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Annotations on the Book of Zambasta, VIII¹

For Raffaele Torella, in friendship, on the occasion of his 70th birthday on 28th June 2020

The article contains annotations on various passages of the Old Khotanese Book of Zambasta and, compared to previous editions and translations of the work, provides refinements and improvements in their interpretation and, in some cases, their reading. The verses taken into account are 2.120-121, 5.81-83, 13.104, 24.174-178, 24.513, 24.516, and 24.650-652.

L'articolo contiene annotazioni su vari passi del Libro di Zambasta anticocotanese e, rispetto alle precedenti edizioni e traduzioni dell'opera, fornisce raffinamenti e miglioramenti nella loro interpretazione e, in alcuni casi, nella loro lettura. I versi presi in considerazione sono 2.120-121, 5.81-83, 13.104, 24.174-178, 24.513, 24.516, and 24.650-652.

The Book of Zambasta (*Z* for short) is an anonymous religious poem in Khotanese, an Eastern Middle Iranian language attested in manuscripts from the fifth to the tenth century². Composed in the older variety of the language and largely based on Indian sources, the work expounds the teachings of Mahāyāna Buddhism and is the longest and probably the earliest original Khotanese Buddhist work, as there are good reasons for dating it to the second half of the fifth century (Maggi 2004b; Martini 2013). It is, thus, of the utmost importance for our knowledge of the Khotanese language and the history of Buddhism in Khotan.

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² Standard edition with English translation by Emmerick (1968a); editio princeps with German translation by Leumann (1933-1936). Emmerick's work forms the starting point for the passages discussed here. All quotations from the Book of Zambasta are cited with Emmerick's translation unless otherwise specified. Verse numbers may be followed by the letters a, b, c, d to refer to single pādas. For Khotanese texts, including Z, I use the conventions listed at the end of the article. Different conventions used by others are converted to the ones adopted here for the sake of consistency. The same applies to the translations quoted.

This article is the third and last batch of philological and linguistic annotations that provide a background to, and in a few cases refine, the Italian translation of chapters 1-2, 5, 13-14, and 24 of the Old Khotanese Book of Zambasta that I published in an extensive anthology of Buddhist texts (Maggi 2004a). That translation activity gave me the opportunity to read afresh parts of the work and prompted me to introduce a number of refinements and improvements in interpretation as compared to the edition and translation by Ronald E. Emmerick³.

1. Z 2.120-121

1.1. Emmerick's edition and translation

- 120 mahāsamudru ūtca biśśa khaṣṭa hämäte bātä ahäna kaśta hämäte vātä biśśä 9
- 121 ne balysi hoto hve' harbiśśu butte karä balysa buvāre śśūjīye hota samu 20

 120 The water in the great ocean can all be drunk up; the wind, on attachment by a noose, can all be held—121 a man does not at all know all the power of a Buddha. Buddhas alone know one another's power.

1.2. Revised edition and translation

- 120 mahāsamudru ūtca biśśa khaṣṭa hämäte bātä ahäna *kaśna (MS kaśta) hämäte vātä biśśä 9
- 121 ne balysi hoto hve harbiśśu butte karä
 balysa buvāre śśūjīye hota samu 20

 120 Can all the water in the great ocean be drunk up? Can all the wind
 be held by means of a noose (and) a whip? 121 A man does not at all
 know all the power of a buddha. Buddhas alone know one another's
 power⁴.

These verses of chapter 2—a paraphrase of the Bhadramāyākāravyākaraṇa⁵—are part of a passage where the miraculous powers and true omniscience of the Buddha are compared with the limited knowledge and strength of

³ The first and second batches of such annotations are contained in Maggi (2009 and forthcoming). Other articles in the series "Annotations on the Book of Zambasta" devoted to other aspects of the work are Maggi (2005, 2017, 2019a, 2019b) and Maggi/Martini (2014). The present one closes the whole series.

⁴ Cf. Maggi (2004a: 1206, 1272 n. 40).

ordinary men like the magician Bhadra, whose alleged knowledge and illusory tricks are stigmatised. In my Italian translation, I adhered to the transmitted text for the sake of caution and basically retained Emmerick's interpretation apart from taking the two clauses in Z 2.120 as questions rather than statements⁶. In a note, however, I suggested a possible emendation because the manuscript reading *kasta* poses problems. Ernst Leumann did not offer a translation of the hemistich 120cd where it occurs (Leumann 1933-1936: 24-25). Emmerick's 'on attachment' follows the analysis of the word by Harold W. Bailey, who regarded kasta as an instr.abl. sg. with the palatalising ending -a from an otherwise unattested action noun *kasti- 'attaching' to Ir. *kas- 'to attach' and translated it 'on being attached, after capture' (KT 6.43)7. Even disregarding that the regular OKh. instr.-abl. endings of the *i*-declension are -e and $-\ddot{a}$, whereas -a is locative⁸, Bailey's analysis is impossible because the consonant cluster -st- cannot be palatalised and allows palatalisation to go back to the previous vowel segment -a-, which would give *kīṣṭa (cf. the palatalised infinitive khīste 'to drink' and the corresponding past participle khaṣṭa-'drunk', Hitch 1990: 193, 188). In light of these difficulties and on account of the strong similarity of the Brāhmī letters t and n, I suggest emending the manuscript slightly to read *kaśna, the instr.-abl. sg. and, admittedly, the only occurrence of Khotanese *kaśa*- 'whip' ← Skt. *kaśa*- 'whip, thong' (Mahābhārata)⁹.

2. Z 5.81-83

2.1. Emmerick's edition and translation

- 81 nä ju ye hā jsāte mamūka ni vā vara handari hīśti karä hāḍe pabanä ne haṣḍä ttäna cu viñāno vipākä 1
- 82 trāmu vijñāno ttaraṃgga vi——ṣayīgya mäśta samudru kāmä na-ro sarbäte urma——ysde bvāmatīno mästä . 82

 $^{^5}$ See Régamey (1938) for this text lost in Sanskrit but preserved in the Tibetan and Chinese Buddhist canons.

⁶ In this I follow Bailey, Dict. 57 s.v. kas- 'adhere'.

⁷ Cf. the similar past participle *kaṣṭa*- 'attached' from Ir. '**kaz*-' (SGS 22 with references).

⁸ Bailey himself took *kaśta* as a locative in Dict. 57 ('can all the wind, being caught in a noose, be held?').

⁹ In Maggi (2004a: 1272 n. 40), I opted for the meaning 'bridle [briglia]' on account of one of the meanings of the Skt. feminine *kaśā*- 'whip; rein, bridle' (see MW 265).

83 samu kho durutātu pachī—ysu pabasto khvīyā samu—dru kāmu na-ru kalpā nāta —śtā ttāmu buro aṃttā nā niśtā 3
81 One does not go from here to there nor, on the other hand, does another arrive there. But the connexion is not broken because there is vipāka in vijñāna. 82 So in vijñāna there are waves in the great ocean of objects until the great sun of bodhi rises for you. 83 Just as one could think of distance as waves in continuity in the ocean, there is then no end for them until the kalpa ends.

