated Prasenajit, the Buddha magically interferes and turns the tide, so that king Prasenajit wins. Kapphina is so impressed by the Buddha's power that he praises him and decides to become his follower. This is his triumph, success, or exaltation (abhyudaya), and the moral of the poem is that there are more important things in life than military and political strength. It would not be wrong if one styled the Kapphinābhyudaya as a pacifist $mah\bar{a}k\bar{a}vya.$

This is remarkable by itself, but even more remarkable is the fact that Śivasvāmin, the author of the poem, was not a Buddhist but a Śaiva. This is indeed a wonderful illustration of the often-praised Indian attitude of religious tolerance.

The poem consists of 1,130 stanzas which are divided into 20 cantos (sarga) of varying length. The stanzas are composed in 43 different metres, which is an unusually high number. Ten of the cantos (vi–xv) are rather static and descriptive, which is due to the given set of topics to be dealt with in a sargabandha. The main plot is advanced in the remaining ten cantos, two of which (xviii and xix) again have a more decorative function.

As for the literary qualities of the poem it might be too early to give a final assessment since we do not have any in-depth analysis of the complete work that is based on a reliable text. In my opinion, however, it does not fall behind Māgha's Śiśupālavadha or Ratnākara's Haravijaya, the artistic level being rather even higher. At the end of this communication I will quote a few stanzas that illustrate both aspects of the work, the artistic as well as the literary.

For more details I would like to point to Gauri Shankar's introduction to his *editio princeps*, and also to A. K. Warder's analysis of the poem in vol. 5 of his *Indian Kāvya Literature*, Delhi 1988, pp. 171–194 (= $\S\S 3074-3122$).

In 1937 the Indian scholar Gauri Shankar published the editio princeps of the work. Due to World War II and the subsequent partition of India, as a consequence of which the stock of books was burned in Lahore, the book was not circulated widely, and for a long time I could not get hold of a copy although I was aware of its existence through references in other publications. Since I was primarily interested in unpublished works when in

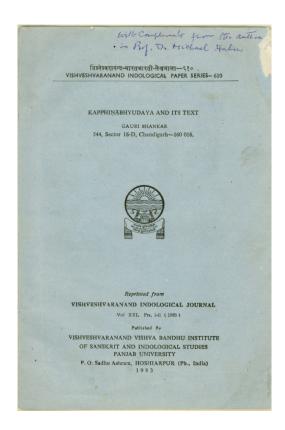


Plate 1: Gauri Shankar on Kapphiṇābhyudaya

1976 I began to search systematically for the remnants of the literary creations of Indian Buddhism, I wrongly classified the work as 'less important' for my purposes and refrained from making specific efforts to get a copy, e.g. from London, Oxford, or Cambridge. The situation did not change even after, in 1981, I had obtained, in exchange for copies of another important Buddhist work, excellent black and white photographs of the 18 folios of the work from Ryūkoku University.

Six years later coincidence played a decisive role. In March 1987 I was on another brief search tour through India, looking for Indian and Tibetan Buddhist works kept at some rather remote or unlikely places. One of my destinations was the Adyar Library in Madras. After finishing my work half a day earlier than anticipated, I tried to make the best possible use of my time by going through those journals which at that time were not available at my former institute at the University of Bonn. One of them was the Vishveshvaranand Indological Journal, and there I found in the latest issue a paper [see plate 1] by GAURI SHANKAR in which he wrote about his edition of the Kapphiṇābhyudaya, the content of the work, the sad fate of his book and the lack of interest it had met with.

This made me curious, and a little later I could avail myself of a copy of the rare publication. I found that it

is a beautifully produced book and that it had appeared in the same series in which also Johnston's definitive edition of Aśvaghosa's Buddhacarita was published only one year earlier. From its introduction I learnt that the edition was based on three manuscripts: two from the Government Oriental Manuscript Library in Madras and one from Kathmandu, which was at that time in private possession. While the two manuscripts from Madras—one of them being a palm-leaf manuscript in the Uriva script, the other the Devanāgarī transcript of a lost original again written in the Uriya script—are complete as manuscripts, they are nevertheless lacking large portions of the text. The manuscript from Kathmandu was incomplete with 22 of its originally 56 folios (one of them being a sorted-out leaf) missing. The extant portions, however, contained a text that was obviously complete and of much superior quality. Although Gauri Shankar's book contains a facsimile reproduction of its last page, the edition is based not on the manuscript itself (or photographs of it) but on a modern transcript.

