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Abstract

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This dissertation contains an English translation of chapters three, four, five, seventeen, twenty-three, and twenty-six of Bhāvaviveka's Prajñāpradīpa, as well as an edition of the Tibetan text. The Prajñāpradīpa is Bhāvaviveka's commentary on the fundamental text of the Madhyamaka school of Buddhist philosophy, Nāgārjuna's Mūla-madhyamaka-kārikās. The edition is based on the Peking, Narthang, Derge, and Cone editions of the Bstan 'gyur. For both the translation and the edition, extensive use was made of Avalokitavrata's subcommentary. The dissertation also contains three introductory chapters, which deal with Bhāvaviveka's works, his place in the history of the Madhyamaka, and related matters.
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Part I: Introduction

Chapter 1: Nāgārjuna and the Mūlamadhyamakakārikās

Bhāvaviveka's Prajñāpradīpa is a commentary on Nāgārjuna's Mūlamadhyamakakārikās (MMK). The MMK is the fundamental text of the Madhyamaka school of Buddhist philosophy. (As a general rule, "Madhyamaka" is the name of the school and its philosophy; a follower of the school is called a "Mādhyamika."1) Nāgārjuna was the founder of the Madhyamaka, and Bhāvaviveka was one of the most important figures in its development. The later tradition considered Bhāvaviveka to be the founder of the Svātantrika branch of the Madhyamaka, as opposed to the Prāsaṅgika-Madhyamaka of Buddhāpālita and Candrakīrti.

The Prajñāpradīpa, like the MMK, has twenty-seven chapters. Chapters three, four, five, seventeen, twenty-three, and twenty-six are edited and translated here; they will be discussed later.

The first three chapters of this dissertation are introductory. In this chapter, we will discuss mainly issues related to Nāgārjuna and his chief work, the MMK. The second chapter will deal with Bhāvaviveka and the works ascribed to him, with the exception of the Prajñāpradīpa. The third chapter will examine the Prajñāpradīpa and Bhāvaviveka's syllogistic method. Bhāva-
viveka's criticism of Buddhapālita in the Prajñāpradīpa and Candrakīrti's response to that criticism initiated the split between the two main divisions of the Mādhyamikas, the Svātantrikas and the Prāsaṅgikas. Therefore, in the third chapter, we will also consider the major issues which divided these two subschools, as well as other matters related to Bhāvaviveka and the Prajñāpradīpa.

Nāgārjuna's Date and Works

Nāgārjuna's dates, like most dates in ancient Indian history, cannot be established with any precision. Modern scholars have placed him anywhere from the first to the third centuries A. D. In his recent study of the chronology of the Madhyamaka, David Seyfort Ruegg, following Erich Frauwallner and others, concludes that "on balance it seems appropriate to place Nāgārjuna c. 150-200 CE." Jacques May, however, has chosen to follow Étienne Lamotte in citing a date of 243 A. D. for Nāgārjuna's birth and putting his death at about 300 A. D. Lamotte based his opinion on the chronological calculations of Kumārajīva and his school.

Traditional accounts of the life of Nāgārjuna are full of legendary and mythological elements, though they seem to agree in associating him with South India. The situation is further complicated by the fact that the
tradition assumed that Nāgarjuna, the author of the MMK, also wrote a number of Tantric, alchemical, and medical works. Modern scholars generally believe that these works were written by one or more later authors of the same name.7

Even setting those writings aside, there remain many works ascribed to "Nāgarjuna." For the most part, they are available only in Tibetan or Chinese translations, though a few survive in Sanskrit. The most elaborate study of the works of Nāgarjuna is Christian Lindtner's recent Nāgarjuniana. He considers thirteen works to be definitely genuine: MMK; Śūnyatāsaptati; Vigrahavyāvartanī; Vaidalyaprakaraṇa; *Vyavahārasiddhi; Yuktiśāstikā; Catuḥstava; Ratnāvalī; Pratītyasamutpādahṛdaya-kārikā; Sūtrasamucaya; Bodhicittavivarana; Suhrdlekhā; and *Bodhisambhāra[ka].8 Ruegg also surveys the works of Nāgarjuna in his Literature of the Madhyamaka School in India.9 He is less inclined to commit himself on questions of authorship, though he does believe that the Bodhicittavivarana is probably the work of a later, Vajrayānist Nāgarjuna.10

Nāgarjuna and the Mahāyāna

Nāgarjuna's dates, uncertain as they are, place him in the earlier centuries of the Indian Mahāyāna.11 The Buddhist tradition is unanimous in considering him to
have been a great teacher of the Mahāyāna; some Mahāyāna sūtras even contain "predictions" of his birth. On the other hand, the MMK and the works most similar to it in style and content - namely, Śūnyatāsaptati, Vigraha-vyāvartanī, Vaidalyaprakaraṇa, *Vyavahārasiddhi, and Yuktiśastikā - contain little or nothing that would indicate that Nāgārjuna considered himself to be a "Mahāyānist." Thus A. K. Warder has questioned whether Nāgārjuna was, in fact, a follower of the Mahāyāna.

Most scholars have rejected Warder's contention, pointing out, among other things, that MMK 13-8 clearly alludes to a passage in the Kāśyapaparivarta of the Ratnakūṭa collection of Mahāyāna sūtras and that other works likely to be by Nāgārjuna, such as the Ratnāvalī and the Catuḥṣtava, contain numerous references to Mahāyāna doctrines. At the same time, no one would dispute the fact that Nāgārjuna many times quotes from or alludes to passages in the sūtras of the early Buddhist Canon. Moreover, there is general agreement that he was opposed not to early Buddhism itself, but to what he saw as the speculative excesses of the Ābhidhārmika schools of his day. In Nāgārjuna's view, many of the theories developed by these schools, above all the Sarvāstivādins' notion of svabhāva, were at variance with the teachings of the Buddha. It is probable, in fact, that the MMK and closely related works have few references to
the Mahāyāna precisely because they are addressed to the Ābhidhārmikas.

Recently, however, David Kalupahana has attempted to revive Warder’s hypothesis. To quote Kalupahana, "In the following pages, an attempt will be made to present Nāgārjuna merely as a grand commentator on the Buddha-word and to show that he did not try to improve upon the teachings of the Buddha. His work will be explained as an attempt to destroy the weeds that had grown up around the Buddha’s teaching as a result of some of the ideas expressed by philosophers of both the Sthaviravāda and the Mahāyāna traditions."18

Kalupahana seems not quite to say that Nāgārjuna was not a Mahāyānist (despite the statement to that effect on the back cover of his book), but to hold that "... even some of the more prominent philosophers of Mahāyāna were really trying to overcome such sectarian interpretations and go back to the non-sectarian form of Buddhism as embodied in the early discourses, without rejecting either the canonical Abhidharma texts that embody positive teachings or the early Mahāyāna sūtras that emphasized the negative aspect of the Buddha’s doctrine."19 While admitting that Nāgārjuna knew the Kāśyapa-parivarta,20 he says, "I wonder whether the original versions of these texts can appropriately be called Mahāyānistic, even though they were preserved by the
Mahāyāna schools."\(^{21}\) For him, the full-fledged Mahāyāna is represented by the Saddharma-pundarpīka, with its sectarian attitude toward the "Hīnayāna" and its disparagement of the arhat ideal.\(^{22}\) Thus he says, "A careful reading of [Hajime] Nakamura's [Indian Buddhism] shows it to be futile to attempt to discover a pure Mahāyāna text that Nāgārjuna might have been able to depend upon."\(^{23}\)

To begin with, I think that it is clear that Nāgārjuna did endeavor to show that the Mahāyāna doctrine of the emptiness of all dharmas is not incompatible with the early Canon. For example, chapter twenty-four of the MMK is devoted to arguing that the Four Noble Truths can only be understood in the light of emptiness, whereas they become impossible if things exist by intrinsic nature.

The early history of the Mahāyāna is complex, and little is known for certain. In particular, the dating of Mahāyāna sūtras is difficult. Thus Lamotte, for example, wrote, "In fact, the present state of information does not allow any hypothesis on the terminus a quo of the Mahāyānasūtras."\(^{24}\) Nevertheless, there are some problems with Kalupahana's account of the texts which existed in Nāgārjuna's day. He seems to put Nāgārjuna in the first or second century A. D.,\(^{25}\) although Nakamura's Indian Buddhism, which he has cited as his main authority, gives estimated dates of c. 150-250 A. D. for
Nāgārjuna. Kalupahana goes on to say that the Mahāvastu was probably not yet written at that time, even though Nakamura says that it may date from the second century B.C.! (Of course, as some reviewers have pointed out, Nakamura's book has to be used with caution; but Kalupahana gives no reasons for his deviations from Nakamura.)

He refers to Nakamura's book as his authority for saying, "In the earliest versions of some of the early Mahāyāna sūtras, such as Vajracchedikā-prajñāpāramitā and the Kāśyapa-parivarta, there is no mention of a bodhisattva." On the page referred to, Nakamura says, "The scheme of the earliest Mahāyāna sūtras was to mention Jetavana or Veluvana as the gathering place for sermons by the Buddha, and to mention 1250 bhikkhus alone; they did not mention bodhisattvas. This scheme was inherited from that of the sūtras of Early Buddhism." Clearly, the statement, "they did not mention bodhisattvas," refers only to the opening of the sūtra and not to the entire text. In fact, the Gilgit manuscript of the Vajracchedikā uses the word bodhisattva repeatedly.

Kalupahana writes, "Before the compilation of the Saddharmapundarīka, one can hardly expect to find a carefully executed treatise that would explicate the Mahāyāna philosophy as it is presented by modern scholars. Since
such sophisticated Mahāyāna sūtras were not available to Nāgārjuna, he could not help moving on to the early discourses ..."32 Later he says, "The Saddharmapundarīka ... indicates a gradual growth with the final version assigned to the third century A. D. "33 Now if that is the case, one might well suppose that an earlier version of the sūtra existed in Nāgārjuna's day; and in fact, according to Nakamura, "The prototype of the sūtra now existing was produced in the first century A. D."34 Thus it is not correct to say, as Kalupahana does, that Nakamura's book shows that Nāgārjuna could not have known any "Mahāyānistic" scriptures.

Finally, although Kalupahana never discusses the question of whether Nāgārjuna wrote all the works attributed to him, he does refer to the Vigraha-vyāvartanī35 and the Ratnāvalī36 as having been written by Nāgārjuna. Verses 4-67 to 4-98 of the Ratnāvalī discuss the Mahāyāna, mentioning it several times by name, comparing it to the Śrāvakayāna, and defending it against criticism.37 Nāgārjuna mentions as distinctive teachings of the Mahāyāna the bodhisattva's vow (prāṇidhī) and dedication (parināmanā) of his practice (caryā) (4-90). (That is, he dedicates the merit derived from his practice to the attainment of full enlightenment for the benefit of all beings.) That practice consists of the six perfections (pāramitā) (4-82), as well as the ten
stages (bhūmi) discussed in 5-40 to 5-61. Also, only the Mahāyāna teaches the inconceivable greatness (māhātmyam acintyam) of the Buddhas (4-85), and emptiness (svyayā) in the sense of nonorigination (anutpāda) (4-86). Nāgārjuna makes it clear that he does not reject the Srāvakayāna but that he considers the Mahāyāna to be the higher teaching (4-93 to 98). Kalupahana is strangely silent about these verses.

In summary, one can agree with Jacques May: "Certainly Nāgārjuna, unlike certain Mahāyāna-sūtras, shows no willingness to break with the ancient Canon ... But it would be excessive to detach him from the Mahāyāna." Of course, the Mahāyāna was not a monolith. As Gregory Schopen has emphasized, the early Mahāyāna was a complex movement with many different aspects, some of which may originally have been advocated by quite separate groups. Any account of that Mahāyāna which Nāgārjuna followed has to be based on his own works, as has been done, for example, by Christian Lindtner.

Philosophical Questions

On the philosophical side, Kalupahana is at pains to insist that Nāgārjuna does not reject the categories of early Buddhism, but that he does reject the interpretation of those categories in terms of the "substantialist" views of the Sarvāstivādins or in terms of the contrary
views of the Sautrāntikas, who insisted on momentari-
ness. Thus he says, "... Nāgārjuna was not denying
either dependently arisen phenomena or dependent arising.
He was merely showing the inconsistency in explaining
causally conditioned phenomena in terms of self-
nature." Likewise, in his commentary on MMK 1-3,4,
Kalupahana says, "Thus, unlike Candrakīrti, Nāgārjuna
seems to have accepted the Abhidhārmika theory of four
conditions, without characterizing it either as self-
causation or as external causation ... there is no out-
right denial of the 'conditions' (pratyaya) but only of
self-nature (svabhāva)."

Kalupahana's views are well summed up in the
following passage from his commentary on chapter twenty-
five: "In [the first] chapter, there was no denial of a
cause (pratyaya) or an effect (artha) and the arising of
the latter depending upon the former, so long as these
two events and their mutual dependence is not explained
on the basis of a theory of self-nature or other-nature.
Similarly, in the present chapter, there is no denial of
the four noble truths that include the fruit and the
ultimate fruit (paramārtha), so long as these are not
conceived of in the form of unique entities (bhāva,
svabhāva), which was indeed the way in which the
Sarvāstivādins and the Sautrāntikas defined dharma."44

Is Kalupahana right about all these matters? To
begin with, there are some points where I think that he is. As has already been pointed out, many scholars think that Nāgārjuna did not want to break with the Buddhism of the early Canon but instead wished to challenge the ontology of the Abhidhārmika schools. On the other hand, to the best of my knowledge, the early Canon never mentions svabhāva. By building his philosophy around the rejection of this Sarvāstivādin innovation, Nāgārjuna arrives at a point of view which, while not in conflict with that of the early Canon, is not the same, either. He places the emptiness (śūnyatā) of the dharmas, that is, their lack of intrinsic nature (svabhāva), in the forefront. He thereby insists upon a radical "nonsubstantialism" which is far less explicit in the early Canon (sabbe dharmā anattā).\(^{45}\)

Thus it is as much an overstatement to say that Nāgārjuna was "merely a grand commentator" as it is to claim that he was an iconoclast with no regard for the past. When a tradition finds itself in a changed intellectual environment, innovations may occur; and some may find these contrary to the original spirit of the tradition. This seems to be how Nāgārjuna saw the work of the Abhidhārmika schools. Any attempt to restore that original spirit, however, will necessarily create something new; and that Nāgārjuna certainly did.

As the foregoing implies, I also agree with Kalupa-
hana's contention that Nāgārjuna did not wish to deny phenomena altogether (which would have been the extreme of apavāda, nihilistic negation), but only their existence by virtue of svabhāva. Nor did he wish to reject the categories which the Buddhist Canon used to explain phenomena, on the phenomenal level. He had no intention of setting up a new description of phenomena to replace the old. He was concerned, above all, that phenomenological descriptions not be used to justify the unwarranted ontological conclusion that there exist real entities which possess their own intrinsic nature.

Nāgārjuna was interested in theories of how the world worked, not for their own sake, but for what they said or implied about the ultimate nature (or naturelessness) of reality. This was so because for all Buddhists, ontological questions are also soteriological questions, since one achieves liberation by correctly and thoroughly comprehending how things really are (vathābhūtam). Likewise, misconceptions about the way in which things do or do not exist are not only philosophical errors; they are also obstacles to enlightenment (bodhi).

Here Mark Siderits' remarks about Nāgārjuna's arguments and intentions in the Vigrahavyāvartani are pertinent. In that work, Nāgārjuna negates the pramānas, the valid means of knowledge such as perception and inference. Siderits writes, "If [Nāgārjuna's] arguments
are sound, they show only that a theory of pramāṇas cannot be employed in defense of some metaphysical thesis ... His arguments certainly do not show that we are unreasonable in, e. g., relying on perception in carrying out our everyday transactions ... All he has shown is that we cannot regiment our common-sense intuitions concerning ways of arriving at justified belief in such a way as to lend credence to some one or another metaphysical thesis." 46 He concludes that "... there is little reason to suppose that Nāgārjuna means to deny the possibility of there being pramāṇas in any sense of the term." 47

The Mūlamadhyamakakārikās

Several summaries of the twenty-seven chapters of the MMK have been published. 48 We will summarize only the six chapters translated here. The verse numbers refer to the text of MMK as given in Bhāvaviveka’s commentary. When these differ from the verse numbers in La Vallée Poussin’s edition of Candrakīrti’s Prasannapadā (CPP), the latter are also given. See note 143 to the translation of chapter three and note 59 to the translation of chapter twenty-three for details.

Chapters three, four, and five form a closely related set. Chapter three, drawing on the analysis developed in chapter two, examines the process of perception
by the sense organs (indriya). Nāgārjuna finds that process to be unintelligible if one tries to understand it in terms of entities which possess their own intrinsic nature (svabhāva). As is often the case in the MMK, the word svabhāva is not used and has to be inferred from the context of the work as a whole. Without some qualification such as "by intrinsic nature," a statement such as "... visible [objects] (drastavya) and the visual organ (darśana) do not exist" (MMK 3-7a; CPP: 3-8a) is difficult to explain or defend.

In chapter three, the process of vision is analyzed, and the analysis is then extended to the other sense organs and their respective sense objects. The five physical sense organs plus the mind (manas), together with the six corresponding sense objects, constitute the twelve āyatanas. (Dharmas are the object of mind.)

Chapter four deals with the five aggregates (skandha). Matter (rūpa) is examined in terms of the relation of cause (kāraṇa or hetu) and effect (kārva). This analysis of causality complements the analysis of causal conditions (pratyaya) in the first chapter of MMK. The discussion of matter is extended to the other aggregates and to all entities (bhāva). The last two verses of chapter four (MMK 4-8,9) concern the way in which the Madhyamaka is expounded.

Chapter five discusses the six elements (dhātu).
Space (आकाश) is discussed by means of an analysis of what is characterized (लक्ष्य) and its defining characteristic (लक्षण). If defining characteristics and the things they characterize are not possible, then entities (भाव) are not possible; and without an entity, one cannot have its absence, a nonentity (अभाव). Thus space cannot be a defining characteristic, a thing characterized, an entity, or a nonentity. The same applies to the other five elements. The concluding verse (MMK 5-8) states that those who see entities and nonentities do not see the quiescence (उपास) of the visible (द्रस्तव्य). This mention of the visible harks back to the subject-matter of chapter three.

Thus chapters three, four, and five examine three sets of categories, the āyatanas, the skandhas, and the dhātus. These categories are fundamental to the Buddhist analysis of phenomena. (Note that in chapter five of MMK, dhātu refers to the six elements, not the eighteen dhātus. The latter are the twelve āyatanas plus the six corresponding sense cognitions.) In each chapter, the analysis is made more specific by singling out a particular member of the set for detailed treatment. It is then pointed out that the same analysis applies to the other members of the set as well.

As we have seen, one could also say that chapter three deals with perception, chapter four with causality,
and chapter five with the characteristics by which we
define and identify the constituents of the world. From
this point of view, also, the subjects treated in these
three chapters are both important and interrelated.

Chapter seventeen deals with a topic fundamental to
the Buddhist world-view, and indeed to the Indian world-
view: action (karman) and its result (phala). Nāgārjuna
first reviews the karma-theories of various Buddhist
schools (MMK 17-1 to 17-20). He then shows that
unacceptable consequences follow if action is conceived
of as possessing intrinsic nature (MMK 17-21 to 17-25).
The same is true of the result of action, as well as the
agent (kartr) of action and the experiencer (bhoktr) of
the result (MMK 17-26 to 17-30). These are all like
magical emanations (nirmita) creating further emanations,
or like cities of the gandharvas, mirages, or dreams (MMK
17-31 to 17-33).

Nāgārjuna states in MMK 17-26 that "the afflictions
are not real (tattvatah)." (The afflictions (kleśa) are
desire (rāga), hatred (dvēsa), and confusion (moha).) He
returns to this theme in chapter twenty-three, where he
explains that the afflictions are not real because they
do not exist by intrinsic nature. They do not exist by
intrinsic nature because they occur in dependence on the
errors of (apprehending things as) pleasant (śubha) or
unpleasant (aśubha) (MMK 23-1,2). Moreover, the
afflictions belong to a self (ātman); but neither the existence (astitva) nor the nonexistence (nāstitva) of the self is established (MMK 23-3,4).

The remainder of chapter twenty-three is largely devoted to an examination of error (viparyāsa), though the topic of the afflictions recurs from time to time. The errors of (apprehending things as) pleasant and unpleasant do not exist by intrinsic nature (MMK 23-6). In the first place, this is so because, as shown in chapter three, the objects of the six senses are "isolated" (kevala), i.e., without intrinsic nature. Therefore, like action, they are similar to a city of the gandharvas and so on, and cannot be considered as either pleasant or unpleasant (MMK 23-7 to 23-9). Moreover, the pleasant and the unpleasant exist only in relation to each other (and not by intrinsic nature) (MMK 23-10,11). Without the pleasant and the unpleasant, how can desire and hatred arise (MMK 23-12)?

Nāgārjuna next considers a traditional set of four errors, such as holding the impermanent (anitya) to be permanent (nitya), and applies a similar analysis. He shows that impermanence, for example, exists only in relation to permanence (and therefore not by intrinsic nature) (MMK 23-13,14 and 20,21; CPP: 21,22). Even the one who holds such errors and his holding of them do not exist (by intrinsic nature) (MMK 23-15 to 19). Thus
ignorance (avidyā) ceases because of the cessation of error; and because of the cessation of ignorance, the remaining members of the twelfold dependent origination cease (MMK 23-22; CPP: 23-23). Nāgārjuna concludes by pointing out that if the afflictions existed by intrinsic nature, they could not be abandoned; but if they were nonexistent by intrinsic nature, there would be no question of abandoning them (MMK 23-23,24; CPP: 23-24,25). Thus if the existence and nonexistence of things is conceived of in terms of intrinsic nature, liberation is unintelligible.

It becomes particularly clear in chapter twenty-three that Nāgārjuna is doing two things at once. On the one hand, he is discussing ontology and showing that it is untenable to hold that things exist by intrinsic nature. Rather, their mode of existence can be compared to that of dreams or mirages. Thus they are also not totally nonexistent.

On the other hand, he is describing a process by which one changes one’s way of experiencing the world. If one sees things as real entities which are either desirable or undesirable, this perception gives rise to desire and aversion and the actions resulting from them. If one then tries to rid oneself of desire and aversion, one finds that it is impossible as long as one perceives the world in this erroneous way. One has to see that
things and their desirable and undesirable qualities are not given as such but instead are conceptually con-
structed (see MMK 23-7), and that these concepts have meaning only in relation to each other. In fact, even error itself and the one who perceives the world erroneously do not exist intrinsically.

According to the traditional Buddhist formula, the cessation of ignorance results in the cessation of the remaining members of the twelfe-fold dependent origina-
tion. This "cessation" is interpreted here not as the ceasing to exist of some real entity called "ignorance" or "error," but as the realization that all things, including even error and ignorance, do not exist by intrinsic nature.

Chapter twenty-six of the MMK is concerned with the twelfe-fold dependent origination (pratītya-samutpāda). We have seen that it is clearly referred to in MMK 23-22 (CPP: 23-23). A truncated version is also alluded to in MMK 3-7 (CPP: 3-8). Moreover, the twelfe-fold dependent origination is a particular formulation of the general principle that things originate in dependence on other things. This principle is fundamental to the Madhyamaka system, where it is held to imply that things lack intrinsic nature. (See, for example, MMK 23-2.) In MMK 24-18, Nāgārjuna says, "What dependent origination is, that we call emptiness (śūnyatā)."
It may be surprising that in chapter twenty-six, the twelvefold dependent origination is expounded in a traditional Buddhist fashion, without any attempt to show that its members are empty of intrinsic nature. Nāgārjuna may have thought it appropriate to include a restatement of this important Buddhist doctrine, since so much of his philosophy is based on it. This chapter might also have been intended as an oblique demonstration that the Madhyamaka is not in conflict with earlier Buddhism and indeed is implicit in it.

Āryadeva and Buddhāpālita

Before discussing Bhāvaviveka and his Prajñā-pradīpa, we must briefly mention two major figures in the history of the Madhyamaka who preceded him, Āryadeva and Buddhāpālita. Āryadeva was Nāgārjuna’s student and direct successor; thus his dates are dependent on Nāgārjuna’s. Some have identified him with a monk named "Deva" whom the Dīpavamsa and the Mahāvamsa mention as having been in Śrī Laṅkā during the latter half of the third century when the Vetullavāda (i. e., the Mahāyāna) was widespread. Lamotte has used this identification to bolster his case for Nāgārjuna’s having been born in 243 A. D. Āryadeva’s major work is the Catuhśataka. He did not write a commentary on the MMK, unless, as some have supposed, he is the author of a commentary extant
only in Chinese and ascribed to one "Blue-eyes" (Ch'ing-mu).

Buddhapālita\textsuperscript{54} lived c. 500 A. D.\textsuperscript{55} He is of more direct concern to us here than is Āryadeva, since his sole surviving work is a commentary on the MMK\textsuperscript{56} which Bhāvaviveka criticizes in his Prajñāpradīpa. In fact, there are at least twenty places in the Prajñāpradīpa where Bhāvaviveka criticizes Buddhapālita: three times in his commentary on MMK 1-1 and one time each in his commentary on MMK 1-4a, 1-7, 1-8ab, 1-9cd, 2-1ab, 2-2, 2-22cd, 2-23cd, 3-2, 3-3ab, 5-3ab, 6-5, 7-34, 9-8, 10-12, 16-3, and 18-7.\textsuperscript{57} Most of these criticisms are directed against faults which Bhāvaviveka sees in Buddhapālita's explanation of a particular verse, but some have a more general bearing. The latter will be discussed in the third chapter of this introduction, and Buddhapālita's views will be described in that context.
Notes to Chapter 1


7See, for example, David Seyfort Ruegg, "Le Dhammadhātustava de Nāgārjuna," in Études tibétaines dédiées à la mémoire de Marcelle Lalou, Paris: Adrien Maisonneuve, 1971 [abbreviation: Ruegg, "Dhammadhātustava"], pp. 448-53, esp. p. 452 and n. 24; Ruegg, Literature, pp. 104-5 (with notes); and Lindtner, Nāgārjuniana, pp. 11 n. 12 and 17-8 n. 47.

8Listed in Lindtner, Nāgārjuniana, p. 11. For details, see ibid., pp. 24-249.

9See Ruegg, Literature, pp. 8-33 and 104-5.

10Ibid., pp. 35-6 and 104-5.

Bodhisattva's Cultivation of Knowledge and Merit, unpublished dissertation, University of Washington, 1983, pp. 15-21. (This dissertation will be published in the Indiske Studier series.)


15See Warder, op. cit.; Ruegg, Literature, p. 7 (with notes); Lindtner, Nāgārjuniana, pp. 251-60; and Lang, op. cit., pp. 21-8.

16See Warder, op. cit.; Ruegg, Literature, p. 6 n. 13; Lindtner, Nāgārjuniana, pp. 28 and 252-3; and Lang, op. cit., pp. 35-7.


18Ibid., p. 5.

19Ibid., p. 6.

20Ibid., p. 8.

21Ibid., p. xiv.
22Ibid., pp. xiv, 3, 4, 6, 24, 25.
23Ibid., p. xiv.
24Lamotte, Vimalakīrti, p. xcix.
28Nakamura, op. cit., p. 130.
30Kalupahana, op. cit., p. 24 with p. 95 n. 60; see also p. xiv.
31Nakamura, op. cit., p. 159.
32Kalupahana, op. cit., p. xiv.
33Ibid., p. 24.
34Nakamura, op. cit., p. 186.
35Kalupahana, op. cit., p. 92.
36Ibid., p. 165.
Vaidya, ed., Madhyamakaśāstram, Buddhist Sanskrit Texts 10, Darbhanga: Mithila Institute, 1960, pp. 304-10. (The recent edition by Michael Hahn (Bonn, 1982) is not available to me.)


May goes on to say that Warder did not mention the parallels found by Robinson between the Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpaññāramitā and the MMK. Neither does Kalupahana. See Richard Robinson, Early Madhyamika in India and China, Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1967, pp. 177-80.

39Gregory Schopen, lectures at the University of Washington, October, 1983 to March, 1984.


41Kalupahana, op. cit., p. 21-3.

42Ibid., p. 50.

43Ibid., p. 107-8.

44Ibid., p. 77.

45See Ruegg, Literature, p. 7 n. 16.

Ibid. One might wonder whether Siderits' statement on the same page, "... [Nāgārjuna's] arguments are meant to demonstrate that the phrase 'the ultimate nature of reality' is a non-denoting expression," contradicts what I have said about Nāgārjuna's concern with ultimate reality. I think that it does not if one recalls that for Nāgārjuna, ultimate reality obviously could not be some intrinsic nature which things possess. The ultimate reality of things has to be their naihsvābhāvya, their lack of intrinsic nature. On the idea that the intrinsic nature of things is the fact that they have no intrinsic nature, see my paper, "The Notion of svabhāva in the Thought of Candrakīrti," Journal of Indian Philosophy 10 (1982), pp. 161-77.

See, e. g., Ruegg, Literature, pp. 9-18.

On Āryadeva, see, e. g., May, "Chūgan," pp. 479-80; Ruegg, Literature, pp. 50-4; and especially, Lang, op. cit.

See May, "Chūgan," p. 479; Lang, op. cit., pp. 50-4; and Ruegg, Literature, p. 50.

See Lamotte, Traité III, p. 1373 n.

Edited and translated in Lang, op. cit.

See May, "Chūgan," pp. 480-1; Lang, op. cit., pp. 70-2; and Ruegg, Literature, pp. 48, 50.

On Buddhāpālita, see, in the first place, Akira Saito's dissertation (bibliographical information in

55 See references in note 54 and Ruegg, "Chronology," p. 512.

56 Saito edited the entire text (which is extant only in Tibetan) and translated the first sixteen chapters into English. Lindtner, "Buddhapālita," contains an edition and English translation of chapter eighteen. Fehér, *op. cit.*, contains an English translation of the first chapter; a Sanskrit reconstruction of that chapter is given in Indumati Datar, "A Study of the First Chapter of Buddhapālita Mūlamadhyamakāvṛtti," *Journal of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society 26* (1951), 129-39. A portion of chapter two was edited and translated into English by Musashi Tachikawa, "A Study of

57 These were located by checking the notes to Saito's translation of the first sixteen chapters of Buddhāpalita's commentary; my own translations of chapters 17, 23, and 26 of the Prajñāpradīpa; Lindtner's translation of chapter 18 of Buddhāpalita's commentary; and Eckel's translations of chapters 18, 24, and 25 of the Prajñāpradīpa. I did not search chapters 19, 20, 21, 22, and 27 of the Prajñāpradīpa with Avalokitavrata's subcommentary. Saito mentions that Bhāvaviveka does not criticize Buddhāpalita in the last five chapters of BPP, i.e., 23-27. (See Saito, translation, p. xxiii.)

For the places cited, see Saito, translation, pp. 221 n. 2, 222 nn. 4 and 5 (all on MMK 1-1), 224 n. 11 (1-4a), 226 n. 23 (1-7), 228 n. 30 (1-8ab), 229 n.35 (1-9cd), 232 n. 2 (2-1ab), 234-5 n. 7 (2-2), 242 n. 52 (2-22cd), 243 n. 55 (2-23cd), 244 n. 6 (3-2), 244 nn. 8 and 11 (3-3ab), 248 n. 5 (5-3ab), 251 nn. 13 and 14 (6-5), 261 n. 90 (7-34) 266 n. 15 (9-8), 270 n. 35 (10-12), and 284 n. 11 (16-3); Lindtner, "Buddhāpalita," p. 216 n. 93 (18-7); and Eckel, Nihilism, p. 259 n. 118 (18-7).

Saito, citing a work in Japanese by Ejima, says, "According to the subcommentary of Avalokitavrata, Bhāvaviveka criticized Buddhāpalita more than twenty times in [the Prajñāpradīpa]." See Saito, translation, p. xxiv
Chapter 2: Bhāvaviveka and his Works

Bhāvaviveka’s Name and Date

We have been referring to to the author of the Prajñāpradīpa as "Bhāvaviveka." This spelling, which occurs in Candrakīrti’s Prasannapadā, is only one of the forms of his name. "Bhavya" is also common, while the Chinese transliterations and translations point to "Bhāviveka." The Tibetan translations of the Prajñāpradīpa and Avalokitavrata’s tīkā generally give legs ldan byed, corresponding to "Bhavyakara" or "Bhavyakāra," rather than legs ldan ŋbyed, corresponding to "Bhāvaviveka." Of course, ŋbyed may simply be a mistake for ṃbyed, a mistake which somehow became standard in those texts. Likewise, "Bhāviveka" suggests a Sanskrit haplography for "Bhāvaviveka;" but if that is the case, it is surprising that "Bhāviveka" became the standard form of the name in China.¹

As Yuichi Kajiyama² has shown, Bhāvaviveka can be dated to the early and middle portion of the sixth century A. D. (roughly 500-570) through his relationship to Dharmapāla and Sthiramati. Kajiyama accepts Erich Frauwallner’s estimated dates of c. 530-561 for Dharmapāla³ and 510-570 for Sthiramati.⁴ Sthiramati criticizes Bhāvaviveka’s Prajñāpradīpa in his own commentary on the MMK (extant only in Chinese transla-
tion),<sup>5</sup> while Dharmapāla criticizes the same work several times in his commentary on Āryadeva’s *Catuḥśataka*.<sup>6</sup> (The latter commentary also survives only in Chinese.) Sthiramati and Dharmapāla wrote from the point of view of the Yogācāra or Vijñānavāda school;<sup>7</sup> the controversy between Dharmapāla and Bhāvaviveka became well known in the Far East.<sup>8</sup>

On the other hand, in the first chapter of the *Prajñāpradīpa*, Bhāvaviveka criticizes an unnamed commentary on the MMK; and Avalokitavrata tells us that the author of this commentary is Guṇamati.<sup>9</sup> Guṇamati was a teacher of Sthiramati,<sup>10</sup> so that Bhāvaviveka comes between the two and is probably older than Sthiramati. According to Hsüan-tsang, Bhāvaviveka sought to have a debate with Dharmapāla; but the latter, who had retired to Bodh Gaya to meditate, declined. Bhāvaviveka then returned to South India,<sup>11</sup> where he died nine years later.<sup>12</sup> If we accept Frawallner’s calculation that Dharmapāla retired to Bodh Gaya in 559 and died in 561, that places Bhāvaviveka’s death in 568–570. Thus Kajiya arrives at his estimated dates of 500–570 for Bhāvaviveka.

It should also be mentioned that Bhāvaviveka cites with approval a commentary on the MMK by Devaśarman called *dkar po ʻchar ba* (perhaps Śuklābhhyudaya) in the first<sup>13</sup> and third<sup>14</sup> chapters of the *Prajñāpradīpa*. This
does not help in determining Bhāvaviveka's date, since we have no independent information on Devasārman's date. (He can scarcely be identical with the Sarvāstivādin Devasārman, author of the Vijñānakāva, who must have lived much earlier.15) Likewise, Buddhapālita's date is dependent on that of Bhāvaviveka, who is said to have been Buddhapālita's younger contemporary.16

Works Ascribed to Bhāvaviveka

Turning to Bhāvaviveka's writings, we find six works on Madhyamaka that are ascribed to him: Madhyamakahrdayakārikā (MHK); its autocommentary, the Tarkajvalā (TJ); the *Karatalaratna (KTR); the Prajñāpradīpa (BPP); the Madhyamakārthasamgraha (MAS); and the Madhyamakaratnapradīpa (MRP).17 We shall discuss each of these works, saving the Prajñāpradīpa for the next chapter. There are also two Tantric works ascribed to "Bhavyakārīti," but these are unlikely to have been written by the author of the Prajñāpradīpa.18

The MHK seems to be Bhāvaviveka's earliest work. He refers to it by name in his appendix to chapter twenty-five of the Prajñāpradīpa.19 It is also referred to in KTR under the name *Tattvāmṛtatvātāra.20 A number of verses of MHK are taken over by MRP with little or no change,21 and this work also refers to TJ by name.22 As Ejima23 has pointed out, Candrakārtti quotes MHK 3-27ab
and 3-4lab in CPP 33.1,2. Candraśīri does not name the source, but it is clear from the context that he attributes them to Bhāvaviveka. Thus there is little doubt that MHK is an authentic work of the author of the Prajñāpradīpa.