2.2. Revised edition and translation

- 81 nä ju ye hā jsāte mamūka ni vā vara handari hīsti karā hāḍe pabanä ne haṣḍä ttäna cu viñāno vipākä 1
- 82 trāmu vijñāno ttaraṃgga vi——ṣayīgya mäśta samudru kāmä na-ro sarbäte urma——ysde *bvāmatīnai (MS bvāmatīno) mästä . 82
- 83 samu kho duru tātu pachī—ysu pabasto khvīyā samu—dru kāmu na-ru kalpā nāta —śtā ttāmu buro aṃttā nā niśtā 3

 81 No one here goes away nor does another there arrive hither, yet the connexion is not broken at all because there is fruition (of former karma) in the (storehouse) consciousness. 82 So there are billows in the (storehouse) consciousness, in the great ocean of (sense) objects, until the great sun of awakening rises, 83 just as—to consider the waves in the ocean continuously for a long time—there will be no end of them so long until the aeon ends¹⁰.

The term viñana, vijñana- (Skt. vijñana-) denotes 'consciousness'. According to Buddhist psychology, there are six kinds of consciousness connected with the six sense organs, including the mind, and their objects. In 5.81-82, $vi(j)\tilde{n}ana$ - is used in the specialised sense of '(storehouse) consciousness' (Skt. $alayavij\tilde{n}ana$ -), an additional kind of consciousness peculiar to the Vijnana- (Cittamana- (Mind Only) tradition. The storehouse consciousness is likened to an ever-changing stream that underlies a being's cycle of existence and is said to contain the "seeds" for what is perceived, through the various kinds of consciousness, as the phenomenal reality in general and, in particular, the personal experiences resulting from karma. In connection with the passage under consideration,

¹⁰ Cf. Maggi (2004a: 1223).

Ernst Leumann had already referred to the waves of consciousness ("Wellen des Vijñāna") and the storehouse consciousness ("Ālayavijñāna") in the Laṅkāvatārasūtra, one of the founding texts of the Vijñānavāda tradition (Leumann 1933-1936: 84).

In my Italian translation, I kept to Emmerick's reading and interpretation with two significant differences. Thus, I did not regard the two verses as two sentences, but as a single sentence with the correlatives $tr\bar{a}mu$... samu kho 'So ..., just as' introducing the principal clause and a clause of comparison respectively; and I did not translate $pach\bar{t}ysu$ in verse 83 as an unclear and unspecified modal form with Emmerick ('one could think'), but as a variant spelling of the infinitive * $pach\bar{t}ys\ddot{a}$ 'to consider' with - $u < -\ddot{a}$ by assimilation to the following initial p- (comparable to the assimilation in Z 2.159 $pulsu < puls\ddot{a}$ 'to ask' due to the preceding -u-)\frac{11}{2}. Like Emmerick, however, I took $bv\ddot{a}mat\ddot{n}no$ in verse 82 as a contraction of a form of $bv\ddot{a}mat\bar{t}naa$ - + - \bar{u} 'of bodhi [...] for you' and I regarded the verb $pach\bar{t}ysu$ as governing $durut\bar{a}tu$ 'distance'\frac{12}{2}, though better solutions had been provided by Ernst and Manu Leumann.

Ernst Leumann's emendation (1933-1936: 85) *bvāmatīnai for bvāmatīno is probably correct. Nowhere else is -o a nom. sg. ending of the aa-declension and it is unlikely that -o is contracted from long -e ($[\bar{e}] < -ai$) + $-\bar{u}$ 2 pl. enclitic pronoun 'for you', since $-\bar{u}$ is, as a rule, not used after a long vowel or a diphthong and has no counterpart in the Late Khotanese version of the passage (Mañjuśrīnairātmyāvatārasūtra 241 KBT 125 khu būre vā ne sarbe masta *urmaysdi bvāmavīja 'until the great sun of enlightenment rises')¹³. The mistaken -no may have been influenced by the last syllable of viñāno in verse 81 in the manuscript line immediately above $bv\bar{a}mat\bar{i}no$.

In reading *durutātu* as a single word meaning 'distance' (acc.) in verse 83a, Emmerick followed Bailey's interpretation of the hemistich as 'just as one might count as distance the waves continuous in the ocean' (KT

¹¹ I also referred the adjective *viṣayīgya* 'pertaining to objects' (loc. sg. or nom.-acc. pl.) to the nom.-acc. pl. *ttaramgga* ('the waves of objects') rather than to the loc. sg. *samudru* ('in the ocean of objects'), but this is unnecessary and is at variance with the metrical segmentation of the hemistich.

^{12 &}lt;sup>8</sup> ²Così, nel grande oceano della coscienza ci sono le onde degli oggetti (*viṣaya*), finché non sorge per voi il grande sole del risveglio, ⁸ ³proprio come, a considerare la lontananza, le onde di continuo non hanno fine nell'oceano finché non termina l'evo cosmico' (Maggi 2004a: 1223).

¹³ Bailey's emendation for manuscript $urmaysd\bar{a}$ (- \bar{a} for -i is common in manuscript P 4099). Emmerick's unpublished translation.

6.121). The reading and analysis of *durutātu* as an otherwise unattested -tāti- abstract from dura- 'far, distant' is kept by Almuth Degener, who understands the word as '(temporal) distance' ¹⁴. However, rather than postulating a hapax, it seems safer to keep to the earlier word division duru tātu, a collocation that occurs elsewhere and fits well in the present context. In his edition, Ernst Leumann read durutātu but did not translate this and most of the hemistich, but Manu Leumann, in the glossary, suggested reading duru tātu as a variant spelling of Z 14.15 duru gāvu 'for a long time' (Emmerick's translation) on account of the common intervocalic variation -g-/-t-/-v- and the enclitic character of gāvu/tātu.15 Sten Konow greeted this as an "ingenious suggestion" that "removes a great difficulty". 16 Bailey himself later changed his mind and, in his Dictionary of Khotan Saka, read duru tātu 'far away indeed', "[w]ith tātu, $g\bar{a}vu$, later $-v\bar{a}$, $-\bar{a}$ 'ever'"¹⁷. This view was in the end adopted also by Emmerick in his unpublished edition and translation of the Mañjuśrīnairātmyāvatārasūtra, where he reads and translates the Late Khotanese version of the passage thus (241-242 KBT 125):

dūrā pastava behī *pabastau tta khvī samvadrra *kūṣṭi būrai ja kalpa na ṇa 'śta ttā būra atta ne byaidai
They have proceeded for long, extremely continuous those waves in the ocean. Until the aeon ends, so long is there no end of them 18.

The occurrence of the collocation in Suvarṇabhāsottamasūtra 6.1.54 *cerä duru gāvu* 'for as long as' as a rendering of Skt. *dīrgha-rātram* 'for a long time' shows that *duru gāvu/tātu* has a temporal value, as already understood by Emmerick in Z 14.15 ('for a long time'), rather than a local one¹⁹.