Back in Germany, I immediately realised that the 18 leaves in Kyōto were part of those 22 folios that are missing in the manuscript from Kathmandu. I compared the text of the first eight cantos, which had suffered most from the absence of the Nepalese manuscript, and found that 1) all the gaps in the *editio princeps* could be closed; 2) for all the passages marked by an asterisk as corrupt or unintelligible by Gauri Shankar a meaningful text could be restored; 3) in many other places a much better text could be presented.

These observations eventually led to the reprint of the editio princeps, in a postscript to which I presented an improved—not final—text of cantos i through viii and a text of canto xix in which the two languages, Sanskrit and Prakrit, are separated for the first time. I also gave the readings of manuscript N for all those places where the editio princeps has gaps or asterisks. In the introductory portion I tried to illustrate the superiority of N by selected examples. The reprint appeared in Delhi from Aditya Prakashan at the end of 1988 while I was there, on my way to the All India Oriental Conference in Vizianagaram. It was an extremely great pleasure for me that I could hand over the first copies of the book to GAURI SHANKAR himself. I had been able to trace him in Delhi where he was living with his youngest daughter, a medical doctor. At that time he was 89 years old and of poor eyesight, but nevertheless he had been waiting for our arrival outside for almost half a day, as his daughter told me.

Of particular importance was the discovery of a second palm-leaf manuscript of the *Kapphiṇābhyudaya* among the manuscripts microfilmed by the Nepal-German Manuscript Preservation Project, which I designated N2 [see plate 3 on page 28]. According to its colophon, this manuscript is much younger than N, whose script points



Plate 2: Presenting the reprint of Kapphinābhyudaya

to the 11th century CE. However it is completely preserved, and of much better quality than M and M3. It is of utmost importance in all those places where N is not available, either because of the complete loss of a folio or physical damage of the extant folios. Because of its close agreement with N, I came to the conclusion that N2 is merely a copy of N, done at a time when N was still complete. With regard to this point I am no longer so sure, because there is also substantial counter-evidence, e.g., correct or complete text where N is faulty or incomplete. These cases are indicated in the critical apparatus of the edited text.

Returning to N, however, its most remarkable feature is the elaborate marking system used by the scribe. It consists of small commas, double commas or dots that are used and placed quite differently. In most cases single commas are used, which are placed at the bottom line, and their function is to separate words. If the end of a word happens to be within a conjunct letter, the single comma is placed at a suitable place below or within the conjunct letter. In the case of vowel sandhi as in $n\hat{a}st\hat{\imath}ha$, the single comma is placed below (or above) the respective vowel sign. Only the end of a stanza is usually marked by a double comma.

In the case of the linguistically more refined stanzas, the parts of a compound may also be separated. As a rule, this is done by tiny dots placed at half height between bottom and the horizontal line on top of the aksaras. The more difficult the stanza is, the more detailed and elaborate the marking system becomes. The tiny dot may then be replaced by a single comma, and the single comma by a double comma. The separation of words can be extremely analytic, marking as a separate entity even the $alpha\ privativum\ a$ -, a prefix like sam-, or a suffix like $-t\bar{a}$.

The value of these marks cannot be overestimated, since they are a kind of commentary in a nutshell. While it is clear that many of the separations can be found independently by an intelligent reader who is familiar with

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the subject matter and the peculiarities of citrakāvya, this does not hold true for the more challenging portions of the poem, in particular cantos vi, xviii, and xix. Canto vi, the *Parvatavarnana* is an exercise in the various types of yamaka; canto xviii, the Citrayuddhavarnana, is the usual presentation of all types of śabdālamkāras, including Śivasvāmin's own innovations; and canto xix, the Sambuddhābhistava, is the famous bilingual praise of the Fully Enlightened Buddha, in which all its 45 stanzas allow two different separations: the first produces a meaningful Sanskrit text, the second a meaningful Prakrit text. This is the more difficult variety of the $bh\bar{a}s\bar{a}slesa$. In all these three cantos the difficulties are so extreme that only occasionally one is able to find the solution, which the author seems to have had in his mind. The reader who doubts the truth of this statement is invited to present his interpretation of stanzas vi.43–77, where the readings and separations of N are not available because of the loss of folios 15 and 16.