MHK consists of some 928 verses in the Sanskrit version and 1024 verses in the Tibetan version; it is not available in Chinese. MHK is the only work of Bhāvaviveka's which is extant in Sanskrit (except for one missing folio). The one known Sanskrit manuscript was found in Zha lu monastery in Tibet in August, 1936 by Rāhula Sūmīrtīyāyana. He was unable to photograph it and made a rapid copy by hand. Sūmīrtīyāyana gave his copy to V. V. Gokhale, who again transcribed it. Only in 1972 did Gokhale discover on a visit to Rome that Giuseppe Tucci had photographed the same manuscript in Tibet. According to Ejima, the Sanskrit manuscript is written in the "Proto-Bengali-cum-Maithili" script of the eleventh century, while Gokhale says that it is not later than the tenth century. As with TJ, the extant Tibetan translation was made by Atīśa (c. 982-1054) and the Tibetan Nag tsho Tshul khrims rgyal ba in the eleventh century, though, as Gokhale has pointed out, a previous translation existed in the early ninth century.

MHK is divided into eleven chapters. The first two
deal with the bodhisattva path, while the third and longest chapter discusses the bodhisattva's practice of discernment (prajñā) and the nature of Buddhahood. In the context of prajñā, Bhāvaviveka expounds the Madhyamaka at length. The remaining chapters of MHK are mainly concerned with examining and refuting the doctrines of other schools. The Buddhist Srāvakas and Yogacārins are dealt with in chapters four and five, respectively. Chapters six, seven, eight, and nine take up four non-Buddhist schools, the Sāṃkhya, Vaiṣeṣika, Vedānta, and Mīmāṃsā, in that order. These six chapters, along with TJ, constitute a valuable source of information on Indian philosophy as it existed in the sixth century A. D. The tenth chapter deals with the omniscience of the Buddha, while the eleventh and final chapter consists of three verses of praise.

Gokhale has suggested that MHK originally consisted of the first three chapters alone, under the title Tattvajñānāmrtāvatāra, and that Bhāvaviveka added the remaining chapters later. As Lindtner has pointed out, the form actually found in the colophon to chapter three of MHK, and in KTR, is Tattvāmṛtāvatāra; and Gokhale has tacitly adopted that form in a recent publication. Lindtner observed in the same note that the references in KTR and BPP must be to the fifth chapter of MHK/TJ, which deals with the Yogācāra. Hence those references do not
support the hypothesis that MHK originally comprised only the first three chapters, although they do not disprove it, either.

The Tarkajvala is Bhavaviveka's autocommentary on MHK. It is available only in an eleventh-century Tibetan translation by the translators of MHK, though, as we mentioned in connection with MHK, an earlier Tibetan translation is known to have existed.\textsuperscript{37} The Nikayabheda-vibhangagvyakhyna, treated as a separate work of Bhavaviveka's in the Bstan 'gyur, is identical with part of chapter four of TJ.\textsuperscript{38} Moreover, the Madhyamakabhrama-chata, ascribed to Aryadeva in the Bstan 'gyur, is actually an extract from TJ with three verses from MHK and one new verse.\textsuperscript{39}

Ejima has expressed some doubts about whether the entire TJ was written by Bhavaviveka.\textsuperscript{40} He cites the fact that in the present TJ, the term Acarya is occasionally used in reference to the author of the MHK.\textsuperscript{41} Since Acarya is an honorific title, one would not expect Bhavaviveka to use it when referring to himself. Ejima hypothesizes that the present TJ is a revised or enlarged recension of an "Ur-TJ." The Ur-TJ was written by Bhavaviveka, the author of MHK and EPP. The present TJ (including the part reproduced in the Nikayabheda-vibhangagvyakhyna) was composed by a later writer named "Bhavya," who lived perhaps in the eighth century.\textsuperscript{42} As
we shall see later, Ejima's hypothesis also has a bearing on the question of the authorship of MAS and MRP.

Gokhale, on the other hand, has suggested that the sentences containing references to Bhāvaviveka as "ācārva" were explanatory comments by Atiśa which were inserted into the text by his Tibetan collaborator, Tshul khrims rgyal ba. On this supposition, the present TJ would be essentially identical with the original TJ, aside from a few interpolations by the eleventh-century translators.

The *Karatalaratna (KTR) is preserved only in a Chinese translation made by Hsüan-tsang in October of 649. The Sanskrit title is reconstructed from the Chinese; Lindtner has suggested *Hastaratna or *Talaratna as alternative possibilities. KTR was translated into French many years ago by La Vallée Poussin. So far as I know, no one has cared to dispute its authorship.

KTR is divided into three parts. The first two parts are similar to MHK 3-25 to 3-136 in that they demonstrate that all conditioned (samskṛta) and unconditioned (asamskṛta) dharmas have no intrinsic nature. The method is also the same as in MHK/TJ. A formal syllogism is stated, and objections by opponents from various schools are refuted. (This method will be discussed in detail in the following chapter.) The third
section breaks new ground and deals with the meditative cultivation (bhāvanā) of the insight already gained intellectually through the reasoning described in the first two parts.48

The Madhyamakārthasamgraha (MAS) is a short work, so short that Lindtner translated it in a footnote.49 It is available only in an eleventh-century Tibetan translation by Atiśa's collaborator, Tshul khrims rgyal ba, this time working alone. It elaborates the distinction between two kinds of paramārtha which is made in TJ. (This distinction will be explained in the following chapter.) In addition, it distinguishes between two kinds of superficial reality (samvṛti). True (tathya) samvṛti has causal efficacy; false (mithyā) samvṛti does not. The latter either involves conceptual construction (vikalpa), as when a rope is mistaken for a snake; or it does not, as when one sees a double moon because of some optical defect. The term tathya-samvṛti also occurs in MHK 3-7,12, though it is not contrasted with mithyā-samvṛti there.50

Ejima thinks that the MAS was not written by Bhāvaviveka because "its contents cannot be interpreted without references to other later works by Sāntaraksita, Kamalaśīla, and Jñānagarbha ..."51 He ascribes it to the same "Bhavya" whom he believes to have composed the present TJ. Lindtner, on the other hand, sees it as
being completely consistent with Bhāvaviveka's other works, despite a few new technical terms. Thus he attributes the MAS to Bhāvaviveka, as does Ruegg.

The Madhyamakaratnapradīpa (MRP), like MHK/TJ and MAS, was translated into Tibetan in the eleventh century. The translators were Atiśa and Tshul khrims rgyal ba, joined in this case by Brtson 'grus seng ge. It is not available in Chinese or Sanskrit, though as mentioned earlier, some of its verses are identical to verses of MHK which are extant in Sanskrit. MRP is a work in mixed prose and verse, divided into nine chapters. Lindtner gives the title of each chapter and a detailed summary in his paper, "On Bhavya's Madhyamakaratnapradīpa."

The authorship of MRP is controversial. Schayer and Yamaguchi denied that it was written by Bhāvaviveka, with Yamaguchi holding that it was a later work of the Prāśaṅgika school. More recently, Ruegg has expressed the view that the MRP was composed by a later author named Bhavya. Ejima has a similar, but more elaborate hypothesis, which we have already described in part. According to Ejima, Bhāvaviveka wrote MHK, an Ur-TJ, BPP, and KTR. Then a later "Bhavya," perhaps in the eighth century, composed the present recension of TJ, as well as MAS and MRP. Lindtner, on the other hand, thinks that the sixth-century Bhāvaviveka or Bhavya wrote all the works attributed to him, including MRP in particular.
Lindtner has defended his views at length in his "Adversaria Buddhica."59

The arguments and counterarguments have become rather complex, and I shall simply summarize the main points. Against the MRP's being a work by Bhāaviveka is the fact that it mentions Dharmakīrti twice and Candrakīrti several times. Both of these authors are usually put in the seventh century.60 Moreover, Candrakīrti is mentioned favorably in MRP, which is surprising in view of his criticism of Bhāaviveka in the Prasannapadā. Also, the MRP quotes from a number of Tantric works,61 all of which have authors (such as the Tantric Nāgārjuna) who are usually estimated to have lived in the seventh or later centuries.62 Tantric elements are absent in Bhāaviveka's other works.

Besides, there are other doctrinal differences between MRP and the remaining works, such as a different attitude toward logic and a willingness to accommodate Yogācāra ideas as a device in the practice of meditation (bhāvanā), though not as representing ultimate reality. Finally, Ruegg63 and Mimaki64 have noted that at least one Tibetan author, Lcang skya Rol pa'i rdo rje (1717-86), expressed the opinion that MRP was by a later Bhavya.

In favor of the MRP's having been written by Bhāaviveka, there is first of all the traditional ascription
itself, which was obviously accepted by Atiśa when he translated MRP, along with with MHK and TJ, in the eleventh century. More important is the fact that the author of MRP himself says that he wrote TJ.\textsuperscript{65} Thus it seems that one must either admit the authenticity of MRP or reject the authenticity of TJ as well.

Among those who think that Bhāvaviveka did not write MRP, only Ejima\textsuperscript{66} has attempted to explain this statement by the author of MRP. As we have already mentioned, Ejima proposes that Bhāvaviveka wrote only an Ur-TJ and not the present TJ. This allows us to assume that the author of MRP was referring only to the present recension of TJ when he made his claim of authorship. Ejima's hypothesis also explains TJ's occasional references to the author of MHK as "ācārya," though, as we have seen, Gokhale has another, less radical explanation for that.

Lindtner has advanced a number of counterarguments in favor of Bhāvaviveka's having written the MRP. He points out that the arguments for putting Candrakīrti and Dharmakīrti in the seventh century are far from conclusive, and he has proposed approximate dates of c. 530-600 for Candrakīrti\textsuperscript{67} and the same for Dharmakīrti.\textsuperscript{68} As for the quotations from Tantric authors, he points out again that the usual estimates of their dates are based on very sketchy information. In fact, the origins and early history of the Vajrayāna in India are still quite
obscure.

Lindtner accounts for MRP's favorable attitude toward Candrakīrti by citing Bhāvaviveka's relatively broad-minded attitude where Vedānta is concerned and taking this as evidence of his magnanimity toward his opponents. In his paper, "On Bhavya's Madhyamakaratnapradīpa," Lindtner points out that Candrakīrti's Madhyamakāvatāra is quoted in MRP and argues that Bhāvaviveka might have decided to write MRP as his own "Introduction to the Madhyamaka" in response to Candrakīrti's work.

It is clear that Candrakīrti wrote the Prasannapadā after the Madhyamakāvatāra, since the latter is quoted or referred to a number of times in the former. Moreover, it is the Prasannapadā, and not the Madhyamakāvatāra, which contains Candrakīrti's criticisms of Bhāvaviveka. Thus one might argue that the Prasannapadā (which is not quoted in MRP) had not yet been written when MRP was composed and that therefore Bhāvaviveka would have had no reason to be hostile to Candrakīrti.

Finally, as for the doctrinal differences between MRP and the rest of the works ascribed to Bhāvaviveka, Lindtner takes them as evidence of development in Bhāvaviveka's thinking, rather than as indicating a different authorship. In regard to the Tantric references, Lindtner notes that Hsuan-tsang says that Bhāvaviveka
became a devotee of Vajradhara.\textsuperscript{72}
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6Ibid., pp. 200-3.


11Most of the traditional accounts of his life agree that Bhāvaviveka was born in South India. See Iida, *Reason*, pp. 6-11.


14See note 35 to my translation of chapter three. In both cases, neither Devaśarman's name nor the name of his commentary is mentioned in the *Prajñāpradīpa*; they
are supplied by Avalokitāvara.


16 See Ruegg, "Chronology," p. 512; Lindtner, "Buddhapālita," p. 188; and Iida, Reason, pp. 10–11.

17 Iida gives a good bibliography of scholarly literature on these six works. See Iida, Reason, pp. 12–19. We shall be adding more recent works (in Western languages only) at the appropriate places. Christian Lindtner summarizes the first five works briefly and MRP in detail in his "On Bhavya´s Madhyamakaratnapradīpa," typescript [abbreviation: Lindtner, "MRP"], pp. 2–21. (This paper will appear in Indologica Taurinensia XII. I would like to thank Professor Lindtner for providing me with a copy in advance of publication.) See also Ruegg, Literature, pp. 62–4, 66.

18 See Ruegg, Literature, p. 106 n. 339.

19 This appendix deals with the controversy between the Mādhyamikas and the Yogācārins; it is absent in the Chinese translation of BPP. See Christian Lindtner, "Bhavya´s Controversy with Yogācāra in the Appendix to Prajñāpradīpa, Chapter XXV," in Tibetan and Buddhist Studies Comemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of Alexander Csoma de Körös, ed Louis Ligeti, Bibliotheca Orientalis Hungarica, Vol. XXIX/2, Budapest: Akadémiai
Kiadó, 1984 [abbreviation: Lindtner, "BPP25"], p. 96 and n. 199. The reference must be to the fifth chapter of MāHā, which deals with the Yogācāra.

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[abbreviation: Lindtner, "Adversaria"], pp. 178-82. Note also the reference to Ejima's work ibid., p. 178 n. 52.


23See Ejima, op. cit., pp. 274, 278.


28 See Ejima, op. cit., p. 262.
29 See Ejima, op. cit., p. 263.
30 See Gokhale and Bahulkar, op. cit., p. 77.
31 See ibid., pp. 76-7 and p. 77 n. 3, and Ruegg, Literature, p. 111.
32 Sanskrit titles listed in Gokhale and Bahulkar, op. cit., p. 76 n. 1. Iida’s bibliography, mentioned in note 17, treats each chapter of the combined MHK/TJ separately; see Iida, Reason, pp. 12-16. To it should be added Gokhale and Bahulkar, op. cit., which contains an English translation of the first chapter of MHK/TJ, and Ejima, op. cit., pp. 261-361, which contains an edition of the Sanskrit and Tibetan texts of the third chapter of MHK. (The introduction and notes to the edition are in English; the rest of Professor Ejima’s book is in Japanese.)
33 This chapter is summarized in Lindtner, "MRP," pp. 3-4, and in Iida, Reason, pp. 53-55. The first 136 verses are translated and edited, with the corresponding portion of TJ, in Iida, ibid., pp. 55-242.
35 See Lindtner, "MRP," p. 29 n. 20.
See Gokhale and Bahulkar, op. cit., p. 78.

Ibid., pp. 76-7 and p. 77 n. 3.


Lindtner, "Adversaria," p. 173 n. 21, citing information from Per Sørenson.


See, e. g., TJ on MHK 1-21 (in Gokhale and Bahulkar, op. cit., p. 99) and MHK 3-58ab (in Iida, Reason, p. 131).

In that case, it seems likely that the early Tibetan translation would have been of the Ur-TJ, rather than the present TJ.

See Gokhale and Bahulkar, op. cit., pp. 76-7 (where Jayāśīla is the Sanskrit equivalent of Tshul khrims rgyal ba) and pp. 77 n. 4, 99 n. 44.


LVP, "Madhyamaka," pp. 68-146. See also the bibliography in Iida, Reason, p. 18.

For other summaries of KTR, see Ruegg, Literature, p. 63, and Lindtner, "MRF," pp. 5-6.


55 See Stanislaw Schayer, "Notes and Queries on Buddhism," *Rocznik Orientalistyczny* 11 (1935), pp. 206-211, where he also translates a few verses of the sixth chapter of MRP.


58 Quoted in Lindtner, "Adversaria," p. 183. (Ejima does not mention KTR there; but he ascribes it to Bhāvaviveka in Ejima, *op. cit.*, p. 499.)


61 Listed in Lindtner, "Adversaria," pp. 175-6, where the quotations from Candrakirti and Dharmakirti are also enumerated.


65 *bdaq gis bchod pa rton ge 'bar ba* (P Dbu ma Tsha 335b-3); translated in Lindtner’s translation of MRP, chapter 3. (See Lindtner, "Materials," p. 186.)


70 See Lindtner, "MRP," p. 25.


Chapter 3: The Prajñāpradīpa and the Svētantrika-Mādhyamaka

The Prajñāpradīpa

When it comes to the authorship of the Prajñāpradīpa (BPP), we leave the stormy seas of controversy and enter the calm waters of certainty: Bhāaviveka is by definition the author of BPP. (As already mentioned, "Bhāaviveka" is the form of the author's name used by Candrakīrti in the Prasannapadā.)

BPP, as we noted, refers to MHK and thus was written later. BPP is not available in Sanskrit, except for a few quotations in the Prasannapadā. The extant Tibetan translation was made by Jñānagarbha and Cog ro Klu'i rgyal mtshan in the early ninth century¹ and is thus earlier than the extant Tibetan translations of Bhāaviveka's other works. The same two translators also translated the Akutobhāyā (a commentary on MMK ascribed to Nāgārjuna but probably not written by him), Buddha-pālita's commentary on the MMK, and Avalokitavrata's vast tīkā on BPP. Although one is only rarely able to compare their translations with the original Sanskrit, they seem to be generally excellent.

According to Ruegg,² the translator Jñānagarbha was probably not the same as the Svētantrika-Mādhyamika author of the same name, who wrote the Satyadvayavibhaṅga
and seems to have lived a little earlier. Besides collaborating on numerous translations, Klu'i rgyal mtshan may have written a commentary on the *Samdhinirmocana Sūtra.*

BPP is the only work of Bhāvaviveka's, other than KTR, to have been translated into Chinese. The translation was made by Prabhākaramitra in either 629 or 630-2. According to Kajiyama, "The [Chinese] translation is, however, bad, unreliable and suppresses many sentences of the original text. On account of these defects, the text has not been well studied by traditional Buddhists in China and Japan."

Chapters three, four, five, seventeen, twenty-three, and twenty-six of BPP are edited and translated here. These six chapters are, of course, Bhāvaviveka's commentary on the corresponding chapters of Nāgārjuna's *MMK.* As has been indicated in the summaries given previously, these chapters of the MMK deal with some of the most fundamental concepts of Buddhist thought; and the way in which they do so reveals much about the Madhyamaka's philosophical and soteriological point of view. Particularly if one excludes those chapters of the MMK for which Bhāvaviveka's commentary has already been translated into a Western language, these six chapters are among the most important in the MMK.

The specific topics dealt with in BPP are largely
determined by the contents of the text on which it comments, MMK. There are, however, some exceptions. Thus the twenty-fifth chapter of BPP contains an appendix dealing with the Yogācāra; and the twenty-seventh chapter of BPP has an appendix expounding the idea that for a Mādhyamika, logic is valid conventionally (vyavahāratah) but not in ultimate reality (paramārthatah). 8 (Both of these appendices are omitted in the Chinese translation.) Likewise, among the chapters translated here, Bhāvaviveka defends the Madhyamaka against the charge of nihilism in his commentary on MMK 5-7. (He reverts to this subject following his commentary on MMK 18-7.9) In his commentary following MMK 23-14, Bhāvaviveka discusses the question of whether the "wisdom of emptiness" (stong pa nidan kyi ve shes, śūnyatā-jñāna) causes one to attain liberation.

Even when he is addressing the issues raised by a particular verse or verses of Nāgārjuna's, Bhāvaviveka's syllogistic method and his refutations of opponents' objections tend to lead him rather far afield. His arguments are often complex and subtle, and his language sometimes becomes so laconic as to be incomprehensible without the subcommentary. These and other problems occurring in connection with the six chapters edited and translated here will be discussed in the notes to the translation of each chapter.
Syllogistic Method

We have already referred to Bhāvaviveka's use of syllogisms. Naturally, these are syllogisms of the Indian, rather than the Aristotelian sort.\(^{10}\) Bhāvaviveka seems to have been strongly influenced by the work of the great Buddhist logician, Dignāga,\(^ {11}\) who was probably his elder contemporary.\(^ {12}\) As far as we know, though, Bhāvaviveka was the first writer to make use of formal syllogisms in expounding the Madhyamaka.

In order to understand Bhāvaviveka's use of syllogisms in BPP, it is helpful to go back to his earliest work, MHK/TJ. Here he introduces the logical method which he will use in the Prajñāpradīpa. That is, Bhāvaviveka states formal syllogisms and and then refutes any faults in those syllogisms which opponents might allege.\(^ {13}\) The first example of a syllogism is MHK 3-26:

As to that, in ultimate reality (paramārthataḥ),
earth and so on indeed do not have the intrinsic nature (svabhāva) of [material] elements (bhūta),
Because they are contingent (kṛtaka), like
cognition, or else because they have causes and so on.\(^ {14}\)

This syllogism is typical of the many others which Bhāvaviveka states in the MHK and the Prajñāpradīpa. The thesis is a negative statement with the qualification "in
ultimate reality." In this case, significantly, it is intrinsic nature which is negated. The Tarkajñā on this verse explains that the negation is a pure negation (prasājya-pratisedha)\(^\text{15}\) and that the qualification "in ultimate reality" applies to the predicate of the thesis. (Otherwise, Bhāvaviveka would be asserting that the subject exists in ultimate reality.)

Thus we have a thesis (pratijñā) with a subject (dharmin), "earth and so on," and a predicate (sādhya). This is one member (avyaya) of the syllogism. The two remaining members are the reason (hetu), "because they are contingent," and the example (drstānta), "like cognition." Here Bhāvaviveka gives an alternative reason; sometimes "etc." (ādi) is added to the example. In either case, it is still considered to be a three-membered syllogism.\(^\text{16}\)

Bhāvaviveka also uses the five-membered syllogism associated with the Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika school.\(^\text{17}\) The two additional members are the application (upanaya), which states that the reason is indeed present in the subject of the thesis, and the conclusion (nigamana), which essentially restates the thesis, preceded by the word "therefore." Bhavaviveka most commonly uses three-membered syllogisms; nevertheless, there are many examples of both three- and five-membered syllogisms in the chapters of BPP translated here.\(^\text{18}\)
Bhāvaviveka also answers possible objections to his syllogisms. In response to the objection that ultimate reality is beyond words and concepts, the Tarkajvālā distinguishes two kinds of paramārtha. One is supra-mundane (lokottara) and free from conceptual elaboration (prapañca). The other is called "pure worldly cognition" (śuddha-laukika-jñāna) and possesses conceptual elaboration. (It was previously explained in the Tarkajvālā that "paramārtha" may be be understood as a bahuvrīhi compound referring to "discernment (prajñā) in accordance with ultimate reality."

An opponent charges that the Mādhyamika’s argument is mere caviling (co ́ dri ba) because he refutes another’s position (pakṣa) without establishing a position of his own. The Tarkajvālā replies that the Mādhyamika does have a pakṣa: All dharmas are empty of intrinsic nature, and that [fact] is their intrinsic nature.19

Svātantrika and Prāsaṅgika

Bhāvaviveka’s extensive use of formal syllogisms stands in sharp contrast to the method which Buddhāpālita used to expound the Madhyamaka in his own commentary on the MMK. Like Nāgārjuna,20 Buddhāpālita never states syllogisms but instead uses prasaṅga-arguments. The latter are arguments which show that the opponent’s posi-
tion, with its implicit or explicit assumption that things have intrinsic nature (svabhāva), has consequences (prasaṅga) which are unacceptable to the opponent himself. As we have noted, Bhāvaviveka criticizes Buddhapālita many times; but his most important criticisms are those directed against Buddhapālita's failure to state formal syllogisms.

Candrakīrti responded to Bhāvaviveka by defending Buddhapālita and launching his own criticisms against Bhāvaviveka. The school of Buddhapālita and Candrakīrti became known as the Prāsaṅgika-Madhyamaka, i.e., "the Madhyamaka of those who use prasaṅga-arguments." Bhāvaviveka's school became known as the Svātantrika-Madhyamaka because of his use of independent inferences (svatantra-anumāna). 

Buddhapālita's commentary on MMK 1-1 is a good example of his argumentation:

There are not ever any entities (bhāva) anywhere which have originated from themselves, from another, from both, or from no cause. [MMK 1-1]

"Here if any entity originated, the origination of that entity would have to be either from itself, or from another, or from both itself and another, or from no cause; but upon examination, [origination] is not possible from any [of these] ... To begin with, entities do not originate from their own selves, because their
origination would be pointless and because there would be no end to origination. For there is no purpose in the origination again of entities which [already] exist by their own selves. If they do originate again even though they exist [already], never would they not be originating;\textsuperscript{24} [but] that, too, is not accepted. Therefore, to begin with, entities do not originate from themselves.

"Nor do they originate from another ... because it would follow that everything would originate from everything.\textsuperscript{25}

"Nor do they originate from both themselves and another, because the faults of both [alternatives] would follow.

"Nor do they originate from no cause, because it would follow that everything would always be originating from everything\textsuperscript{26} and because there would be the fault that all undertakings would be pointless.

"Thus because the origination of entities is not possible in any way, therefore the term 'origination' is a mere conventional expression (vyavahāra-mātra), since origination does not exist."

In the Prajñāpradīpa, Bhāvaviveka criticizes all of these arguments of Buddhāpālita's, except for the third argument concerning origination from both self and other. Regarding the first argument, Bhāvaviveka says, "That is not logically possible (ayukta), because no reason and
example are given and because faults stated by the opponent are not answered. Also, because it is prasaṅga-argument, a [predicate] to be proved (sādhyā) and a property (dharma) [which proves] that, opposite in meaning [to that intended], [become] manifest by reversing the original meaning. [Specifically, the opponent could say that] entities originate from another, because origination has a result and because origination has an end. Thus [your] doctrine (kṛtānta) would be contradicted."²⁷

Bhāvaviveka criticizes Buddhāpālita's second argument in the following way: "Therefore, since there is a prasaṅga-argument here, [then] having reversed the [meanings of] the predicate (sādhyā) and the reason (sādhana), [one could say that] entities originate from themselves or from both or from no cause, because some [particular] thing originates from some [particular] thing. Thus [your] previous position would be contradicted. Otherwise, [if such an alteration of the predicate and reason is not allowed,] that [statement of yours], 'because it would follow that everything would originate from everything,' is neither a proof (sādhana) nor a refutation (dūśana); [and] therefore this [argument] is incoherent in meaning (asamgatārtha)."²⁸

Finally, concerning Buddhāpālita's argument against origination from no cause, Bhāvaviveka says, "Since here
also there is a prasaṅga-argument, if the meaning of a statement with a manifestation (vyakti) of the opposite predicate and reason is accepted (isyate), [then] that [argument] has stated the following: Entities originate from a cause, because some [particular] thing originates from some [particular] thing at some [particular] time, and because undertakings do have a result. Thus that [explanation of yours] is not logically possible, because of the faults which [we] have stated previously. But if it is otherwise, [that is, if the argument is not reversed,] it is incoherent in meaning, as before."^{29}

Thus Bhāvaviveka thinks that Buddhapālita should have provided reasons and examples, i.e., a formal Indian syllogism (pravoga-vākya); and he thinks that Buddhapālita should have answered possible counter-arguments by opponents from other philosophical schools. Moreover, as it is, Buddhapālita's argument against any one of the four alternatives (catuskoti)^{30} can be taken by his opponent to mean that one of the remaining three alternatives must be correct; but this is not what Buddhapālita wants to say. Indeed, Bhāvaviveka seems to hold that if a prasaṅga-argument means anything at all, it has to mean that another alternative is correct.

One might note here that, in the West, reductio ad absurdum arguments are normally used to prove that the second of two possible alternatives is correct.^{31} For
example, one can prove that the square root of two is an irrational number by first assuming that it is a rational number and then showing that that assumption leads to a contradiction. In India, the use of *tarka* in the Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika tradition is similar; and Bhāvaviveka evidently assumes that Buddhāpālita's *prasaṅga*-arguments must be understood in the same way.

Nāgārjuna, like Buddhāpālita, never gives formal syllogisms and often uses *prasaṅga*-arguments. How then does Bhāvaviveka avoid applying to Nāgārjuna the same criticisms which he has made against Buddhāpālita? In his commentary on MMK 18-1, he considers the objection of an opponent who says, "The author of the treatise [Nāgārjuna] did not state the members [of a syllogism], the thesis and so on. Therefore [his] proof has the fault of incompleteness."

Bhāvaviveka replies, "Because [Nāgārjuna's verse] is a succinct statement (*don gyi tshig, artha-vākya*), there is no fault. For the statements of the ācārya are succinct statements (*artha-vākya*), because by virtue of [their] meaning (*artha*), they are held to be the basis of many syllogisms (*pravṛti-vākyas*), since [their] words [literally, 'syllables'] are brief but [their] meaning is great."

Nāgārjuna, as the author of an aphoristic treatise, does not have to formulate syllogistic arguments and can
confine himself to terse indications of the intended meaning. On the other hand, Bhāvaviveka evidently felt that commentators like Buddhapālita are obliged to supplement prasāṅga-arguments with formal syllogisms and to refute potential counterarguments by opponents from the various Buddhist and non-Buddhist schools. 35 Thus Bhāvaviveka's own commentary on the MMK, the Prajñā-pradīpa, has a profusion of syllogisms, as well as opponents' objections with Bhāvaviveka's answers.

Bhāvaviveka was, as far as is known, the first Mādhyamika to use the terms prasajya-pratisedha and paryudāsa-pratisedha to distinguish two kinds of negation (pratisedha). 36 Various translations have been proposed for prasajya-pratisedha, such as "pure negation," "simple negation," "absolute negation," and non-implicative negation," while paryudāsa-pratisedha has been called "relative negation" or "implicative negation." Whatever translation is used, the idea is that in prasajya-pratisedha, one simply negates a proposition without any further implication. In particular, there is no implied affirmation of another proposition. In paryudāsa-pratisedha, on the other hand, one does implicitly assert the opposite of what is being negated.

In his commentary on MMK 1-1, Bhāvaviveka says, 37 "This negation, 'not from themselves' (na svatah) should be seen as a prasajya-pratisedha, because it is
predominantly (gtso che ba, perhaps prādhānya) negation. [This is so] because [Nāgārjuna's] intention is to establish nonconceptual wisdom (nirvikālpaka-jñāna), which is endowed with all cognizable38 objects (jñeya-visāya), by negating the net of all conceptual constructions (kalpanā). If it is taken to be a paryudāsa-pratīṣṭedha, [then] because that is predominantly affirmation, it would be distinct from [our] doctrine (kṛtānta), since [that paryudāsa-pratīṣṭedha] would teach nonorigination by affirming that all dharmas are unoriginated. For it is said in scripture (āgama) that if one practices (spyod, root car) the nonorigination of matter (rūpa), one does not practice the perfection of discernment (prajñā-pāramitā)."

Thus Nāgārjuna's negations have to be understood as prasajya-pratīṣṭedha, in view of what he means to say. Immediately after the passage which we have just quoted, Bhāvaviveka goes on to say,39 "Here one should specify (avadhārayet) that entities do not [emphasis represents eva] originate from themselves. If one specifies otherwise, one would ascertain, 'Entities do not originate from themselves [emphasis represents eva]. What then? They originate from another;' and likewise one would ascertain, 'Entities do not originate from just (eva) themselves. What then? They originate from themselves and another.' Therefore that is also not
accepted, because it is distinct from [our] doctrine."

In other words, Nāgārjuna's negation of one of the four alternatives does not imply an affirmation of one or more of the remaining three alternatives. Again, this is so because of Nāgārjuna's intention, because of what he wants to say.

Here, as Candrakīrti has pointed out,⁴⁰ there seems to be an inconsistency in Bhāvaviveka's criticism of Buddhāpālita. When Nāgārjuna negates the origination of entities from themselves, Bhāvaviveka allows that he does not thereby affirm that they originate from another, etc. But when Buddhāpālita supports Nāgārjuna's negation with a prasaṅga-argument, Bhāvaviveka holds that this argument must be understood as implying an affirmation of another alternative. As suggested previously, Bhāvaviveka may have been thinking of the usual function of tārka in Indian logic; but it is not at all clear that prasaṅga-arguments have to be understood in this way. Buddhāpālita's intention is made plain by the fact that he adduces arguments against all four alternatives, not just one of them. Thus if an opponent were to attempt to convert a prasaṅga-argument against one alternative into a positive argument for another, Buddhāpālita could point to the fact that he has given a prasaṅga-argument against that alternative, too. If Bhāvaviveka continues to insist that commentators must give syllogisms, he must
then explain why Nāgārjuna did not do so in his autocommentary on the *Vigrahavyāvartani*.

**dharma-nairātmya** and the *vānas*

Another issue which divided the Svātantrikas and the Prāsaṅgikas was the question of whether dharma-nairātmya, the absence of self in dharmas, is taught in the sūtras of the Śrāvakayāna. A closely related question is whether the śrāvakas and pratyekabuddhas realize the absence of self in dharmas. In his commentary on MMK 7-34, Bhāvaviveka first quotes from Buddhapālita's commentary on the same verse. Buddhapālita says, in part, "In [the early Canon's] statement that 'all dharmas are without self,' 44 'without self' [has] the meaning of 'without intrinsic nature' (*ngo bo nyid, svabhāva*), since the word 'self' is an expression for 'intrinsic nature.'" Bhāvaviveka criticizes Buddhapālita's explanation, saying, in part, "That [scriptural] source (*khungs*) cannot show the absence of self in dharmas (dharma-nairātmya), because in the Śrāvakayāna, the meaning of the term 'without self' is to be explained (vyutpādya) as [referring] to the person (*pudgala*). If it could [show dharma-nairātmya], it would be pointless to embrace another vehicle (*vāna*) [i. e., the Mahāyāna]."

Similarly, in his commentary on MMK 18-3ab, Bhāvaviveka says that the śrāvakas and pratyekabuddhas per-
ceive that there is no entity called a "self," but only a collection (kalāpa) of samskāras which arise and cease at each moment. The great bodhisattvas, on the other hand, see that the samskāras are unoriginated; and they dwell in the practice of discernment free from conceptual construction (nirvikalpa-prajñā).

In his commentary on MMK 18-5a, Bhāvaviveka explains that the śrāvakas and pratvekabuddhas see the absence of self in persons (pudgala-nairātmya) and thus are able to remove the obscurations of the afflictions (kleśa-āvaraṇa), whereas those who follow the Buddhāyāna are able to abandon both the obscurations of the afflictions and the obscurations of the knowable (jñeya-āvaraṇa). (The obsuration of the knowable must be removed in order to attain the omniscience (sarvajñatā) of a Buddha.) Bhāvaviveka makes the same point in his Madhyamaka-hṛdaya-kārikās, when he says,

[The aggregates, āyatanas, and dhātus] were proclaimed to the śrāvakas for the removal of the obscurations of the afflictions.

[The Mahāyāna was taught] to the compassionate for the removal of the stain of the obscurations of afflictions and the knowable.

[Madhyamaka-hṛdaya 3-24]48

In his commentary following MMK 18-5d, Bhāvaviveka goes on to say that the removal of the obscurations of the
knowable — which involves ridding oneself of "unaf-
flicted" ignorance (akliṣṭa-ajñāna) as well as the
afflictions — is achieved by means of seeing the absence
of a self in dhammas. Moreover, that is also necessary
for uprooting the traces (vāsanā) of the afflictions.

Candrakīrti agrees that only bodhisattvas are able to
realize the unexcelled, complete, perfect enlightenment
(anuttarā samyakṣambodhiḥ) of perfect Buddhas
(sambuddha). Nevertheless, he holds that the śrāvakas
and pratvekabuddhas do realize the absence of self in
dhammas, though, unlike the bodhisattvas, they are unable
to realize it perfectly. Thus it is only beginning with
the seventh bodhisattva-bhūmi that bodhisattvas surpass
the śrāvakas and pratvekabuddhas in their understanding
of the absence of self in dhammas.51

Moreover, like Buddhapālita, Candrakīrti holds that
the absence of self in dhammas is taught in the sūtras
which teach the Śrāvakayāna. He answers Bhāvaviveka's
objection that the Mahāyāna would then be useless by
saying that, in the first place, many other things, such
as the bodhisattva-bhūmis, the pāramitās, great
compassion (mahākaruṇa), etc., are taught only in the
Mahāyāna. In the second place, the absence of a self in
dhammas is only alluded to briefly in the Śrāvakayāna,
whereas it is taught fully and clearly in the Mahāyāna.52
Avalokitavrata’s Subcommentary

Avalokitavrata’s Prajñāpradīpa-tīkā is a voluminous work, the longest in the Bstan ‘gyur. One-third of it is devoted to the first two chapters of BPP, and one-fourth to the first chapter alone. It is not only invaluable for understanding BPP, but also contains a great deal of interesting information about both Buddhist and non-Buddhist schools. Avalokitavrata once criticizes another subcommentary on the Prajñāpradīpa, written by Guṇa-datta. This work has not survived, and nothing else is known of it or its author.