Notice that I consider the subsequent infinitive $pach\overline{v}su$ as the (middle intr. = passive) verb of an absolute clause, which has $khv\overline{v}\ddot{v}$ 'waves' as its

¹⁴ Degener (1989: 281) s.v. durutāti-: '(zeitliche) Entfernung'.

¹⁵ Leumann (1933-1936: 84-85, 417) s.v. *gāvu*. Cf. Emmerick (1989a: 214 § 3.2.3.3.3.3.3.6 (1-2)) on the variant spellings -*g-/-t-/-y-/-v*- for [?] between vowels.

¹⁶ Konow (1939: 46) s.v. gāvu.

¹⁷ Dict. 161 s.v. dura-.

 $^{^{18}}$ *pabastau and na'sta result from Emmerick's emendation for manuscript bastau (cf. Z 5.83 pabasto) and his expunction for manuscript na'sta na'sta (by dittography) respectively; * $k\bar{u}$ sti is Bailey's emendation for MS $k\bar{u}$ sta (cf. fn. 13) I have very slightly modified the translation.

¹⁹ See Skjærvø (2004: vol. 1, 96-97) and cf. BHSD 265 s.v. *dīrgharātra*-.

overt subject ('to consider the waves') and which stands in an adverbial relation to the remainder of the clause of comparison: *pachīysu pabasto khvīyā samudru* 'to consider the waves in the ocean continuously'.

3. Z 13.104

3.1. Emmerick's edition and translation

104 būtajina karmyo bei na. agvahäna āchā hva ndä.
 balysä kari pracai näśtä tca—mna āchinei hämīya 4
 104 Through a preparer of food, through karmas, through poison, through indigestion, illnesses arise for a man. For a Buddha there is no reason at all why he should become ill.

3.2. Revised translation²⁰

104 Through (possession) caused by demons, through karmas, through poison, through indigestion, a man has illnesses. For a Buddha there is no reason at all why he should become ill²¹.

Emmerick's translation of $b\bar{u}tajina$ as 'Through a preparer of food' agrees with Bailey's hypothesis that the word is the same as $b\bar{u}kaja$ - in Z 24.513 ('devoted men', Emmerick 'devotees') and Jātakastava 30 (8r3) $bukaj\ddot{a}$ ('steward') and that, in the present passage, it means 'preparer of food' (KT 6.255-256)²².

The alternation -k-/-t- is far from common, however, and it seems safer to regard $b\bar{u}taja$ - as a different word from $b\bar{u}kaja$ - (see § 5 below). On the contrary, the alternation -t-/-v- in the vicinity of \bar{u} is well known already in Old Khotanese²³, so that it is far more likely that $b\bar{u}taja$ - is a variant of the adjective $b\bar{u}vaja$ - 'caused by spirits', a -ja- derivative from $b\bar{u}ta$ -, LKh. $b\bar{u}va$ - \leftarrow Skt. $bh\bar{u}ta$ - 'a spirit (good or evil)'²⁴.

²⁰ No revision in edition.

²¹ Cf. Maggi (2004a: 1235).

²² Cf. Bailey (1953: 99: "The adj. E 14.104 būtaja- means 'connected with food'"), KT 4.97-98, and Dict. 29 s.v. būtaja-. Likewise, Degener (1989: 211) has a single entry for "būkaja-, būtaja-[...] 'Küchenmeister', 'Anhänger'".

²³ Cf. Emmerick (1989a: 214 § 3.2.3.3.3.3.3.6 (2)).

²⁴ See Degener (1989: 211 s.v. *būvaja*-) and cf. Leumann (1933-1936: 478 s.v. ²*būta*-), Dresden (1955: 461 s.v. *būva*-), and MW 761 s.v. *bhūta*.

In actual fact, this interpretation was already offered by Ernst Leumann (1933-1936: 183), who translated būtajina as 'durch von Bhūta(-Geistern) herrührendes (Besessensein)' and it is scarcely to be doubted that he was right. The belief that illness was not only of natural or human origin, but could also be brought about by the action of supernatural and demonic forces—and, for that matter, of karma, also mentioned in the passage under consideration—was common in ancient India and demonic possession and attacks formed an important part of the classical treatises of ayurvedic medicine²⁵. Thus, among the branches of medicine listed, for example, in § 1.1 of Ravigupta's Siddhasāra, included in the Tanjur division of the Tibetan Buddhist canon and largely preserved in Khotanese, there is bhūta-cikitsita- 'cure of (illnesses caused by) spirits', which is rendered as Tibetan gdon bsal-ba 'removing demons' and, rather freely, as LKh. Siddhasāra 1.1 (2v5 KT 1.4) sparśä pverama 'the removal of (illnesses due to) contact (with spirits)'26.

In a medical context, the Khotanese adjective $b\bar{u}vaja$ - 'caused by spirits' and its base lexeme occur together in Jīvakapustaka [2-3].9-10 (45v3-5 KT 1.137) $harb\bar{i}s\bar{a}m$ $b\bar{u}vaj\bar{a}m$ $\bar{a}ch\bar{a}m$ $v\bar{i}ra$. $s\bar{a}$ 'agada hamdrrauja $p\bar{i}s\bar{a}ly\bar{a}n\bar{a}$: nasa ' $m\bar{a}ra$ -m jsa $harb\bar{i}s\bar{a}$ vittāla: $b\bar{u}va$ u $k\bar{u}ra$ $h\bar{i}ra$ 'in (the case of) all diseases due to Bhūtas, this remedy must be smeared on the forehead. Thereby will be pacified all Vetālas, Bhūtas, and evil things', where $harb\bar{i}s\bar{a}m$ $b\bar{u}vaj\bar{a}m$ $ach\bar{a}m$ 'in (the case of) all diseases due to Bhūtas' translates Skt. *sarva- $bh\bar{u}ta$ - $vik\bar{a}resu$ (MS sarva- $bh\bar{u}tta$ - $vak\bar{a}ris\bar{u}$)²⁷. Spirits and diseases are referred to again in Jīvakapustaka [47].10 (91r4 KT 1.173) $b\bar{u}vy\bar{a}m$ jsa u $yiksy\bar{a}m$ jsa pasa $ach\bar{a}$ 'diseases let loose by bhūtas and yakṣas' (Skt. * $bh\bar{u}ta$ -yaksa- $vik\bar{a}resu$, MS $bh\bar{u}tta$ -vak-sa-vakaris \bar{u})²⁸.

 $^{^{25}}$ See Wujastyk (1999) on the effects of possession by evil spirits and Leslie (1999) on the effects of bad karma according to classical Indian medicine.

²⁶ See Emmerick (1980-1982: vol. 1, 17; vol. 2, 14-15). Emmerick's unpublished translation of the Khotanese.

²⁷ Ed. and trans. by Emmerick (1992b: 67-68). His omission of the last syllable and the following colon in $p\bar{s}s\bar{a}ly\bar{a}\tilde{n}a$: is but a slip.

²⁸ Trans. by Konow (1941: 55).