I would like now to illustrate the value of N by two examples. The first is a simple one. Stanza 16.9 runs as follows in the *editio princeps*:

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ārya-loko 'rka-bhāsaś ca
yatra tulyaṃ mahātapāh ||
bhūmibhāgo 'tha kavayaḥ
samayā sandhimatsarāh* ||9 ||
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By the asterisk Gauri Shankar indicates that the last compound (or the whole stanza) is not clear to him. The stanza is part of the description of King Prasenajit's royal residence Śrāvastī, so yatra refers to it. In its second half something is stated about its environment $(bh\bar{u}mibh\bar{a}go)$ and poets (kavayah). In connection with poets the mentioning of samaya- "(poetical) conventions" and sandhi, here to be understood as "junction," as in a drama, does not seem to be out of place. The construction of the stanza, however, remains unclear. Consultation of N revealed the following text and separation:

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āry(ā→)aloko , 'rkabhāsaś , ca ,
yatra , tulyaṃ , mahâtapāḥ , ||
bhūmibhāgo , 'tha , kavayaḥ ,
samayâsan , vimat-sarāḥ ,, ||[9a]
āry(ā→)aloko , 'rkabhāsaś , ca ,
yatra , tulyaṃ , mahā-tapāḥ , ||
bhūmibhāgo , 'tha , kavayaḥ ,
samayâsan , vimatsarāḥ ,, ||[9b]
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It has to be admitted that in the conjunct letter nvi it is almost impossible to decide whether the second consonant is va or dha. It was only the intended pun that helped me to identify the second part as va. In a very ingenious manner Śivasvāmin twice attributes common properties to two subjects, the first of which is in the singular, while

the second is in the plural: $\bar{a}ryaloko$ "noble people" and arkabhās-as "the rays (or the splendour) of the sun" in the first case, and $bh\bar{u}mibh\bar{a}go$ "surroundings, environs" and kavayah "poets" in the second. Hence he has to choose the attributes in such a way that they can be interpreted both as singular and plural. In the first case the common attribute is $mah\bar{a}tap\bar{a}h$ which can be interpreted as $mah\bar{a}$ $+ tap\bar{a}h$ "great in austerities," nom. sing. masc. of ° tapas as final member of a bahuvrīhi compound, and likewise as $mah\bar{a} + \bar{a}tap\bar{a}h$ "possessing great heat, splendour," as nom. pl. fem., referring to ${}^{\circ}bh\bar{a}s$ -as. In the second case the attribute is *vimatsarāh*, which is to be interpreted as vi-mat-sarāh "endowed with lakes rich in birds" when referring to $bh\bar{u}mibh\bar{a}qo$, and as vi-matsar $\bar{a}h$ "free of jealousy" when referring to kavayah "poets." Once the stanza is correctly interpreted, it seems guite simple. However, without proper marking and given the ambiguity of certain letters, the reader can easily be led astray.

The second illustration is the first stanza of canto xix, the bilingual canto. Written in devanāgarī and without any separation of words it looks as follows:

अहतोसावुद्धोरणवहेपहूतंमिथोवधीरेण। पुरिसवरेणखमंसेदूरादूढोसभासाहि॥

By inserting spaces, hyphens and avagrahas, for the sake of clarification, we can extract the following Sanskrit text:

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a-hato 'sāv ud-dhoraṇa-vahe 'pa-hūtaṃ mitho 'va-dhīreṇa ||
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puri sa vareņa kham amse dūrād ūḍho 'sabhāsā hi $\|1a\|$

"He [i.e. the Buddha] is unsurpassed in again setting in motion him

[who has been] humiliated by invectives [by his adversary, i.e. Kapphiṇa].

He [i.e. Prasenajit] was carried by the most excellent one in the city

[i.e. the Buddha], whose splendour is incomparable,

far up into the sky on his shoulders."

In other words: the Buddha has rescued king Prasenajit when he was already on the verge of loosing the battle, thus making him the victor.