Avalokitavrata quotes the entire Prajñāpradīpa, usually giving a single sentence and then commenting on it. Often his explanations are lengthy, but sometimes they are little more than paraphrases of the text of BPP. He usually identifies the source of sūtra quotations and names the school or author supposed to be making a particular objection. It has been pointed out that his explanations sometimes follow Buddhapālita’s commentary. He analyzes each of Bhāvaviveka’s numerous syllogisms, breaking them down into subject (dharmin) and predicate (sādhya-dharma) of the thesis, reason (sādhana-dharma), and example (drstānta). Sometimes the example is characterized as similar (sādharma) or dissimilar (vaidharma). If Bhāvaviveka uses a five-membered syllogism, Avalokitavrata also mentions the application
(upanaya) and the conclusion (nigamana).

Little is known about Avalokitavrata himself, nor has any other work of his come down to us. Kajiyama has tentatively dated him in the seventh century, apparently on the grounds that he knows Dharmakīrti and Candrakīrti. (Although Avalokitavrata lists Candrakīrti as one of eight commentators on the MMK, he never mentions his criticisms of Bhāvaviveka, a fact which no one has been able to explain.) As we have seen, Lindtner puts Dharmakīrti and Candrakīrti in the sixth century. On the other hand, the Tibetan historian Tāranātha (b. 1575) mentions that Avalokitavrata was a contemporary of an eighth-century Indian king; and May puts him in the eighth century, though without citing any evidence.

Bhāvaviveka's Influence

Let us review what has already been said about the distinctive features of BPP. In the present chapter, Bhāvaviveka's view that the absence of a self in dharmas is not taught in the Śrāvakayāna was mentioned. In this chapter, we also quoted some of Bhāvaviveka's criticisms of Buddhāpalīta and showed what they imply about Bhāvaviveka's own method of expounding the Madhyamaka. (That method was also discussed in connection with MHK/TJ and KTR.) To summarize, Bhāvaviveka finds prasya-arguments inadequate for showing that things do not exist by
intrinsic nature. Instead, he uses formal syllogisms which have a thesis with a negative predicate qualified by the phrase "in ultimate reality" (pramārthataḥ). He specifies that the negation is to be understood as a simple, non-implicative negation (prasajya-pratisedha). He also finds it essential to refute possible objections to his syllogisms which might be offered by opponents from other philosophical schools.

As the chapters translated here show, BPP abounds in syllogistic argument. Sometimes Bhāvaviveka even gives more than one syllogism to prove the same point. (There are several instances of this in chapter three, for example.) Also, refutations of opponents from other schools are much in evidence. Even though the MMK was probably addressed only to the Buddhist Abhidhārmika schools, Bhāvaviveka extends the scope of its arguments to include opponents from non-Buddhist schools as well. In doing so, he goes much farther than earlier commentators.59

What motivated Bhāvaviveka to make these innovations? Christian Lindtner60 has suggested that Bhāvaviveka wished to make the Madhyamaka more "up-to-date" so that it could compete successfully in the arena of sixth-century philosophical debate. In the centuries since Nāgārjuna and Āryadeva, a great deal of development had taken place in both Buddhist and non-Buddhist philo-
sophical schools. Within the Mahāyāna itself, the Madhyamaka was being overshadowed by the newer Yogācāra school. The Yogācārins did not reject the work of Nāgārjuna - in fact, Asaṅga wrote a commentary on the MMK\textsuperscript{61} - but they interpreted it according to their own theories. Moreover, a new sophistication had been achieved in logic and epistemology. In that regard, the work of Dignāga was especially notable.

Thus Bhāvaviveka may well have felt that he had to argue for the Madhyamaka using the formalism of sixth-century Indian logic. Otherwise, it might have been dismissed as hopelessly antiquated. Likewise, he had to answer objections of the sort which contemporary philosophers would have made, couched in the logically sophisticated language they would have used. To have refuted only the philosophies which existed three hundred years before his time would not have been adequate.

Bhāvaviveka was, in fact, successful in influencing not only his contemporaries but also later philosophers in the Mahāyāna tradition. Within the Madhyamaka, his "Svātantrika" approach was followed and developed by such authors as Jñānagarbha, Śāntarakṣita, and Kamalaśīla.\textsuperscript{62} The influence of the Prajñāpradīpa, in particular, is shown by the fact that Avalokitavrata considered it important enough (and difficult enough) to justify the composition of his huge subcommentary. As we mentioned
earlier, at least one other subcommentary is known to have existed as well.

Bhāvaviveka's influence is also shown by the opposition which he provoked. Candrakīrti's "Prāsaṅgika" subschool of the Madhyamaka was formed in reaction to Bhāvaviveka's work. Buddhapālita, who wrote before Bhāvaviveka, does not seem to have had the idea that he represented a distinct trend within the Madhyamaka.⁶³

In a broader Mahāyāna context, Bhāvaviveka's criticisms of the Yogācāra seem to mark the definitive split between the Mādhyamikas and the Yogācārins. Prior to Bhāvaviveka's time, the Yogācārins sought to assimilate, rather than oppose the Madhyamaka. Once Bhāvaviveka's writings appeared, Dharmapāla and Sthiramati soon responded with Yogācārin rebuttals; and though the Yogācārins never rejected Nāgārjuna and Āryadeva, they were thereafter at odds with later Mādhyamikas.

The importance of Bhāvaviveka in the history of Mahāyāna Buddhist thought is thus undeniable. Some may wonder, however, whether in "modernizing" the Madhyamaka, Bhāvaviveka clarified or obscured its basic message. Indeed, the very features which gave Bhāvaviveka's method of presenting the Madhyamaka more contemporary relevance in the sixth century may make it seem all the more dated today. These are questions of taste and judgement which must be answered by each reader of Bhāvaviveka's works.
Edition and Translation

My translation is based on my own edition of the chapters in question, for which I used the Tibetan Peking, Narthang (Snar thang), Derge (Sde dge), and Cone (Co ne) editions. As is well known, the text given in the Peking edition is very similar to that in the Narthang; and on the other hand, the Co ne edition is very close to the Derge. Most of the variants among the four editions seem to be the result of scribal errors, or simply of different conventions concerning spelling and punctuation. Rarely do the variants offer significant alternatives for the meaning of a sentence. I have romanized the Tibetan according to the system devised by the late Turrell V. Wylie, which has the advantage of requiring no diacritical marks.

For both the translation and the edition, I consulted the Peking and Derge editions of Avalokitavrata's subcommentary, which quotes the entire text of BPP. Usually, the text quoted by Avalokitavrata differs no more from the editions of BPP than those editions differ among themselves. Occasionally, however, Avalokitavrata seems to have inserted glosses into his quotations of BPP. For example, in the text of BPP, part of Bhāva-viveka's commentary on MMK 5-4ab is given as: ... zhes bya ba la sogs pas gtan tshigs ji skad emras pa sun 'byin
par ’dod pas mtshan nvid yod pa ’goq par byed pa’i tshig
de yang legs par smras pa ma vin no zhes zer ro| | (my
edition). Avalokitavrata quotes the same passage as: ...
zhes bya ba la sogs pas [kho co caq gi] gtan tshigs
[mtshan nvid yod pa’i phyir ro zhes] ji skad smras pa sun
‘byin par ’dod pas [kho bo caq gi gtan tshigs] mtshan
nvid yod pa [zhes bya ba] ’goq par byed pa’i tshig (P:
tshigs) de yang legs par smras pa ma vin no zhes zer ro| |
(Ava P81b-3,4; D71a-7 to 71b-1). (The apparent glosses
are in square brackets.)

For this reason, and also because the subcommentary
is not the work of Bhāvaviveka, I have only occasionally
followed the readings of BPP quoted in the subcommentary
in cases where they agree with none of the four editions
of BPP itself. Places where I have done so are indicated
in the notes to my edition. Here it is important to note
that the subcommentary, Avalokitavrata’s Prajñāpradīpa-
tīkā, is available only in Tibetan translation.
Fortunately, as mentioned already, the translators of BPP
also translated the subcommentary, making it easier to
compare the Tibetan texts of the two works.
Notes to Chapter 3

1 See Fehér, op. cit., pp. 211-20.


4 See Lancaster, op. cit. pp. 190-1.


6 I hope to make a complete edition and translation of BPP, of which these six chapters will then form part.

7 The first chapter of BPP was translated into German by Yuichi Kajiyama in "BPP, Part 1" and "BPP, Part 2." Chapters 18, 24, and 25 of BPP were translated by M. David Eckel in A Question of Nihilism: Bhāvaviveka's Response to the Fundamental Problems of Mādhyamika Philosophy, unpublished dissertation, Harvard University, 1980 [abbreviation: Eckel, Nihilism], pp. 192-264. (I would like to thank Professor Eckel for sending me a copy of his dissertation.) In addition, I translated chapter 16 of BPP in my M. A. thesis, "Bondage and Liberation
according to the Mādhyamika School of Buddhism: A Study of Chapter Sixteen of the Mūlamadhyamakakārikās and Five of its Commentaries," University of Washington, 1982.


9See Eckel, Nihilism, pp. 227-9 for a translation.

10It has been pointed out that the Indian syllogism contains inductive and cognitive elements which make the term "syllogism" not entirely appropriate. See Karl H.


12 Frawallner tentatively assigned dates of approximately 480-540 to Dignāga. See Frawallner, "Landmarks," p. 137.

13 See note 27.

14 tatra bhūtasvabhāvaḥ hi norvṛtāḥ paramārthathāḥ
kṛtakatvād yathā jñānam hetumattvādito 'pi vā'. See Ejima, op. cit. p. 274.

15 This term will be explained below, in the context of Bhāvaviveka's remarks in BPP on MMK 1-1.

16 According to Tom J. F. Tillemans, the three-membered syllogism seems to come from the Nyāyamukha of Dignāga and the Nyāyapravesa of Saṅkarasvāmin. In the Pramāṇasamuccaya, Dignāga used a two-membered syllogism which was later followed by Dharmakīrti. See Tillemans, op. cit., pp. 74-7.

17 The earliest history of the Indian syllogism is obscure. The five-membered syllogism is already present in the Nyāyasūtra of Gautama. It seems to have been
preceded by various kinds of ten-membered syllogisms.


Although Buddhist logicians considered it unnecessary to state all five members, Buddhist writers sometimes use five-membered syllogisms, presumably for clarity of exposition.


The terms "Svātantrika" and "Pāśaṅgika" are reconstructed from the Tibetan. See Ruegg, *Literature*, p. 58.


Tibetan text in Saito, 10.4-11.2; my translation.

na svato nāpi parato na dvābhvaṁ nāpy ahetuṁ
utpānā jātu vidyante bhāvāḥ kvacana kecana||
(CPP 12.13,14).

Quoted by Candrakīrti: ācāryaBuddhapālitas tv
āha| na svata utpadyante bhāvāḥ| tadutpādavayarthyaṁ
atiprasyaṅgadāsac ca| na hi svātmanā vidyamānānāṁ
padārthānām punarupade pravojanam asti| atha sann api
jāyeta| na kadācin na jāyeta| iti|| (CPP 14.1-3). The
Tibetan text of Buddhāpālita’s commentary (which I have translated here) is slightly different, corresponding to svātmanaḥ for svataḥ, utpādānavasthā for atipravañgadosa, and bhāvānām for padārthānām.

25Quoted by Candrakīrti: acāryaBuddhāpalita tu vyācaṣṭe na parata utpadvante bhāvāḥ sarvataḥ sarvasaṃbhavaprasaṅgād iti| (CPP 36.11,12). (For -prasaṅgād iti in place of CPP’s -prasaṅgāt, see J. W. de Jong, "Textcritical Notes on the Prasannapadā," Indo-Iranian Journal 20 (1978) [abbreviation: de Jong, "Textcritical"], p. 32.) Again, the Tibetan is slightly different, omitting bhāvāḥ.

26Quoted by Candrakīrti: acāryaBuddhāpalita tu āha| ahetuto notpadyante bhāvāḥ sadā ca sarvataś ca sarvasaṃbhavaprasaṅgād iti| (CPP 38.10,11). (For -prasaṅgād iti in place of CPP’s -prasaṅgāt, see Saito, translation, p. 222 n.5.) Once again, the Tibetan omits bhāvāḥ.

27Tibetan text in BPP P58b-3 to 59a-2, D49a-6 to 49b-1. Sanskrit quoted by Candrakīrti: atraike dūṣaṇam āhuḥ| tad ayuktaḥ| hetudrṣṭāntānabhidhānāt| parokta- doṣāparihāraḥ ca| prasaṅgavākyatvāc ca prakṛtārtha-viparvyaṇa viparītārthasaḍhyataddharmavyaktau parasmād utpannā bhāvā janmasāphalyāt| janmanirodhāc ceti kṛtānta-virodhāḥ svāt| (CPP 14.4-15.2).

For prasaṅgavākyā, the Tibetan translation of the
Prajñāpradīpa has glags yod pa'i tshig, which would usually correspond to sāvakāsāvacana. This does not necessarily mean that the translators had a different Sanskrit text. They may have translated prasaṅgavākya in this way because of the context and because of Avalokiteśvara's subcommentary. See Kajiyama, "BPPl, Part 1", p. 50 n. 13, and Ruegg, Literature, p. 64 and n. 203. Also, the Tibetan (which I have translated) has skye ba thug pa yod par 'gyur ba'i phyir (perhaps janmāvasthāvattvāt) for janmanirodhāt.

28 Tibetan text in BPP P60a-6 to 60b-1, D50a-6,7.
Sanskrit quoted by Candrakīrti: ācāryaBhāvaviveko dūṣaṇam āha| tad atra prasaṅgavākyatvāt| sādhyasādhanā- viparyāyam krtvā| svata ubhayato āhetuto vā upadvyante bhāvāḥ kutaścit kasyacid upatteḥ| iti prāpakaśavirodhāḥ| anyathā sarvataḥ sarvasambhavaprasaṅgāt| ity asya sādhanadūṣaṇānantaḥpātītvāt| asamgatārtham etad iti| (CPP 36.13-37.3). (For etad iti in place of CPP's etat, see de Jong, "Textcritical," p. 32.) Again, the Tibetan has glags yod pa'i tshig for prasaṅgavākya. Also, the Tibetan (which I have translated) corresponds to sādhanadūṣaṇā- abhāvāt, rather than sādhanadūṣaṇā-anantaḥpātītvāt.

29 Tibetan text in BPP P64a-5,6,7; D53a-5,6,7.
Sanskrit of all but the last sentence quoted by Candrakīrti: atrāpy ācāryaBhāvaviveko dūṣaṇam āha| atrāpi prasaṅgavākyatvāt| yadi viparītasādhyasādhanavyakti-
vākyārtha isyate tada itad uktam bhavati | hetuta
upadvante bhāvāḥ kadacit kutasācit kasyaścīd utpattāḥ |
ārambhasāphalyāc ceti | seyam vyākhya na vuktā prayuktā- 
dosād iti | (CPP 38.12-39.3). (For atrāpy ācārya ... in
place of CPP's atrācārya ..., see de Jong,
"Textcritical," p. 32.) Again, the Tibetan has glags yod
pa'i tshig for prasaṅgavākya. Also, the Tibetan (which I
have translated) corresponds to tena for tada and omits
vyākhya.

30 See David Seyfort Ruegg, "The Uses of the Four
Positions of the catuskoti and the Problem of the
Description of Reality in Mahāyāna Buddhism," Journal of
Indian Philosophy 5 (1977), pp. 1-71.

31 See Ruegg, Literature, p. 36.

32 See Ruegg, Literature, pp. 36-7 n. 93; Jadunath
Sinha, A History of Indian Philosophy, Vol. I, Calcutta:
Sinha Publishing, 1956, pp. 555-7; and Potter, op. cit.,

33 A few examples are given by Candrakīrti, CPP 24.7-
25.2.

34 The relevant passage is BPP P223b-7 to 224a-2,
Dl80a-1,2 (pointed out in Lindtner, "Logician," pp. 19-20
n. 26, and translated in Eckel, Nihilism, pp. 197-8; see
also Eckel, Nihilism, p. 242 n. 13). Candrakīrti gives a
condensed paraphrase of this passage: athārthavākyatvād
ācāryavākyānām mahārthatve saty anekaprayoganiśpati-
hetutvam parikalpyate| (CPP 25.3,4). (Contrary to de
Jong, "Textcritical," p. 30, parikalpya is not confirmed
by the Tibetan, which would have to be rto g na as rather
than rto g na. Also, parikalpya does not make sense in
context.) Unlike Eckel, I have reconstructed don gyi
tshig as artha-vädya rather than artha-väda, in view of
Candrakirti's use of artha-väka.

35Compare CPP 25.4,5: atha sväd vṛttikärānām esa
nyāyo vat pravogaväkyavistarābhidhānam kartavyam iti].
I have not seen a parallel passage in Bhāvaviveka's own
works.

36See Ruegg, Literature, pp. 37-8, 65, with p. 38 n.
94, and Yuichi Kajiyma, "Three Kinds of Affirmation and
Two Kinds of Negation in Buddhist Philosophy," Wiener
Zeitschrift für die Kunde Südasiens 17 (1973) [abbrevia-
tion: Kajiyma, "Affirmation and Negation"], pp. 162,
167-175.

37Tibetan text in BPP P58a-3 to 6, D48b-6 to 49a-1.
See also Kajiyma, "Affirmation and Negation," p. 168.

38Read shes bya’i (D48b-7) for zhes bya ba’i (P58a-
5).

39Tibetan text in BPP P58a-7 to 58b-1, D49a-1,2.
(Note omission in D.) See also Kajiyma, "Affirmation

40See CPP 23.3 to 24.6

41Ibid., 25.4-7.
The relevant section is BPP P138b-8 to 139a-6, D113a-6 to 113b-3.

Text in Saito, 118.20 to 119.4; translation in Saito, translation, 118.24 to 119.4.

sabbe dhammā anattā. See Ruegg, Literature, p. 7 n. 16.

Read gang zag gi (D113b-2) for gang zag (P139a-5).

Sanskrit quoted in CPP 351.15-352.6; Tibetan in BPP P228b-7 to 229a-3, D183b-4 to 7.

See BPP P230b-1,2,3; D185a-2,3.

See Iida, Reason, pp. 79-80.

See BPP P231a-3 to 7, D185a-7 to 185b-3.


See Madhyamakāvatāra 1-8d and autocommentary (text in MA text, pp. 19-23; translation in MA French, pp. 267-72) and 6-179ab with autocommentary (text in MA text, pp. 301-2; German translation in Helmut Tauscher, Candrakīrti - Madhyamakāvatāraḥ und Madhyamakāvatārabhāṣyam (Kapitel VI, Vers 166-226), Wiener Studien zur Tibetologie und

52 See the autobiography on Madhyamakāvāra 1-8d (references in previous note).


54 See Saito, translation, p. xxiv.

55 See Kajiyama, "Affirmation and Negation," p. 162.


57 See Ruegg, Literature, p. 67 n. 215.


59 Thus, to the best of my knowledge, Buddhapālita and the author of the Akutobhaya allude to non-Buddhist schools only once, in their commentaries on Nāgārjuna's introductory verses. (See Saito, translation, p. 5.) Of course, the commentaries of Devaśarman and Guṇamatī, also prior to Bhāvaviveka, have not come down to us.

60 See, especially, Lindtner, "MRP," pp. 21-4.

61 A portion of it has been preserved in Chinese; see Ruegg, Literature, p. 49.


63 See Ruegg, Literature, p. 71.

64 See Saito, translation, pp. xi-xiii, where he discusses some of these questions in relation to Jñāna- ēgarbha and Cog ro Klu'i rgyal mtshan's translation of
Buddhapāśita's commentary.

Part II: Translation of Six Chapters from the Prajñāpradīpa

Translation of Prajñāpradīpa, Chapter Three: Examination of the āyatanas

Now [Nāgārjuna] begins the third chapter with the aim of showing that the āyatanas have no intrinsic nature (svabhāva), by means of negating a particular [instance of] origination, [which would be] a counterexample (vipakṣa) [to nonorigination]. Alternatively, he begins the third chapter in order to show that the āyatanas are empty by negating motion (gro ba, gati or gamana), [which would be] a counterexample [to nonmotion].

When one examines [the āyatanas] in the first way, then the counterexample is adduced (nye bar bzhag pa) [as follows:]

Objection:

[Thesis:] One should grasp that in ultimate reality (paramārthataḥ), the internal (ādhyātmika) āyatanas do indeed originate,

[Reason:] because the [kind of] object is specific (pratiniyata) [to each kind of organ].

[Dissimilar Example:] Here what does not exist has no specific object, as, for example, the āyatanas of a childless woman’s son have no specific object.
[Application:] The internal āyatanas do have such a specificity (pratiniyama) as to object; namely, the objects of the visual organ (darśana), the auditory organ (śravaṇa), the olfactory organ (gḥrāṇa), the gustatory organ (rasana), the tactile organ (sparśana), and the mind (manas) are, respectively, visible forms (rūpa), sounds (śabda), odors (gandha), tastes (rasa), tangibles (spraṣṭavya), and dharmas.

[Conclusion:] Therefore one should grasp, by means of the stated reason, that the internal āyatanas do indeed originate.

When one examines [the āyatanas] in the second way, then because [Nāgārjuna] has said,

Therefore going (gati) and the goer (ganṭr) and that which is to be gone over (gantavya) do not exist,

[MMK 2-25cd]

[the opponent's objection is as follows:]

Objection:

[Thesis:] One should understand that going does indeed exist,

[Reason:] because it is the result of action (kriyā-phala),

[Example:] like seeing visible form and so on.

Answer: In answer to both positions [i.e., the two preceding objections], [Nāgārjuna] says:
The visual organ, the auditory organ, the olfactory organ, the gustatory organ, the tactile organ and the mind

[Are] the six sense organs (indriya). Their domain (gocara) is the visible (draṣṭavya) and so on.

[MMK 3-1]

Here it is called "the visual organ" because it sees (lta zhes bya ba ni lta bar byed pa'i phyir ro, paśvatīti darśanam iti?). For the remaining [sense organs] also, [the etymology] is similar. They are called "sense organs" (indriya) because of exercising power (indriyatva) and mastery (bdag po nyid, probably ādhipatya) over that [particular] group [of sense objects], since they grasp visible form and the rest. 7

[As for the word,] "six": The number [of sense organs] is also established by the [preceding] list of [their] individual names; but that [number, six] is specified in order to make it known that even conventionally (vyāvahārataḥ), there is no agent who apprehends visible form and so on [and who is] different from those [sense organs].

"Their" (etesām) [means] "of those six sense organs." "Domain" (gocara) [means] "object" (visaya); the meaning is that [the sense organs] have power (mthu)
over those [sense objects]. "The visible and so on" (dṛṣṭavyādīṇī) [refers to] objects of vision (dṛṣṭavya), objects of hearing (śrotavya), objects of smell, objects of taste, objects of touch (spraṣṭavya), and objects of thought.

Moreover, that specific relation (pratīnyama) of organ (visayin) and object (visaya) is conventional (vyāvahārika), not ultimate (pāramārthika). Therefore, since the reason exists only in the set of all dissimilar examples, [the opponent's reason] has a meaning contrary (viruddha-artha) [to the predicate (sādhya) of the thesis, i.e., origination in ultimate reality].

[Nāgārjuna] will [now] explain this [point, namely] how in ultimate reality, the eye and so on cannot have the relation of organ and object (visayi-visaya-bhāva). To begin with, with regard to the eye-organ (cakṣur-indriya) alone, [he says,]

If the visual organ is its own self, that (tat) [eye] does not see that (tam) [own self] at all. [MMK 3-2ab]

"The visual organ" [is so called] because it sees (lta ba zhes bya ba ni lta bar byed pa'i phyir, paśvatīti darśanam iti?); [the term means] "the eye-organ." "If it is its own self (sva-ātman)" [means] "if it has its own
intrinsic nature (svabhāva)." As for "that does not see
that at all," why does it not see at all? [Nāgārjuna]
clarifies that position by the meaning of the statement
which occurs below.\textsuperscript{14} Why? Because that (tat) [eye]
does not see that (tam) [own self]. The idea is that
that [fact] is common knowledge (prasadhi). The phrase
"at all" has the meaning of specification (avadhāraṇa or
nirdhāraṇa). Here one should see [i. e., understand]
that [the eye] does not see at all. Otherwise, one would
understand that it does see another [thing, though not
itself].\textsuperscript{15}

\textbf{Objection:} In that case, what will you prove? When
[you] have said that the eye does not see its own self,
then [we] assert that it does see visible form, which is
different [from it].

\textbf{Answer:} As for that which you maintain:

When it does not see itself,\textsuperscript{16} how will that [eye]
see others?\textsuperscript{17} [MMK 3-2cd]

The meaning of the sentence is that the eye lacks
the very power (mthu) of seeing visible form. As to
that, the former half of the verse [i. e., MMK 3-2ab]
shows the property (dharma)\textsuperscript{18} that the eye does not see
its own self; and the latter half [i. e., MMK 3-2cd]
indicates the property to be proved (sādhva-dharma),\textsuperscript{19}
[namely,] that it does not see visible form. Therefore, because a [property] to be proved and a proving property are adduced, it is considered to be a syllogism (pravocavākya):

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, the eye-organ does not see visible form at all,

[Reason:] because it does not see its own self,

[Example:] like the ear and so on.

Alternatively, the former half [of the verse], having indicated that the eye-organ is just not graspable (grāhya) [by the eye-organ itself], adduces the eye-organ’s own self as a similar example (śādharmva-drṣṭānta). The latter half, by showing that the eye-organ does not see visible form, indicates the property to be proved, [the fact] that visible form is not an object of the eye-organ. Here, according to that [explanation], the syllogism is:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, visible form is not an object of the eye-organ,

[Reason:] because it is a collection [of atoms] (bsags pa, perhaps samsācita),

[Example:] like the eye-organ’s [own] self.

[The reasons in the two preceding syllogisms, namely, the eye-organ’s] not seeing its own self and [form’s] being a collection, are mentioned [as] a use of words to imply more than is expressed (mtshan nvid kyi
sgra'ī tshul, perhaps laksanā-sabdā-naya). Therefore, in both cases, syllogisms should also be stated [employing] reasons such as "because of having resistance (sapratigha)," "because of being derived from the elements (bhautika)," "because of being derivative matter (upādāya-rūpa)," and "because of belonging to the aggregate of form [or 'matter': rūpa-skandha]."

Objection: It is correct that the eye does not see its own self, because it is invisible (anidarśana); but (visible) form [i.e., rūpa-āyatana or rūpa-dhātu] is visible; therefore [the eye] sees that [visible form].

Answer: As to that, [you] have established, by that other reason, the reason and example which we have stated; therefore there is no conflict [with our own position].

Objection: The Ābhidhārmikas say: If [you] say that the eye, without [further] qualification, does not see visible form at all, that is establishing what is [already] established [for us] (siddha-sādhana), since [our] position is that an eye which is non-functioning (tatsabhāga) does not see forms. But if you say that the eye's not seeing visible forms is stated about a functioning (sabhāga) [eye], in that case there would be a conflict with what [you yourself] accept (abhyupagata-bādha). For it is said in the Abhidharma, The functioning (sabhāga) eye sees visible forms;
[visual] cognition which is based (āśrita) on that
[eye does] not. [AK 1-42ab]

Answer: As to that, because just the functioning
(sabhāga) eye is the subject [of our syllogism]
pakṣikṛta here, [our argument] is not an establishing
of what is [already] established [for you]. Nor is there
a conflict with what [we ourselves] accept, since it is
said [in the Ārya-bhava-samkrānti-sūtra],\textsuperscript{28}

The eye does not see visible form, and the mind
(manas) does not know dharmas.

That which the world does not penetrate (gāhate) is
the highest truth (paramam satyam).

Because [we] do not maintain that the eye sees
visible form in ultimate reality and because of the
extensive inferential argument (anumāna) which has been
expounded, that [fact that the functioning eye does not
see visible form]\textsuperscript{29} is established. Therefore,

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, the functioning (sabhāga)
eye does not see visible form,

[Reason:] because it is an eye-organ,

[Example:] like the non-functioning (tatsabhāga) [eye].

Alternatively, [there is no conflict with what we
ourselves accept] because [the functioning eye's seeing
visible forms] is negated [using the following reason and
example:] "because the [eye-]organ is material (rūpin)
like the ear."\textsuperscript{30} Nor will there be a conflict with
common knowledge (prasiddhi) [i.e., that the eye sees visible forms]. [This is so] because that [common knowledge] has not been abandoned since we have stated a qualified thesis, and because [that objection] has been answered [already].

**Objection:** The Kāśmīras say: The eye does indeed see [forms] because it is the agent (kartr) of vision.

**Answer:** That is not correct, because [the reason] is one part (phyogs gcig) of the meaning of the thesis and because there is no agreement (anvaya) [with a similar example, since no example is given] and because [we have] already refuted [the thesis that the eye sees forms].

**Alternative Answer:** What the Kāśmīras said is not correct [for the following reasons:] For those who hold that [all things] are momentary (kṣaṇikavādin), action is not possible [for the eye] because it is instantaneous. For those who hold that [all things] are not momentary, also, it is not possible for that same [eye which which previously does not see to become] different from that.

**Objection:** The Sautrāntikas say: Since conditioned dharmas are inactive, neither the eye nor anything else sees. What then? In a sūtra, it is said that visual cognition (caksur-vijñāna) arises in dependence on the eye and visible forms. Therefore your statement that the eye does not see just establishes what
is [already] establishes [for us].

Answer: Just because of [our] negation of origination [in the first chapter of the MMK], visual cognition is not possible; therefore [we] do not establish what is [already] established [for you].

[Also,] there is no conflict with what [we ourselves] accept (abhyupagata-bādha), because we do accept the meaning of [that] sūtra [as being] in accord with conventional truth (vyavahāra-satya) and because in ultimate reality, there is no reasoning (yukti) [which establishes] the meaning of [that] sūtra.

Indeed, a difference of that [manner in which the eye sees]⁴⁰ is not possible, because we have negated the origination of the āyatanas of eye and visible form and because [we] have negated [the relation of] seer and seen between eye and visible form. Nevertheless, desiring to enlarge the understanding of the listener, [I] will give just an indication (phyogs tsam, diāmātra) [of that argument].

If the visual organ is its own self, that [eye] does not see that [own self] at all. [MMK 3-2ab]

As before, having indicated [the fact] that the eye does not see itself as the reason,⁴¹ [Nāgārjuna says,]

When it does not see itself, how will that [eye] see others? [MMK 3-2cd]

This sets forth the property to be proved [i. e., that
the eye does not see visible forms whether it is in contact with them or not]. 42 Therefore, wishing to refute other conceptual constructions (vikalpa) imagined (parikalpita) by others, [I] will state syllogisms.

In that connection, to those 43 who say that the eye grasps [visible forms] with which it is not in contact (aprāpta), [we reply:] [The eye does not grasp visible forms with which it is not in contact. It knows them only indirectly because "seeing" has the meaning of "knowing" [not "grasping"], 44 just as kings know from [their] agents 45 [things which they themselves do not see]. [This is so] because [the eye] does not see itself. The meaning of [that] reason is that [the eye] does not know itself. 46

[Therefore we can state syllogisms such as the following:] 

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, the eye does not grasp an object with which it is not in contact (aprāpta-viṣaya),

[Reason:] because it does not see [i.e., know] its own self,

[Example:] like the nose and so on. 47

Likewise,

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, visible form is not graspable (grāhya) by an eye-organ which grasps an object with which it is not in contact,
[Reason:] because it is derived from the elements (bhautika),

[Example:] like odor (gandha) and so on.

[The reasons in the two preceding syllogisms, namely, the eye's] not seeing its own self and [visible form's] being derived from the elements, are mentioned [as] a use of words to imply more than is expressed (mtshan nyid kyi sgra'i tshul, perhaps lakṣaṇa-śabdana). 48 Therefore in both cases, inferences (anumāna) should also be given [employing] reasons such as "because of having resistance (sapratigha);" 49 and appropriate syllogisms (pravṛti-vākya) should be fully stated.

Alternatively, [one may state the following syllogism:]

[Thesis:] It is not maintained that in ultimate reality, the eye grasps an object with which it is not in contact,

[Reason:] because it has an object of the present [moment] which is [immediately] evident (pratvaksā), 50

[Example:] like the nose and the other [physical sense organs].

Objection: 51

[Thesis:] The eye does [indeed] grasp an object with which it is not in contact,

[First Reason:] because it grasps obstructed visible
form\textsuperscript{52} and

[Second Reason:] because there is no difference of effort and
[Third Reason:] because there is no difference of time\textsuperscript{53} and

[Fourth Reason:] because it grasps an object greater [in size]\textsuperscript{54} than itself,

[Example:] like the mind (\textit{manas}).

\textbf{Answer:} That also is not good, [for the following reasons:] [1] Here "grasping an object with which it is not in contact" has the meaning of "grasping visible form which is obstructed;" and the meaning of [the first reason,] "because it grasps visible form which is obstructed," is also just that. Therefore [the meaning of the first reason] is one part (\textit{phyogs gcig}) of the meaning of the thesis.\textsuperscript{55} [2] Also [the second and third reasons,] "because there is no difference of effort and because there is no difference of time," are not established.\textsuperscript{56}

Even if the reason[s] were established, no agreement (\textit{anvaya}) [with a similar example] is established. [This is so] because in ultimate reality, it is not established that even the mind grasps [an object] with which it is not in contact; [and therefore the example given is invalid]. Alternatively, [the example] also has a contradictory meaning (\textit{viruddha-artha}).\textsuperscript{57}
Objection: The Sāmkhyas say: [Your proof] that the eye does not grasp an object with which it is not in contact establishes what is [already] established [for us, since we hold that the eye apprehends an object with which it is in contact].

Answer: One should reply: [Just] because [we] have shown that the eye is empty of the property (dhārma) of grasping an object with which it is not in contact, [it does] not [follow that we] have shown [that fact] as a consequence of (yogena) proving that it does grasp an object with which it is in contact. Therefore [you] become encouraged without justification (asthāne).

Moreover,

[Thesis:] It is not maintained that the eye grasps an object with which it is in contact (prāpta-visaya),

[Reason:] because it is a sense organ,

[Example:] like the mind (manas).

Nor is [that argument] inconclusive (anaikāntika) due to the nose and so on, since those [other sense organs] will also be shown below to be just like that [eye].

Also, what is the meaning of "grasping [an object] with which it is in contact"? If [you] say, "[The eye] goes out from [its own] location [i.e., the eyeball] in the direction of the object and grasps [it]," [then we reply:]
[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, the eye's function (ṣjuq pa, probably pravrtti or vṛtti) [of grasping its object] does not go outward from the location of the "synonym of visual consciousness," because it is a function,

[Example:] like the function of the nose-organ and so on.

Likewise,

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, visible form is not graspable (grāhya) by an eye-organ which grasps an object with which it is in contact,

[Reason:] because [visible form] has a cause (hetu),

[Example:] like sound and so on.

Objection: The extensive inferences shown in both cases refute one position by means of the other (phvogs gcig gis gcig bsal ba). Therefore nothing at all has been established.

Answer: Because both [ways of grasping a sense object] do not exist, [our] desire not to establish [either position] is fulfilled (mi sgrub par 'dod pa grub pa, perhaps asisādhayiṣā siddha).

Objection: The eye's rays of light (ˈod zer) go in the direction of the object and grasp the object.

Answer: To those who have [that] opinion, the following should be said:

[Thesis:] One should understand that even conventional-
ly, the eye-organ does not possess rays of light,

[Reason:] because it is a cause of the apprehension (dmigs pa, probably upalambha or upalabdhi) of visible form,

[Example:] like visible form [itself].