4. Z 24.174-178

4.1. Emmerick's edition and translation

- 174 maskhalä nä nāma hvāṣṭä ttärthä paḍauysä ttrāmu māñandä dātä vaska kho ttāʾsäʾ.
- 175 śätä vātco pūraṇi haṃberäte mäśtä śamä rrundi kuṃbiye ttäna pūraṇa nāma 5
- 176 dädä aysäte nāma asäda hära väte nyūte ysamaśśandau ttänai aysäte nāma yiḍāndi.
- 177 prabhūttä nāma ṣā baśdiye prahūtä . sañai käḍe asäda ṣā vā saṃñai nāma 7
- 178 niyandä nāma nyātä pūrä kye kaṣṭe ysamaśśandau harbiśśu ṣṣavamera gyadīmgya 78

 174 Maskarin by name is their chief, leading heretic. He is similar to a thief with regard to the Law. 175 The second, moreover, Pūraṇa, fills the large Pot(hell)s of King Yama. Therefore he is Pūraṇa by name. 176 The third, Asita by name, has taught the world about evil things. Therefore they have made him Asita by name. 177 He is Prabhūta by name who is abounding in evil. Very imperfect are his plans: he is Saṃjaya by name. 178 He is Nirgrantha by name, the son of Jñātr, who attached the whole world to the night-time of ignorance.

4.2. Revised translation²⁹

174 Maskarin by name is their chief, leading heretic: he is similar to a thief (Skt. *taskara-*) with regard to the Dharma. 175 The second, moreover, Pūraṇa, fills (Skt. *pūrṇa-* 'full') the large cauldrons of King Yama (in hell): therefore he is Pūraṇa by name. 176 The third, Asita by name, has taught the world about unproved things (Skt. *asiddha-*): therefore they have made him Asita by name. 177 He is Prabhūta by name who is abounding (Skt. *prabhūta-*) in evil. Very imperfect are his expedients (Kh. *saña-*): he is Saṃjaya by name. 178 He is Nirgrantha by name, the son of Jñāta, who attached the whole world to the impenetrable darkness of ignorance (*ajñāna-*)³⁰.

²⁹ No revision in edition.

³⁰ Cf. Maggi (2004a: 1251, 1281-1282 n. 139). See Skjærvø in Studies 2.140-143 for the reading and translation *sşavamera* 'impenetrable darkness' instead of *sşava-mera* 'night-time' and Emmerick (1989b) for its etymology from *-mahā-tantra- 'moon darkness' (hence *sṣavamāra*- 'darkness of a moonless night').

This passage presents the six chief heretical masters of the time of the Buddha and explains their names through folk-etymological puns based on the phonic resemblance of the names with other words and aimed at disparaging the heretics. The Sanskrit, Gandhari, and Pali equivalents of the Khotanese names are³¹:

Khotanese	Sanskrit	Gandhari	Pali
Maskhala	Maskarin Gośālīputra ³²	Makhali°	Makkhali Gosāla
Pūraṇa	Pūraṇa Kāśyapa	Purana Kaśava	Pūraṇa Kassapa
Aysäta	Ajita Keśakambala	_	Ajita Kesakambala
Prabhūtta	Krakuda Kātyāyana	_	K/Pakudha Kaccāyana
Saṃñaa	Saṃjayin Vairaṭiputra ³³	Saṃjaïa	Sañjaya Belaṭṭhiputta
		'follower of S.'	
Niyaṇḍa	Nirgrantha Jñātaputra ³⁴	_	Nigaṇṭha Nātaputta

Comparison of the heretical masters' names with the Sanskrit and Khotanese terms involved in their folk-etymological explanations, summarised in the following list, shows that folk etymology is based on Indian rather than Khotanese genuine words and that, therefore, the passage under consideration is probably not a Khotanese original invention but depends on some Indian source, be it in Sanskrit, Gandhari, or other³⁵:

Khotanese name	Sanskrit folk etymology	Khotanese equivalent
174 Maskhala	taskara- 'thief'	ttā ʾṣa ʾ-
175 Pūraņa	<i>pūrṇa-</i> 'full'	hamber- 'to fill'
176 Aysäta	asiddha- 'unproved'	asäda- (LW)
177 Prabhūtta	<i>prabhūta-</i> 'abundant'	prahūta- (LW)

³¹ The Khotanese names *aysäta*- and *maskhala*- also occur elsewhere in the Book of Zambasta: see Leumann (1933-1936: 390, 483). See also KT 6.5 s.v. *aysäta*-, 137 s.v. *niyanḍā*, 276 s.v. *maskhalā*, 355 s.v. *saṃñai*. Other variants of the Sanskrit and Pali names exist: see BHSD 7, 163, 300, 351, 420, 551 for Sanskrit and Malalasekera (1938: vol. 1, 37-38; vol. 2, 64-65, 89-90, 242-243, 398-400, 999-1000) for Pali. For the Gandhari names, see Falk (2010: 16 and 2014: 35 l. 20).

³² See Vogel (1970: 23 n. 19) for a Skt. patronymic Gośālaputra evinced from Tibetan instead of the metronymic Gośālāputra.

³³ See Vogel (1970: 25 n. 29) for variants of the metronymic or patronymic containing the verb *vi-vad-* 'to contradict, oppose' instead of **vi-rat-* 'to shout'.

³⁴ So in Avadānaśataka.

³⁵ I refer only to Sanskrit for the sake of simplicity.

177 Saṃñaa	saṃjñā- 'idea'	saña- 'expedient' instead
		of saṃñā- (LW) 'idea'!
178 Niyaṇḍa	a-jñāna- 'ignorance'	gyadīnaa- 'pertaining to
		ignorance'.

The probable dependence on some Indian source is especially clear in the case of 174 Maskhala, which corresponds to Skt. Maskarin (basically 'religious mendicant'³⁶) and is explained by means of Kh. $tt\bar{a}$ 'sa'- 'thief'. This makes sense only if Kh. $tt\bar{a}$ 'sa'- is here a rendering, so far unnoticed, of Skt. taskara- 'thief' and indicates that the original wordplay used the rhyme $MaskarV \sim taskarV$, essentially lost in Khotanese.

Likewise, 178 *Niyaṇḍa*, notwithstanding its decidedly Prakrit appearance, presupposes Skt. *Nirgrantha Jñātaputra*, whose patronymic, omitted in Khotanese, is explained by means of Kh. *gyaḍīnaa*- 'pertaining to ignorance' from *gyaḍia*-, the usual equivalent of Skt. *ajñāna*-, *avidyā*- 'ignorance'.

The substitution of Kh. 176 Aysäta (Skt. Asita) for Skt. Ajita is presumably due to the influence of the name of the Indian sage Asita—mentioned in Z 2.21 as Aysäta together with the mythical sages Bhārgava, Vyāsa, and King Bhagīratha in a speech by Maskarin himself—or of the chaplain of King Śuddhodana, the father of the Buddha, who features in Z 24.230-239. Notice that, in the explanation of this heretical master's name, the loanword 176 asäda (\leftarrow Skt. asiddha-) does not simply mean 'evil', but has to be taken in its philosophical sense of 'unproved', as was already understood by Ernst Leumann³⁷.