A second separation of words is possible which yields the following Prakrit text:

aha tos \bar{a} vuddho raṇa-vahe pah \bar{u} taṃmi thova-dh \bar{i} reṇa \parallel

purisa-vareṇa kham-aṃse dūrā dūḍho sa-bhāsāhi ||1b ||

"The Lord Buddha became strengthened [in his reputation]

by the best among men [i.e. king Kapphiṇa] who in the battle-course had shown only little

power,

on account of his contentment, by his own words."

In other words: king Kapphiṇa, although having lost the battle, became so impressed by the Buddha's miraculous power that he praised him excessively, thereby further increasing his reputation in the world. A Sanskrit $ch\bar{a}y\bar{a}$ of the Prakrit text could run as follows: atha buddhaḥ prabhuḥ tasmin raṇa-vadhe stoka-dhīreṇa puruṣa-vareṇa toṣāt sva-bhāṣābhiḥ kṣamāṃśe dūrād dṛṅhitaḥ. In the manuscript the stanza looks as follows:



In order not to create a wrong picture I would like now to quote some "ordinary," i.e. less artificial, stanzas which show Śivasvāmin's skill in effortlessly embellishing the meaning of a stanza, which is his primary concern, by moderate puns. This is how in canto xx he versifies the well-known formula of dependent origination:

saṃskārāṇāṃ sthāma vidyād avidyāṃ saṃvittyai te nāma-rūpāya sâlam || rūpaṃ tasmād eti ṣāḍāyatanyaṃ tanyetâsya sparśatah sparśa-sattā ||15 ||

One should know that ignorance is the cause of the predispositions;

they are sufficient (to produce) perception which (in turn produces) name and form; therefrom arises the form which relates to the six organs of the senses;

from the contact with them contact comes into being.

sparśâvedyā **vedanâ**taś ca **tṛṣṇā** tṛṣṇā s**ôpādāna**-sattā-nidānam || janmôpādānād **bhavo** 'py ādadānaḥ sūte **jātiṃ** sā jarâdyaṃ ca **duḥkham** ||16 ||

Sensation is to be known (as originating) from contact,

and desire (originates) therefrom;

this desire is the reason that grasping comes into being;

from grasping being is produced,

which (in turn produces) old age and the other forms of sorrow.

The attentive reader will notice how skilfully several terms (or syllables) are used twice: in a technical and in a non-technical sense:

- a) vidyād avidyām samvittyai
- b) ° $r\bar{u}p\bar{a}ya$ $r\bar{u}pam$
- c) °āyatanyam tanyeta
- d) sparśatah sparśa°
- e) °āvedyā vedanā

- f) $sop\bar{a}d\bar{a}na^{\circ} {}^{\circ}nid\bar{a}nam$
- g) $up\bar{a}d\bar{a}n\bar{a}d$ $\bar{a}dad\bar{a}nah$

Other beautiful stanzas in this canto are:

arhām arhattvasya manye tavâmūm mūrtim martyo 'smīti mā mānya maṃsthāḥ || śrīmattām tām vakṣyato mokṣa-gantrīm qantrī bhangam rājatā rājate kim ||12 ||

I think that this body of yours deserves the status of an *arhat*.

Worthy one, do not think that you are an (ordinary) mortal being!

Does sovereignty, which is bound to be destroyed, shine for him

who will possess that splendour which leads to liberation?

dhanvin dhinvan puṇya-paṇyaṃ puṣāṇa dveṣyaṃ dveṣonmeṣam uṣṇaṃ muṣāṇa || dhī-kāluṣyaṃ kānti-koṣaṃ kuṣāṇa śreyo hy agre dharma-nimna-kriyāṇām ||39 ||

Bowman, delightfully exhibit the merchandise 'merit'

and passionately remove the despicable arising of hatred,

tear out the impurity of mind which is a storehouse of desire,

because bliss lies in front of those deeds which are bent towards the dharma.