Objection:

[Thesis:] The eye-organ does indeed possess light rays,
[Reason:] because it is an eye-organ,
[Example:] like the eyes of nocturnal animals such as mice.

Answer: That is not right, [1] because the eye-organ is invisible and [2] even if the location of that [eye-organ] possesses light-rays, the example is not established and [3] because there is a contradiction (bādha) due to a counterbalanced [reason] (’gal ba ’khruṣ pa med pa, viruddha-avyabhicārin).

Enough of [this] extensive deliberation! [We] will deal just with the subject at hand.

If the visual organ is its own self, that [eye] does not see that [own self] at all.

When it does not see itself, how will that [eye] see others? [MMK 3-2]

On this verse, some say:

[Buddhapālita’s commentary on MMK 3-2:] Here if the intrinsic nature of entities (bhāvānām svabhāvah) is seen in their own selves, [then] because [they] possess that
[nature], it will also be apprehended in the selves of others. For example, if wetness is perceived [literally, "seen"] in water, [then] because it possesses that [wetness], [wetness] will also be apprehended in earth. If heat is perceived in fire, [then] because it possesses that [heat], [heat] will also be apprehended in water. If a sweet smell is perceived in the jasmine flower, [then] because it possesses that [sweet smell], [a sweet smell] will also be apprehended in clothing. But how will that entity which does not appear to its own self apprehend the selves of others? For if a bad smell is not perceived in the jasmine flower, it will not be apprehended in clothing [perfumed by it], either.

[Buddhapālita continues:] Therefore if the visual organ saw its own self, it would be possible to say, "because it sees visible form, it is the visual organ (rupam paśyatīti darśanam iti);" but the visual organ does not see its own self. Now how will that which does not see its own self see others? Therefore it is not possible to say, "because it sees visible form, it is the visual organ."

[Buddhapālita continues:] Ācārya Āryadeva, also, has said, If the intrinsic nature of all entities is seen first in themselves, Why does the eye not also grasp the eye itself?
[Catuhṣataka 13-16]

[Other Buddhists' objection to Buddhapālita's argument:]72 As to that, here our fellow Buddhists (svayūthya) say: If [you] say that just as that vision73 which apprehends visible form does not exist in the eye, so also it does not exist in visible form, then [that merely] establishes what is [already] established [for us]. For even in that way, it has been said,74

That [visual cognition?] does not exist in the eye or visible form; nor does it exist between the two.

That [place?] where that [visual cognition?] abides neither exists, nor does it not exist.

[Bhāvaviveka's criticism of Buddhapālita's explanation:]75 If [you, Buddhapālita] say that [the eye] does not have the power of seeing its own self, [then] jasmine flowers are not suitable as an example of that. [This is so] because sweet smells occur in jasmine flowers by virtue of a group (sāmagrī) [of causes and conditions], just as sesame seed oil becomes sweet-smelling through contact with flowers.76 Also, [this argument is wrong for the following reason:] Since no one maintains that [the eye possesses] the activity (kriyā) of seeing visible form [because it possesses the activity of seeing itself],77 it is not correct to refute that [position].

But if [you, Buddhapālita] prove that just as the
eye does not apprehend itself, [so] also it does not apprehend others, [then] in that case also, [your] example cannot [prove that]. [This is so] because [your examples,] fire and jasmine flowers, do not grasp\textsuperscript{78} [either] their own or others’ selves. Therefore that [explanation of yours] is not [logically] possible.

Therefore in that way, since it is not established that the eye sees, origination is also not established; and motion is not established, either, since [in both cases, the alleged] example does not exist.\textsuperscript{79} Alternatively, the reason, also, is contradictory.\textsuperscript{80}

\textbf{Objection:}\textsuperscript{81} Having attributed a [false] meaning to [your own] proof,\textsuperscript{82} you say that the eye does not see its own self. By saying that, [you] have shown that if that [eye] lacks power over its own self, it also does not have that [power] over the self of another.\textsuperscript{83} Even so, [your reason] is inconclusive (anaikāntika), for although fire lacks the power to burn its own self, [nevertheless] it does have the power to burn the self of another.

\textbf{Answer:}

The example of fire is not adequate (parvāpta) for establishing the visual organ. [MMK 3-3ab]

[That is,] to charge that [our] reason is inconclusive [by means of the example of fire, is inadequate]\textsuperscript{84}
for establishing that meaning, [i. e.,] that the eye has the intrinsic nature of a visual organ (darśana-svabhāva). The idea is that [this is so] because in ultimate reality, it is not established that fire burns and because even conventionally, it is not established that [the eye] has the intrinsic nature of a visual organ.

Alternatively,

The example of fire is not adequate for establishing the visual organ... [MMK 3-3ab]

because of the fault in [your] reason which [will be] stated. The idea is that [this is so] because that [notion that] the intrinsic nature of fire is to illumine [both] its own and others' selves does not exist even for the opponent's position (parapakṣa), and because even conventionally, it is not established that the intrinsic nature of fire is to burn. "Burning," moreover, is a transformation (gyur ba, probably parināma or viparīṇāma) of fuel, which is produced by fire; therefore it is not the intrinsic nature of fire.

Moreover,

The example of fire is not adequate for establishing the visual organ.

That [example] has been answered, along with the visual organ [itself], by [the examination of] the
traversed (gata), the untraversed (agata), and that which is being traversed (gamvamāna).

[MMK 3-3]

"Along with the visual organ" (lta bcas, sadarśanah) [means] "together with the visual organ (lta ba dang bcas pa, saha darśanena?). What [is said to be "along with the visual organ"]? The example of fire. What has been done? [The example of fire, along with the visual organ,] has been answered. By means of what? By means of [the examination of] the traversed, the untraversed, and that which is being traversed [in chapter two of the MMK].

Previously, it was explained that in ultimate reality, motion [or "going, traversing:" grO ba, gamana or gati] does not exist on the traversed, on the untraversed, or on that which is being traversed. [This is so] because [the traversed] has been traversed [already], because [the untraversed] has not [yet] been traversed, and because that which is being traversed is not cognized apart from the traversed and the untraversed.

In just that way, the [following] syllogisms should be stated successively: In ultimate reality, fire, too, does not burn fuel which has been burned, which has not been burned, or which is being burned. [This is so] because [burned fuel] has been burned
[already], because [unburned fuel] has not [yet] been burned, and because [fuel] which is being burned is not cognized apart from the burned and the unburned.\textsuperscript{89} And likewise, in ultimate reality, the eye, too, does not see visible forms which have been seen, which have not been seen, or which are being seen. [This is so] because [the seen] has been seen [already], because [the unseen] has not [yet] been seen, and because [visible forms] which are being seen are not cognized apart from the seen and the unseen.

Here [Buddhapālita\textsuperscript{90} explains MMK 3-3 as follows:]

\textbf{Objection} [according to Buddhapālita]: The visual organ and so on are established in the same way as fire. For example, although fire burns, it just burns others; but it does not burn its own self. Likewise, although the visual organ sees, it just sees others; but it does not see its own self.\textsuperscript{91}

\textbf{Answer:}

The example of fire is not adequate for establishing the visual organ.

That [example] has been answered, along with the visual organ [itself], by [the examination of] the traversed, the untraversed, and that which is being traversed. [MMK 3-3]

[The example is not adequate] because that [fire] also does not burn another.\textsuperscript{92}
[Bhāvaviveka’s criticism of Buddhapālita’s explanation:] That is not right, for since the opponent’s position (pūrvapakṣa) is quite worthless (āṣāra) due to [its being] a mere example, it is not right to refute that [position].

**Objection:**

[Thesis:] The eye does indeed possess the action (kriyā) of seeing,

[Reason:] because it is so taught in the science of grammar (śabda-śāstra).

[Application:] Here, in the science of grammar, [it is taught that] when one uses a primary suffix (bya ba’i rkyen, kṛt-pratyaya) in [the sense of] an agent (karta), [then one says,] "Because it sees, it is the visual organ (lta bar byed pas lta ba zhes bya ba, probably paśvatīti darśanam iti; cf. MMK 3-4c)."

[Similar Example:] Whatever is taught in that [science] is so, for example, [it is taught that] when one uses a primary suffix in [the sense of] an agent, [then one says,] "Because one understands (thugs su chud par mdzad pa, bodhati?) or because one understands [by oneself] (thugs su chud par gyur pa, budhyate?), [one is called] ‘Buddha’ (sangs rgyas, buddha)."

**Answer:** That proof exists [i.e., is valid] within
conventional truth (\textit{vyavahāra-satya}); but it does not exist in ultimate reality. Why? Because in this very chapter, vision (\textit{lta ba}) by the eye has been negated and because [in the first two chapters] the origination of that [vision] has been negated, [the eye] is devoid of vision.\textsuperscript{99}

When it does not see anything, it is not the visual organ. [MMK 3-4ab]

When it does not see a door-bolt or a stool or anything at all, then it is not the visual organ. Therefore,

How can that [statement] that the visual organ sees be possible?\textsuperscript{100} [MMK 3-4cd]

How can that [statement] that the visual organ sees be [logically] possible? The meaning of the sentence is that that is just not possible. Therefore,

The visual organ simply does not see. What is not a visual organ (\textit{adarśana}) simply does not see. [MMK 3-5ab]

The idea is [that what is not a visual organ does
not see] because it is empty of the power of seeing, like a lump of earth and so on.

Therefore in ultimate reality, the explanation of the word *darsana* and the word *buddha* in the science of grammar is simply not correct, because the example [i.e., the Buddha] does not exist. Nor does [the preceding statement] contradict [our] doctrine (*krtanta*), because in ultimate reality, the Blessed One is also without intrinsic nature (*svabhava*) and because below [Nāgārjuna] will say,

That which is the intrinsic nature of the Tathāgata is the intrinsic nature of this world.

The Tathāgata is without intrinsic nature, [and] this world is without intrinsic nature.

[MMK 22-16]

Alternatively, [we can] examine [the meaning of MMK 3-4,5ab] differently: Here, when one uses a primary suffix in [the sense of] an agent, in regard to that [eye] which is a visual organ, [one says,] "Because it sees, it is the visual organ." Or else when one uses a primary suffix in [the sense of] an agent in regard to what is not a visual organ, [one says,] "Because it sees, it is the visual organ." What follows from that? If it is said in regard to that [eye] which is a visual organ, [then]
When it does not see anything, it is not the visual organ. [MMK 3-4ab]

Well, what [is a visual organ]? Just that which sees\textsuperscript{102} is a visual organ. Therefore an eye for which the action of seeing has originated sees; [but] in that case, there is that same fault of reason and example.\textsuperscript{103}

**Objection:** Because that [eye] is the agent of the action of seeing, it is indeed the visual organ.

**Answer:** Then if that [eye] is the visual organ [already], a [second] action of seeing would simply be pointless.\textsuperscript{104} Therefore,

How can that [statement] that the visual organ sees be possible? [MMK 3-4cd]

The meaning of the sentence is that it is simply not possible, because [the eye would already] possess the action of seeing.\textsuperscript{105}

But even if it is said in regard to that [eye] which is not a visual organ,

When it does not see anything, it is not the visual organ. [MMK 3-4ab]

Then if that [eye] does not have the intrinsic nature of a visual organ, it is devoid of the action of seeing like a lump of earth and so on. Therefore that which is not a visual organ also just does not see.

Therefore, because in that way neither possesses the action of seeing,
The visual organ simply does not see. What is not a visual organ simply does not see. [MMK 3-5ab]

**Objection:** If there is a double negation [as in MMK 3-5b], the original meaning (*skabs kyi don*, probably *prakṛta-artha*) is understood. Therefore an eye for which the action of seeing has originated sees.

**Answer:** That is not good, because [here] it has been negated that [an eye for which the action of seeing] exists or does not exist is the cause (*hetu*) [of seeing],¹⁰⁶ like the negation [in MMK 1-6] of a causal condition (*pratyaya*) for an existent or a nonexistent [thing].

**Objection:**¹⁰⁷ Having applied [the quality of] being a visual organ [to the eye] figuratively on account of [the fact that it will see in] the future,¹⁰⁸ that [eye] is the visual organ.

**Answer:** [In that case, the thesis which you] maintain has been lost for the sake of establishing conventional truth.¹⁰⁹

Alternatively, [one may explain MMK 3-5ab as follows:]

**Objection:**

**[Thesis:]** One says that an eye for which the action of seeing has originated sees,

**[Reason:]** because [that] conventional designation (*vyavahāra*) of action exists.
[Dissimilar Example:] It is not said that that for which the action of seeing has not originated sees, as [in the case of] the ear.

[Application:] Because the eye possesses the action of seeing, one conventionally designates that the eye sees.

Answer: The ācārya [Nāgārjuna] replies: In that case,

The visual organ simply does not see. [MMK 3-5a]

The idea is that [this is so] because the opponent has not shown that an action of seeing has originated in ultimate reality for any seer, and because before an action of seeing has originated in the visual organ, it is not established as a visual organ.

Because it is difficult to show that what was formerly not a visual organ will later possess the action of seeing,

What is not a visual organ simply does not see.

[MMK 3-5b]

Thus the meaning of the reason [in the opponent's last syllogism] is not established, or else it has a contradictory meaning.110 Therefore the thesis is lost.

Objection: Here the Sāmkhyas and Vaiśeṣikas say:111 Because one sees by means of this, it is the visual organ (‘dīs lta bar byed pas lta ba ste, probably anena pasyatīti darṣanam). [This is so] because a primary
sufffix is used in [the sense of] an instrument (karana). That one to whom that instrument [of the action of seeing] belongs is the seer. That [seer], moreover, sees by means of that [instrument]. For example, a cutter (chettr) cuts (chinnati) wood to be cut (chedya, etc.) by means of an axe; but the axe itself does not cut. Therefore that [statement of yours] that the eye does not see [merely] establishes what is [already] established [for us].112

[Thesis:] Instruments have a [corresponding] agent,
[Reason:] because they are instruments,
[Example:] as the axe and so on have a cutter [who wields them].

Answer:

One should understand that the seer has been explained by means of the visual organ itself. 

[MMK 3-5cd]

"One should understand that it has been explained" [means] "one should understand that it has been answered." By means of what? By means of the visual organ itself. [The explanation] of what? Of the seer. The idea is that the refutation of the conceptual construction (vikalpa) that there is a seer is also similar.

As there the property (dharma) of the eye [which
proves that it does not see visible forms] is [its] not seeing its own self,\textsuperscript{113} so here also the property of the self (ātman) [which proves that it does not see visible forms] is [its] not seeing its own self. [This is so] because it is not possible for the self to see its own self, since acting (\textit{\textit{jug pa}, probably pravṛtti or vṛtī}) on its own self [would be] contradictory. For example, that same edge of a sword does not cut that same sword edge. Thus the inference (anumāna) is:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, the self, too, is not a seer,\textsuperscript{116}

[Reason:] because it does not see its own self,

[Example:] like the ear.

Nor can the opponent spoil (bslad) our argument with the poison of suspicion (āśaṅkā or śaṅkā) that the meaning of [our] reason is not established,\textsuperscript{114} Wherever it is explained that the self sees the self, there that [statement] is made conventionally, having imposed the word "self" [in the sense of "mind"] because the mind (manas) is beneficial (phad ’dog pa, perhaps upakārin).\textsuperscript{115}

Here [the reason in the preceding syllogism,] "not seeing its own self" is mentioned [as] a use of words to imply more than is expressed (mtshan nyo rd byi sgra’i tshul, perhaps laksanā-śabda-naya).\textsuperscript{116} Therefore inferences with reasons such as the reason[s] "because it is
an entity (bhāva or vastu)," "because it is an object of knowledge (jñeya)," or "because it is an object of speech (briod par bya ba: abhidheya, vaktavya, vācyā, etc.)" and [corresponding] examples such as "like the ear and so on," "like sound and so on," or "like its own self," should be fully stated.

Thus,

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, the self does not see visible form,

[Reason:] because it is an entity,

[Example:] like the ear and so on.

Likewise,

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, the self does not see visible form,

[Reason:] because it is an object of knowledge,

[Example:] like sound and so on.

Likewise,

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, the self does not see visible form,

[Reason:] because it is an object of speech,

[Example:] like its own self.

[Syllogisms] should likewise be stated appropriately in regard to visible form also.117

There are also no faults of the thesis and so on,118

[1] because conventional truth is under discussion (ḥbang du byas pa, adhikṛta), [2] the self [as] generally
accepted\textsuperscript{119} is the subject [of the syllogism] (\textit{phyogs su byas pa, paksikra}), [3] because a property of that [conventional self] is indicated [as the reason in the syllogism], and [4] because that [conventional self] is also adduced as an example.

Likewise, since an axe and so on are not established in ultimate reality, the example [in the opponent’s last syllogism] also does not exist. Therefore [when we show that the eye does not see, we] do not establish what is [already] established [for the opponent].

\textbf{Objection}: That very [statement] that the seer does not see nihilistically negates (\textit{apa-vad}) that meaning [i. e., its own meaning].\textsuperscript{120} Therefore there will be a fault in [your] thesis.

\textbf{Answer}: Here [that objection] has [already] been answered [in our discussion of the statement], "dependent origination is without origination (\textit{pratityasamutpado \ 'nuptdah})."\textsuperscript{121} Therefore it is not necessary to repeat [that answer] again.

Moreover, here that seer either has the intrinsic nature of a seer; or it does not have the intrinsic nature of a seer. In that connection, [let us first suppose that] it has the intrinsic nature of a seer, just as the Sāmkhyas say that the intrinsic nature of the spirit (\textit{puruṣa}) is consciousness (\textit{caitanya}).\textsuperscript{122} As to that, if that seer of that [Sāmkhya] has the intrinsic
nature of a seer, [then] because intrinsic nature is not made [by any causes or conditions], it would be a seer even without a visual organ.\textsuperscript{123}

\textbf{Objection}:\textsuperscript{124} If that cutter has no axe, it is not possible [for him] to be a cutter. Likewise, [only] if that [self], too, is not apart from\textsuperscript{125} the visual organ, should one see [i. e., regard] it as a seer.

\textbf{Answer}: In that case, the self's being a seer is conventional, because a cutter is conventional.\textsuperscript{126} If [you] suppose so,

A seer who is not apart [from the visual organ] does not exist.\textsuperscript{127} \textsuperscript{[M\textsc{mk} 3-6a]}

"Because that [self] is maintained to be a seer [only] if it is not apart from the visual organ" is the rest of the sentence. Here, before [the seer, i. e., the self] possesses the visual organ and after it has separated from the visual organ, the visual organ does not exist. If the visual organ does not exist, [the action of] seeing (\textit{lt\textsc{a} ba}) the visible also does not exist. Therefore since it is not possible that [the self] is a seer, the seer does not exist. The sense is that [the self] does not have the intrinsic nature of a seer.

Nor is that [seer] established like fire, because
fire is not established without fuel. 128

Alternatively, [one can interpret MMK 3-6a by saying that] the rest of the sentence is, "Even if [you] say that [the self] is a seer when the visual organ exists, [nevertheless] the seer imagined (parikalpita) by the Sāṃkhyaśa does not exist." Here one infers that [something] is a seer because it apprehends and sees visible forms. But that apprehension of visible form also exists [only] if the eye, visible form, light, space, and mental attention (manasikāra) exist. Therefore the collection (tshogs) 129 called "Devadatta" is designated a "seer" [only when he] possesses those conditions; but [a seer] other than that does not exist. [This is so] because even if there were some existence [of a seer] imagined to be different from that [collection], the apprehension of visible form does not exist in the mind (rgyud, sāmāna or sāmata, literally, "series") of a blind person. [Therefore the seer imagined by the Sāṃkhyaśa could not be a seer by intrinsic nature.] 130

Efficient causes (byed pa'i rgyu, kāraka-hetu or kāraṇa-hetu) are conventionally designated as the agent. As in the case of a lamp, it is indeed right [to do so, even though they lack the intrinsic nature of an agent]. For example, even though a lamp has no volition (cetanā), it is said to be an illuminator because it is a cause of
illumination. Therefore even conventionally, that [seer established by intrinsic nature] does not exist.\textsuperscript{131}

\textbf{Objection:} [What is called the seer] does not have the intrinsic nature of a seer. As the Vaiśeṣikas say, "When the cognition of visible form has originated from the conjunction (sbyor ba, probably samyoga here) of the four [the self (ātman), the mental organ (manas), the sense organ (indrīva), and the object (visāya)],\textsuperscript{132} [the self] sees."\textsuperscript{133}

\textbf{Answer:} Even so, there is that same fault [that there is no seer other than the group of factors conventionally called "Devadatta," etc.]. [This is so] because the assumption (brtaq pa, kalpanā) that an existence which is not generally acknowledged (ma grags pa, probably aprasiddha) is that [seer], is not possible.\textsuperscript{134}

\textbf{Objection:} Accepting [the self] as the common [seer well known in the world], that [self still] exists [independent of the eye, visible form, and so on].\textsuperscript{135}

\textbf{Answer:} Even [so, Nāgārjuna] says,

[A seer] who is apart from the visual organ also [does not exist]. [MMK 3-6b]

What is [the meaning of MMK 3-6b]? The context is "the seer does not exist" [from MMK 3-6a]. [This follows] because if it is apart from the power of the visual
organ, [the self] does not have the intrinsic nature of that [seer].

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, it is not possible that that [self] sees visible form,

[Reason:] because it is different from the eye,

[Example:] like a jar.

Thus for neither position is it established that there is a seer.136

Alternatively, even if one imagines that [the self] has the intrinsic nature of a seer, [Nāgārjuna replies,]

A seer who is not apart [from the visual organ] does not exist, nor does one who is apart from the visual organ. [MMK 3-6ab]

The idea is that whether it possesses or lacks a visual organ, [the self] does not have the intrinsic nature of a seer.

To begin with, [suppose that] one maintains the following: "When that seer has an eye, he sees." In that case, the establishment of the apprehension of form [by the seer] exists [only] if the eye exists. Therefore [his] being a seer is conventional, just as burning (bsreg pa nyan) [exists only] if fire exists [and thus is conventional]. [In that case,] one ought to maintain that [the seer] is the eye itself. But if one says, "Even without a visual organ, the self is a seer," [then] since the apprehension of visible form does not exist in
the mind (rgyud, samtāna or smtati, literally, "series")
of a blind person, it is not possible that that [self] is
indeed a seer.137

Objection:
[Thesis:] One should understand that just that which
possesses the action of seeing (lta ba'i bya ba yod
pe nvid) is the seer,
[Reason:] because that has an instrument (karana) and an
object (karman).
[Dissimilar Example:] Here what has no action has no
instrument or object, as a sky-flower [does not].
[Application:] That seer (drastr) has an instrument, the
visual organ (darsana), and an object, the visible
(drastavya).
[Conclusion:] Therefore one should understand that just
that which possesses the action of seeing is the
seer.

Answer: Because the organ of vision has been
completely negated [as existing] in ultimate reality and
[because] if the visual organ does not exist, the seer is
also not possible, [Nāgārjuna says,]

If the seer does not exist, how will your visible
[object] and visual organ exist? [MMK 3-6cd]

The idea is that [this is so] because that which no
one sees cannot be a visible [object] and because an instrument [of vision] is also not possible, since a seer who sees by means of this [instrument] just does not exist. Therefore the meaning of your reason, "because [its] instrument and object exist," is not established; or else the meaning [of the reason] is contradictory.\textsuperscript{138}

\textbf{Objection:} Some\textsuperscript{139} among our fellow Buddhists (svayūthva) say: Concerning conditioned dharmas,\textsuperscript{140} which are subject to other (paratantra) causes and conditions and are immobile,\textsuperscript{141} it is right to say that the eye does not see and that a self different from that [eye?] does not exist as a seer. But, [Thesis:] [We] do not maintain that visible [objects] and visual organs do not exist, [Reason:] because their four results, cognition (vijñāna) and so on, exist. [Dissimilar Example:] That which does not exist does not have the results called "cognition, contact (sparśa), feeling (vedanā), and craving (trṣṇā),"\textsuperscript{142} just as the eye of one blind from birth [does not give rise to cognition and the rest]. [Application:] Visible [objects] and visual organs have the four results, cognition and so on. [Conclusion:] Therefore visible [objects] and visual organs do exist. \textbf{Answer:} If it has been shown, by the method which
[we] have stated, that visible [objects] and the organ of vision are not established, then

Because visible [objects] and the visual organ do not exist, the four, cognition and so on,

Do not exist. [MMK 3-7ab,c1 (CPP: 3-8ab,c1)]

The idea is that [this is so] because [their] causal condition[s] do not exist. Therefore if [cognition and so on] are not established because those [i.e., visible objects and the visual organ] are not established, [then] it is also not possible to establish visible objects and the visual organ [as a consequence of the existence of cognition, etc] because [your] example also does not exist. 144

Objection: 145 In ultimate reality, cognition and so on do indeed exist, because their results, appropriation (upādāna) and so on, exist.

Answer:

How will appropriation and so on exist?

[MMK 3-7c2,d (CPP: 3-8c2,d)]

The idea is that [this is so] because those are also not established, like cognition and so on. "Appropriation" (upādāna) [means those things] "which are to be
appropriated" (upādeva). They are: [1] sensual pleasure (kāma); [2] views (dṛṣṭi); [3] the overestimation of moral conduct and ascetic practices (śīla-vrata-parāmarśa); and [4] the doctrine of the self (ātma-vāda).146 [The phrase] "and so on" (ādīni) indicates those [items in a list] at the beginning of which [the word preceding ādi stands]. Those, moreover, are samsāric existence (bhava), birth (jāti), and old-age-and-death (jarā-marana).147 Therefore you have that same fault [in your argument].

At the beginning of the chapter, the opponent adduced the auditory organ, etc., and sound, etc., as examples.148 Now [Nāgārjuna], wishing to show by the method which has been stated that they are similar [to the visual organ in not existing by intrinsic nature], says,

One should understand that the auditory organ, the olfactory organ, the gustatory organ, the tactile organ, and the mind (manas) have been explained, [along with] the hearer (śrotṛ), audible [sounds] (śrotavya), and so on, by means of the visual organ. [MMK 3-8 (CPP 3-9)]

One should understand that the auditory organ, the olfactory organ, the gustatory organ, the tactile organ, the mind, the hearer, audible [sounds], and so on have
also been rejected (lan ... btab pa, literally, "answered"). By means of what? By means of the visual organ itself. As with the negation of the visual organ, the negation of the auditory organ and so on should also be shown appropriately by means of full inference[s], together with elaboration (prapañca).\textsuperscript{149}

Therefore neither origination nor motion, which [the opponent] conceptually constructs (vi-klp) from the outset (ārambha) of the chapter, is established.\textsuperscript{150} As to that, here the meaning of the chapter [is as follows:] The emptiness (śūnyatā) of the āvatānas has been expounded by means of stating the faults in the proofs offered by opponents.

Therefore [scriptural] statements such as the following are established:\textsuperscript{151} [From the Ārva-brahma-viśeṣa-cintā-pariprcchā-sūtra?,]\textsuperscript{152}

That which is the internal earth-element (ādhyātmika-prthivī-dhātu) and that which is the external (bāhya) earth-element have a nondual meaning (advaya-artha). By means of discernment (praḥna) and wisdom (ye śhes, jñāna), the Tathāgata has fully and perfectly realized (abhisambuddha) that that also is nondual, is not divisible into two (gyis su dbver med pa), and has a single defining characteristic (eka-laksana), namely, no defining characteristic (alaksana).\textsuperscript{153}

Likewise, [from the Ārva-Maṇjuśrī-vikṛḍita-}
sūtra,]154

[Mañjuśrī said,] "Girl, how should one see the elements (dhātu)?"

The girl said, "Mañjuśrī, [they should be seen] like this, for example: When the three worlds have been consumed by fire [at the end] of the kalpa, there is not even ash [left behind]."155

Likewise, [from the Ārya-bhava-samkrānti-sūtra,]156

The eye does not see visible form, and the mind (manas) does not know dharmas.

That which the world does not penetrate (gāhate) is the highest truth (paramam satyam).

Likewise,157

He does not know, does not see all dharmas. That [bodhisattva?] does not apprehend, does not ponder (cintayati), does not think of (manvate) even the preacher of the Dharma (chos smra ba, dharma-bhānaka).

Likewise, [from the Ārya-Mañjuśrī-vikrīdita-sūtra,]158

Sister (sring mo, bhaqinī), the eye does not see, does not cognize (vijñātī) visible forms. Enlightenment (boṭhi), too, is free from eye and visible form. The ear, nose, tongue, body, and mind (manas) also do not grasp, do not cognize dharmas. Enlightenment, too, is free from mind and dharmas.

Likewise, [from the Bhagavati-prajñāpāramitā-
Suvikrāntavikrāmin, material form is not the domain (gocara) of material form. Feeling (vedanā), perception/conception (samjñā), mental formations (samskārāḥ), and cognition (vijnāna) are also not the domain of cognition (vijnāna). Suvikrāntavikrāmin, [what is called] "domain" is [the fact] that material form does not know, does not see material form and [the fact] that feeling, perception/conception, mental formations, and cognition do not know, do not see cognition. That which is [the state of] not knowing, not seeing form and not knowing, not seeing feeling, perception/conception, mental formations, and cognition, is the perfection of discernment (prajñā-paramitā).

The third chapter, "Examination of the āyatana," of the Prajñāpradīpa, a commentary on [Nāgārjuna's] Mūlamadhyamaka composed by ācārya Bhavyakara/Bhavyakāra (legs ldan byed) [is concluded].
Notes to Translation of Chapter Three

1 The twelve āyatanaś are the six sense organs (the five physical sense organs plus the mind, manas) and the six corresponding sense objects (dharmaś in the case of mind). This chapter deals mostly with the first six āyatanaś, the sense organs (indriya). Hence in the Sanskrit of the Prasannapada, chapter three is called cakṣurādindriya-parīkṣā (CPP 122.8), while in the Tibetan translation of the Prasannapada, the title is simply dbang po brtag pa, indriya-parīkṣā (May 331.8). The Tibetan translations of the Akutobhaya and Buddhapālita's commentary have the same title for this chapter as the Tibetan of the Prajñāpradīpa (Saito, translation, p. 243 n. 1).

2 This translation of skye ba mi mthun pa'i phyogs kyi khyad par (utpāda-vipakṣa-viśeṣa?) follows Avalokitavrata's explanation (Ava P2b-3,4; D2a-4,5). The particular instance of origination alleged by the opponent in the following paragraph is the origination of the āyatanaś.

3 See Ava P5b-6, D3a-1. Note that chapter one of the MMK deals with origination, while chapter two deals with motion.

4 That is, the six sense organs.

5 darśana may mean either "vision" or "the organ of
vision." (Note Pāṇini 3.3.115 and 3.3.117.) In his commentary following MMK 3-2ab, Bhāvaviveka glosses it as caksur-indriya; and this seems to be its meaning throughout most of his commentary on this chapter. (The situation is complicated, however, by the fact that the Tibetan word lta ba translates both darśana and drṣṭi, as well as some other forms derived from the root drṣ/paṣ.) Buddhapālita has the same interpretation of darśana (Saito 50.11), as does Candrakīrti (CPP 113.7,8). (Jacques May, though, translates darśana as la vision; see May 78 n. 131.)

Similar remarks apply to the terms for the other four physical sense organs (śravana, etc.). Note that the physical sense organs, being made of translucent matter (rūpa-prasāda), are not identical with the visible eye, ear, etc.; see May ibid. and note 32 to my translation of chapter twenty-six.

6rūpa as one of the twelve āyatanas or eighteen dhātus refers to "visible form," i. e., color and shape (varṇa-samsthāna); see AK 1-10a. rūpa as the first of the five aggregates (skandha) refers to "matter" in general; see AK 1-9ab and May 79 n. 132.

7Compare AK 2-2ab.

8See Ava P4-8 to 5a-1, D4b-2,3.

9bsam par bya ba, perhaps mantavya here, corresponding to manas.
"Set of all dissimilar examples" translates vipakṣa here.

See Ava P5a-3,4,5; D4b-5,6,7. In other words, the reason (hetu) in fact proves the opposite of the sādhyā, since the predicate to be proved (sādhyā) is ultimately real origination and the reason applies only to (some) things which are conventional. Such things belong to the vipakṣa because they lack the sādhyā. Note that the phrase "in ultimate reality" (paramārthataḥ) is understood as qualifying the predicate (sādhyā) of the thesis (pratijñā), not as qualifying the subject (dharmin).

mīg, caksus will be translated as "eye," śrotra as "ear," and so on; but one should bear in mind that the five physical sense organs are made of subtle, translucent matter (rūpa-prasāda). They are not identical with visible parts of the body such as the eyeball, etc., though they are located on or in them. See note 5 and AK 1-44ab.

The Tibetan of MMK 3-2ab in BPP differs from the Sanskrit and Tibetan of CPP. (See CPP 113.10 and 113 n. 5.) See the discussion in Saito, translation, p. 244 n. 5. As Saito points out, the Tibetan of MMK 3-2a in BPP corresponds to sva ātmā ced darśanam hi or svātmani darśane sati.

MMK 3-2cd, according to Avalokitavrata (Ava P5b-
2,3; D5a-4,5).

15 The Sanskrit of MMK 3-2b is *tat tam eva na paśyati* (CPP 113.10). Bhāvaviveka seems to be saying that one must understand that paśyaty eva is meant (but not written for reasons of meter) rather than tam eva, since Nāgārjuna will deny not only that the eye sees itself but also that it sees other things.

16 BPP has a Tibetan translation of MMK 3-2c slightly different from that of the Akutobhāvā, Bp, and CPP. BPP corresponds to *vadā* plus ātmanam, rather than *vadātmanam*. See note 70 and Saito, translation, p. 244 n. 5.

17 The idea behind this argument seems to be something like the following: If it is the intrinsic nature of the eye to see, then its seeing must be independent of anything other than the eye itself. (Intrinsic nature is independent of other conditions by definition; see MMK 15-1,2.) Therefore the eye’s seeing cannot depend on the presence of visible forms. But then the only thing left for the eye to see is its own self. Now it is well known that the eye does not see itself. Therefore the eye does not see by intrinsic nature.

18 This is the *sādhana-dharma*, the "proving property," synonymous with the *hetu*, "reason." See Ava 6ab-4,5; D5a-5,6.

19 The *sādhva* or *sādhva-dharma* is the predicate of
the thesis (pratijñā). The subject of the thesis is called the dharmin, the "property-possessor."

20 Similar to the eye’s not seeing visible form; see Ava P6ab-4, D5a-5.

21 On this and the following sentence, see Ava P7a-4 to 7b-3, D6b-4 to 7a-3.

22 These four reasons apply both to the eye-organ (in the first syllogism) and to visible form (in the second). They have resistance because they are rūpa, in the sense of "matter," but are not avijñapti (see LVF AK I, pp. 25-27). The terms bhautika and upādāya-rūpa are synonymous and refer to matter derived from the four great elements (mahābhūta), as distinct from the elements themselves. See May 91 nn. 195 and 198, 164 n. 505.

23 Avalokitavrata identifies the objectors only as nikāvāntarīvāḥ, "members of other (Buddhist) schools." He has them cite a scripture which expounds the doctrine of rūpa found in the Abhidharmakośa; see Ava P7b-4 to 8a-3, D7a-3 to 7b-1.

24 In other words, as far as the Mādhyamikas are concerned, the opponent’s statement that the eye does not see itself because it is invisible simply proves the Mādhyamikas’ own contention that in ultimate reality, it cannot see form either. See Ava P8a-3 to 6, D7b-2,3,4.

25 The name "Abhidhārmika" seems not to have referred
to a particular school but to mean simply "a specialist in Abhidharma." See LVP AK I p. x and n. 2, p. 39 n. 1, and LVP AK V p. 45 n. 3. Since the objection here ends with a quotation from the AK, presumably the "Abhidhārmikas" are the Vaibhāṣikas in this case.

26 On tat-sabhāga, literally, "similar to that," see LVP AK I pp. 75-78.

27 See the reference in the preceding note.

28 Identified by Avalokitavrata, who explains that the Mādhyamikas accept that in superficial reality (saṃvṛtyā), the functioning eye sees visible forms but that in ultimate reality, it does not. See Ava P8b-6 to 9a-3, D8a-3 to 7. (This verse is also quoted by Bhāvaviveka near the end of this chapter.)