Of special interest is the pun on Samñaa/Samjayin, which most likely originally connected Skt. Samjayin and $samjñ\bar{a}$ - 'idea, conception, imagination'. Metrics requires that $177 \ sañai \ k\ddot{a}de \sim - \sim s$ scans as a five-mora segment and, thus, shows that $sañai \sim -$ 'his expedients' ($< saña + -\ddot{a} \ 3$ sg. enclitic pronoun) is not a defective spelling for $sa(m)\tilde{n}ai - -$ 'his ideas' ($< sam\tilde{n}e + -\ddot{a})^{38}$. So, some misunderstanding, or deliberate adaptation, of the source occurred in the explanation of the name 177 $Sam\tilde{n}aa$ by means of Kh. $sa\tilde{n}a$ - 'plan, expedient, means' (a genuine

³⁶ MW 794.

³⁷ Leumann (1933-1936: 318) ('unbewiesene'). See MW 120 s.v. *asiddha* and 1215 s.v. ²siddha.

³⁸ So mistakenly understood in Maggi (2004a: 1251).

Iranian word) instead of expected Kh. samñā- 'idea' (a borrowing ultimately from Skt. samjñā- through Prakrit)³⁹. As well as in the Book of Zambasta, the terms $sa\tilde{n}a$ - 'expedient'⁴⁰ and $sa\tilde{n}a$ - $br\bar{i}c\bar{a}$ - 'familiarity with expedients' render Skt. upāya- '(skilful) means' and upāya-kauśalya-'skilfulness in means' in fifth-century translations of Mahāvāna sūtras such as the Sanghātasūtra and the Ratnakūta⁴¹. It is significant that sañaoccurs in Z 2.18 in a statement on the uselessness of the ascetic practices and teachings of the heretics who opposed the Buddha: saña ni pharu harbi[ś]ś[ä] kūra tteri atäca kho ni rro parāhä 'Their many expedients are all false, as ineffective as their restraint' (Emmerick). Given the specifically Mahāyānist conception of "skilful means", that is, the Buddha's and bodhisattvas' ability to appear and teach in different ways in order to adapt to different beings so as to bring them to deliverance⁴². the replacement of expected samñā- 'idea' with saña- 'expedient' suggests that the passage was misunderstood or, more probably, was changed on purpose in order to coat it in a Mahāyānist varnish. Though the two abstract concepts of samñā- 'idea' and saña- 'expedient' are close in shape and semantics and Khotanese novices could confuse them, the composer of the Book of Zambasta likely understood the Indian pun and made an independent contribution that would work with his audience.

5. Z 24.513

5.1. Emmerick's edition and translation

513 tcei mañinu bāgya [nä]tasta būkaja balysä auysära bunda kyau tta śśānye daimä 13
 513 The devotees of the Buddha have fallen before our eyes, enraged, wicked, you whom I see lying thus.

³⁹ This *Saṃñaa* (Skt. *Saṃjayin*, Pali *Sañjaya*) was erroneously equated by Leumann (1933-1936: 10-11) (followed by Régamey 1938: 5 n. 17) with the different person Z 2.26 *sacai nigranthā* 'Satyaka the Nirgrantha' (Skt. *Satyaka*, Pali *Saccaka*), "a contemporary of Buddha, described as a great debater" (BHSD 554).

⁴⁰ See Leumann (1933-1936: 510), Emmerick (1966: 177, 1967: 44), and Dict. 417. Bailey's idea (KT 6.354-355, essentially followed by Tremblay 2005: 434) that Kh. *saña*- is from Gandhari *saña*- (i.e. *saṃña*- < OInd. *saṃjñā*-) is untenable on phonological and semantic grounds.

⁴¹ See Maggi (forthcoming) on Z 14.11-12, with further references.

⁴² On "skilful means", see Pye (2003).

5.2. Revised edition and translation

513 tcei mañinu bāgya [vä]ta sta būkaja balysä auysära bunda kyau tta śśānye daimä 13
513 Instead of (tearing out my sinner's) eyes, you have been the slaughterers of the Buddha, enraged, wicked, you whom I see lying thus⁴³.

This verse is part of an episode which occurs towards the end of a paraphrase of the prophecy of decline of Buddhism narrated in the Candragarbhasūtra⁴⁴ and which contains the mourning of King Duṣprasaha for the death of the whole community of monks, who have fought and murdered one another, and for the consequent complete loss of any religious guidance. Emmerick's translation of the first hemistich can be compared with Bailey's working translation 'under our (their) eyes fallen the devoted men of the Buddha' (KT 6. 255). Apart from the postposition $b\bar{a}gya$, which does not mean 'before' but 'instead of' and the like as was later shown by Emmerick himself⁴⁵, the interpretation of the verse is problematic because of the gap in [+] ta sta and the rare word $b\bar{u}kaja$, which occurs only here and once more as LKh. Jātakastava 30 (8r2) $bukaj\ddot{a}^{46}$.

In a first very tentative attempt at translation, Leumann, who was unaware of the Late Khotanese occurrence of $b\bar{u}kaja$ -, translated this provisionally as 'grief' or 'tears' and read and emended the defective word as $n\{\bar{a}t\}a<$ '>sta 'has seated' 3 sg. f. or pl. m. prf. intr. of $n\bar{a}d$ - 47 . Bailey and Emmerick opted for the hapax legomenon $[n\bar{a}]tasta$ '[they] have fallen', 3 pl. prf. intr. from a participle *kasta- (with preverb *ni-) to an alleged Ir. root *kah- 'to move' ⁴⁸. Since the king, who is holding the dead bodies of the religious leader Śiṣyaka and his opponent Sūrata in his arms, first addresses his own preceptor Śiṣyaka in the 2 sg. in verse

⁴³ Cf. Maggi (2004a: 1266, 1284 n. 167), where, however, I translated *tcei'mañinu bāgya* as 'instead of (being) my eyes [invece di essere i miei occhi]'.

⁴⁴ Cf. Nattier (1991: 170-173).

⁴⁵ See Emmerick in Studies 1.86 and Skjærvø in Studies 3.112-114.

 $^{^{46}}$ Z 13.104 $b\bar{u}tajina$ has been considered to belong here but is actually a different word (see § 3.2 above).

⁴⁷ Leumann (1933-1936: 346-347: 'Uns auf die [auf meine] Augen ist niedergesessen [hat sich gelegt] Trauer [?, oder: Tränen ?] um den Priester'). See SGS for the form.

⁴⁸ KT 6.44 and Dict. 57, 73; cf. EWAia 1.332-333.

512 (thu paro dritai balysānu utāru 'You have kept the noble Buddhacommand'), he is then likely, in the immediately following verse under consideration, to address both leaders or, more probably, all slaughtered monks in the 2 pl. Accordingly, I supplement the 2 pl. prf. intr. [vä]ta sta 'you have been' (cf. Z 23.102 uhu nu hā ggīhā väta sta 'you have been their helpers').