In canto viii, which contains the description of the six seasons, Śivasvāmin uses the same device that was used by Māgha in canto vi of his Śiśupālavadha (in imitation, in turn, of canto ix of the Raghuvaṃśa, in the first part of which, containing a description of Spring, Kālidāsa had also used it): a yamaka of three syllables in the last line of each verse. Whenever the season changes, Śivasvāmin has this yamaka in all the four lines. Here are a few specimens:

tapati tīvrataram taranau tathā vyadhita candraka-cakram asau tatam || nahi yathā paritāpa-karī raveh kara-kalā'pi kalāpinam āvišat ||18 ||

18. When the sun was shining with a scorching heat

the peacock expanded the wheel of his tail feathers so that not even a few of the rays of the sun could penetrate to cause him pain.

Here the unvoiced and unaspirated velar and dental stops acoustically underline the scorching heat of the sun. And the minuteness of the particles of the rays of the sun that are warded off by the tail-feathers of the peacock is aptly illustrated by the sequence of short syllables in $karakal\bar{a}$.

phala-parigraha-p \bar{u} rna-manorath \bar{a} na ganayanti hi k \bar{a} m api duhsthat \bar{a} m \parallel yad avahan sudrso na sucau klamam priya-sah \bar{a} ya-sah \bar{a} va-sam \bar{a} gam \bar{a} h \parallel 21 \parallel

21. Those whose desires have been fulfilled by the attainment of a desired object do not pay attention to any form of distress—this is why the women with the beautiful eyes did not become exhausted during the hot season when they wantonly united with their beloved ones.

Here the labials in the first line have a softening effect that contrasts well with the content and sound of $duhsthat\bar{a}m$, and the sequence $sah\bar{a} - sah\bar{a} - sam\bar{a}$ in line d) produces a very mellifluous internal rhyme.

gurunid \bar{a} ghajaghoraghan \bar{a} tapa-klamaju \bar{a} m kakubh \bar{a} m ati \hat{s} ītal \bar{a} \parallel ghanapat $\bar{\imath}$ parirabhya jal \bar{a} rdrik \bar{a} samatat \hat{a} mata-t \bar{a} pa-tiraskriy \bar{a} m $\parallel 25 \parallel$

25. The cloth of clouds, that was wet with their water

and was very cooling for all the directions, which were suffering from the exhaustion of the strong and dreadful heat that is produced in the scorching hot season, spread an all-embracing cover against the undesirable heat.

Here the heaviness of the summer-heat is illustrated by the accumulation of velars in line a). The scorching heat of the summer is again underlined by the accumulation of voiceless dentals in line d). The image of the clouds compared to a wet piece of cloth is very ingenuous.

acalaśṛṅgajuṣas taḍito dadhus taralitā rasanā iva ye ghanāḥ || uḍukadambakakokanade nabhaḥsa**rasi tair asitai**r mahiṣāyitam ||31 ||

31. The dark clouds, resting on the top of the mountain,

were behaving like she-buffaloes as they emitted tongue-like quivers of lightning in the pond that is the sky, filled with red waterlilies, the masses of stars.

The well-known comparison of a dark rain-cloud with a she-buffalo is expanded to a charming picture with the sky as a lake, the stars as red water-lilies and the lightning bolts as the tongues of the she-buffaloes. Despite the *yamaka*, the language is remarkably simple.

varavadhūr avadhūya sadāsyate param aho mahatī bata mūdhatā || jaladharair iti ramyabakāvalīdaśanakaiḥ śanakair jahase janaḥ ||33 || 33. "He always sits around, neglecting (even) the most beautiful women.

Alas, how extremely great is his stupidity!" Thus man was gently derided by the clouds whose teeth are formed by rows of lovely herons.

Here the simple and nice image with the white herons as the teeth of the clouds, deriding a simpleton, has been enriched in an unobtrusive manner by a second *yamaka* in the first line.

mṛtim upaiṣi purā ruṣam eṣi ced idam ivābhihitā kṛtatarjanam || stanavatī stanatā stanayitnunā padam asādam asāv akarot priye ||35 ||

35. "You will die straightaway, if you become angry (with your beloved)."
As if addressed in this way,
with a threat from the roaring cloud,
the woman pressed herself firmly against her
beloved.

Here the threatening of the roaring thunder-cloud is aptly underlined by the triple repetition of stana- in line c) and its harshness by the triple sound sa.