29 See Ava P9a-4,5; D8b-1.

30 See Ava P9a-8 to 9b-2, D8b-3,4,5. It seems that one should read gzugs mthong ba bkag pa’i phyir in Ava P9b-1, D8b-4 for gzugs mi mthong ba bkag pa’i phyir.

31 That is, our thesis is qualified by the phrase 'in ultimate reality.' Since we accept that according to
superficial reality the eye sees forms, while denying that it does so in ultimate reality, we are not in conflict with what is well known in the world. (Worldly convention makes no such distinction between superficial and ultimate reality.) Moreover, this objection has been answered in the first chapter, where we pointed out that origination exists superficially but not ultimately. See Ava P9b-3,4,5; D8b-6 to 9a-1.

32 The Kāśmīra-Vaibhāṣikas, according to Avalokitavrata (Ava P9b-6, D9a-11).

33 kha ciq na re, "some say," usually indicates an objection; but according to Avalokitavrata (Ava P9b-8, D9a-3), this is Bhāvaviveka's own view; and the context supports that attribution.

34 That is, to say that the eye sees and to say that it is the agent of vision amount to the same thing. See Ava P10a-1,2,3; D9a-4,5.

35 gzhan dag na re, "others say." Avalokitavrata (Ava P10a-5, D9a-7 and P10b-3, D9b-4) identifies "others" as ācārya Devaśarman, who wrote a commentary on the MMK called dkar po 'char ba. This commentary, which Bhāvaviveka also quotes with approval in chapter one of BPP, has not survived. See Y. Kajiyama, "Bhāvaviveka's Prajñāpradīpāḥ (1. Kapitel)," Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde Süd- und Ostasiens 7 (1963), pp. 37-38 and D. S. Ruegg, The Literature of the Madhyamaka School in India,

36 If the eye is momentary, it ceases as soon as it has arisen; and it has no time in which to perform an action. If it is not momentary, it must persist unchanged. Therefore it cannot change from a former state of not seeing an object to a subsequent state of seeing it; and hence it cannot perform the action of seeing. See Avā P10a-6 to 10b-3, D9a-7 to 9b-4.

37 Following AK I-42, there is a long discussion in the bhāṣya on the question of whether the eye sees or the visual consciousness sees; and the positions of various schools are given. (See LVP AK I, pp. 81-86.) The position ascribed there to the Sautrāntikas is identical to that given here.

38 samskārāḥ, in the sense of samskṛtā dharmāḥ. See LVP AK I, pp. 11, 28.

39 See, e. g., *Samyutta-nikāya* II p. 72, IV pp. 32-33.

40 According to Avalokitavrata, "that" refers to a dispute between the Vaiśeṣikas and the Sāṁkhyas as to whether the eye perceives an object which it has "reached" (prāpta), i. e., one with which it is in contact (the Sāṁkhya position), or one which it has not reached (allegedly the Vaiśeṣika position). See Avā
P11b-1 to 6, P10b-1 to 4.


It is quite surprising that Avalokitavrata should be confused about the position of a major Indian philosophical school on this issue. Perhaps he was misled by the fact that Bhāvaviveka later mentions the Sāmkhyas explicitly in this context and then, in his commentary on MMK 3-6ab, indicates that the Sāmkhyas and Vaiśeṣikas held opposing views on the issue of whether the self is inherently a seer. Thus Avalokitavrata might have assumed that they held different views on this issue, too.

In fact, though, it was the Buddhist Abhidharma schools who maintained that the eye sees objects with
which it is not in contact; see AK 1-43cd. It may be
that *bye brag pa dag,* "Vaiśeṣikas," is a mistake (present
in both Ava P and D) for *bye brag tu smra ba dag,*
"Vaibhāṣikas." There is an instance in Avalokitavrata's
subcommentary on chapter five where Ava P has *'os pa pa
dag,* "Arhatas," twice for Ava D's *'ug pa pa dag,*
"Aulūkyas." See note 68 to my translation of chapter
five.

41 *phyogs kyi chos,* pakṣa-dharma. A synonym of hetu,
"reason," pakṣa-dharma literally means "property of the
subject [of the thesis]," i.e., that property which
proves the sādhyā, the predicate of the thesis.

42 See Ava P12a-6,7,8; D11a-4,5.

43 The Vaiśeṣikas, according to Avalokitavrata; see
Ava P12b-3, D11b-1 and note 40.

44 See Ava P12b-5,6; D11b-2,3.

45 *rtoq chen.* This translation is conjectural.

Avalokitavrata lists *rtoq chen* with *bya ma rta,* "runner,
courier," and *nyan rna ba,* "spy" (Ava P12b-7, D11b-4).
The point is that the eye sees only indirectly by way of
other conditions (pratyāya) and not directly. Thus its
seeing is only conventional (Ava P12b-7 to 13a-2, D11b-
3,4,5).

46 The idea seems to be that conventionally, the eye
is said to see visible forms not because it grasps them
directly but because it knows them indirectly through
other conditions (such as the presence of light, etc.). Even conventionally, however, it does not "see," that is, "know" itself.

47 The nose does not smell odors with which it is not in contact (see AK l-43cd, 44ab); and it does not smell itself.

48 On this and the following sentence, see Ava Pl3b-3 to 14a-4, Dlla-5 to 11b-5.

49 See the similar discussion of the two syllogisms following MMK 3-2cd and note 22.

50 See AK l-44cd. The objects of the five physical senses are simultaneous with them.

51 According to Avalokitavrata (Ava Pl4a-8, Dl3a-1), the objectors are the Vaiśeṣikas; but see note 40.

52 "Obstructed" by space, according to Avalokitavrata (Ava Pl4b-2, Dl3a-3). In the bhāṣya on AK l-42, it is pointed out that the eye sees visible forms which are obstructed by transparent objects; see LVP AK I p. 83.

53 If the eye had to go out to its object in order to make contact with it, it would take different amounts of time and effort to see objects at different distances. See Ava Pl4b-2 to 8, Dl3a-3 to 7.

54 See Ava Pl5a-4, Dl3b-3; and compare LVP AK I p. 93.

55 That is, this reason simply restates the thesis in different words and hence is invalid. See Ava Pl5a-7 to
Avalokitavrata gives an argument based on the idea that all things are momentary, so that the process of grasping an object encompasses many different moments of effort and grasping. See Ava P15b-2,3,4; D13b-7 to 14a-2. Bhāvaviveka does not mention the fourth reason here, but Avalokitavrata says that it is refuted simply by MMK 3-2. See Ava P15b-4,5,6; D14a-2,3.

If the example is said to be established in superficial reality, though not in ultimate reality, then it cannot be used to support a thesis which is held to be true in ultimate reality. See Ava P16a-3,4,5; D14a-6 to 14b-1.

The opponent might object that although the mind does not grasp an object with which it is in contact, the nose, tongue, and body do. (See AK 1-43cd.) Thus the reason, "because it is a sense organ," is inconclusive. Bhāvaviveka replies that it will be shown (in MMK 3-8) that the other sense organs, just like the eye, grasp neither an object with which they are in contact nor one with which they are not in contact. See Ava P16b-7 to 17a-4, D15a-1 to 5.

See Ava P17a-5,6; D15a-5,6. The idea is not as ludicrous as it sounds if one recalls that "the eye" is composed of invisible rūpa-prasāda and is not the visible eyeball.
See Ava P17b-1, D15b-1,2.

mig gi rnam par shes pa’i rnam grangs, caksur-vijnāna-parvāya, glossed by Avalokitavrata (ibid.) as mig gi ’bras bu, "the eyeball."

Here Avalokitavrata argues that if the eye had to go out to its object, then when one opened one’s eyes, it would take longer to see the sun or moon that to see the top of a nearby tree. See Ava P17b-2,3,4; D15b-3,4, and note 53.

The idea may be that since visible form has a cause conventionally, it does not exist in ultimate reality.

Or "in [regard to] both positions," phyogs gnyi gar. The positions referred to are the view (ascribed by Avalokitavrata to the Vaiśeṣikas) that the eye grasps an object with which it is not in contact and the Sānkhyas’ view that it grasps an object with which it is in contact. The opponent charges that since the Mādhyamika rejects both positions, he has failed to establish any position of his own. See Ava P18a-3 to 6, D16a-2,3,4.

The opponents here are the Mīmāṃsikas, according to Avalokitavrata. See Ava P18a-8, D16a-6. In fact, the view expressed was also that of the Naiyāyikas and Vaiśeṣikas. See Frawallner, op. cit., Vol. II, pp. 32-33; Potter, op. cit., pp. 117,119,161.

Ava P18b-2, D16a-7 has byed rgyu, kāraṇa-hetu for
BPP's rgyu, hetu or kārana. Here kārana-hetu is used in the narrower (pradhāna) sense of "productive cause."

See LVP AK II p. 247, where the eye and visible form are said to be the kārana-hetus of visual consciousness in this sense.

67 Again, Avalokitavrata ascribes this objection to the Mīmāṁsikas. See Ava P18b-6, Dl6b-3.

68 That is, the eyeball. See Ava P19a-3, Dl6b-8.


70 Buddhāpālita, identified by Avalokitavrata as "the commentator (vṛttikāra) Sthavira Buddhāpālita." Text in Saito, p. 51 11. 2-19; translation in Saito, translation, p. 51. See also Saito, translation, p. 244, nn. 5, 6, 7.

As Saito points out, although the text of the Tibetan translation of MMK 3-2ab in Bp agrees with that of BPP, Buddhāpālita's commentary seems to reflect the version of MMK 3-2ab found in CPP. Also, Buddhāpālita's interpretation of yadātmānam in MMK 3-2c as yad ātmānam, rather than yadā plus ātmānam, agrees with CPP, not BPP. In the latter case, this difference is reflected in the Tibetan text of MMK 3-2c in Bp.

71 In other words, if water itself is wet, it can moisten earth; if fire itself is hot, it can heat water;
if jasmine itself is sweet-smelling, it can impregnate clothing with a sweet smell.

72 See Ava P20a-1, D17b-3.

73 lta ba, glossed by Avalokitavrata as "visual cognition" (oaksur-vijnana). See Ava P20a-2, D17b-4.

74 Identified by Avalokitavrata only as coming from "the common doctrine of [our] fellow Buddhists" (rang gi sde pa spyi'i grub pa'i mtha', probably svayuthya-samanya-siddhanta). See Ava P20a-5, D17b-6.

75 kha cig na re, literally, "some say." Avalokitavrata identifies "some" as Bhavaviveka himself and says that the following paragraph is his criticism of Buddha-palita's explanation of MMK 3-2. See Ava P20a-6,7; D17b-7.

76 Avalokitavrata explains that a sweet smell does not exist in jasmine flowers by its own self but by virtue of causes and conditions like seed, earth, etc. Thus it arises adventitiously (glo bur du, probably akasmat), just as sesame seed oil is not inherently sweet-smelling but becomes so if it comes in contact with flowers. See Ava P20b-3,4,5; D18a-3,4,5.

77 See Ava P20b-6,7,8; D18a-5,6,7.

78 dzin pa, root graham. Perhaps a translation other than "grasp" would be better here, since Avalokitavrata explains that in ultimate reality, fire burns neither itself nor others; and jasmine flowers make neither
themselves nor others sweet-smelling. See Ava P21a-3,4; Dl8b-2,3.

79 This refers to the opponent's first two syllogisms at the beginning of the chapter, in which the fact that the visual organ sees visible forms is used to argue for the existence of origination and motion, respectively. See Ava P21a-5 to 21b-1, Dl8b-4 to 7.

80 If one says that the eye does see visible forms conventionally, it is contradictory to use that conventional fact to support a thesis about ultimate reality. See Ava P21b-2, Dl8-7 to 19a-1.

81 The objectors are identified by Avalokitavrata only as "advocates of origination" (ṣkye bar smra ba 'dag, probably utpāda- or utpatti-vādināḥ). See Ava P21b-4, Dl9a-2.

82 See Ava P21b-5, Dl9a-3.

83 Avalokitavrata here glosses "power" as "the power of grasping" (itself or another). See Ava P21b-6, Dl9a-3,4.

84 See Ava P22a-7 to 22b-1, Dl9b-3,4,5.

85 The "reason" referred to here is the notion that fire illuminates both itself and another. See Ava P22b-2,3,4; Dl9b-5,6.

86 Fire does not illuminate itself because there is no darkness in it and hence nothing which needs to be illuminated. See Ava P22b-5,6; Dl9b-7 to 20a-2.
Conventionally, the nature of fire is heat. See Ava P23a-2, D20a-4.

Although Bhāvaviveka calls these "syllogisms" (sbyor ba'i tshig, prayoga-vākya), they lack examples, which full-fledged syllogisms must have.

Compare MMK 10-13cd. Chapter ten of the MMK is devoted to the subject of fire and fuel.

Gzhan dag, "others," identified by Avalokitavrata (Ava P23b-7, D20b-6).


Compare text in Saito 52.10, translation in Saito, translation, 52.10.

Gzhan dag, "others," identified by Avalokitavrata. See Ava P24a-4, D21a-3.

The opponent gives only an example without giving a reason; hence it is enough to point out that his argument is deficient. Buddhāpālita's refutation (given in full by Avalokitavrata) is not necessary. See Ava P24a-4 to 24b-4, D21a-3 to 21b-2.

Brjod nas, literally, "having uttered," here and below in the same context. The Sanskrit may be a form of abhi-dhā, but there are a number of other possibilities.

The more obvious reconstruction of bya ba'i rkyen would be kriyā-pratyaya. As far as I have been able to determine, this term is not used in Sanskrit grammar,
whereas both lyut (-ana) and kta (-ta) are krt-pratyayas.
(That is, they are added directly to verbal roots.)

97 For the rather unusual structure of this syllogism, see Ava P24b-6 (where dang sgrub pa'i chos is omitted), D21b-3; P24b-7, D21b-4; and P25a-2, D21b-6.

98 thugs su chud par mdzad pa is transitive. thugs su chud par gyur pa is normally passive, but may represent the Sanskrit middle (ätmanepada) here. The point seems to be that the root budh may be conjugated according to either the first conjugation parasmaipada (bodhati) or the fourth conjugation ätmanepada (budhyate).

Compare Yaśomitra's Sphutārtha Vyākhyā on AK 1-1:
buddha iti kartari ktavidhānam| ... karmakartari
ktavidhānam ity apare| svavam budhvata iti buddha ity arthah| ... (Shastri edition, Baudhā Bharati Series, Vol. 5, p. 5 - see Bibliographical Abbreviations). Avalokita-vrata's subcommentary tends to support the interpretation of thugs su chud par gyur pa as (svavam) budhyate. See Ava P25a-2,3,4; D21b-6 to 22a-1. In this connection, note 75 ini 3.2.188.

99 See Ava P25a-8 to 25b-1, D22a-3,4.

100 Buddhapālita and Candrakīrti's interpretation of MMK 3-4c differs from that of Bhāvaviveka. See Saito, translation, p. 245 n. 14.

101 des cir ḍgyur, probably tena kim bhavati,
literally, "What comes about by means of that?"

102 *lta ba nvyid*, probably *paśyamānaṃ*; cf. MMK 3-4a.

103 The same fault which Bhāvaviveka found in the opponent’s last syllogism. See Ava P26b-4,5; D23a-4,5,6.

104 This is similar to the argument in chapter two that one who is a goer does not go, because he is (by assumption) already a goer and hence has no need to perform an action of going. Moreover, there would be two simultaneous actions of going, that due to which the goer is called a "goer" and that action of going which the goer is said to perform. The point is that "goer" and "going" only exist in relation to each other and cannot be established as independent entities. See especially MMK 2-7 through 11. See also Ava P26b-6,7,8; D23a-6,7.

105 See Ava P26b-8 to 27a-2, D23b-1,2.

106 *yod pa danq med pa’i rgyu nvyid*, probably *sād-asad-hetutva*. See Ava P27a-8 to 27b-3, D23b-6 to 24a-1. Avalokitavrata makes the point that the opponent assumes that the negations in MMK 3-5ab are implicative negations (*paryuḍāsa-pratisedha*), whereas in fact they are simple negations (*prasajya-pratisedha*).

107 *rtog na*, "if [you] suppose."

108 *phyis ’byung ba’i tshul gyis lta ba nvyid du nye bar btags nas*, probably something like *bhaviṣyad-yogena-darśanatvopacārāt*. (*upacārāt* should strictly be *nve bar btags nas*; but *btags* and *brtags* are often confused in the
texts.) The opponent's idea is that the eye at first does not perform a particular action of seeing and then later performs it. Thus the eye is established prior to and independent of its action of seeing. At the first stage, the eye does not see and thus is not a visual organ; but it is said to be one figuratively because it will see later. See Ava P27b-4,5; D24a-2,3.

Figurative designation may be sufficient to establish conventional truth; but the opponent had wished to prove that the eye sees in ultimate reality, that is, by its intrinsic nature. Since intrinsic nature cannot change, it is impossible for the eye first not to see and then later to see.

The reason, "because [that] conventional designation of action exists," is not established in ultimate reality. If it is asserted as conventional truth, it cannot prove anything about ultimate reality. See Ava P28b-1 to 4, D24b-5,6,7.

Avalokitavrata remarks that up to this point, the position of those who maintain that the eye itself is the seer (drāṣṭṛ) has been refuted. Now Bhāvaviveka is going to deal with the position of those who hold that the self (Ātman) sees by means of the eye, so that the self is the seer and the eye is the instrument (karaṇa) of the action of seeing. See Ava P28b-4,5; D24b-6,7.

Avalokitavrata makes it clear that what it is
being said here is that the eye is called \textit{darśana}, "visual organ," not because it is the agent (\textit{kārya}) of the action of seeing but because it is the instrument of that action. The seer (\textit{dṛṣṭa}), the agent who sees, is the self (\textit{ātman}). The self sees by means of the instrument of seeing, the eye. See Ava P28b-6 to 29a-5, D25a-1 to 6.

\footnote{Avalokitavrata (Ava P29b-4,5; D25b-4,5) glosses \textit{chos}, \textit{dharma} as \textit{lta ba gzugs la lta bar mi byed pa`i scrub pa`i chos (\textit{scrub pa`i chos} = sādhanā-dharma, i.e., \textit{hetu}). See also the following syllogism.}

\footnote{The "suspicion" referred to is that the self might, after all, be able to see itself. See the rest of the paragraph and Ava P30a-2 to 5, D26a-2,3,4.}

\footnote{See Ava P30a-6,7,8; D26a-5,6,7. Avalokitavrata glosses "wherever" as "in our own and others' systems (\textit{siddhānta})." He says that the real meaning of this expression is that the mind sees that the self does not exist.}

\footnote{See Ava P30b-2,3,4; D26b-2,3.}

\footnote{Avalokitavrata explains that one should show that visible form is not an object of the self as seer, by means of syllogisms using the same reasons and examples. See Ava P30b-8 to 31a-2, D26b-6 to 27a-1.}

\footnote{According to Avalokitavrata, an opponent charges that [1] the Mādhyamika's thesis (in the preceding}
syllogism) is faulty because for the Mādhyamika, conventional designation does not exist in ultimate reality; [2] the subject (pāksa) of the thesis is not established because the self is not established for the Mādhyamika; [3] since the self, the subject of the thesis, is not established, the ground (gzhi, probably āśraya) of the reason is not established; and [4] likewise the last example, "like its own self," is not established. Bhāvaviveka answers those four objections in order. See Ava P31a-2 to 5, D27a-1,2.

119 Presumably meaning the conventional self, which the Buddhists also accept on the conventional level.

Avalokitavrata explains that, according to the opponent, the statement that the seer does not see is "inconsistent with its own words." He gives as an example of such a self-contradictory sentence, the statement, "I am a childless woman's son." See Ava P31b-2,3,4; D27a-4,5.

121 The reference here is to the two initial verses of the MMK (MMK 1-A,B). Avalokitavrata explains that in superficial reality (samavṛtyā), there is dependent origination but that in ultimate reality (paramārthatah), there is no origination. Likewise, here what is superficially or conventionally a seer does not see in ultimate reality. See Ava P31b-5,6; D27b-1,2.

122 Note that in the Sāmkhya-kārikās, the puruṣa is

123 In other words, since intrinsic nature is not dependent on anything other than itself, then if one is a seer by intrinsic nature, one will see whether he has eyes or not. See Ava P31b-8 to 32a-4, D27b-4 to 7, and MMK 15-1,2.

124 Avalokitavrata ascribes this objection to the Vaiśeṣikas; see Ava P31b-7, D27b-3. The Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika school holds that the self is not inherently conscious but becomes so only through conjunction with the manas. See, e.g., Sinha, *op. cit.*, Vol. I, pp. 386-7, 656 and Potter, *op. cit.*, p. 125.

125 *ma spangs na, atiraskṛtya*, literally, "not having set aside."

126 Avalokitavrata explains that if the self is a seer only through dependence on the visual organ, and not by intrinsic nature, then its being a seer is purely conventional, not ultimate. See Ava P32a-8 to 32b-1, D28a-2,3.

127 Avalokitavrata points out that what is meant here is that something is not a seer in ultimate reality or by intrinsic nature if it must depend on anything else in order to see. See Ava P32b-2,3,4; D28a-4,5.
Avalokitavrata says that an opponent might hold that fire is a burner by intrinsic nature but does not burn unless there is fuel. Likewise, the self is a seer by intrinsic nature but does not see without a visual organ. The answer is simply that intrinsic nature (by definition) cannot depend on the presence of something else. See Ava P32b-7 to 33a-2, D29a-7 to 28b-2.

Glossed by Avalokitavrata as "collection of elements and matter derived from the elements (bhūta-bhautika)." See Ava P33b-3, D29a-1,2.

See Ava P33b-5 to 8, D29a-3,4,5.

On this paragraph, see Ava P33b-7 to 34a-6, D29a-4 to 29b-2. According to Avalokitavrata, Bhāvaviveka here answers an objection that if a seer does not exist by intrinsic nature, even the conventional designation "seer" would not exist. The reply is that the collection of efficient causes, the eye, visible form, and so on, are designated as the seer; but of course they do not have the intrinsic nature of a seer.

See Ava P34b-2, D29b-5.


See Ava P34b-3 to 8, D29b-6 to 30a-2. Even if one says that there is a seer contingently, and not by intrinsic nature, there is no reason to suppose that it
is the Ātman postulated by the Vaiśeṣikas, which the Buddhists do not accept. Rather it is the collection of factors conventionally called a "person" or "sentient being," which everyone accepts on the conventional level.

135 See Ava P34b-8 to 35a-1, D30a-2,3.

136 That is, neither the Sāmkhya's position that a purusa who has the intrinsic nature of a seer sees nor the Vaiśeṣika's position that an ātman who does not have the intrinsic nature of a seer sees is established. See Ava P35b-1,2; D30b-1,2.

137 In other words, if the self can see only by means of the eye, its being a seer is conventional, not intrinsic. If one claims that the self is intrinsically a seer, independent of the eye, that is obviously false since the blind have selves (according to the non-Buddhist schools) but cannot see.

138 Ultimately, the instrument and object of vision do not exist. On the other hand, it is contradictory to try to use the fact of their purely conventional existence to prove a thesis about ultimate reality. See Ava P36a-8 to 36b-1, D31a-5,6.

139 Identified by Avalokitavrata as the Sautrāntikas and Vaibhāṣikas. See Ava P36b-1, D31a-6. The position expressed, however, seems to be that of the Sautrāntikas; see LVP AK I p. 86.
140. du byed dag, samśkārāḥ, in the sense of samśkrta dharmāḥ.

141. yo ba med pa, that is, "inactive." Because the samśkāras are momentary, they have no time in which to perform an action.

142. In the twelfefold dependent origination, the six āyatanaḥ constitute the fifth member (āṅga). Contact, feeling and craving are the sixth, seventh, and eighth members. Cognition (or consciousness) is the third member, but the six āyatanaḥ can also be said to give rise to cognition. See MMK 26-4 and note 39 to my translation of chapter twenty-six. (On the twelfefold dependent origination in general, see chapter twenty-six of the MMK and the notes to my translation.)

143. CPP's verse 3-7 is a quotation from Ratnāvalī 4-55, mistakenly numbered by La Vallée Poussin as a kārikā of MMK. See J. W. de Jong, "Textcritical Notes on the Prasannapadā," Indo-Iranian Journal 20 (1978), p. 40. Thus BPP's 3-7 corresponds to CPP's 3-8, and BPP's 3-8 corresponds to CPP's 3-9.

144. Reversing the dissimilar example in the opponent's preceding syllogism, we have as an example a functioning eye which gives rise to cognition and the rest. But we have just shown that cognition, etc., do not exist because their causal conditions, visible objects and the visual organ, do not exist. See Ava
P37a-5 to 37b-1, D32a-1 to 5.

145 Also from other Buddhists. See Ava P37b-3, D31a-6.

146 The four appropriations constitute the ninth member of the twelfefold origination. See MMK 26-6cd and LVP AK III, pp. 86-7.

147 Samsāric existence, birth, and old-age-and-death are the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth members of the twelfefold dependent origination.

148 See the opponent's first syllogism in this chapter.

149 Avalokitavrata seems to gloss prapañca as "answers to objections." See Ava P39a-1, D33b-1. Avalokitavrata gives arguments for each of the other five senses which parallel the arguments given in the case of vision. See Ava P38b-7 to 39b-5, D33a-7 to 34a-4.

150 See the first paragraph of this chapter and the opponent's first two syllogisms. See also Ava P39b-6 to 40a-1, D34a-4,5,6.

151 According to Avalokitavrata, sūtra quotations are introduced at this point in reply to those who might charge, "[The emptiness of the āyatanas] has been established by a mere limited (prādeśika) treatise of desiccated logic (śuska-tarka)." The MMK establishes the meaning of such scriptural passages (by means of reasoning) and is, in turn, supported by them. See Ava:
(1) P40a-4, 5, D34b-1, 2; (2) P40a-7, 8, D34b-4; (3) P40b-6, 7, 8, D35a-2, 3; (4) P41a-1, 2, D35a-4, 5; (5) P41a-5, 6, D35a-7; and (6) P41b-1, 2, 3, D35b-3, 4, 5.

Identified by Avalokitavrata; see Ava P40a-5, 6; D34b-3. I was unable to locate this passage in the Sde dge bka' 'gyur edition of the sūtra.

Avalokitavrata comments that "internal earth-element" refers to the internal āyatana, i. e., the sense organs, while "external earth-element" refers to the sense objects. They are nondual in that neither exists by intrinsic nature. They cannot be divided into two, because the sense organs lack the quality of being grasping subjects (grahakatva) and the sense objects lack the quality of being grasped objects (grāhyatva). Thus because they are not different by intrinsic nature and cannot be distinguished as subject and object, they have one and the same defining characteristic; but that is no characteristic (since they have no intrinsic nature).

He adds that they are said to have one defining characteristic in order to reject the extreme (anta) of multiplicity (tha dād pa nyyid, perhaps nānātva); they are said to have no defining characteristic in order to reject the extreme of oneness (ekatva). The nonapprehension of both extremes is the perfection of discernment (prajñā-pāramitā). See Ava P40a-8 to 40b-5,
D34b-4 to 35a-1.

154 Identified by Avalokitavrata; see Ava P40b-5, D35a-1. This passage is found in the Sde dge bka’ ʰgyur, Mdo sde Kha 230b-2, where instead of ... bsregs pa na thal ba yang med pa ltar ro, one has ... bsregs par gyur pa de bzhin du’o.

155 Avalokitavrata remarks that similarly, the nonapprehension of any internal or external elements is the perfection of discernment. See Ava P40b-6,7,8; D35a-2,3.

156 Identified by Avalokitavrata; see Ava P40b-8, D35a-3. This same verse was quoted earlier in this chapter, in the commentary following MMK 3-2cd. See note 28.

157 Identified by Avalokitavrata simply as being "from other sūtrāntas." See Ava P41a-2, D35a-5.

158 Identified by Avalokitavrata only as being "from other Mahāyāna sūtras." See P41a-3, D35a-5,6. This quotation seems to be a rephrasing of a passage found in the Mañjuśrī-vikrīditasūtra, found in the Sde dge bka’ ‘gyur, Mdo sde Kha 222a-3,4.

159 Identified by Avalokitavrata; see Ava P41a-6, D35a-7 to 35b-1. Sanskrit text in Ryusho Hikata, Suvikrāntavikrāmi-paripṛcchā Prajñāpāramitā-sūtra, Fukuoka, Japan: Kyushu University, 1958, p. 29. The one major difference between the Sanskrit and the Tibetan is
that the Sanskrit has \textit{agocara iti} (29.13) where the
Tibetan has \textit{spyod yul zhes bya ba ni = gocara iti}.

160 \textit{rūpa} as the first of the five skandhas. See note 6.

161 On the various names of "Bhāvaviveka," see Louis
de La Vallée Poussin, "Madhyamaka," \textit{Mélanges Chinois et}
\textit{Bouddhiques} 2 (1932-3), 60-61; V. V. Gokhale, "The
Vedānta Philosophy Described by Bhavya in his Madhyamaka-
hrdaya," \textit{Indo-Iranian Journal} 2 (1958), 165-166 n. 1;
Shotaro Iida, \textit{Reason and Emptiness}, Tokyo: Hokuseido
Press, 1980, pp. 5-6; and Ruegg, \textit{op. cit.}, p. 60 n. 183.
Translation of Prajñāpradīpa, Chapter Four:
Examination of the Aggregates (skandha)

Now [Nāgārjuna] begins the fourth chapter with the
aim of showing that the aggregates have no intrinsic
nature (svabhāva), by means of refuting a particular
counterposition (vipaksa) [which holds] that the āvatanas
exist.¹

At the end of the immediately preceding chapter,
[Nāgārjuna] said,

One should understand that the auditory organ, the
olfactory organ, the gustatory organ, the tactile
organ, and the mind (manas)

Have been explained, [along with] the hearer,
audible [sounds], and so on, by means of the
visual organ. [MMK 3-8 (CPP 3-9)]

Objection: Therefore our fellow Buddhists
(svayūthva)² say:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality (paramārthataḥ), the
the āvatanas do indeed exist,
[Reason:] because they are included (bsdus pa, probably
samgrhīta) in the aggregates.
[Similar Example:] Here that which does not exist is
not included in the aggregates of matter³ and so on,
like a sky-flower.
[Application:] The internal āvatanas⁴ possess inclusion
in the aggregates, for the ten material (rūpin) āvatanas⁵ are included in the aggregate of matter, while the āvatana of dharmas is included in three aggregates and one part of the aggregate of matter,⁶ [and] the āvatana of mind is included in the aggregate of cognition (vijñāna).

[Conclusion:] Therefore, by the stated reason, in ultimate reality, the internal āvatanas do indeed exist.

Answer: Here, in brief, matter is twofold: elemental matter (bhūta-rūpa) and matter dependent on the elements (bhautika-rūpa).⁷ Bringing all those [kinds of matter], which are different due to distinctions of time and so on, under one [heading], they are called "the aggregate of matter."

As to that, to begin with, [we] will consider [the five aggregates] starting with matter, because the reason [in] the opponent's [syllogism] is held to be [the fact that the material āvatanas,] the eye and so on, are included [in the aggregate of matter], and because [matter] is easy to explain.

Matter⁸ is not apprehended apart from the cause (kārana) of matter. [MMK 4-lab]

"Matter" is what can be damaged.⁹ The cause of that is the cause of matter. What is that [cause]? The four
great elements, earth and so on. "Apart from (nirmukta) those" [means] "deprived of those." 10

"Matter is not apprehended (upalabhyate)" [means that it is not apprehended] in ultimate reality. What then? For purposes of conventional designation (vyavahāra), one designates "matter" in dependence on the cause of matter, the four great elements. 11

Thus this [first half of verse one] has indicated the property (dharma) of matter which is to be established (sādhyā), [namely,] that it is a mere combination (´dus pa; samghāta, etc.) of earth and so on; and [it has also indicated] the property of matter which establishes (sādhanā) [that, namely], that the cognition (buddhi) of that [matter] does not exist if [matter´s] own cause is not grasped. The examples [are indicated] by virtue of that [predicate (sādhyā) and reason (sādhanā)]; they are an army, a forest, and so on. 12

Here the inference (anumāna) is:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, matter does not exist as a real substance (dravya-sat),

[Reason:] because the cognition of that [matter] does not exist if [matter´s] own cause is not grasped.

[Similar Example:] Here if the cognition of something does not exist when [that thing´s] own cause is not grasped, that [thing] does not exist as a real substance, like an army and so on.
Likewise, since the cognition of matter does not exist if matter’s own cause, earth and so on, is not grasped, matter also does not exist as a real substance.

Alternatively, there is also another way of formulation (sbyor ba’i lam, probably prayoga-marga):

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, the cognition of matter does not have as its object (viṣaya) an entity (dngos po, bhāva or vastu) which exists as a real substance,

[Reason:] because it is a cognition,

[Example:] like the cognition of a forest and so on.

Alternatively, there is still another way of formulation:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, this word "matter" does not have as its object a thing (padārtha) which exists as a real substance,

[Reason:] because it is a word,

[Example:] like the word "army" and so on.

Because cognition (viṃśaṇa) and mental factors (caitta) are also of the same sort (rīṣa mthun pa, probably sajātīya) as [matter] which is to be established (gādhyā), they are to be negated in the same way. Therefore it is not the case that [our] reason is inconclusive (anaitkāntika).  

Objection.
[Thesis:] Matter does exist in ultimate reality,
[Reason:] because the cognition of that [matter] does
not cease although that [matter] has ceased.
[Dissimilar Example:] Here if the cognition of something
ceases when [that thing] has ceased, that [thing]
exists in superficial reality (śamvṛtyā), like a jar.
[Application:] Although blue matter [or "visible form"]
and so on have ceased, the cognition of them does
not cease in that way.
[Conclusion:] Therefore matter exists as a real
substance.

Answer: That is not good, because there is no
agreement ( anvaya) [with a similar example].

Thus, to begin with, secondary matter (upādāva-
rūpa) has been examined. Now [Nāgārjuna] will explain
the subject of elemental matter (bhūta-rūpa).

Objection:

[Thesis:] Secondary matter does indeed exist,
[Reason:] because the cause of that [secondary matter]
exists.
[Dissimilar Example:] Here no cause can be grasped for
that which does not exist, like a sky-flower.
[Application:] Secondary matter has a cause, [namely,]
those [elements] earth and so on.
[Conclusion:] Therefore secondary matter does indeed
exist.

**Answer:** Therefore [Nāgārjuna] says,

Apart from matter, the cause of matter is also not seen. [MMK 4.1-cd]

Here apart from visible forms, sounds, odors, tastes, and tangibles - which have the defining characteristic of secondary matter - the cause of matter, [the elements] earth and so on, are also not seen and cannot be grasped. Here again, [this half of the verse] indicates the property of elemental matter which is to be established (sādhya), [namely,] that it is a mere combination of visible form and so on, and the property which establishes (sādhana) [that, namely], that if visible form and so on are not seen, those [elements] earth and so on are also not seen. Therefore, by virtue of that [predicate (sādhya) and reason (sādhana)], the example is also manifest.

As to that, to begin with, here [I] will state a syllogism (pravocā-vākya) regarding earth (prthivī). Also, because [we] do not show that [the elements] are a mere combination in ultimate reality, [there is no conflict with our position that the elements are unoriginated in ultimate reality]. Here the author of [this] treatise [Nāgārjuna], by showing that [the
elements] are a mere combination [according to superficial reality], has shown just the negation of [their] existence as real substances [in ultimate reality], because the negation of that is of great importance (mahārtha). Why is it of great importance? Because lack of intrinsic nature is established [in that way], since that which is a dependent designation (upādāya-prajñapti) conventionally (vyavahāratah) does not exist as a real substance in ultimate reality [and] therefore it [ultimately] has no origination.

As it is said in such [passages] as the following from the Ārya-laṅkāvatāra-sūtra:¹⁹

Because cognition does not grasp [any] entity, apart from [mere] combinations (samavāya),
Therefore I say that [an entity] is empty and unoriginated and without intrinsic nature.