We have seen above (§ 3.2) that Emmerick's translation 'devotees' for $b\bar{u}kaja$ in the verse in question followed a suggestion by Bailey, who tried to reconcile in this way the present occurrence of the word with the $bukaj\ddot{a}$ occurring in Jātakastava 30 (8r3) and interpreted by him as 'preparer of food, steward' on account of a supposed Pali counterpart $bhatta-k\bar{a}raka-^{49}$. Bailey's interpretation is based on the assumption that $b\bar{u}kaja$ - is a -ja-derivative from a $b\bar{u}ka$ - occurring only once in Old Khotanese in a fragmentary and not entirely clear context (Z 18.8 $b\bar{u}ku$ acc. sg.) and understood by him as 'food'⁵⁰. Apparently, Bailey thought of a semantic development such as 'preparer of food \rightarrow steward \rightarrow [attendant \rightarrow] devoted person'. Apart from the little convincing outcome 'devoted person', however, the meaning of the supposed base lexeme $b\bar{u}ka$ - itself is far from certain in my opinion, since this $b\bar{u}ka$ - may, but need not, be a different word from LKh. $b\bar{u}ka$ - in the eighth-century documents, where it seems to mean 'troop' or the like⁵¹.

The rendering 'slaughterers [macellai]' for $b\bar{u}kaja$ in my Italian translation was conjectural. It fits well the context in the Book of Zambasta, with figurative reference to the monks who have all 'slaughtered' one another in a fierce battle, and the context in the Jātakastava, where a king of the deer—the Bodhisattva, the Buddha-to-be in one of his births—offers himself as a ransom to the servant who is about to slaughter a pregnant doe for the king of Benares, who used to have meat at every meal:

⁴⁹ See fn. 22 and cf. Dresden (1955: 482 s.v. bukaja-).

⁵⁰ See KT 6.256 s.v. *būku* (where the reference "2918" is to the folio and verse numbers), Emmerick (1966: 162-163, 174), and Dict. 295. On a possible but uncertain Late Khotanese occurrence of *būka* 'food' in the Chinese-Khotanese bilingual P 2927 24 KT 3.103 see Bailey, KT 4.97-98 and Takata (1988: 207 [食べ物 *tabemono* 'food' with no Chinese parallel], 227).

⁵¹ So Skjærvø, Catalogue Ixxvii: "'*troop' (? there are first, second, etc. *būka*s [...])". Bailey suggested some kind of "workmen or employed at the guard post" (KT 4.95) and an "official title" (cf. Dict. 295).

30 barbīrye gūysna ja va mu'śda' jsa pātcä .
bukajä puṣa tsuai . rrumdāña hurāśña
cu didi pha ysairka yuḍā pañe paṃna .
śau na ye vena tvī cuai jīye hera :

³⁰ Afterwards for the sake of the pregnant deer, in compassion, you went at once to the slaughterer in the royal kitchen [?], [the deer] which made so much lament in front of all. There was no one save you who would give his life for her⁵².

I suggest separating $b\bar{u}kaja$ - from $b\bar{u}ka$ - and, instead, seeing in $b\bar{u}kaja$ a loanword from a variant of the OInd. word *bokkasa-—continued as
Prakrit bokkasa- 'a non-Aryan people', Nepali bokso 'wizard', boksi'witch'⁵³—and variously spelled, on account of its origin from some nonIndo-Aryan language, as Vedic paulkasa- 'a type of half-caste', Classical
Skt. pulkasa- 'name of a despised mixed tribe' (with the Epic Skt. variants pukkasa-, pukkasa-, pukkasa-, and the variant bukkasa- 'a candala' in
lexicographical works), pulkasaka- 'a barbarian tribe', and Pali pukkusa'a despised caste'⁵⁴.

In particular, Kh. $b\bar{u}kaja$ - mirrors an Indic variant *bokkaśa- with initial b- like Skt. bukkasa-, Prakrit bokkasa-, Nepali bokso, boksi and with - \acute{s} - like Epic Skt. $pukka\acute{s}a$ -. The change Skt. $o \rightarrow$ Kh. \bar{u} is common and is to be found, for instance, in koti- 'crore, ten millions' $\rightarrow k\bar{u}la$ - (Z 22.160+), $vimok_{\bar{s}a}$ - 'release, deliverance' $\rightarrow v\ddot{a}m\bar{u}ha$ - through Prakrit (Z 10.30+), etc. The occasional rendering of Skt. - \acute{s} - through Khotanese - \acute{j} -can also be observed in OKh. $\bar{a}j\ddot{a}v\ddot{a}sa$ - 'venomous snake' \leftarrow Skt. $\bar{a}\acute{s}\bar{t}visa$ -(Z 3.76 etc.), $vij\bar{t}s\dot{q}\ddot{a}$ -tara- 'more special, very special' \leftarrow Skt. visista-(Suvarṇabhāsottamasūtra 6.3.5), LKh. $dajagraiva \leftarrow$ Skt. $da\acute{s}agr\bar{t}va$ -, the name of a demon (Book of Vimalakīrti 352 KBT 111, Rāmāyaṇa P 2781.119 KT 3.70), and LKh. arja- 'piles' \leftarrow Skt. $ar\acute{s}as$ - (Siddhasāra 0.11 [2r1 KT 1.4] +)⁵⁵.

⁵² Ed. and trans. by Dresden (1955: 425), with 'slaughterer' substituted for his 'steward'. Jātakastava 30-31 summarises the Nigrodhamigajātaka (see Dresden 1955: 447 for references).

⁵³ See Turner (1966: 528 s.v. *bōkkasa-).

⁵⁴ See MW 631 s.vv. pukkaśa and pukkasa, 638 s.v. pulkasa, 652 s.v. paulkasá, 733 s.v. bukkasa, and PED 461 s.v. pukkusa. On this word family see Kuiper (1991: 54-57) and EWAia 2.152 s.v. pulkasa-. Vedic púklaka-, pútlaka-, pútlaka- 'little boy' are not variants of pulkasa- (so e.g. MW 631) but dialectal or popular variants of putraká- 'little son' (Hoffmann 1982: 86-90).

⁵⁵ See KT 6.11 for ājäväşa-, Skjærvø (2004: vol. 2, 340) for vijīşdä-tara-, Maggi (2013: 143) for dajagraiva, and Konow (1941: 85) for arja-.

As for the meaning, it should be recalled that, in lexicographical works arranged systematically, Skt. bukkasa- and candāla- 'outcaste' are considered to be synonymous and are listed in the proximity of people involved in killing animals like hunters, fishers, fowlers, butchers, and the like (e.g. in Hemancandra's Abhidhānacintāmani 927-933⁵⁶). Similarly, Pali pukkusa- denotes 'a low social class, the members of which are said (in the Jatakas) to earn their living by means of refuse-clearing' and which features right at the end in enumerations of social classes and despised clans that usually also include the term candāla- 'outcaste' 57. All this suggests that the task of killing was left to outcastes such as candālas or bukkasas/pukkusas, as is confirmed by the occurrence of Buddhist Skt. candālaka- 'outcaste, candāla' in a list of enemies of birds⁵⁸. In the Book of Zambasta itself, when the heretics plot to get rid of the Buddha, one of them even suggests to have him killed by a candāla: Z 2.30 o ve candālä ttata hedä se thvī ttusse yana ssīve 'or (suppose) one gives money to a candāla: "Destroy him in the night"'.