śukatatih śrutaśālivadhūlasallalitatālavaladvalayasvanā || cakitam abhyacarat kaniśārthinī daśa-diśah śadi-śasta-mahītalāh ||44 ||

44. The parrots, eager to collect grains of rice, hearing the sound of the rice-women's bracelets that glitter and bend to the pleasant beat (of their songs),

cautiously roved around the ground that was torn up (lit. 'castigated') everywhere by the harvesters.

This is a particularly elegant stanza, in which the nervous hopping of the parrots, searching for grain while the harvesters are still reaping the fields, is underlined by the frequent palatals, whereas the repeated *la* reflects the soft ringing of the bracelets of the women in the field.

śritam abhīṣṭaviśākhamukhārdratām himarajaḥprasarair atibhair avam || dhavalayan gaganam dhṛtakṛttikam śa**śiśirah śiśiraḥ** pramatho 'bhavat ||55 ||

55. The cold season was tormenting, turning the sky white by masses of very bright snow-flakes.

The sky, windless and bearing the moon at its head,

was adorned with the constellation of the Pleiades, (and relying on the desired humidity that comes from the mouth of Kārttikeya.)

Although the stanza is not fully clear to me (cf. the translation), I quote it here mainly because of the nice linguistic joke of separating *atibhairavam*—as everybody would read the text, I am sure—in *atibhair* (from *ati-bha-*"having excessive splendour"), qualifying °prasarair, and avam (from a-va- "without wind, windless), qualifying gaganam. Without the marking system of N this would certainly have escaped my attention.

bhṛṅgān vinā samabhavat sarasāṃ himena kam petuṣā'ram aruti svara-sanna-bhāsaḥ || tīresu cāvahata vāti kṛtādhvanīna-

kampe tuṣāra-maruti sva-rasan na bhāsaḥ $\parallel 59 \parallel$

59. The water of the ponds became soundless without the bees, whose splendour lies in their voices,

and who left because the snow had fallen down in great quantities.

The splendour (of the ponds) was not as lovely as usual

when the cold wind at their banks made the wayfarers shiver.

This very difficult $yugmap\bar{a}dayamaka$ would also have remained unintelligible for me without the separation marks in N.

The new edition is based on the following three manuscripts all of which originate from Nepal:

National Archives, Kathmandu, Nepal Available folios: 2, 3, 22–25, 27–35, 37–55; in all 34 folios • Inventory number: ca 213, Subject: $k\bar{a}vyam$ 2 • Size: 30 by 5.5 cm • Date: undated. The script alone does not permit a precise estimate. The numerals occurring in the manuscript bear a certain resemblance to those used in the following dated manuscripts from the University Library, Cambridge: Add. 1643 (1015 AD), Add. 1688 (1065 AD), Add. 1464 (1025 AD), Add. 1688 (1055 AD). However, this is not sufficient to determine the date of the manuscript. • Siglum: N

This portion was microfilmed (in black and white) by the Nepal-German Manuscript Preservation Project on September 4, 1970, its reel number being A 24/12.

For the current edition new colour photographs were taken in Kathmandu by Prof. Yūshō Wakahara of Ryūkoku University. They served as the basis for the reproduction of the manuscript, and also for the third revision of the diplomatic transcript.

Ryūkoku University, Kyōto Available folios: 1, 4–14, 17–21, 56; in all 18 folios. Folio 56 is a leaf that was sorted out and later used as the second cover leaf. It contains on its recto side a short portion from canto iv

plus some unidentifiable text, and on its verso side only the (faulty) title of the work: $Kapph\bar{u}n\bar{a}bhyudayah$.

The manuscript bears the number 617 and was first described by Ariyoshi Sanada in his paper "Ōtani tankentai shōrai: Bonbun butten shiryō [Results of the Ōtani expedition: Materials for the Buddhist Sanskrit literature]" in Chūō ajia kodaigo bunken. Seiiki bunka kenkyū. Dai yon [Literatures in the ancient languages of Central Asia. Seiiki studies in Culture. Part 4]. Kyoto 1961, pp. 51–118, 3 plates; see pp. 91–92 and 117.