[Laṅkāvatāra 3-88]
Here nothing at all originates or ceases by means of causal conditions (pratyaya).
Origination and cessation are also just mere causal conditions. [Laṅkāvatāra 2-138 = 10-85]
Here the syllogism is:

[Thesis:] One should understand that in ultimate reality, earth does not exist as a real substance,
[Reason:] because that [earth] is not seen if the cause of that [earth] is not seen.
[Similar Example:] That which is not seen if [its] cause is not seen does not exist in ultimate reality as a real substance, like an army and so on.

Likewise, syllogisms should also be stated as appropriate in the case of the cognition [of earth] and the word ["earth"].

Alternatively, [one shows that] apart from the cause of [secondary] matter, [namely,] those [elements] earth and so on, [secondary] matter which is different from them is not apprehended. The property of [secondary] matter [which proves that] is that it is not grasped if its own cause is not grasped. Here the syllogism is:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, [secondary] matter is not different from its own assembled (tshogs pa) parts (van laq, aṅga or avayava),

[Reason:] because that [secondary matter] is not grasped if that [assemblage] is not grasped,

[Example:] like the own self of [the elements] earth and so on.

It is not the case that [our] reason is unestablished, because here the action (krivā) is considered to reside in [its] object (karman), so that "not grasping" is a property of cognition.20

Objection: The Sāmkhyas say: Since [we hold that] earth and so on are not different from visible form and so on, that [argument of yours merely] establishes what
is [already] established [for us] (siddha-sādhana).\textsuperscript{21}

**Answer:** That is not good (bzung po, bhadra), because [our] negation of difference does not show nondifference\textsuperscript{22} and because [we] do not accept the nondifference held by the opponent, either.

**Objection:** The Vaiśeṣikas object that our reason is inconclusive, because even though a lamp is not grasped, if [a source of illumination] different from that [lamp] exists, [then] as for a jar, the cognition of that [jar] exists.\textsuperscript{23}

**Answer:** That also is not good. [Our reason] is not inconclusive [1] because [we] have specified [as our reason], "because the cognition of that [matter] does not exist at all [if its parts are not apprehended]," and [2] because [our] reason (sādhana-dharma) does not exist in [your] counterexample (vipakṣa), since the cognition of that [jar] exists even without a lamp, if the light of a jewel, a light-ray, an herb, the moon, or the sun is present. Because we have specified a qualified thesis, "matter is not different from its own assembled parts," a lamp is not a jar's own assembled part[s].\textsuperscript{24}

Also, [our reason] is not inconclusive because there is [ultimately] no counterexample [to nondifference], since below [Nāgārjuna] will show,

A difference of anything together with (sārdham)

anything is not possible, [MMK 14-4cd]
[and] therefore it is not established that a jar is
different from a lamp in ultimate reality.

**Objection:** Real substances, such as an army, which
have parts, are composed [of those parts].
Therefore the example in [your] inferences proving that earth and
so on do not exist as real substances, is not estab-
lished.

**Answer:**

[Thesis:] The parts of an army do not compose a part-
possessing real substance called an "army,"

[Reason:] because they are parts,

[Example:] like the parts of a tree, [its] roots, trunk,
branches, twigs, and so on.

Alternatively, it is not the case that [our] example
does not exist because

[Thesis:] That which is a part of that [elephant],
complete in the elephant, does not compose a chariot
or a horse, etc.,

[Reason:] because it does not exist in them,

[Example:] like threads (*rgyu spun*, literally "warp and
weft") and so on.

Likewise,

Apart from matter, the cause of matter is also not
seen. [MMK 4-10c]

Here also, one should state inferences extensively,
employing the [property] to be established and the
property which establishes [it] as before.\textsuperscript{27}

As [the elements] are not different from visible form and so on, so also earth, etc., are not nondifferent from [i. e., not the same as] visible form and so on.\textsuperscript{28} [This is so] because below\textsuperscript{29} nondifference will also be negated and because, due to [their] being nondifferent, either milk would just be curds or curds would just be milk; but [that] is not possible.\textsuperscript{30} Therefore the following [verse from the \textit{Arya-\r{a}n\r{a}vat\r{a}ra-s\r{u}tra}]\textsuperscript{31} is established:

An entity which is nondifferent or different from the group (\textit{kal\r{a}pa}) [of its causes and conditions]\textsuperscript{32} nowhere exists

In the way in which the spiritually immature (\textit{b\ra\l{a}}) have imagined oneness and difference.

\textit{La\n\k{a}vat\r{a}ra} 3-102 = 10-598

Therefore in that way, the meaning of the [opponent’s] reason which was stated in order to establish the \textit{\r{a}yatanas}, [namely,] "because they are included in the aggregates," is not established; or else [its] meaning is contradictory.\textsuperscript{33}

It is unintelligible that matter exists even apart from the cause of matter. If [you] nevertheless suppose [so], [N\r{a}g\r{a}r\r{j}una replies,]

If matter [existed] apart from the cause of matter,
it would follow that
Matter would be without a cause. [MMK 4-2ab,c2]

"The cause of matter" (रूपाकारण) [means] "the cause of the existence of matter," because the middle word is not manifest, 34 just as "the cause of fire" [means "the cause of the existence of fire"]. "Apart from that (तानिरमुक्त) [means] "apart from the cause of matter (रूपाकरणेना निरमुक्त);" the idea is [that this means] "without the cause which shows the existence of matter." "If matter [existed] (रूपे)" [means] "if one maintains that that [matter] is of such a kind because of a mere assertion (प्रतिज्ञा-मात्रा)." "It would follow that matter would be without a cause" means "[it would follow] that there would be no possibility [of matter's existing]." Since that also is not maintained, the stated fault [in your reason] is not avoided.

Objection: Those who hold that [things] have no cause (अहेतुवादिन or निरहेतुवादिन) 35 say: Since [we] accept that all entities originate from no cause at all, the establishment of matter is also similar to [the establishment of] those [other entities].

Answer: If there were anything of the kind which you have described [i.e., something which originates without a cause], that [origination of matter without a cause] would also be possible; but
No thing (artha) without a cause exists anywhere.  

[MMK 4-2c2,d]

Therefore, since there is no example [of a thing without a cause], that doctrine (vāda) also has no proof. Since [we] refuted those who hold that [things] have no cause also at the very beginning [MMK 1-1], that [contention of theirs] is pointless.

Objection: Those who hope to be learned in the system of the Sāmkhyas say: Since you have said that earth and so on are not different from visible form and so on, [you] have accepted their nondifference. Therefore,

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, earth and so on can be known to exist as real substances,

[Reason:] because they are not different from visible form and so on,

[Example:] like the own self of visible form and so on.

Answer: Because, by the method which has been explained, nondifference is not established, the meaning of [your] reason is not established. [Your] example also does not exist, because the own self of visible form and so on have been rejected.

Objection:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, earth and so on do indeed
exist,
[Reason:] because their effect exists.

[Dissimilar Example:] Here that which does not exist has
no effect which can be grasped, as a sky-flower [has
no effect].

[Application:] Earth and so on have an effect, visible
form and so on.

[Conclusion:] Therefore earth and so on do indeed exist.

Answer:

If a cause of matter existed apart from matter,
It would be a cause (kārana) without an effect
(kārya); [but] there is no cause without an
effect. [MMK 4-3]

For our position, if a cause of [secondary] matter,
[that is, the elements] earth and so on, existed apart
from [secondary] matter, therefore it would be a cause
without an effect due to the defining characteristic of
the effect, visible form and so on. [This is so] because
[the cause would be] different [from the effect], like
rtṣi rkyan
g and so on. "There is no cause without an
effect." The idea is that [this is so] because that
[cause] also has the nature (śātmaka) of a combination of
visible form and so on.

Therefore there is the fault that the meaning of the
previously stated reason, "because their effect exists," is not established, since the effect also, like the cause, is not established. If you state [that] as a reason which is commonly known [in the world], [its] meaning is contradictory. 

There is also another answer criticizing (dūșana) [the opponent's position]. Here if one conceptually constructs (klp) a cause of matter, it must be conceptually constructed for either existent or nonexistent matter. [Nāgārjuna] explains that [a cause] is possible for neither:

Even if matter existed, a cause of matter would not be possible. [MMK 4-4ab]

[This is so] because [matter already] exists, like a jar and a cloth which exist [already and therefore do not need a cause to produce them].

But even if it does not exist,

Even if matter did not exist, a cause of matter would not be possible. [MMK 4-4cd]

Earth and so on are considered [to be the cause of secondary matter]. The idea is that [a cause of nonexistent secondary matter is not possible] because
[secondary matter] does not exist prior to [its] origination, like [something] different from that [secondary matter].\textsuperscript{41} Here the criticism (dūṣaṇa) explained in the chapter on nonorigination (anutpāda) has been repeated; therefore one should understand that [MMK 4-4] is a statement of the [same] criticism [as MMK 1-6].\textsuperscript{42}

\textbf{Objection:} Those who hold that [things] have no cause say: A cause just does not exist.

\textbf{Answer:} To them, [Nāgārjuna] replies,

Matter without a cause is not at all (naiva naiva) possible. [MMK 4-5ab]

The idea is that [this is so] because that is not accepted even in superficial reality (samvṛtyā).

Alternatively, [one may explain MMK 4-5ab as follows:]\textsuperscript{43}

\textbf{Objection:} The Vaibhāṣikas say: Future matter also exists.

\textbf{Answer:} To them, [Nāgārjuna] replies,

Matter without a cause is not at all possible.

[MMK 4-5ab]

The idea is that [this is so] because it is not established that the future, which has not appropriated a cause of [its] origination, which has not attained its
own existence,⁴⁴ exists even conventionally.

Because in that way matter of the nature of the elements and [matter of a nature] dependent on the elements are not possible in any way,

Therefore one should not construct (vikalpayet) any conceptual constructions (vikalpa) concerning matter (rūpa-gata). [MMK 4-5cd]

[The verse refers to] one who is wise,⁴⁵ [who] wishes to comprehend the reality of dharmas [or "the Dharma," dharma-tattva], which is quite free from conceptual construction, [and whose] eye of right cognition has fully opened. He should not conceptually construct [any of] the many conceptual constructions which have such objects as matter which exists as a real substance, which is different from its cause, or which is not different from its cause, or the distinctions of color and shape of those, etc.⁴⁶ [Those conceptual constructions] are like the objects seen in a dream about a son who is not [yet] born, such as the son’s [bodily] form and enjoyments, after one has awakened.⁴⁷

Therefore because in that way the cause of matter is not possible, [the reason in the opponent’s last syllogism] is not free from the faults which we have stated.

Moreover,
**Objection:** Here the effect is similar to [its] cause, by the defining characteristic that the qualities of the cause are seen also in the effect, due to a continuous process.48

**Answer:** To them, [Nāgārjuna] replies,

It is not possible [to say] that the effect is similar (sadrśa) to the cause. [MMK 4-6ab]

It is not possible to teach that the effect is similar to the cause. The meaning is that that cause is just not the effect. Here [the fact] that the alleged cause is not the cause [is adduced as] the property to be established; and the teaching that [cause and effect] are similar is adduced [as] the property which establishes [that]. The example [is indicated] by virtue of that [predicate and reason]: "like a [similar] real substance (dravya) in a different series." Here the syllogism is: [Thesis:] In ultimate reality, the alleged cause, blue threads, are not the cause of a blue blanket, [Reason:] because they are similar [to it], [Example:] just as [they are not the cause of] a blue blanket different from that [blue blanket allegedly caused by these blue threads].50

**Objection:** Here the Sānkhyas say: Since it is not established that the alleged cause of the blue blanket is
not also present in a blue blanket different from that, [your] example does not exist. 51

Answer: That is not good. [There is no fault in our example] because [we] take as [our] example just what is established not to be the entity which is the cause of that [blanket] which occurs now. 52 Also, there is no fault [in our example] because this negation [in the thesis of our syllogism] has its expressive force (mthu, probably ṣakti here) used up by just the negation of the meaning to be expressed [by] that word with which it is connected. [This is so] because that [negation] does not indicate a particular quality (viṣesa) of that [object of negation], as [in the negation,] "He is not a brāhmaṇa." 53

Objection: [Our] fellow Buddhists, 54 who hold that the effect may be [either] similar or not similar to [its] cause, say: With regard to a subsequent moment which originates from a previous moment with a similar defining characteristic - as in [the flame of] a lamp, a stream of water, and so on - [the moment of the effect] is similar to the moment of the cause; therefore [in this case, cause and effect] are similar. With regard to a subsequent moment which originates from a previous moment with a dissimilar defining characteristic - as in [the origination of] ashes and curds [from] wood and milk [respectively], and so on - [the moment of the effect] is
not similar to the moment of the cause; therefore [in this case, cause and effect] are not similar.

Answer: In that connection, that effect which is similar to its cause has been negated by the very inferences which [we] have [already] stated. Concerning that effect which is not similar to its cause, [Nāgārjuna] says,

It is also not possible [to say] that the effect is not similar to the cause. [MMK 4-6cd]

Here also [the fact] that [the effect, such as] a sprout, is not an effect of the alleged cause, [such as a seed, is adduced as] the property to be established; and the teaching that [cause and effect] are not similar is adduced [as] the property which establishes [that]. Therefore the remaining member [of the syllogism] is also manifest as before. Here the inference is:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, a sprout is not an effect of [its] alleged cause,

[Reason:] because it is not similar [to that alleged cause],

[Example:] like gravel and so on.

Objection:

[Thesis:] The seed (ʻbru, dhānya) is indeed the cause of the sprout,
[Reasons:] because [the sprout] occurs when that [seed] exists or because [the sprout] is conventionally designated by means of that [seed].

[Examples:] like the sound of a kettledrum or a barley-sprout.

Answer: That is not good. Since the origination of [things supposedly] possessing origination (utpatti-mat) has been negated in every way, [your] example is not established. Therefore [your syllogism] has the fault of [being] an incomplete proof.

Objection: Since the effect of the eye, etc., [namely,] visual cognition, etc., is not similar to [the eye], [your] reason, "[because] it is not similar," is inconclusive.

Answer: That also is not good. Because visual cognition and so on are of the same sort (rīpa mthun pa, probably sajātiya) as what is to be established, they are likewise to be negated. Therefore since no counter-example (vipakṣa) exists, there is no occasion for inconclusiveness [in our reason].

Alternatively, [the argument against the origination of sprouts from seeds or the origination of visual cognition from the eye] is similar to the method which has been stated, [that is,] "Because the alleged [cause], earth and so on, are not the cause [of secondary matter], visible form is not established. Therefore the meaning
of the reason [in your syllogism preceding MMK 4-3],
'because their effect exists,' is not established or is
contradictory."58

**Objection:** The Vaibhāṣikas say: The effect may be
either similar or not similar to [its] cause, since [we]
maintain that the "nonobstructing cause" (byed pa'i rgyu,
kāraṇa-hetu) of [a dharma] conditioned (samskṛta) by a
nonobstructing cause is every [dharma other than
itself].59 Therefore [your] example does not exist
[since gravel, for instance, is a nonobstructing cause of
a sprout].

**Answer:** That is not good, because [we] wish to
negate the particular efficacy (sādhanatva) of the
special (asādharana) cause which produces [something] of
the same kind [as itself], etc.60

Thus that section of the text [i. e., the first six
verses of chapter four] has negated elemental matter
(bhūta-rūpa) and matter dependent on the elements
(bhautika-rūpa); therefore it has been shown that the
aggregate of matter is not possible. Now [Nāgārjuna]
will show that the negation of [the other aggregates,]
feeling and so on, [proceeds by] the same method as the
negation of matter.

For feeling (vedanā), perception/conception
(samjñā), mental formations (samskāraḥ), and mind
(citta),\textsuperscript{61} As well as all entities in general (sarvaśah), the method (krama) is the same as [for] matter.

[MMK 4-7]

The idea is that [this is so] because the negation of feeling and so on also [proceeds by] the same method as the negation of matter. [Previously,] it was shown that

[Thesis:] in ultimate reality, matter does not exist as a real substance,

[Reason:] because if its own cause is not grasped, the cognition (buddhi) of that [matter] does not exist,

[Example:] like an army and so on.

Likewise one should understand in detail that

[Thesis:] in ultimate reality, feeling, perception/conception, mental formations, and cognition (vijñāna) also do not exist as real substances,

[Reason:] because if their own cause is not grasped, the cognition of them does not exist,

[Example:] like an army and so on.

It should be stated appropriately [in each case] that the causes of feeling and so on are contact (sparśa), the eye, visible form, light, space, mental attention (manasikāra), and so on.\textsuperscript{62}

[Previously,] it was shown that in ultimate reality,
matter is not different from its own causes because

[Thesis:] in ultimate reality, matter is not different from its own assembled parts,

[Reason:] because if that [assemblage] is not grasped, the cognition of that [matter] does not exist,

[Example:] like the own self of [the elements] earth and so on.

Likewise, it should be stated here also that in ultimate reality, feeling and so on are not different from their own causes. Here [the opponent's] criticisms and [our] answers to [his] criticisms are also as before.

[Nāgārjuna] mentions "all entities," although there is no conditioned dharma different from the aggregates, because he wishes to state a negation of the varieties of those [aggregates]. [Thus he mentions "all entities"] in order to negate [the idea] that conceptually constructed (parikalpita) [things], such as jars and cloths, exist as real substances and are different [from their causes].

Here also, as before, syllogisms should be stated as appropriate.

Thus because the aggregates are not established, the meaning of the reason [in the opponent's initial syllogism], "because they are included in the aggregates," is not established; and [his] example does not exist. Why [does his example not exist]? Because it does not exist [i.e., is not true] that [dharmas] which are included in
the aggregates of matter and so on exist in ultimate reality. 65

Alternatively, the meaning of the reason is also contradictory, because what is included in the aggregates exists just conventionally. 66

Thus by that reasoning (rīgs pa, vukti or nyāya), 67

For that [opponent] who would give an answer (parīhāra) when [the Mādhyamika] has made a contention (vigrahā) 68 by means of emptiness, Everything is [in fact] unanswered. It becomes the same as what is to be established (sādhya). 69, 70

[MMK 4-8]

As to the defining characteristic of the examination of reality (tattva), if [the Mādhyamika] undertakes the examination of the ultimately real 71 intrinsic nature of some entity, 72 he makes a contention and disputation ('gyed pa, probably vivāda) by means of emptiness. [That is, he does so] following (parigrhya) the proof (pramāṇa) that in ultimate reality, the āyatanas are without origination and do not exist as real substances. 73 When [the Mādhyamika thus contends], for that [opponent] who speaks in reply by giving a rebuttal (uttara-pākṣa), all those [contentions] are [in fact] unanswered. [This is so] because [his rebuttal] becomes the same as what is to be
established. The idea is that [the opponent's] rebuttal is not established because the examples and reasons which show that [rebuttal] are equally as unestablished as [the predicate] which is to be established.  

Likewise,

For that [opponent] who would utter a censure (upālambha) when [the Mādhyamika] has made an explanation (vyākhyāna) by means of emptiness, Everything is [in fact] uncensured. It becomes the same as what is to be established. [MMK 4-9]

If [the Mādhyamika] shows that the aggregates, āyatanas, and dhātus have no intrinsic nature, he explains and analyzes the formulation by means of emptiness. When [the Mādhyamika thus explains], one whose intellect is contaminated by false sources of knowledge (pramāṇa) utters a censure by [saying], "The aggregates do indeed exist, because they are included in the [Four Noble] Truths and so on," etc. For that [opponent], all those [explanations] are [in fact] uncensured and uncriticized (adūsita). The remainder of the statement is that [this is so] because it becomes the same as what is to be established. Why? Since [that criticism] is similar to the object of [the Mādhyamika's] criticism, it is the same in general as the unestablishedness of
what is to be established.78 [Thus ācārya Āryadeva] has said,

One who sees one entity is considered to see all
entities,79

Just that which is the emptiness of one is the
emptiness of all. [Catuhṣataka 8-16]

As to that, here the meaning of the chapter is that
the aggregates have been shown to be without intrinsic
nature, by means of stating the faults in the proof
adduced [by the opponent] to show that the āvatānas
exist.

Therefore [scriptural] statements such as the
following are established.80 [From the Bhagavatī-
prajñāpāramitā-suvikrāntavikrāmi-paripṛcchā-sūtra,]81

Suvikrāntavikrāmin, that which is a teaching
belonging to [the doctrine of] the production
(abhinirvṛtti-paryāpanna-nirdeśa)82 of the five
aggregates is not the perfection of discernment (prajñā-
pāramitā).83 Suvikrāntavikrāmin, matter is free from
(apagata) the intrinsic nature of matter. Likewise,
cognition is free from the intrinsic nature of feeling,
perception/conception, mental formations, and cognition.
That which is free from the intrinsic nature of matter,
feeling, perception/conception, mental formations, and
cognition is the perfection of discernment. Suvikrānta-
vikrāmin, matter lacks the intrinsic nature of matter
(rūpa-asvabhāva). Likewise, cognition lacks the intrinsic nature of feeling, perception/conception, mental formations, and cognition. That which lacks the intrinsic nature of matter, feeling, perception/conception, mental formations, and cognition is the perfection of discernment.

Likewise, [from the Arva-brahma-viśeṣa-cintā-paripṛcchā-sūtra,] I taught the aggregates to the world, [and] the world came to dwell on them. One who is wise does not dwell on them; he is not soiled by worldly dhammas.

The world has the defining characteristic of space, and space has no defining characteristic. Therefore that [wise one] comprehends that; he is not soiled by worldly dhammas.

Likewise, [from the Vajracchedikā-praṇāpāramitā,] A bodhisattva should not give a gift [while] basing himself (pratisthita) on visible forms, sounds, odors, tastes, tangibles, and dhammas.

Likewise, [from the Arva-laṅkāvatāra-sūtra,] The three spheres of saṃsāric existence (tribhava) are mere designation (praṇāptimātra); they do not exist with the intrinsic nature of an entity (vastu-svabhāvataḥ).

Thinkers (tarkika) conceptually construct [them] as
the nature of an entity [which is mere]
designation (prajñapti-vastu-bhāvena).
[Laṅkāvatāra 3-52 = 10-83]
If one examines [dharma{s}?] with the intellect,
[their] intrinsic nature cannot be ascertained
(nāvadhārvate).
Therefore they are taught to be inexpressible and
without intrinsic nature. [Laṅkāvatāra
2-173 = 10-167]
The fourth chapter, "Examination of the Aggregates,"
of the Prajñāpradīpa, a commentary on [Nāgārjuna's]
Mūlamadhyamaka composed by ācārya Bhavyakara/Bhavyakāra
(legs ldan byed)89 is concluded.
Notes to Translation of Chapter Four

1See Ava P42a-1, D36a-3,4; read as D.

2Ava P42b-2 has *rang gi sde pa dang mdo sde pa bye brag tu smra ba dag*; D36b-3 has *rang gi sde pa dang bye brag tu smra ba dag*. Read *rang gi sde pa mdo sde pa dang bye brag tu smra ba dag*, "our fellow Buddhists, the Sautrāntikas and Vaibhāṣikas."

3As pointed out in note 6 to my translation of chapter three, *rūpa* as the first of the five *skandhas* is "matter" in general. As one of the twelve *āyatanas* or eighteen *dharmaś*, *rūpa* has the more restricted sense of "visible form." See the references in the note mentioned.

4The internal (*ādhyātmika*) *āyatanas* are the six sense organs, the five physical sense organs plus the mind (*manas*). The external (*bāhya*) *āyatanas* are the corresponding six sense objects (with dharmas as the object of mind). See AK 1-39ab.

Oddly enough, the opponent refers here to the internal *āyatanas* and then goes on to speak of all twelve. Samghabhadra mentions a view according to which the sense objects were to be considered as internal in any moment when they serve as conditions for the arising of cognition, and as external in any moment when they do not serve as such conditions. (I would like to thank
Professor Collett Cox for this information.)

5 That is, the five physical sense organs and the five corresponding sense objects.

6 The three aggregates referred to are feeling (vedanā), perception/conception (samjñā), and mental formations (samskārāh). "One part of the aggregate of matter" refers to the avijñapti posited by the Vaibhāṣikas. It is considered to be material and thus to belong to the rūpa-skandha; but since it is held to be an object only of the mind and not of the physical senses, it belongs to the dharma-āvatana. See Ava P42b-7,8; D36b-7 to 37a-1. On avijñapti, see LVP AK I, pp. 21, 25-27 and IV, pp. 3, 14-27.

7 On the four great elements (mahābhūta), earth, water, fire, and air (understood as solidity, cohesion, heat, and motion), and matter dependent on them, see LVP AK I, pp. 21-24, 64-67 and II, pp. 144-149, 313-315. See also May, pp. 88-89, n. 184.

8 "Matter" is here taken to mean "matter dependent on the elements" (bhautika). Thus the elements are its cause. See Ava P43b-3,4; D37b-3.

9 gzugs zhes bya ba ni gzugs su rung ba’o, probably either rūpaṇād rūpam iti or rūpyata iti rūpam. On the various interpretations given to rūpana/rūpyate, see LVP AK I, pp. 24-25 and notes.

10 bstsal is an alternative spelling of bsal. (In
fact, Ava P43b-4, D37b-3 has bsal na for bstsal na.) The Sanskrit may be nirākṛta.

11 According to Avalokitavrata, matter dependent on the elements is designated in dependence on the elements in the same way that a forest is designated in dependence on its constituent trees. See Ava P43b-5,6,7; D37b-4,5.

12 In other words, the meaning of MMK 4-1ab is the following, according to Bhāvaviveka: Matter dependent on the elements does not exist by intrinsic nature because it is a mere combination of the elements. This is so because matter dependent on the elements is not apprehended apart from the elements, just as a forest is not perceived if the trees which make it up are not perceived. See Ava P43b-7 to 44a-2, D37b-6 to 38a-1.

13 According to Avalokitavrata, this paragraph is a response to an objection of the Abhidhārmikas, who hold that mind and mental factors exist as real substances. They charge that the Mādhyamika’s reason, "because it is a word," is inconclusive. Although the word "army" does not refer to a real substance, the words "mind" and "mental events" do. The Mādhyamika retorts that he also negates the ultimately real existence of mind and mental events. See Ava P44b-4,5,6; D38b-2,3. The phrase "of the same sort as what is to be established" alludes to MMK 4-8 and 4-9.

14 Avalokitavrata attributes this objection to
"fellow Buddhists." See Ava P38b-6, D45a-1.

15 For the Mādhyamikas, nothing exists as a a real substance or in ultimate reality. Hence there is no example which the opponent can cite.

16 upādāya-rūpa, "secondary matter," is synonymous with bhautika-rūpa, "matter dependent on the elements."

17 This may be a reference to the Vaibhāṣikas' theory that matter can only exist in the form of molecules (sāṃghāta-paramāṇu) composed of four atoms (dravya-paramāṇu) of the elements and varying numbers of atoms of secondary matter. Thus the elements are also dependent on secondary matter for their manifestation. See AK 2-22 and LVP AK II, pp. 144-149.

18 See Ava P46a-2,3,4; D39b-5,6,7.

19 The Sanskrit text is in Bunyu Nanjio, The Laṅkāvatāra Sūtra, Kyoto: Otani University, 1923 (reprint 1956). Verse 3-88 is on p. 200; verse 2-138 is on p. 84. In 2-138d, the Tibetan has 'ba' zhiṅ, kevalāḥ for the Sanskrit's kalpitāḥ. Note also that Bhāvaviveka quotes only the second two (out of three) lines of 3-88.

20 According to Avalokitavrata, an opponent objects that since "matter" is the subject of Bhāvaviveka's thesis, the "not grasping" mentioned in the reason must be a property (dharma) of matter; but that is absurd because matter is unconscious and cannot grasp (i. e., perceive) anything in any case. Bhāvaviveka replies that
an action (kriyā) resides in both its agent (karaṇa) and its object (karman). Here the action is "not grasping;" the agent is cognition (buddhi); and the object is matter. Thus "not grasping" is a property of cognition. See Ava P47b-2 to 48a-4, D41a-4 to 41b-5.

21Since the Sāmkhyas hold that everything (except puruṣa) is composed of the the three gunas of prakṛti, for them all entities are nondifferent in any case. See Ava P48a-5,6; D41b-6,7.

22Avalokitavrata points out that the negation here is prasajya-pratisedha, not paryudāsa-pratisedha. See Ava P48a-8, D42a-1,2.

23The Vaiśeṣikas mean that even if the assemblage of its parts is not apprehended, matter might be apprehended by some other means, just as a jar may be seen by means of various sources of illumination. See Ava P48b-3 to 8, D42a-3 to 42b-1. The Vaiśeṣikas hold that wholes are different entities from the sum of their parts. See Jadunath Sinha, A History of Indian Philosophy, Vol. I, Calcutta: Sinha Publishing, 1956, pp. 596-6; Erich Frauwallner, A History of Indian Philosophy, Vol. II, pp. 117-8; and Karl H. Potter, ed., Indian Metaphysics and Epistemology, Vol. 2 of The Encyclopedia of Indian Philosophies, Princeton, N. J.: Princeton University Press, 1977, pp. 74-79.

24Bhāvaviveka replies that he does not argue that
matter is not different from its causes in general, but specifically that it is not different from its own assembled parts. Unlike the Vaiśeṣikas' example of a lamp and a jar, the apprehension of matter's assembled parts is a necessary condition for the apprehension of matter, whereas a jar can be illuminated by something other than a lamp. See especially Ava P49b-2 to 6, D43a-2 to 5.


26 According to Avalokitavrata, because they are parts according to superficial reality, they do not compose a part-possessing real substance in ultimate reality. See Ava P50b-3,4; D44a-2,3.

27 That is, according to Avalokitavrata, the property to be established is that the elements are a mere combination of visible form and so on; and the property which establishes that is the fact that if visible form and so on are not seen, the elements are also not seen. See especially Ava P49b-8 to 51a-1, D44b-6.

28 Avalokitavrata points out that the negations of difference and sameness are prasajya-pratīṣedha, not paryudāsa-pratīṣedha. See P51b-6 to 52a-1, D45a-4,5,6.

29 See, e. g., MMK 14-5cd.
30 If the negation of difference must imply sameness, then because milk and curds are not different (since curds are a transformation of milk), they would have to be identical; but that is absurd. Compare Ava P52a-2,3,4; D45a-7 to 45b-2 and MMK 13-6.

31 See Ava P52a-6, D45b-3. The Sanskrit text is in Nanjio, op. cit., pp. 202 and 339. In the first pāda, 3-102a has ‘nvō ‘nvah (‘nvonyaḥ?) while 10-598a has ḫv anyaḥ. The Tibetan here, gzhan pa ma yin, corresponds to anavyaḥ. Also, both Sanskrit verses have tī-thyair in the fourth pāda, while the Tibetan corresponds to bālair.

32 See Ava P52a-7, D45b-4.

33 If the reason refers to ultimate reality, it is not established. If it refers to superficial reality, it is contradictory to try to prove a positive thesis about ultimate reality with a reason which is only conventionally valid. Compare Ava P52b-4, D45b-1.

34 bar gyi tshig mi mngon pa’i phyir, probably madhya-pada-pralopāṭ.

35 "Lokāyatas and the like," according to Avalokita-vrata. See Ava P53a-8, D46b-3.

36 rtsi rkyang is defined as rtswa zhiq, "a [kind of] grass," in Dge bshes Chos kyi grags pa, Brda dag ming tshig gsal ba, Peking: Mi rigs dpe bskrun khang, 1957.

The idea may be that grass is a purely conventional entity and thus is different from the elements if, as the
opponent holds, they exist in ultimate reality. Secondary matter, too, only exists conventionally and thus would be ontologically different from its alleged cause. See the following note.

37Avalokitavrata's interpretation of this passage is as follows: If you (the opponent) hold that the elements exist in ultimate reality, then it follows that they would have no effect. This is so because in ultimate reality, their supposed effect, secondary matter, is empty of intrinsic nature. But if you hold that secondary matter exists in superficial reality while the elements exist in ultimate reality, then one cannot be the cause of the other, because of their (ontological) difference. See Ava P55a-3 to 8, D47a-4 to 7.

38Since the elements are a mere combination of secondary matter, visible form and so on, they have no intrinsic nature in ultimate reality. See Ava P55b-1, D48b-1.

39Once again, the reason is not established in ultimate reality. While it may be valid conventionally, it cannot prove a positive thesis concerning ultimate reality.

40In ultimate reality, according to Avalokitavrata. See Ava P55b-7, D48b-6.

41In other words, consider the time at which the cause allegedly produces an effect. If the effect exists
at that time, its production by a cause is superfluous. If it does not exist at that time, one might as well say that the cause produces a sky-flower, since the effect is nonexistent. Compare Ava P56a-2,3,4; D49a-2,3. Such an analysis depends on the idea that a seed, for instance, is the cause of a sprout only at the moment when it actually produces it.

42 See Ava P56a-4 to 7, D49a-4,5,6. Although the title of the first chapter of the MMK is pratyavaparīkṣa in all the commentaries, Bhāvaviveka often refers to it as dealing with anūtpāda, as indeed it does.

43 skye ba'i rgyu ma blangs pa, probably anūpātta-utpāda-hetu. An effect is said to "appropriate (upā-dā)" its causes; see, for instance, CPP 259.1-5.

44 bdag nvid kyi dngos po ma thob pa, probably alabdha/aprāpta-ātma-bhāva.

45 Or "skillful," mkhas pa. According to Avalokitavrata, this refers to the bodhisattva who has attained receptivity to the fact that dharmas do not originate (anūtpattika-dharma-ksānti). See Ava P57a-1 to 57b-1, D50a-1 to 50b-1. This attainment is said to occur on the eighth bodhisattva-bhūmi. See Étienne Lamotte, The Teaching of Vimalakīrti, tr. Sara Boin, Sacred Books of the Buddhists, Vol. XXXII, London: Pali Text Society, 1976, pp. 290-1.

46 de dag la sogs pa, that is, matter as conceived of
in those and other ways.

47 That is, the bodhisattva who has attained anutpattika-dharma-ksānti has awakened from the sleep of samsāra and realizes that the objects which he used to conceptually construct have no intrinsic nature. See Ava P57a-4 to 57b-1, D50a-4 to 50b-1.

48 snga na yod pa’i rim gyis, perhaps prāg-bhāva-kramena, literally, "by the stage[s] of prior existence."

49 smra bar ‘dod pa’i rgyu, probably vivaksita-hetu, "the cause of which [the opponent] wishes to speak," as, for example, the opponent wishes to say that the elements are the cause of secondary matter. See Ava P58a-1,2; D50b-7.

50 In other words, the opponent wishes to say that a blue blanket is caused by the blue threads out of which it is woven, because they have the same color. But the threads also have the same color as other blue blankets, and the opponent does not admit that these particular threads are the cause of those other blankets.

51 After the periodic destruction of the universe, all matter is "recycled;" and on a more mundane level, when Devadatta’s blue blanket becomes torn, threads from Yajñadatta’s blue blanket may be used to mend it. See Ava P58b-1,2,3; D51a-6,7.

52 In other words, our example is Devadatta’s presently existing blanket; and the opponent must admit
that the threads presently existing in Yajñadatta's blanket are not the cause of Devadatta's presently existing blanket. See Ava P58b-5 to 8, D51b-2,3,4.

53 When Bhāvaviveka says that in ultimate reality, threads are not the cause of the blue blanket, it is a prasajya-pratisedha. It does not imply that the threads exist in ultimate reality as a noncause of the blanket. See Ava P59a-1 to 5, D51b-5 to 52a-1.

54 The Abhidhārmikas, according to Avalokitavrata. See Ava P59a-7, D52a-2,3.

55 The eye is material (rūpin), and visual cognition is not. See Ava P60b-1,2,3; D53a-4,5.

56 That is, the origination of visual cognition from the eye and the origination of a sprout from a seed are both instances of an effect's arising from a dissimilar cause. Thus they are both equally in need of proof. See Ava P60b-3,4,5; D53a-7 to 53b-1.

57 On this line of argument, see MMK 4-8 and 4-9, with Bhāvaviveka's commentary.

58 See Ava P60b-8 to 61b-1, D53b-2 to 54a-3, for an explicit statement of the analogous argument.

59 Every dharma is said to be the kāraṇa-hetu of every conditioned dharma other than itself, in the sense that it does not obstruct its origination (necessarily, since we only consider dharmas which exist at some time or other and thus do originate). See AK 2-50a and LVP AK
II, pp. 246-8; see also Ava P61b-2 to 7, D54a-3 to 7. One might expect kārana-hetu to mean something like "productive cause;" and the Abhidharmakośa-bhāṣya tells us that this is its primary (pradhāna) meaning (see LVP AK II, p. 247). All dharmas other than the productive cause are also called kārana-hetu, however, in the extended sense of not obstructing origination.