In light of the preceding, is seems likely that Kh. $b\bar{u}kaja$ - is a borrowing from Indic *bokkaśa- 'outcaste' and that, in the Jātakastava, LKh. $bukaj\ddot{a}$ is the butcher who has to slaughter the deer and, in the Book of Zambasta, OKh. $b\bar{u}kaja$ are, metonymically, the slaughterers of the Buddha, that is, the destroyers of his teachings entrusted to them.

6. Z 24.516

6.1. Emmerick's edition and translation

516 [pha]ru padya [+] -u - ` rre ṣṣamana banāre kye nä rro gratu hvāñāte 'śšäkṣāvatā heḍā 6 516 In many ways ... The king, the monks lament: "Who will preach instruction to us now, will give the śiksāpadas?".

⁵⁶ See the ed. and trans. by Böhtlingk/Rieu (1847: 173-174), where verses 927-933 contain words for: '55. *Jäger* (4 W[örter]). – 56. Jagd (5 W.). – 57. Der mit Netzen jagt (2 W.). – 58. Jägernetz (2 W.). – 59. Strick (7 W.). 60. – *Fischer* (3 W.). – 61. Angel (2 W.). – 62. Fischernetz (2 W.). – 63. Fischkorb (2 W.). – 64. *Vogelsteller* (2 W.). – 65. 66. *Fleischer* (4 W.). – 67. Schlachthaus. – 68. Netz, Kette oder Käfig, um Vogel und vierfüssige Thiere zu halten. – 69. Schlinge (2 W.). – 70. Grube, um Wild zu fangen (2 W.). – 71. Falle (2 W.). – 72. 73. *Mensch, der zu keiner Kaste gehöhrt* (7 W.). – 74. 75. *Kandâla* (10 W. [including *bukkasa*-])' (my italics).

⁵⁷ See PED 461 s.v. *pukkusa* and Cone (2013: 99-100 s.v. *caṇḍāla*).

⁵⁸ See BHSD 223 s.v. candālaka.

6.2. Revised edition and translation

516 [pha]ru padya [hā]ruv[a] rre ṣṣamana banāre kye nä rro gratu hvāñäte śśäkṣāvatä heḍä 6 516 In many ways the merchants (and) the king lament the (dead) monks: "Who will preach instruction to us now, will give the moral commandments?" 59.

This verse belongs to the same episode as the previously discussed one (513). If the rare verb *ban*- 'to lament' is regarded as only intransitive (SGS 93), the resulting translation 'the monks lament' 60 is at variance with the fact that the monks are said to be all dead after their fight: Z 24.499 śśūjäteye vaska ākṣuvīndä juvāre varī puṣṣo śśūjätu biśśä tvīṣṣe yanīndä 'they [i.e. the monks] begin to fight with one another. At once they all destroy each other' (Emmerick). I suggest that the rare verb *ban*-'to lament' is both transitive and intransitive just like English to lament and that ṣṣamana 'monks' is the object and the substantive lost in the gap and *rre* 'king' are the subject of the clause: 'the ... (and) the king lament the [dead] monks'.

Since the presence of merchants as the king's counsellors (cf. Skt. śreṣṭhin-) in this episode is indicated by Z 24.508 karavātā naltsute hā hārvyau haṃtsa 'In the morning [after the monks' slaughter] he [i.e. the king] went out with the merchants' and 514 kye vara hāruvānu ttā vāta 'Those of the merchants who were there' (Emmerick), I based my Italian translation of the passage on the restoration [hār]u[va] rre 'the merchants (and) the king', which fits the metre perfectly. In doing so, I deviated from Leumann's and Emmerick's reading of the last damaged akṣara, under which they saw a subscript hook (-')61, and tentatively regarded the sign as a letter fragment detached from a contiguous, now lost folio and specularly stuck below verse 516, as sometimes happens. The suggested supplement [hār]u[va] $rre - \cdots -$ would fit the 6-mora segment before the final cadence ṣṣamana banāre ' \cdots in this metre B hemistich⁶².

⁵⁹ Cf. Maggi (2004a: 1266, 1284 n. 169).

⁶⁰ Cf. Leumann (1933-1936: 346: 'Die Mönche jammern'), KT 6.224 ('the *śramaṇas* lament'), and Dict. 268 ('the *śramaṇa*-ascetics lament').

⁶¹ The hook mostly continues Ir. intervocalic *-š- and is often combined with hiatus-bridging consonants like -t- or -v-. It possibly expressed breathiness (Emmerick 1992a: 158-165) and is usually transliterated as an apostrophe or an aleph sign.

⁶² Cf. Hitch (2014: 3-5).

Although closer inspection of the facsimile shows that there is no letter fragment stuck to this folio and that the sign is a fairly well preserved subscript hook⁶³, no other restoration seems to be possible than $[h\bar{a}]ruv[a]$ with hook instead of the normal nominative-accusative plural $h\bar{a}ruva$ (Z 5.96 22.208 23.45 23.136). The unexpected addition of the hook may be accidental and be due to influence of similarly spelled words like, for instance, Z 2.174 13.106 23.16 aruva 'medicine' or words with the loc. pl. ending -uvo, as is the case with such words with unetymological subscript hook as the loc. sg. Z 13.82 22.115 $\bar{a}vuto$, 6.24 $\bar{a}vuvo$, 'village' instead of normal avuvo (Z 13.90)⁶⁴ and the acc. sg. Z 23.122 ssuvo, 'news' instead of normal ssuvo (Z 22.333)⁶⁵.

7. Z 24.650-652

7.1. Emmerick's edition and translation

- 650 [cī]tä nä ju ye vīri [asä]du o śśäru yīndä atī samtsera . hämäte mästä vivāgä
- 651 [+] rro tterä ośye scä[tä] [mara]ta ye kāli . cī haṃgrīsīndi . balysä pūra hamālä . 51
- 652 [väna] balysä niśtä kye yudu yīndä pamā—

 tu ttye bhikṣu-saṃggä . vasve mäśtä ṣṣahāne 52

 650 If one does not do evil to anyone or (if one does) good, there will
 be very great vipāka for him in saṃsāra. 651 (So) also at such an evil
 time here, in a period when the sons of the Buddha assemble in a
 group. 652 (Apart from) the Buddha, there is no one who can measure
 the pure, great virtues of this Bhiksusaṅgha.

7.2. Revised edition and translation

- 650 [a]tä nä ju ye vīri [asä]du o śśäru yīndä atī saṃtsera . hämäte mästä vivāgä
- 651 [ṣṣai] rro tterä ośye scä[tä hama]taye kāli . cī haṃgrīsīndi . balysä pūra hamālä . 51

⁶³ See the facsimile in Vorob'ëv-Desjatovskij/Vorob'ëva-Desjatovskaja (1965: 293).