This portion was already published in a facsimile edition in Sanskrit Manuscripts of the Buddhist Sūtras from Nepal, ed. by Taijun Inokuchi, Kyoto 1990 (Facsimile Series of Rare Texts in the Library of the Ryukoku University. 9.), pp. 328–336. The reduced size, however, does not permit one to recognize the marking system.

The following four folios are completely lost: 15, 16, 26, 35. The following folios are damaged (with loss of text): 1b, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9a, 9b, 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 13a, 13b, 14a, 14b, 17a, 17b, **18a**, **18b**, **19a**, **19b**, **20a**, **20b**, **21a**, **21b**, 22a, 22b, 23a, 23b, 24a, 24b, 25a, 25b, **42a** (water damage), **42b** (water damage), 54a, 54b, 55a. The total loss of texts on the damaged pages amounts to approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ pages.

Apart from the page numbers marked by bold face, there is usually only minor loss of text. In comparison with the leaves now kept in Kyōto, the leaves that remained in Nepal have suffered comparatively little.

The total loss of text on the missing and damaged pages amounts to c. 8.65 per cent.

The younger Nepalese manuscript N2 The second most important manuscript of the *Kapphiṇābhyudaya* is another palm leaf manuscript from Kathmandu which became accessible through the work of the Nepal-German Manuscript Preservation Project.

Number of folios: 113 (complete) • Inventory number: ca 1668 / Subject: kāvyam 3 • Size: 23 by 4.5 cm • Date: according to the colophon, the copying was finished Thursday, June 25, 1528 (courtesy of Dr. Karl-Heinz Golzio, Bonn) • Date of microfilming: September 6, 1970 • Reel number: B 18/14 Siglum: N2

So far only two cantos of Śivasvāmin poem have been translated into a Western language: canto xx in my paper "Doctrine and Poetry" (see above), and canto viii in the new edition of the *Kapphiṇābhyudaya*, pp. [29]-[48]. Between 1993 and 1995 I have prepared the still very imperfect draft of a translation of the whole poem except cantos vi, xviii, and xix, for reasons given above. My plan for the future is to finalize the translation of two or three cantos every year, in close comparison with the works of Śivasvāmin's predecessors, on the basis of the new edition, so that the task should be completed within

the next 5-6 years. I am optimistic that at least the level of the two aforementioned translations can be maintained. The translation will inevitably lead to a number of corrections of the text, as in the preceding cases. I also intend to publish a Devanāgarī edition of the poem so as to make it more accessible to our Indian colleagues.

There is some trustworthy information that a Sanskrit commentary on the Kapphinābhyudaya has survived in Tibet. Should this be true, and should access be given to it within a reasonable span of time, this would cut short a lot of unnecessary speculations in connection with many difficult or unclear portions of the work. One would straightaway begin to establish that recension of the Kapphinābhyudaya as commented upon in the commentary. It is not improbable that such a commentary was also consulted by the scribe of N who, on its basis, corrected his copy and inserted the marking system. Even if the scribe had received the interpretation of the poem only orally, his teacher (or teacher's teacher) must have relied on a work of a related nature. It goes without saying that the study of the commentary will be greatly facilitated by the present publication, because the editor of the commentary will have at his disposal a largely reliable text.

I am not sure whether I am the most suitable editor of this challenging poem since the $mah\bar{a}k\bar{a}vya$ genre is not the centre of my scientific and literary interests. Personally I am more attracted by the early phase of classical Sanskrit literature marked by names like Aśvaghosa, Mātrceta, Kumāralāta, Āryaśūra, Haribhatta, or Candragomin. However, I am also a great admirer of the incredible skill with which the later authors handle the Sanskrit language and I like to solve puzzles and riddles. This is the reason why I find minor works like Jñānaśrīmitra's Vrttamālāstuti or Ratnākaraśānti's Vidagdhavismāpana also interesting, at least as a kind of pastime. Śivasvāmin's Kapphinābhyudaya is certainly a much more important contribution to the mature phase "the bold style" — of classical Sanskrit literature. Since there seems to be a strange lack of interest on the part of our Indian colleagues to go beyond the text as established by Gauri Shankar, despite the fact that the newly discovered source material permits us to do this, I felt obliged to make an improved text accessible in the hope that it will not meet with the same negligence as did the editio princeps.

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Plate 3: Folios 1b and 2a of N2