60 That is, we are only concerned with the productive cause and not with kārana-hetu in the broad sense. See Ava P62a-1,2,3; D54b-1,2,3.

61 Here Nāgārjuna uses citta as the name of the fifth skandha, in place of the more usual vijñāna, apparently for metrical reasons.

62 According to Avalokitavrata, contact is mentioned as the special (asādhāraṇa) cause of feeling. The eye and the rest are mentioned as the special causes of visual cognition and its conjoined mental factors (samprayukta-caitta; see AK 2-23a,34 and LVP AK II, pp. 177-8). The mental factors belong, variously, to the three aggregates of feeling, perception/conception, and mental formations.

63 Avalokitavrata says that opponents might conceptually construct jars, cloths, etc., and use them as reasons and examples in arguments which attempt to refute the Mādhyamika's arguments concerning the aggregates. Avalokitavrata also adds nondifference [from
the cause] as something which the Mādhyamika negates. See Ava P63b-8 to 64a-3, D56a-6 to 56b-1.

64Avalokitavrata spells out syllogisms for a jar and a cloth parallel to those already given for matter. See Ava P64a-3 to 64b-1, D56b-2 to 7.

65In his opening syllogism at the beginning of this chapter, the opponent gives a dissimilar example, a sky-flower, which does not exist and is not included in the aggregates. Here Bhāvaviveka is saying that things which are included in the aggregates do not exist in ultimate reality, either. See Ava P64b-3 to 6, D57a-1,2,3.

66Again, it is contradictory to try to prove a positive thesis about ultimate reality with a reason which holds only conventionally. See Ava P64b-6,7; D57a-3,4.

67That is, by the reasoning which has been explicitly formulated here for matter and then extended to all dharmas. See Ava P64b-8 to 65a-1, D57a-5.

68The Mādhyamika's argument that all dharmas are empty of intrinsic nature is called a "contention" because it is directed against those who hold that entities do have intrinsic nature. See Ava P65a-2,3; D57a-6,7. Candrakīrti is more explicit: tatra parapakṣadūṣanam vigrahaḥ. He glosses vigrahaḥ... krte as sasvabhāvavāde pratiṣiddhe. (See CPP 127.5,6.)

69Avalokitavrata gives the following example: An
opponent replies to the Mādhyamika's argument that such-and-such a thing is empty of intrinsic nature by saying that it is not empty because its cause exists. But this is no answer, because the cause is just as empty of intrinsic nature as the thing in question. See Ava P65a-4 to 7, D57a-8 to 57b-3.


71 *don dam pa*, *paramārtha*, glossed by Avalokitavrata as *don dam pa pa*, *pāramārthika*. See Ava P65b-1,2; D57b-
5.

72 This construction is paraphrased by Avalokitavrata as, "If when he examines the defining characteristic of the reality of all dharmas, he then undertakes the examination of the ultimately real intrinsic nature of some external or internal entity..." See Ava P65b-2, D57b-5.

73 Avalokitavrata says that the proof of nonorigination is given in chapter one and the proof of not existing as a real substance is given in this chapter. See AVA P65b-3 to 8, D57b-6 to 58a-3. In general, pramāṇa means "source of correct knowledge;" but since the pramāṇa in question here is anumāna, "inference," I have translated it as "proof."

74 Since no dharma originates by intrinsic nature or exists as a real substance, there is no example and no proof which the opponent can successfully adduce. See Ava P66a-7 to 66b-4, D58b-2 to 5.

75 The eighteen dhātus are the twelve āyatanaś (the six sense organs and the six sense objects) plus the six corresponding sense cognitions (e. g., the eye, visible form, and visual cognition).

76 sbvor ba rnam par dbve ba byas te | rnam par bshad pa'i tshe, apparently glossing vyākhyāne... kṛte as vyākhyāne pravoga/yoga/vidhi-vibhāge kṛte.

Avalokitavrata says that it means analyzing the same
formulation that the Madhyamika used when he made a contention by means of emptiness. See Ava P67a-6,7; D59a-6.7.

77 See Ava P67b-4, D59b-4.

78 The entities cited by the opponent in his reason and example are included in the Madhyamika's original criticism that all entities are not established by intrinsic nature. Therefore one can state in general that they are just as unestablished as what the opponent is trying to establish by means of them. See Ava P67b-7 to 68a-3, D59b-7 to 60a-3.

79 The Sanskrit of this ardha-loka is bhāvasyaikasya yo draṣṭā draṣṭā sarvasya sa smṛtah, "One who is a seer of one entity is considered to be a seer of all" (quoted CPP 128.3,4).

80 See note 151 to my translation of chapter three. Avalokitavrata's remarks here are similar. See Ava P68a-6 to 68b-1, D60a-6,7; P68b-2, D60b-1; P68b-8, D60b-5,6; P59a-5,6, D61a-3; P69a-7,8, D61a-4,5; and P69b-3,4,5, D61a-7 to 61b-2.

81 Identified by Avalokitavrata; see Ava P68b-1, D60a-7.

82 Avalokitavrata explains abhinirvṛtti-parvāpanna-nirdeśa as skye bar bsdus pa ston pa, "a teaching summed up in origination." See Ava P68b-2,3; D60b-1,2.

83 The Sanskrit text of this sentence is found in
Ryusho Hikata, *Suvikrāntavikrāmi-paripṛcchā*

*Prajñāpāramitā-sūtra*, Fukuoka, Japan: Kyushu University, 1958, p. 37. The remainder of the passage is found on p. 29 of the same work.

84 Identified by Avalokitavrata; see Ava P68b-7, D60b-5. See note 98 to my translation of chapter five.

85 *de la... gnas par gyur*. Avalokitavrata glosses *gnas par gyur* as *chaqs shing lhaq par chaqs par gyur*, "becomes attached and clings." See Ava P68b-8 to 69a-1, D60b-6,7.

86 Identified by Avalokitavrata as the *Ārya-triśatikā-[prajñāpāramitā]-sūtra*, another title of the sūtra; see Ava P69a-4,5; D61a-2. The Sanskrit text is in Edward Conze, *Vajracchedikā Prajñāpāramitā*, Serie Orientale Roma XIII, Rome: Istituto Italiano per il Medio ed Estremo Oriente, 2nd ed., 1974, p. 29.

87 Identified by Avalokitavrata; see Ava P69a-6, D61a-4. The Sanskrit text is in Nanjio, *op. cit*. Verse 3-52 is on p. 168; verse 2-173 is on p. 116.

88 The three *bhavas* are the same as the three *dātus*, i.e., the realms of desire (*kāma*), form (*rūpa*), and formlessness (*ārūpya*).

89 See note 161 to my translation of chapter three.
Translation of Prajñāpradīpa, Chapter Five:
Examination of the Elements (dhātu)\(^1\)

Now [Nāgārjuna] begins the fifth chapter with the aim of showing that the elements have no intrinsic nature by means of refuting a particular counterposition (vipakaṣa) to emptiness.

**Objection:** Because [Nāgārjuna] stated, in the immediately preceding chapter, that apart from matter, the cause of matter is also not seen, [MMK 4-lcd]

therefore, to begin with, our fellow Buddhists (svayūtha) say: Here the Blessed One taught the defining characteristics (lakṣaṇa) of the six elements called "earth, water, fire, air, space (ākāsa), and cognition (vijñāna)," by saying, "Great king, these six elements are the person (purusa)."\(^2\) [Those characteristics are, respectively,] solidity, cohesion, heat, motion, providing room (skabs 'byed pa, perhaps avakāsa-dāna), and knowing (rnam par shes par byed pa, probably vijñānanā). It is not taught that nonexistent [things] like a sky-flower are the cause of a person. Therefore that assertion (pratijñā) made by the ācārya [Nāgārjuna], that the cause of matter does not exist even in earth and so on, will conflict with what [he himself] accepts
(abhīyupagata-bādha).³

[The Mādhyamika] may reply that he accepts that the Tathāgata taught that the six elements are the person conventionally (vyavahārataḥ). Therefore there is no fault [in his position].

[If so, we respond that] it is not the case that there is no fault [in the Mādhyamika’s position], because it is accepted that [that statement] is taught as ultimate reality (paramārthataḥ).

[The Mādhyamika] may reply that since that is not established,⁴ [his alleged fault] is not [logically] possible.

[If so, we respond that] it is not the case that it is not established.

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, the elements, earth and so on, do indeed exist,

[Reason:] because their defining characteristics exist.

[Dissimilar Example:] Here that of which the Blessed One has said, "It does not exist in ultimate reality," has no defining characteristic, like a sky-flower.

[Application:] Earth and so on have the defining characteristics of solidity and so on.

[Conclusion:] Thus because their defining characteristics exist, the elements, earth and so on, do indeed exist.

Answer: As to that, here it is easy to show that
the intrinsic nature of space is empty, and it is also easy to negate the remaining elements by showing that that [intrinsic nature of space] does not exist. Therefore, the ācārya [Nāgārjuna] says, with reference just to the element of space,

There is not any space prior to the defining characteristic of space. [MMK 5-lab]

The idea is that [this is so] because they are inseparable (dbyer med pa, perhaps abhedya).

Here, since the Vaibhāṣikas teach that space is just nonobstruction (anāvarana), nonobstruction itself is space. But since [they attempt to] establish that that [space] also exists, that which is to be established (sādhya) by the existence of nonobstruction and [the reason] which establishes [it] (sādhana) are [both] not established. For instance, [as in the fallacious proof,] "Sound is impermanent because it is sound," likewise, here also it would be said [in effect] that space exists because it is space. 7

Alternatively, [one may explain MMK 5-lab as follows:]

Objection: [Fellow Buddhists] who are averse to the system (naya) of the Madhyamaka-śāstra say: [We] do not accept [any] difference of the thing characterized
(lakṣya) and [its] defining characteristic (laksana), due to which [difference] that [space] would not be possible [either] sequentially or simultaneously [with its defining characteristic]. For example, it is not possible that the great man (mahāpurusa) is different from the marks of the great man. Here [we] say that that is a characteristic (laksana) because it is to be characterized (lakṣyate?), since a primary affix (bya ba'i rkyen, probably krt-pratyaya) is used in [the sense of] the object of the action (karmān).10

Answer: Even if those [i. e., the characteristic and the thing characterized] are accepted in that way,11 [we still say,]

There is not any space prior to the defining characteristic of space. [MMK 5-1ab]

If space itself is [its own] defining characteristic, to use (nve bar sbyor bar byed pa) [that] in order to establish that [space] by means of that [space] itself cannot be a [valid] reason, because the meaning [of that reason] is not established. Therefore what would establish what?12

Objection: It is common knowledge (prasiddha) that conventionally existent space is nonobstruction.

Answer: A reason is not required (isyate) in order to show that [well-known conventional existence of space].
Objection: Because [the existence of space] in ultimate reality is not common knowledge, one should strive to show [that it is] so.

Answer: Even in that [case], there are faults of the reason and example,\textsuperscript{13} [so that your syllogism] remains a mere assertion (pratiññā).

Alternatively, [one may also explain MMK 5-lab as follows:]

Objection: The Vaibhāṣikas and Vaiśeṣikas say: Space exists as a real substance (dravya) and is unconditioned (asamskṛta).\textsuperscript{14}

Answer: To them, [Nāgārjuna] says,

There is not any space prior to the defining characteristic of space. [MMK 5-lab]

[This half-verse] presents the thesis, [understood as referring to space] which is a real substance. [The fact] that that [space] is unoriginated, which is common knowledge to both sides [the Mādhyamika and the opponent], is the property (dharma) [of the subject, space, which proves the predicate, "does not exist in ultimate reality"]). The example is by virtue of that [thesis and reason], [that is,] a hare’s horn and so on. Here the inference (anumāna) is:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, space does not exist as a real substance,

[Reason:] because it is unoriginated,
[Example:] like a hare's horn.
Likewise, reasons such as "because it has no cause," "because it has no effect," and "because it does not exist" should also be stated.

Objection: Space is the defining characteristic of sound.

Answer: For those [who hold that position], also, since sound itself is space, the fault in the reason is as before.

Objection: If this meaning [which you have explained] were the intention of the author of the treatise [Nāgārjuna], in that case, the author of the treatise would simply have said that
There is not any space which is different from the defining characteristic of space.

Answer: [Nāgārjuna] establishes the negation of difference just by showing that priority and posteriority are not possible. Therefore that [objection of yours] does not contradict [my explanation].

Objection: The Vaiśeṣikas assert that the thing characterized (lakṣya) and [its] defining characteristic (laksana) are different.

Answer: [Thesis:] If those two [i.e., the thing characterized and its defining characteristic] are different (tayor anyatve), they will sometimes be antecedent
and subsequent,

[Reason:] because they are different,
[Example:] like jars and cloths.

Therefore [Nāgārjuna] says,

If [space] were prior to [its] defining characteristic, it would follow that it would be without a defining characteristic. [MMK 5-1cd]

"Without a defining characteristic" (mtshan nYid med pa, alaksana) [means] "having no defining characteristic" (mtshan nYid vod pa ma vin pa, perhaps asal-laksana or avidyamāna-laksana). The meaning is that that [space] would not be something characterized [by the defining characteristic, nonobstruction, as] alleged [by the opponent].

If [space] were prior to [its] defining characteristic: [MMK 5-1c]

This [pāda] indicates that difference of time is the property of that [subject, space, which proves the thesis]. Here the inference is:

[Thesis:] Space is not something characterized [by] the alleged defining characteristic,
[Reason:] because it exists at a time earlier than that [alleged defining characteristic],
[Example:] like [something] other that that [space].
Alternatively, [one may explain MMK 5-1cd as follows:]21

It would follow that [space] would not belong to [its alleged] defining characteristic (alakṣaṇa).

[MMK 5-1d]

"Not belonging to the defining characteristic" (mtshan nvid la med pa, perhaps laksanaśva nāsti) [is the sense of] alakṣaṇa. The meaning is that that [space] would not have [the property of] being something characterized (laksyatva).

If [space] were prior to [its] defining characteristic: [MMK 5-1c]

[Here] "space" is the topic under discussion (skabs, probably prastāva or the like). This [pāda] indicates that the difference of the defining characteristic from the thing characterized is the property of that [subject, the defining characteristic, which proves the thesis].

Here the inference is:

[Thesis:] The alleged defining characteristic cannot characterize the thing characterized, space,

[Reason:] because it is different [from space],

[Example:] like [a defining characteristic] different from that [alleged defining characteristic].

[If the thing characterized and its defining characteristic are different,] it contradicts the opponent's22 own inference, [since] he does not maintain that the
defining characteristic does not exist in the thing characterized and the defining characteristic.\textsuperscript{23}

Therefore the conceptual construction (\textit{vikalpa}) of difference should also be abandoned.

\textbf{Objection:} Because they cannot be turned back [even] with a stick,\textsuperscript{24} [our opponents say:] If [we] state a reason pertaining to superficial reality (\textit{sāmvrta-hetu}), it is not the case that the meaning of [our] reason is not established; but it is difficult to avoid [its] having a contradictory meaning.\textsuperscript{25} Therefore it is not established that the defining characteristic is a different thing (\textit{artha}) [from the thing it characterizes] or that it is a nondifferent thing. Therefore space is [an entity] "without a defining characteristic" (\textit{alaksana}).

\textbf{Answer:} It is also unintelligible (\textit{shes par byar minus}) that that [space] is an entity without a defining characteristic. For,

There is not any entity (\textit{bhāva}) anywhere without a defining characteristic. [MMK 5-2ab]

An ultimately real (\textit{pāramārthika}) entity [without a defining characteristic]\textsuperscript{26} is not established anywhere, [neither on] the side (\textit{pakṣa}) of others or our own side.

\textbf{Objection:}\textsuperscript{27}
[Thesis:] The thing characterized, space, does indeed exist,

[Reason:] because the defining characteristic applies to that.

Answer: Specifying that that is also not logically possible, [Nāgārjuna says,]

If an entity without a defining characteristic does not exist, to what does the defining characteristic apply (kramatām)? [MMK 5-2cd]

Since there is no basis (gṛhi; ādhi, āśraya, vastu, etc.) [to which the defining characteristic might apply], the [opponent’s] reason, like [that] basis, is not established. [That is,] the reason, [the defining characteristic’s] applying [to it], is not established for a nonexistent object (viṣaya). Therefore there will be the fault that the meaning of the reason is not established.

Alternatively, [one may explain MMK 5-2cd as follows:] In the case [where the thing characterized and the defining characteristic] are nondifferent, if the thing characterized and the defining characteristic are nondifferent, that very [thing] cannot characterize that [same thing]. Because a defining characteristic different from that [space] does not exist, space has no
defining characteristic.

Also, in the case [where the thing characterized and the defining characteristic] are different,

[Thesis:] The alleged defining characteristic is not the defining characteristic of the thing characterized,

[Reason:] because it is different [from that thing],

[Example:] like [a defining characteristic] different from that [alleged defining characteristic].

Since a defining characteristic does not exist, by that [argument] also, space has no defining characteristic. If an entity without a defining characteristic, called "space," does not exist, to what will the defining characteristic apply? The meaning is that it is just not established that that [defining characteristic] applies [to anything].

Moreover, the meaning of that reason, "[because the defining characteristic] applies to the thing characterized," [is the following:] Here the thing characterized is known by means of that invariable concomitance (med na mi 'byung ba, avinābhāva) of this defining characteristic with the properties (dharma), existence and so on, of the thing characterized. But when, for our position,

A defining characteristic does not apply (pravṛtti) to [a thing] which has no defining characteristic nor to one which does have a defining characteris-
tive, [MMK 5-3ab]

then the idea is that [this is so] because a defining characteristic is not established for a nonexistent [thing which has no defining characteristic] and because an entity which has a defining characteristic is also not established.

A thing characterized which is different in kind (vilakṣana) from the sort which has been described,²⁸ is also not established. Therefore,

[A defining characteristic] also does not apply to something other than [a thing] which has a defining characteristic and [a thing] which has no defining characteristic. [MMK 5-3cd]

Therefore in that way, the meaning of what you maintain is not established in ultimate reality, because it is not established that a defining characteristic applies to a contradictory (viruddha) entity, and because there is no example.²⁹

Alternatively, [one may explain MMK 5-3 as follows:] Because that defining characteristic does not exist in [things] without a defining characteristic, such as skyflowers, it does not apply [to them]. That [fact] is common knowledge.
Now, [as for] "nor to one which has a defining characteristic" [MMK 5-3b2], that initial mention (skabs, probably prastāva) of [the idea] that a defining characteristic does not apply to [a thing] which has a defining characteristic, sets forth the thesis. The property of that [defining characteristic, which proves the thesis] is that it is a defining characteristic of [a thing] which is [said to] "have a defining characteristic" if it is characterized by some defining characteristic. The example is by virtue of that [thesis and reason], [that is,] defining characteristics other than that [alleged defining characteristic]. Here the inference is:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, nonobstruction is not the defining characteristic of space,

[Reason:] because it is a defining characteristic,

[Example:] like solidity and so on.

Objection. Those who speak in both ways\(^{30}\) say: A defining characteristic applies to [a thing] which [both] has a defining characteristic and does not have a defining characteristic, according to the mode (rnam grangs las, probably paryāyena). Therefore there is no fault [in our position].

Answer: In order to refute that [position] also, [Nāgārjuna] says,

[A defining characteristic] also does not apply to something other than [a thing] which has a defin-
ing characteristic and [a thing] which has no defining characteristic. [MMK 5-3cd]

That, too, is not [logically] possible [1] because an entity which has the nature of both is not possible and [2] because relative determination (ltoš pa’i nges pa) will also be negated below in chapter [ten], "Examination of Fire and Fuel," and [3] because the two faults shown in both cases [separately] will come about.

[Buddhapālita explains MMK 5-3ab as follows:]

A defining characteristic does not apply to [a thing] which has no defining characteristic.

[MMK 5-3a,b1]

Here, because in that way there is not any entity without a defining characteristic, therefore if an entity without a defining characteristic does not exist, it is not possible that a defining characteristic applies to a nonexistent basis (gzhi med pa).

Nor to one which has a defining characteristic.

[MMK 5-3b2]

Here also, it is not possible that a defining characteristic applies to an entity which has a defining characteristic, either, because it is unnecessary (nisprayojana).

Answer: That is not [logically] possible, [1] because if a defining characteristic exists, it is
not possible that it does not exist in [that thing] which possesses it and [2] because the thing characterized likewise exists.\textsuperscript{35} Also, in [the case of] an established entity which possesses a defining characteristic, it is not contradictory to apply the defining characteristic to the thing characterized in order to remind the opponent.\textsuperscript{36} Therefore that [explanation of Buddhāpālita’s] is not able [to establish that the defining characteristic and the thing characterized have no intrinsic nature].\textsuperscript{37}

Therefore, since in that way it is not possible that the defining characteristic applies to the thing characterized,

If the defining characteristic does not apply [to it], the thing characterized is not possible.

[MMK 5-4ab]

[Thus Nāgārjuna] concludes [his refutation of the opponent’s initial syllogism]\textsuperscript{38} by virtue of the meaning which has been shown.

**Objection:** Here some who have the conceit of hoping to be learned\textsuperscript{39} [and] who cannot bear to reflect upon\textsuperscript{40} the faults of their own position [as] stated [by the Mādhyamika] say: When [we] said that space exists because [its] defining characteristic exists, you imputed
priority and posteriority to the thing characterized and [its] defining characteristic [in MMK 5-1] and said that the meaning of our reason is not established. [That is like the following example:] To [someone] who says that sound is impermanent because it is made, [someone else] replies, "If the fact of being made (byas pa n̄yid, kṛt̄atva) exists before sound has originated, [then] since sound has a variable connection (vyabhicāra) [with the fact of being made], [that fact] cannot be a reason [which proves a thesis about sound]. But if the fact of being made does not exist before sound has originated and exists later, then the meaning of the reason is not established [because there is an interval when sound does not have the property of being made]."

[The opponent continues,] That statement of that [latter person] is not based on valid reasoning (rigs pa dang ma ldan pa, probably ayuktimā), because it states a specious nonestablishment [of the first speaker's reason] (ma grub pa ltar snang ba, probably asiddhy-ābhāsa). Likewise, you wish to criticize [our] stated reason ["because its defining characteristic exists"] by saying,

There is not any space prior to the defining characteristic of space, etc., [MMK 5-1ab, etc.] [But as in our example,] that statement [of yours] negating an existent defining characteristic is also not
Answer: The defining characteristic is also included in the thing characterized, due to [its] particular property (viśeṣa) of being the same or different, etc.; but in ultimate reality, [we] have rejected the ultimately real (pāramārthika) existence of those āyatanas of the thing characterized. Therefore if the thing characterized is not possible, [its] defining characteristic is also not possible. [Thus we] make no effort in order to negate that [reason of yours, "because its defining characteristic exists"].

Listen also to that which [you yourself] have said, "Having imputed priority and posteriority to the thing characterized and [its] defining characteristic," etc. [We] have indicated a negation of difference [of the thing characterized and its defining characteristic] precisely (eva) by showing that [their] priority and posteriority are not possible. Therefore it is not the case that the nonestablishment [of your reason, "because its defining characteristic exists",] is specious.

Objection: That [property] which is different [from the property to be established] but is related [to it] by the defining characteristic of invariable concommitance (avinaśbhava), is the reason. Therefore [your] statement that the meaning of [our] reason ["because its defining characteristic exists"] is not established
because [the defining characteristic] is different [from the thing characterized], is also a specious nonestablishment. 47

Answer: That is not good, because in ultimate reality, [both] difference and relation by the defining characteristic of invariable concomitance are not established [and] therefore [we] wish to get rid of adherence (abhiniveṣa) to them. That reason (sādhana) [i.e., that nonobstruction is the defining characteristic of space] 48 shows an entity which belongs to conventional truth (vyavahāra-satya); therefore it is in accord with convention [but not ultimate reality]. 49

Enough of [this] digression (zhar la bshad pa, probably prasaṅga)!

Objection:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, space does indeed exist,

[Reason:] because it is a defining characteristic.

[Dissimilar Example:] Here whatever does not exist is not considered to be a defining characteristic, as a sky-flower [is not].

[Application:] Space is a defining characteristic, because [in a sūtra] it is said, "Great king, these six elements are the person." 50

[Conclusion:] Therefore that [space] does indeed exist.

Answer: Because it has been shown that the thing characterized is not possible, therefore,
If the thing characterized is not possible, [its] defining characteristic also does not exist.

[MMK 5-4cd]

The idea is that [this is so] [1] because the defining characteristic is also included in the thing characterized [and] therefore it is likewise unestablished, and [2] because there is also no example.51

Because the thing characterized and [its] defining characteristic are not possible if they are investigated in that way with discernment (prajñā), therefore the author of [this] treatise (śāstra-kāra) [Nāgārjuna] sums up [by saying],

Therefore the thing characterized does not exist,
[and its] defining characteristic does not exist at all. [MMK 5-5ab]

The idea is that [this is so] because there is no inference showing that [existence] and because there is an inference showing that that does not exist.

Objection: The Vaibhāṣikas say:
[Thesis:] Space is an entity (bhāva),52
[Reason:] because [the yogin] abandons desire which wishes (chanda-rāga) for that object (viśaya) [when
he leaves the meditative sphere of the infinity of space (ākāśa-anantya-āyatana) and enters the meditative sphere of the infinity of cognition (vijñāna),

[Example:] like matter [desire for which is abandoned when one enters the meditative sphere of the infinity of space].

Alternatively, [space is an entity,]

[Reason:] because it is the object (ālambana) of a meditative attainment (samāpatti),

[Example:] like cognition.

Or else [space is an entity],

[Reason:] because it is unconditioned (asamṣkṛta).

[Example:] like nirvāṇa.

**Answer:** Here if [you] maintain that that space is an entity in ultimate reality, it must be [either] a thing characterized or a defining characteristic; [but we] have shown previously how those [i. e.,] the thing characterized and [its] defining characteristic, are not possible. Therefore, because for our position,

Apart from something characterized and [its] defining characteristic, an entity (bhāva) also does not exist, [MMK 5-5cδ]

therefore without showing an example, there is no
establishment of [the property] to be established.
[There is no example of an entity] because it is not
established that nirvāṇa or anything else is an entity.

**Objection:** Those who belong to other schools (sde pa gzhan dag, nikāya-antarīvāḥ) say:

[Thesis:] Space does indeed exist,
[First Reason:] because it is the boundary (yongs su chad pa, pariccheda) of matter and
[Second Reason:] because it is unconditioned.

**Answer:** This [half-verse]\(^{55}\) has also answered [those] proofs (sādhana) by [showing their] faults. One
should also state that the meaning of [each of those] reasons is not established.

**Objection:** The Sautrāntikas\(^{56}\) say: Space is not an
entity. Then what [is it]? For us, that [space] is the
mere absence of a real substance which possesses resis-
tance (sapratigha-dravya-abhāva-mātra).

**Answer:** Those [reasons given by the Vaibhāṣikas],
"because it is the object of a meditative attainment" and
"because [the yogin] abandons desire which wishes for
that object," excludes [space’s having] the intrinsic
nature of a nonentity (abhāva). Nevertheless,
[Nāgārjuna] wished to state a very clear negation in
order to negate those conceptual constructions about
space [by] those [Sautrāntikas]; [and he] explained that
same [point in a previous verse]:
Matter is not apprehended apart from the cause of matter. [MMK 4-1ab]

Since that [fact that matter is not an entity]⁵⁷ has been shown, therefore,

If an entity (bhāva) does not exist, of what will there be an absence (abhāva)? [MMK 5-6ab]

If an entity called "matter which possesses resistance" does not exist, of what will there be that absence (abhāva) which you have designated as "space"? Since there is no inference which shows that [absence], that meaning is not established.

Alternatively, one may examine [the meaning of MMK 5-6ab]⁵⁸ differently:

Objection:⁵⁹ [We] have not been able to show that point (artha), [namely,] that space is an entity.⁶⁰ You have said that since

Apart from something characterized and [its] defining characteristic, an entity also does not exist, [MMK 5-5cd]

[therefore] there is no example; and even if an example had been established, [the property] to be proved and [the property] which proves [it] would indeed not be established. Therefore we will establish that same [point with the following syllogism]:
[Thesis:] Matter and so on do indeed possess existence (bhāva) [as entities],

[Reason:] because their nonexistence (med pa, perhaps nāsitva) exists in relation (lto s pas, probably apeksayā) [to their existence].

[Similar Example:] Here that which exists has a [corresponding] absence (abhāva) in relation [to it], like the nonexistence of flavor (ro nīd, rasatva) in [some] matter.

[Dissimilar Example.] That which does not exist has no absence in relation [to it], as [one does not speak of the nonexistence of flavor]61 in a horse's horn.

[The Vaibhāṣika continues:] Nor is the meaning of [our] reason unestablished, for you have said more than once that the aggregates, āyatanas, and dhātus do not exist as [the intrinsic nature of]62 the aggregates and so on. Therefore because their nonexistence exists in relation [to their existence], [their] existence (bhāva) [as entities] does indeed exist.

Answer: We have simply made a negation of the existence of entities such as matter; but we have not shown that they do not exist.63 Therefore if an entity called "matter" does not exist, what will be without flavor? Since that [existence of an absence in relation to an existent entity]64 does not exist, [your] example is not established. Therefore the meaning of what [you]
maintain is not established.

**Objection:**

[Thesis:] Entities and nonentities do indeed exist,
[Reason:] because their cognizer exists.
[Similar Example:] Here that which has a cognizer
exists, for example, dharmata ("dharmaness," the way
the dharmas are).

**Answer:** That cognizer of entities and nonentities,
whom the opponent's fancy (yid la bsam pa, probably
manoratha) constructs, must also be [either] an entity or
a nonentity. Since the negation of both of those has
been shown, it is not established that their cognizer
exists.

If [you] suppose that there is some other cognizer,
different in kind from an entity or a nonentity, that
also is not possible. Therefore [Nāgārjuna] says,

> Who that is different in kind (vidharman) from an
entity or a nonentity knows entities and
nonentities? [MMK 5-6cd]

The meaning of the sentence is that that [sort of
cognizer] simply does not exist.

**Objection:** One who is different in kind from an
entity or a nonentity [and] cognizes them [does indeed]
exist, [as] supposed by those who speak of the point of
view (nava) of modes (parvāya). Therefore there is no fault [in our position].

Answer: That is not [logically] possible. [Nāgārjuna's] idea is that [this is so] [1] because two incompatible (mi mthun pa) natures are not possible in one thing and [2] because relativity (llos pa) is not possible [in this case] and [3] because there is no inference which shows that.

Because if one investigates in that way, space cannot bear logical analysis.

Therefore space is not an entity, not a nonentity, not a thing characterized, nor a defining characteristic. [MMK 5-7ab,c1]

Thus [Nāgārjuna] has summed up by virtue of having refuted the criticisms, [that is,] the proofs which have been stated by opponents, showing that [space] is an entity, etc.

[Those] which are the other five elements are also the same as space. [MMK 5-7c2,d]

The meaning of "element" (dhātu) is the meaning of "mine" (‘byung khungs, ākara). Like a gold mine, space and so on are also mines of suffering (duhkha) and
unhappiness (daurmanasya).

Alternatively, the meaning of "element" (dhātu) is the meaning of bearing (dhārana) [its] specific characteristic (svalaksana) without effort.73 "The five" [means] "earth, water, fire, air and cognition." [They are called] "other" [or "latter"] (apara) because they are to be negated after space.74 "[Those which [are the other elements] are also the same as space" means "those which are the other five elements are also to be negated in the same way as space."

Previously, the negation of space was shown by [the verses] beginning from

There is not any space prior to the defining characteristic of space, [MMK 5-lab]

up to

Therefore space is not an entity, not a nonentity, not a thing characterized,

Nor a defining characteristic. [MMK 5-7ab,cl]

Likewise, here also one should state in full [the negation of the other elements] beginning from

There is not any earth, etc., prior to the defining characteristic of earth, etc.,

up to

Therefore earth, etc., are not entities, not nonentities, not things characterized,

Nor defining characteristics.
Because those which are the other five elements, earth and so on, also have the same negation as space, one should show that [they] are similar.

The teaching in the Blessed One's discourses (pravacana) that those elements exist in that way, has expounded those [elements]. Through [the Buddha's] compassion (anukampā) for persons to be converted, [what is] common knowledge conventionally (vyavahāra-prasiddha) is included in conventional truth (vyavahāra-satva); but in ultimate reality, the elements do not exist. Because the elements exist [conventionally], there is no conflict with what [we ourselves] accept (abhyupagata-bādha); but neither are the āyatanas established.

Objection: Again, some say: Because you have nihilistically negated (apavādita) all entities in ultimate reality, [you] have [just] repeated the false view (mithyā-drsti) which takes the form (tshul can) of nihilistically negating all entities. With a counterfeit discourse of the Blessed One, [you] have made a proof of what the Lokāyatas maintain. Therefore this is not the Blessed One's word and should be abandoned.

Answer: As to that, here the opponents are like those who have ophthalmia resulting from an imbalance of the humors [and who try to] remove unreal hairs, flies, mosquitoes, and so on. For when we stated [our] negation of the existence of the āyatanas, we only made a negation
of [their] having intrinsic nature; but [we] did not say that they are nonentities. As it is said in [the Laṅkāvatāra-]sūtra,

As long as there is the object (gocara) of the mind (citta), there will also be the two extremes of existence and nonexistence.

When [its] object has ceased, the mind also ceases completely. [Laṅkāvatāra 3-9]

And likewise,

One who has not fallen into [a belief in] entities, does not make any dharma into a nonentity by means of a nonentity.

Likewise, the Ācārya [Nāgārjuna] himself has also said elsewhere,

This is a negation of existence; it is not an embracing (parigraha) of nonexistence,

Just as when one says, "It is not black," one does not express, "It is white."

Therefore both those kinds [of views, existence and nonexistence,] are bad views (kudrṣṭi), because they are an obstacle to the wise one who desires the bliss (sukha) of the quiescence (upāśama) of every conceptual elaboration (prapañca). How [are they an obstacle]?

Here [suppose that] in ultimate reality, the realms of desire, form, and formlessness (kāma-rūpa-ārūpya-avacara), the supramundane (lokottara), and the
wholesome, unwholesome, and neutral (kusala-akusala-avyākṛta), [all] had the intrinsic nature of coming into existence (ātma-lābha) in that way in which they are conventionally designated. Therefore,

[Thesis:] Effort for the sake of producing and not producing wholesome and unwholesome dharmas [respectively] would just be pointless,

[Reason:] because they exist [already],

[Example:] like a jar and a cloth which [already] exist.

Therefore those who are happy would have [their] particular happiness undiminished, and those who are suffering would also have [their] particular suffering undiminished. Like pictures painted on a wall, living beings' particular ages (vayás), sizes, and postures (īrvā-patha) would not increase or decrease.

But if the three realms [of desire, form, and formlessness], the supramundane, and the wholesome, unwholesome, and neutral were nonexistent [by] intrinsic nature,84 in that case also,

[Thesis:] Effort for the sake of producing and not producing wholesome and unwholesome dharmas [respectively] would just be pointless,

[Reason:] because they do not exist,

[Example:] Just as effort for the sake of sharpening a hare's horn is pointless.

Therefore conventional activity (vyavahāra) would be
destroyed (chad par ḍyur).

Therefore this [following verse] is stated. Those whose intellectual eye is impaired by the ophthalmia of bad views, [that is,]

The weak-minded (alpa-buddhi) who see the existence and nonexistence of entities,

Do not see the quiescence of the visible, [which is] felicity (śiva). [MMK 5-8]

The meaning is that just as one with ophthalmia, whose sense organ is impaired, sees unreal double moons, etc., [so also] the weak-minded who see the existence and nonexistence of entities do not see the quiescence of the visible, [which is] felicity. [That quiescence of the visible] is the very subtle truth of ultimate reality, the object (gocara) of the eye of noble discernment (ārya-prajñā).