⁶⁴ Cf. Hitch (2015: 316 n. 33; 2016: 283).

⁶⁵ Cf. Hitch (2016: 270).

652 [väna] balysä niśtä kye yudu yīndä pamā—

tu ttye bhikṣu-saṃggä. vasve mäśtä ṣṣahāne 52

650 (If) one does not do much evil to anyone or (if one does) good, there will be very great ripening for him in the cycle of birth.

651 Even in such an evil age (as the present Kaliyuga), at the very time when the sons of the Buddha (i.e. the monks) assemble in a group, 652 (apart from) the Buddha, there is no one who can measure the pure, great virtues of this community of monks⁶⁶.

This passage belongs to the conclusion of chapter 24 and of the entire Book of Zambasta. After narrating the rise of Buddhism and prophesying its future decline due precisely to the decay of the monks' morality, chapter 24 closes with an exhortation for the audience to follow the Buddha's teachings and rely on the community of monks, whose importance is said to be so invaluable that only the Buddha, not ordinary people, can fully appreciate it.

I follow Leumann in restoring $[a]t\ddot{a}$ 'much' at the beginning of verse 650 and take the clause as a conditional clause with implied conjunction, because Emmerick's $[c\bar{\imath}]t\ddot{a}$ 'when, if' would make the hemistich hypermetrical with an initial 6-mora instead of 5-mora segment ($[a]t\ddot{a}$ $n\ddot{a}$ $[a]t\ddot{a}$ $[a]t\ddot$

I restore the adverbial collocation [sṣai] rro 'even' at the beginning of verse 651, as it fits this passage and occurs frequently in the text (Z 2.201 2.243 5.29 6.57 13.58 24.646 ṣṣai rro; 14.87 ṣṣai rro; 2.114 2.125 8.30 22.232 ṣṣei rro; 2.198 ṣṣai rru; 20.61 ṣṣai ro; 5.104 ṣṣai ru). In my Italian translation, I also suggested that what Leumann read [--] ta ye and Emmerick restored as [mara]ta ye must be a single word because the remaining ye (not translated by Emmerick) can only be the indefinite pronoun 'one' and cannot be reconciled with the context. I presumed that the defective word may be an adjective accompanying the gen.-dat. kāli 'time' but offered no restoration. Here I propose to restore [hama]taye kāli 'at the time itself, at the very time': though the gen.-dat. sg. m. of the emphatic reflexive pronoun hamata- is hamatye in Z (2.229 24.453), OKh. hamataye, apparently from a secondary hamataa-, occurs in IOL Khot 36/3 (Kha. viii.1) a5, Catalogue 255-256 [ba]lysūñavūysei hamataye āsā

[tc]e[ra] 'the bodhi-seeker should himself do memorization of the teaching' (also a3 hamatayai, i.e. hamataye + -ä 3 sg. enclitic pronoun).

It should also be noted that $k\bar{a}li$ 'period' is probably not just a synonym in apposition with the preceding $sc\bar{a}[t\bar{a}]$ 'time', as was translated by Emmerick. Rather, $k\bar{a}li$ generically means 'a time' here, whereas $tter\bar{a}$ ośye $sc\bar{a}[t\bar{a}]$ 'in such an evil age' has a specific reference and matches the Kali age (Kaliyuga), our decayed fourth and last age of the world, which is mentioned and compared with the Kṛtayuga, the first, golden age of the world, in Z 24.3-4:

- 3 kho ye pyūṣḍe crrāmu ṣu väta kr¸vi yuggä satva crrāmu vätä kālä kho ttärä staurä hamästä 3
- 4 ne ne ju hā māñātā karā kho ye hāra daiyā kalā yuggī harbiśśu tterā stauru hamāstā 4

 3 When one hears what beings were like in the Kṛtayuga, what that age was like, how very greatly has it changed! 4 It does not resemble at all how one sees things. So greatly has the Kaliyuga changed it all⁶⁷.

Mention of *tterä ośye scä[tä]* 'such an evil age' at the end of chapter 24—where the virtues of the Buddhist monks are indicated as a religious and moral counteragent—is a way to recall *kalä yugga*- 'the Kaliyuga' at chapter beginning and can be regarded as an instance of concentric concatenation.

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⁶⁷ This refers to the change to worse of the *uysnorāņu padaṃgya* 'the build of beings' in the preceding verse 24.2. See Degener (1989: 204-205) on *padaṃgyā*- 'build, physical appearance' (from the past participle of *padāṃ* : *padanda*- 'to make, build') and Skjærvø in Studies 3.86-88 on its further, secondary meanings 'exposition, description; display, presentation'.

Conventions

italics (or roman in quotations in italics) letters not clearly visible;

+++ illegible or partially preserved akṣaras for which no reading can be

suggested;

- illegible or partially preserved consonant base or vowel mark for

which no reading can be suggested;

[+++] akṣaras lost in a lacuna;

[-] consonant base or vowel mark lost in a lacuna; [abc] restoration of a lacuna; translation of a lacuna;

<abc> editor's supplement where the manuscript has no lacuna;

{abc} editor's deletion;

* emendation (the manuscript reading is given in parentheses or in a

note);

blank in the manuscript between parts of a word;

(abc) explanatory amplification in translations.

Abbreviations

Books

BHSD Edgerton (1953: vol. 2)

Catalogue Skjærvø (2002) Dict. Bailey (1979)

EWAia Mayrhofer (1992-2001)

 KBT
 Bailey (1951)

 KT 1-7
 Bailey (1945-1985)

 MW
 Monier-Williams (1899)

 PED
 Rhys Davids/Stede (1925)

SGS Emmerick (1968b)

Studies 1-3 Emmerick/Skjærvø (1982-1997).

Other

1/2/3 first/second/third person

acc. accusative
f. feminine
gen.-dat. genitive-dative
instr-abl instrumental-ablative

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intr. intransitive Ir. Iranian

LKh. Late Khotanese

loc. locative
m. masculine
OInd. Old Indian
OKh. Old Khotanese

pl. plural
prf. perfect
sg. singular
Skt. Sanskrit.

Khotanese texts

Jātakastava ed. and trans. Dresden (1955: Ch. 00274)

Jīvakapustaka ed. KT 1.135-196 (Ch. ii.003); paragraph numbers

according to Konow (1941) with added verse numbers according to Emmerick (1992b) and Chen

(2005)

Mañjuśrīnairātmyāvatārasūtra ed. KBT 113-135 (P 4099)

Saṅghātasūtra ed. and trans. Canevascini (1993)

Siddhasāra ed. KT 1.2-132 (Ch. ii.002), 5.315-324 (P 2892);

paragraph numbers according to Emmerick (1980-

1982)

Suvarṇabhāsottamasūtra ed. and trans. Skjærvø (2004)

Z = Book of Zambasta ed. and trans. by Emmerick (1968a).

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