[It is called] "the quiescence of the visible" because here all identifying marks (nimitta) of the visible do not appear. [It is called] "felicity" because it is free from all harm. As it is said in a sūtra,85

When some [view] establishes existence by means of causal conditions, there will be nonexistence.86

[That] bad view, the doctrine of origination, teaches existence and nonexistence.
Because the wise one possesses the eye ointment of the vision and cultivation (bhāvanā) of emptiness, he is free from [any] faults of the intellectual eye; [and his] intellectual eye has fully opened. He sees the true state (ji lta ba nyid, perhaps yāthātathva) of entities. As the Blessed One said [in the Ārya-Laṅkāvatāra-sūtra],

When one sees the world as neither existent nor nonexistential nor [both] existent and nonexistential, Then the mind turns back (vāvartate); and one comprehends lack of self (nairātmya).

[Laṅkāvatāra 3-22 = 10-476]

Likewise, as it is said [in the Kāśyapa-parivarta of the Ārya-mahā-ratna-kūta-sūtra,] Kāśyapa, this [view,] "It exists," is one extreme. This [view,] "It does not exist," is also one extreme.

As to that, here the meaning of the chapter [is as follows:] By stating the faults of the reason, "because [their] defining characteristics exist," which was adduced [by the opponent] to show that the elements, earth and so on, exist, [we] have shown that the elements are without intrinsic nature.

Therefore [scriptural] statements such as the following are established: [From the Ārya-brahma-viśeṣa-cintā-pariśrachoṣa-sūtra?],

That which is the internal earth-element
(Ādhyātmika-prthivi-dhātu) and that which is the external (bāhya) earth-element have a nondual meaning (advaya-artha). By means of discernment (prajñā) and wisdom (ve shes, jñāna), the Tathāgata has fully and perfectly realized (abhisambuddha) that that also is nondual, is not divisible into two (gnyis su dbyer med pa), and has a single defining characteristic (eka-lakṣāna), namely, no defining characteristic (alakṣāna). ⁹²

Likewise, [from the Ārya-Maṇjuśrī-vikrīditasūtra,] ⁹³

[Maṇjuśrī said,] "Girl, how should one see the elements (dhātu)?"

The girl said, "Maṇjuśrī, [they should be seen] like this, for example: When the three worlds have been consumed by [fire at the end of] the kalpa, there is not even ash [left behind]." ⁹⁴

Likewise, ⁹⁵

One should not adhere (abhini-vis) to that which is formless, invisible, and baseless, which does not appear and is not made known (avijñaptika). ⁹⁶

Likewise, [from the Bhagavatī-paṭaṇā-pāramitā-suvikrāntavikrāmi-sūtra,] ⁹⁷

Sāradvatīputra, all dharmas have the defining characteristic of nonattachment (asaṅga-lakṣāna). That which is the defining characteristic of some dharma is a noncharacteristic (alakṣāna) of that [dharma]. Therefore
no dharma serves (pratyupasthita) for the production (abhinirvṛtti) of a defining characteristic.

Likewise, [from the Ārya-brahma-viśesa-cintā-paripṛcchā-sūtra,]98

I taught the aggregates to the world, [and] the world came to dwell on them.

One who is wise does not dwell on them; he is not soiled by worldly dharmas.

The world has the defining characteristic of space, and space has no defining characteristic.

Therefore that [wise one] comprehends that; he is not soiled by worldly dharmas.

Likewise, [from the Bhagavatī-prajñā-pāramitā-suvikrāntavikrāmi-sūtra,]99

Sāradvatīputra, [the fact] that all dharmas have no defining characteristic and no perfection (parinispatti) is called "nonattachment."

The fifth chapter, "Examination of the Elements," of the Prajñāpradīpa, a commentary on [Nāgārjuna's] Mūla-madhyamaka composed by Ācārya Bhavyakara/Bhavyakāra (legs ldan byed)100 [is concluded].
Notes to Translation of Chapter Five

1 In this chapter, "element" translates dhātu, in the sense of the six dhātus, earth, water, fire, air, space, (ākāśa), and cognition (vijñāna). In other words, the six dhātus are the four mahābhūtas plus space and cognition. I have also translated bhūta/mahābhūta in chapter four as "element;" but hopefully this will not cause confusion. On the various senses of the term dhātu, see May, p. 97 n. 222 and Franklin Edgerton, Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit Dictionary, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 1970 reprint, pp. 282-4.

2 On the scriptural sources of this quotation, see LVP AK I, p. 49 n. 2. Majjhima-nikāya III, p. 239, has bhikkhu for mahārāja. Candrakīrti gives a Sanskrit version with mahārāja (CPP 129.3,4). Later, Avalokitavrata tells us that the "great king" being addressed is the Buddha's father, Suddhodana. See Ava P94a-5, D84a-3.

3 That is, it will conflict with the Buddha's teaching, which Nāgārjuna, as a Buddhist, must accept. See Ava P70b-1,2; D62a-4,5.

4 That is, as far as the Mādhyamika is concerned, it is not established that that teaching refers to ultimate reality. Thus the fault alleged by the opponent does not exist. See Ava P70b-5,6; D62b-1,2.
5 nam mkha’i ngo bo nyid stong pa nyid kyis bstan sla ba’i phyir, more literally, "because it is easy to show the intrinsic nature of space as being empty (śūnyatā or śūnyatvena)." Here, of course, Bhāvaviveka is speaking of the fact that space is (ontologically) empty of intrinsic nature. He is not referring to the physical emptiness of what is commonly called "empty space."

6 In fact, the Vaibhāṣikas make a distinction between space as one of the three unconditioned (asamskṛta) dharmas and space as one of the six dhātus. The former is defined as anāvaraṇa or anāvṛti (AK 1-5d); the latter is considered to be the visible space between objects, a combination of light and shadow (AK 1-28ab). The Sautrāntikas, on the other hand, make no such distinction. For them, space is simply the absence of anything tangible (sprastavya-abhāva-mātra). See LVP AK I, p. 50 n. 1 and LVP AK II, p. 279.

7 The Vaibhāṣikas have attempted to show in their preceding syllogism that the six dhātus exist because their defining characteristics exist. For instance, space exists because its defining characteristic, nonobstruction, exists. But the elements are identical with their defining characteristics (see AK 1-12cd). Thus the Vaibhāṣikas’ reason is no different from their thesis. See Ava P7la-5 to 7lb-1, D62b-6 to 63a-3.

8 See Ava P7lb-2,3; D63a-4.
9. mtshan par bya ba vin pas mtshan nvid, perhaps lakṣyata iti lakṣaṇam.

10. See note 96 to my translation of chapter three. Once again, the kṛt-pratyaya in question is luyt.

The opponent rejects the view that lakṣaṇa and lakṣya are different because the former refers to the instrument (karana) of the action of characterizing, while the latter refers to the object of the action (karman). For him, lakṣaṇa also refers to the object and thus is identical with lakṣya. See Ava P71b-5 to 72a-4, D63a-6 to 63b-5.

11. de dag gi de ltar khas blangs pa nvid la yang, perhaps tavor evam abhyupagatave 'pi.

12. Since the reason and the thesis are identical, does the reason establish the thesis or vice versa?

13. If the opponent seeks to prove that space exists in ultimate reality, his appeal to convention is contradictory (since a conventionally valid reason cannot prove a positive thesis about ultimate reality). Also, there is no example for the ultimately real existence of space, since no entity exists in ultimate reality. See Ava P73a-2,3,4; D64b-1,2,3.

14. On the Vaibhāṣikas' doctrine of space, see note 6. The Vaiśeṣikas hold that ākāśa (usually translated as "ether" in this context) is an eternal, ubiquitous dravya. See Jadunath Sinha, A History of Indian Philoso-

Avalokitavrata identifies the opponent here as a Śāmkhya. The Śāmkhyas hold that ākāśa (usually translated "ether" in this context also) arises from the "subtle essence" (tanmātra) of sound; and thus ākāśa is the defining characteristic of sound. See Ava P73b-7,8; D65a-6. For the Śāmkhya account of ether and sound, see Sinha, op. cit., Vol. II (1952), pp. 19-20 and Frauwallner, op. cit., Vol. I, pp. 279-80.

For the Vaiśeṣikas, the ether (ākāśa) is the substrate, and thus a cause, of sound. See Sinha, op. cit., Vol. I, pp. 371-4; Frauwallner, op. cit., Vol. II, pp. 147-8; and Potter, op. cit., pp. 90-1, 161-2.

That is, since sound and its defining characteristic are identical, the reason becomes the same as the thesis. See Ava P73b-8 to 74a-2, D65a-6,7.

According to Avalokitavrata, the opponents here are "Vaiśeṣika commentators." See Ava P74a-3, D65b-1,2.

In other words, if Bhāvaviveka's interpretation were correct, MMK 5-1ab should have anyad ākāśalaksanāt
instead of pūrvaṃ ākāśalaksanāt.

19For the Vaiśeṣikas, substance (dravva) and quality (guna) are distinct categories (padārtha). The qualities of a substance (including its defining characteristic) inhere in that substance but are not identical with it. See Sinha, op. cit., Vol. I, p. 317; Frauwallner, op. cit., Vol. II, pp. 141, 152-3; and Potter, op. cit., pp. 49, 84.

20See Ava P75a-2,3; D66a-6,7. "Alleged" translates smra bar 'dod pa, probably vivaksita.

21Avalokitavrata points out that Bhāvaviveka's first explanation of MMK 5-1d leads to a negation of the thing characterized; his second explanation leads to a negation of the defining characteristic. See Ava P75b-7,8; D67a-3,4.

22The Vaiśeṣika, according to Avalokitavrata. See Ava P76a-1, D67a-5.

23Avalokitavrata glosses this as "the defining characteristic does not exist in the thing characterized, and the thing characterized does not exist in the defining characteristic." See Ava P76a-1 to 4, D67a-4 to 7. Of course, ... la med pa could also be translated as "does not belong to," as well as "does not exist in."

24Like a refractory ox who cannot be turned back with a stick, the opponent may refuse to concede defeat and shamelessly assert that space exists without a
defining characteristic. See Ava P76a-6 to 76b-1, D67b-1 to 4.

25 Conventionally, space does have a defining characteristic; but that fact cannot be used to prove the thesis in the opponent's initial syllogism, that space exists in ultimate reality.

26 See Ava P76b-2,3,4; D67b-5,6.

27 Avalokitavrata identifies the opponents here as "Vaiśeṣikas, etc." See Ava P76b-4, D67b-6,7.

28 That is, a thing characterized which neither has nor does not have a defining characteristic. See Ava P78a-3,4; D69a-4,5.

29 The opponent maintains that a thing characterized, such as space, exists because a defining characteristic applies to it. ("The meaning of what you maintain" translates khyod kyi 'dod pa'i don, literally, "your desired meaning.") A "contradictory entity" is one which neither has nor does not have a defining characteristic. Since it has been shown that a defining characteristic does not apply to a thing which has one, a thing which does not have one, or a thing which neither has nor does not have one, there is no example of something to which a defining characteristic applies. See Ava P78a-6,7; D69a-6,7.

30 rnam pa gnyis su smra ba dag, identified by Avalokitavrata as 'os pa pa dag, ārhatāḥ, that is, the

31 An entity with two mutually incompatible natures, like a bird which is half dead and half alive, is not seen in the world. Therefore an entity which both has and does not have a defining characteristic is not possible. See Ava P79a-5,6; D70a-4,5.

32 The opponent replies that the example of a bird which is half dead and half alive [reminiscent of Schrödinger’s cat] is not applicable. Rather it is like the fact that a man is a son in relation to his father and a father in relation to his son. In reply, Avalokitavrata quotes MMK 10-8:

If fire is dependent on fuel and if fuel is dependent on fire,
Which of the two is established first, in dependence on which there would be fire and fuel?

See Ava P79a-6 to 79b-3, D70a-5 to 70b-2.

33 That is, to say that a thing both has and does not have a defining characteristic is to incur the faults which have been shown for each alternative separately.

In Bhāvaviveka’s first explanation, MMK 5-3cd refers
to an entity which neither has nor does not have a defining characteristic. In his second explanation, it refers to an entity which both has and does not have a defining characteristic.


35_Here Bhāvaviveka criticizes Buddhapālita’s commentary on MMK 5-3a,bl on the grounds that he tacitly assumes that the lakṣaṇa exists while negating the lakṣya. See Ava P79b-8 to 80a-4, D70b-6 to 71a-2.

In fact, Nāgārjuna’s own method in chapter five is to reject the ultimately real existence of the lakṣya in the first three and a half verses and then to negate the lakṣaṇa in MMK 5-4cd. Given his use of prasajya-pratīṣṭedha and the prasaṅga method, it does not seem that he must affirm the existence of the lakṣaṇa while arguing against the lakṣya; and the same is true for Buddhapālita.

36_Here Bhāvaviveka is criticizing Buddhapālita’s commentary on MMK 5-3b2. One can say, "This is the defining characteristic of this thing," in order to remind someone who has forgotten that fact. See Ava P80a-4 to 8, D71a-2 to 5.

It is not clear that this is the sense of "appli-
tion" (pravṛtti) that Nāgārjuna and Buddhapālita have in mind. They seem to be thinking of a logically necessary relationship between the defining characteristic and the thing characterized, rather than of the use of words to communicate a fact.

37 See Ava P80a-8, D71a-5.

38 See Ava P80b-4,5; D71b-1,2.

39 Avalokitavrata describes these opponents as Buddhists and others who falsely consider themselves learned in the science of logic (rigs pa'i bstan bcos, nyāya/yukti-sāstra). See Ava P80b-6,7,8; D71b-3,4.


41 See Ava P81b-3,4; D72a-7 to 72b-1.

42 Avalokitavrata remarks that in superficial reality, the defining characteristic's particular property of being neither the same as nor different from the thing characterized includes it in the thing characterized. See Ava P81b-6,7; D72b-2,3.

43 See Ava P81b-8; D72b-4.

44 Avalokitavrata says that Bhāvaviveka's arguments are not comparable to the opponent's example. In the argument, "sound is impermanent because it is made," the words, "because it is made," produce a cognition that sound is impermanent; but the fact that sound is imperma-
nent exists before the reason is uttered. Thus it is incorrect to argue that the reason is not established. On the other hand, Bhāvaviveka argues that the thing characterized and its defining characteristic cannot be different by showing that they cannot exist at different times. See Ava P82a-3 to 82b-5, D72b-6 to 73a-7.

45 The opponents are those who say that the thing characterized and its defining characteristic are different. See Ava P82b-6, D73b-1.

46 The reason (e. g., "being made," ) must invariably be accompanied by the property to be established (e. g., "being impermanent"). The reverse need not be true.

47 In his commentary on MMK 5-2cd, Bhāvaviveka gave the following syllogism: The alleged defining characteristic is not the defining characteristic of the thing characterized, because it is different [from that thing], like [a defining characteristic] different from that [alleged defining characteristic]. See Ava P82b-6 to 83a-3, D73b-1 to 5.

48 See Ava P83b-1,2; D74a-3.

49 The Mādhyamikas do not reject the invariable concomittance of the thing characterized and its defining characteristic on the level of superficial reality, because to do so would contradict perception. See Ava P83a-6,7; D73b-7 to 74a-1 and P83b-1,2; D74a-3,4.

50 See note 2.
The opponent cannot cite a similar example, that is something which exists (in ultimate reality) and is a defining characteristic. See Ava P84b-2,3,4; D75a-2,3.

The Abhidharma-kosa-bhasya on AK 2-55cd contains a long debate between the Vaibhāsikas and the Sautrāntikas as to whether the three unconditioned (asamskṛta) dharmas, especially nirvāṇa, are bhāvas or abhāvas. See LVP AK II, pp. 278-87. See also the sources translated in Louis de La Vallée Poussin, "Documents d'Abhidharma," Bulletin de l'École Française d'Extrême-Orient XXX (1930), pp. 1-28, 247-98.

See Ava P85a-3 to 7, D75b-2 to 5. For a discussion of the four ārūpyas, see LVP AK VIII, pp. 133-44 and LVP AK III, p. 21 n. 1. See also Avalokitavrata's long and interesting discussion in Ava P86a-3 to 87b-6, D76b-3 to 78a-2.

On this term, see LVP AK VIII, p. 182 n. 4 and Edgerton, op. cit., pp. 569-70. The samāpatti referred to is again the sphere of the infinity of space, while the example refers to the sphere of the infinity of cognition. Strictly speaking, space and cognition are the objects not of the samāpattis named after them, but of the preparatory exercises for those samāpattis; see AK 8-4ac.

MMK 5-5cd, according to Avalokitavrata. See Ava P88a-4, D78a-6,7.
See note 52.

See Ava P89a-4,5; P79a-6.

See Ava P89a-8 to 89b-1, D78b-2,3.

The opponent here is a Vaibhāśīka. See Ava P89b-3, D79b-4. This identification seems justified by the fact that the opponent here alludes to the arguments advanced earlier by the Vaibhāśikas. The syllogism which follows, however, is reminiscent of the Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika position. On the latter, see Sinha, op. cit., Vol. I, pp. 346-53; Frauwallner, op. cit., Vol. II, pp. 110-1; Sharma, op. cit., pp. 182-3; and Potter, op. cit., pp. 53, 110, 141-6.

This refers to the Vaibhāśika's three syllogisms following MMK 5-5ab. See Ava P89b-3,4,5; D79b-4,5.

See Ava P90a-4,5; D80a-4,5.

See Ava P90b-3, D80b-3.

Avalokitavrata points out that the negation of bhāva is a prasajya-pratiṣedha, not a paryudāsa-pratiṣedha. See Ava P90b-8 to 91a-1, D80b-7 to 81a-1.

See Ava P91a-2, D81a-1,2.

Avalokitavrata attributes this objection to both the Sautrāntikas and the Vaibhāśikas. See Ava P91a-4, D81a-3. In fact, while the Sautrāntikas do hold that both bhāvas and abhāvas can be objects of cognition, the Vaibhāśikas argue that only a bhāva can be an object of cognition. See LVP AK V p. 62.
One would usually translate *shes pa* as "cognition" (*jñana*, etc.); but given *kah* in MMK 5-6d and Avalokitavrata's subcommentary, it seems to mean "cognizer" (*shes pa po; jñātṛ*, etc.) here.

As the Buddha, the cognizer of *dharmatā*, exists, so the yogin who cognizes entities and nonentities exists. See Ava P91a-5,6; D8la-4,5.

*ṛnam grangā kyi tshul smra ba dag, paryāva-naya-vādīnāḥ*. On the Jaina doctrine of the modes (*paryāya*) of a thing and the different points of view (*naya*) from which it can be considered, see the references in note 30.

Ava P92a-1,2 and 6 identify the opponents as here as *ṭos pa pa dag, ārhatāḥ*; Ava D81b-7 and 82a-4 have *ṭuc pa pa dag, aulūkyāḥ*, i. e., the Vaiśeṣikas. Since the view described here seems clearly to be that of the Jains, *ṭos pa pa dag* must be the right reading.

Avalokitavrata explains that although a man may be a son in relation to his father and a father in relation to his son, he cannot be said to be alive in relation to death and dead in relation to life. That is, he must be either alive or dead. Likewise, he cannot be an entity from one point of view and a nonentity from another. See Ava P92a-1 to 8, D81b-7 to 82a-6.

*ṭhad pa mi bchod pa*, perhaps *upapatty-aksama*.

One might be inclined to translate "criticisms
[and] proofs;" but Avalokitavrata says the those proofs themselves are also criticisms against the Mādhyamika.

See Ava P92b-5,6,7; D82b-3,4.

72See LVP AK I, p. 37.

73byed pa med par might also mean "without an instrument" or "without activity." For svalaksana-
dhāraṇād dhātuh, see Abhidharmakośa-bhāṣya on AK 3-3, Shastri edition, p. 385; Pradhan edition, p. 112.

74Avalokitavrata explains that Nāgārjuna has negated space first because it is generally believed in the world that space is nothing at all (ci yang ma vin pa, perhaps akimcit), whereas earth and so on are considered to be entities, etc. Once space is negated, it can serve as an example in syllogisms negating the other elements. Thus space is dealt with first, despite the fact that earth comes first in the list given in the sūtras. See Ava P93a-6 to 93b-2, D83a-3 to 6.

75The syntax from the beginning of the paragraph to here is not entirely clear. For Avalokitavrata’s commentary, see Ava P94a-8 to 94b-3, D83a-5,6,7.

76Since the elements exist conventionally, the Mādhyamika need not reject the Buddha’s teaching on that subject; rather, the Mādhyamika regards it as conventional truth. On the other hand, since the elements do not exist in ultimate reality, the opponent cannot use the purely conventional existence of the elements to prove
that the Āyatanaś exist in ultimate reality. Compare Ava P95a-1,2; D84b-6.

77Avalokitavrata identifies the opponents as "some of our fellow Buddhists, Samghabhadra and so on." See Ava P95a-4,5; D85a-2. Presumably, this refers to the Vaibhāṣika master Samghabhadra who wrote a rebuttal to Vasubandhu's Abhidharmakośa-bhāṣya. See, e.g., LVP AK I, "Introduction," pp. xxii-xxiii. Parts of Samghabhadra's work are translated in La Vallée Poussin, "Documents d'Abhidharma," op. cit., and Mélanges Chinois et Bouddhiques 1 (1931-2), pp. 65-126 and 5 (1936-7), pp. 1-188.

78See AK 5-7 and LVP AK V, p. 18.

79skyon cha ma mnyam pa, probably doṣa-visama. Avalokitavrata glosses this as "an imbalance of the three doṣas of wind, bile, and phlegm;" see Ava P95a-8, D85a-5.

80Avalokitavrata explains that the Mādhyamika negates the existence of the Āyatanaś in ultimate reality by means of prasajya-pratiṣedha, not paryudāsa-pratiṣedha. Thus his negation does not entail the affirmation that the Āyatanaś are nonentities. Hence the Mādhyamaka-Śāstra is free from the two extremes of the views of permanence and annihilation. See Ava P95b-7, D85b-2,3.

81Avalokitavrata does not identify the source of this and the following quotation. See Ava P95b-7 to 96a-
1, D85b-3,4,5. The Sanskrit text of the Laṅkāvatāra verse is found in Bunyu Nanjio, The Laṅkāvatāra Sūtra, Kyoto: Otani University, 1923 (reprint 1956), p. 147.

82Identified by Avalokitavrata as "the śāstra called Loka-parīkṣā composed by ācārya Nāgārjuna himself." See Ava P96a-2,3; D85b-6. This lost work of Nāgārjuna's is known to modern scholarship only from this single quotation. See Christian Lindtner, Nāgārjuniana, Indiske Studier IV, Copenhagen: Akademisk Forlag, 1982, p. 14 n. 27.

83Avalokitavrata explains that the verse illustrates prasajya-pratisedha. See Ava P96a-3,4; D85b-7 to 86a-1.

84ngo bo nvid med pa vin par gyur na. One might translate this as "if they were without intrinsic nature," but that translation seems wrong in this context. Also, Avalokitavrata has the gloss kun rdzob tu tshul gan gis the snyad gdags pa tsam gyi tshul der yang med pa vin par gyur na'o, "if they were nonexistent even in that way in which they are mere conventional designations in superficial reality." See Ava P97b-1, D87a-4.

85Avalokitavrata comments on this verse, but he does not identify its source. See P98a-6 to 98b-1, D88a-1 to 4.

86When the existent thing has ceased, there will be nonexistence. See Ava, loc. cit.

87A reference to the path of vision or seeing
(darśana-mārga) and the path of cultivation (bhāvanā-
mārga). In the Mahāyāna, these paths coincide with the
bodhisattva-bhūmis. Avalokitavrata explains that the
vision of emptiness is the "non-seeing" of the existence
and nonexistence of entities, which takes place when one
comprehends the supremely profound dependent origination,
which is free from the extremes of permanence and
annihilation. See Ava P98b-2 to 5, D88a-5, 6, 7.

88 Identified by Avalokitavrata; see Ava P98b-5,
D88a-7. The Sanskrit text is found in Nanjio, op. cit.,
pp. 152-3 and pp. 324-5.

89 Identified by Avalokitavrata; see Ava P98b-8,
D88b-2. The Sanskrit text is found in The
Kāśyapaparivarta, ed. A. von Staël-Holstein, Shanghai:
Commercial Press, 1926, p. 90.

90 See note 151 to my translation of chapter three.
Avalokitavrata's remarks are similar here. See Ava:
(1) P99a-4, 5, D88b-5, 6; (2) P99a-7, D89a-1; (3) P99b-1, 2,
D89a-3; (4) P99b-3, 4, D89a-5; (5) P99b-7, 8, D89b-1, 2;
(6) P100a-2, 3, D89b-4; and (7) P100a-8 to 100b-1, to
D90a-1, 2, 3.

91 Identified by Avalokitavrata; see Ava P99a-5,
D88a-7. The same passage was quoted by Bhāvaviveka
toward the end of chapter three. I have not been able to
locate this passage in the Sde dge bka' 'gyur edition of
the sūtra.
92 See note 153 to my translation of chapter three.
93 Identified by Avalokitavrata; see Ava P99a-8, D85a-2. The same passage was quoted by Bhāvaviveka toward the end of chapter three. See note 152 to my translation of chapter three. The quotation here differs from that in chapter three in having bskal pas for chapter three’s bskal pa’i mes.
94 See note 155 to my translation of chapter three.
95 Identified by Avalokitavrata only as being "from other sūtrāntas." See Ava P99b-1,2; D89a-4. The passage is very similar to a sentence which occurs three times in the Kāśyapa-parivarta; see von Staël-Holstein, op. cit., pp. 86-7, 90 (related sentence, p. 144).
96 Avalokitavrata explains the last two phrases by saying that it does not appear as an object (viṣaya) [of the six senses] and that it cannot be grasped by the cognition of the eye, etc. The referent is paramārtha-satya. See Ava P99b-4,5,6; D89a-5,6,7.
97 Identified by Avalokitavrata only as Bhagavatī-prajñā-paramitā-sūtra; see Ava P99b-6, D89a-7 to 89b-1. The Sanskrit text is found in Ryusho Hikata, Suvikrāntavikrāmi-pariprcchā Prajñāparamitā-sūtra, Fukuoka, Japan: Kyushu University, 1958, p. 61.
98 Identified by Avalokitavrata; see Ava P99b-8 to 100a-1, D89b-2. The same two verses were quoted by Bhāvaviveka toward the end of chapter four. The first
two pādās of the first verse are found in the Sde dge bka’ ’gyur, Mdo sde Ba 36b-3 (with a slightly different Tibetan translation). For the third pāda, compare byang chub sems dpa’ mkhas pa der|| on 36b-4. The second verse is found on 37a-1,2, with a rather different third pāda: de dag de vi ’gro rig nas||. Avalokitavrata remarks that the first two pādās of the second verse also occur in the Ārva-sarva-buddha-visāya-avatāra-jñāna-āloka-alāṃkāra-sūtra. See Ava P100a-4, D89b-5,6.

99Identified by Avalokitavrata only as "that same Bhagavatī-prajñā-paramitā-sūtra." See Ava P100a-5,6; D89b-7. The Sanskrit is found in Hikata, op. cit., p. 62.

100See note 161 to my translation of chapter three.
Translation of Prajñāpradīpa, Chapter Seventeen:
Examination of Action (karman) and Result (phala)

Now [Nāgārjuna] begins the seventeenth chapter with the aim of showing that action and result have no intrinsic nature (svabhāva) by means of refuting a particular counterposition (vipakṣa)¹ to emptiness (śūnyatā) as [in the previous chapter].² It was shown in the immediately preceding chapter that saṃsāra³ is possible neither for the saṃskāras⁴ nor for a being (sattva) nor for a person (pudgala). Therefore here the opponents, having superimposed [their own views on]⁵ the meaning asserted by [Nāgārjuna], the author of the treatise, say [the following]:

Objection:⁶ You have stated that saṃsāra is not possible for permanent or impermanent saṃskāras because the fault of permanence or annihilation would occur. You have shown that:

Nirvāṇa is not possible for the saṃskāras in any way. [MMK 16-4ab]

Therefore, here [we] will prove that [in fact] the faults of permanence and annihilation do not occur but that saṃsāra exists for the saṃskāras.

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality (paramārthataḥ), saṃsāra does indeed exist for the internal saṃskāras,
[Reason:] because of the connection of action and
result.

[Dissimilar Example:] Here the connection of action and result is not seen in what does not exist, for instance, the samskāras of a "barren woman's son."

[Application:] The connection of action and result exists for the internal samskāras.

[Conclusion:] Therefore by virtue of the stated reason, in ultimate reality samsāra does indeed exist for the internal samskāras. As to that, [to describe] action first of all:

The mind which restrains itself and benefits others [And is] benevolent is dharma. That [dharma] is the seed of results in this life (iha) and after death (pretya). [MMK 17-1]

"To restrain (samyamaka) oneself" is to perform self-restraint correctly (samyak) and to refrain from unwholesome [action]. What is meant [in the verse] is mind which is conjoined (samprayukta) with a volition (cetanā) to abandon the unwholesome. "To benefit others" is to perform beneficial actions for others, such as giving and speaking kindly and protecting from danger. What is called "benevolence" (maitra) is benevolence because it arises on account of a friend (mitra). Alternatively, benevolent [mind] itself is benevolence
(maitra), because an affix (pratyaya) corresponding with that [base] is used in a pleonastic sense (svārthe). Such volition [of the three kinds mentioned] is dharma.

That [dharma] is the seed, meaning cause (hetu) and causal condition (pratyaya). Of what? Of results. Where? In this [life] and after death, on account of [results'] being experienced in this and other lives. Volition is said to be the seed itself because it sets in motion (samutthāpaka) bodily and verbal action.

The opposite of dharma is non-dharma (adharma).
"Non-dharma" and "evil" (pāpa) and "unwholesomeness" (akuśala) are synonyms. The opposites of non-dharma [and its synonyms] are the synonyms of dharma. Neutral (avyākṛta, literally "unexpounded") [volitions]\(^\text{10}\) are of four kinds: those that have arisen from [karmic] maturation (vipākaja); those relating to the [four] bodily postures, [lying, sitting, standing, walking] (airvāpathika); those related to skills (śailpasthānika); and those connected with magical emanation (nairmita or nairmāṇika).\(^\text{11}\) They are neutral because desirable and undesirable maturations do not arise [from them] and because they have not been expounded as wholesome or unwholesome.

Thus those [actions] which are classified as dharma and so on are also twofold:
The best of sages has explained that action is volition and [what is done after] having willed (cetayitvā).¹² [MMK 17-2ab]

The best of sages is the Blessed One. He is both a sage and best¹³ because he has traversed all [paths?] to be traversed and because he is the best of the sages called "śrāvakas, pratyekabuddhas, and bodhisattvas." He has explained that actions, which are classified as dharma, non-dharma, and neutral, are twofold: volition and [what is done after] having willed.

Manifold divisions of that action have been proclaimed.¹⁴ [MMK 17-2cd]

[Such] is the brief explanation. To explain that in detail:

As to that, that action which is called "volition" is termed "mental." [MMK 17-3ab]

The phrase "as to that" has the sense of specification (āmigs kvis bsal ba, probably avadhāraṇa). That action which is called "volition" is termed "mental." "Mental" means "belonging to the mind (manas)," because [mental action] reaches completion solely by means of the
mind. Bodily and vocal [actions] are not called "volition." Although they are set in motion by volition, they are completed by means of body and speech [respectively].

What is called [action after] having willed is bodily or vocal. [MMK 17-3cd]

"[Action after] having willed" is what is done after the mind has willed [it]. Thus that action which is called "[action after] having willed" is bodily or vocal, because it consists of body or speech and because it reaches completion only by means of them. Thus, to begin with, action is twofold.

How is it manifold?

Speech and movement and the nonabstentions which are called "noninformation" (avijñāpti),

The other noninformations [which are] abstentions [and] are also declared in that way, [MMK 17-4] Merit which follows enjoyment and demerit of the same kind

And volition; these seven dharmas are declared to be manifest as action. [MMK 17-5]

As to that, speech is the clear enunciation of syllables. Movement is motion of the body. As for
"noninformation which is nonabstention": From the moment that one has resolved, "[I] will perform such-and-such an unwholesome [action] by means of my body or speech or mind," even though the agent does not perform that action, [there is a] noninformation characterized by nonabstention, which has arisen because of the unwholesome [resolve] which one has taken upon oneself.

The other noninformations, which are abstentions, are also declared in that way. After a volition in which one has resolved, "I will do such-and-such a wholesome action of body or speech or mind," from then on, even though the agent does not perform that action, [there is a] noninformation characterized by abstention, produced by the volition in which one took a wholesome activity upon oneself. [Both kinds are called] "noninformation" because they do not make their presence known to others although they have the intrinsic nature of [material] form and action.

The phrase "merit which follows enjoyment" should be construed as [meaning], "that merit arose from enjoyment as its cause." The [term] "enjoyment" [refers to] the use [by the recipient] of what has been given to the Three Jewels [i. e., the Buddha, Dharma, and Saṅgha] as objects [of the gift]. "Arisen from that as its cause," i. e., arisen following that, is a synonym of "connection" and "increase." 17 "Merit" (punya) [is called]
"merit" because it purifies (punāti); it is a synonym of "the wholesome." Demerit arisen from enjoyment is also of the same kind, meaning that it has arisen from enjoyment as its cause. Demerit is to be understood as the opposite of merit.¹⁸

[The word] "volition" indicates mental action. Well, what is that "volition"? It is making up [one's] mind (citta-abhisamkāra) because of [one's] good qualities and faults; that is, it is mental action.

Thus those seven, speech and the rest, are dharmas; [that is,] they are dharmas in the sense of bearing [their] specific characteristics (svalaksanā-dhāranā). They are "declared to be manifest as action;" [that is,] they are declared to have action as [their] defining characteristic (karmalaksanāh). The actions of meditation (dhyāna), reading aloud, etc., do exist; but because they are included in just these, only seven [kinds of action] are specified. The connection which is seen between that [sevenfold] action and [its] result has as [its] defining characteristic the origination of the five aggregates¹⁹ in the five states of existence (gati).²⁰ Thus by a reason which has as its defining characteristic the connection of action and result, in ultimate reality samsāra does indeed exist for the internal samskāras. Therefore because bondage and liberation exist, in ultimate reality internal entities do indeed have intrinsic
nature.

Answer: In this case, that action, having originated, would either persist until the time of [its] maturation or else it would cease [after] having originated. As to that, in the first place,

If it remained until the time of maturation, that action would be permanent. [MMK 17-6ab]

The meaning is [as follows]: That which does not cease as soon as it has arisen, not having the nature of that [cessation], cannot cease later, either. Therefore it follows that it would be permanent.

Objection: Like plantain trees and reeds and bamboo, that [action] ceases after the maturation of [its] fruit/result (phala). Therefore there is no fault.

Answer: It is not the case that there is no fault, [1] because [we] hold that the cessation of the plantain tree, etc., at each moment is different from [its] cessation due to the breaking of the series [of moments] of the same kind as that, and [2] because in ultimate reality, it is not possible that even bamboo and so on are connected with a fruit/result, as [in the case of] action, and [3] also because it is difficult to show that what did not cease previously would come to have that nature [i.e., impermanence] later.
Objection: Even though cessation does not exist prior to the cause of cessation, it will exist later. Therefore even what did not cease before will indeed cease later.\textsuperscript{26}

Answer: That, also, is not logically possible, [1] because it conflicts with inference (anumāna-bāḍha) since [Thesis:] That which is said to be the cause of the cessation of something is not [in fact] the cause of its cessation, [Reasons:] because [the alleged cause] is different from that [thing]\textsuperscript{27} or because [the alleged cause itself] has a cause, [Example:] like [something] different from that [alleged cause]\textsuperscript{28} and [2] because it conflicts with what [you yourself] affirm (abhyupagata-bāḍha),\textsuperscript{29} since it is stated in scripture (Āgama) that

Body, sense organs, and cognitions Remain no longer than an instant. But if, to avoid that fault, [you] should assert that [action] ceases as soon as it has arisen, even so If it has ceased, how will what has ceased produce a result? [MMK 17-6cd]
What is meant is that [this is so] because what has ceased simply has no nature of its own. Even if [you] suppose that what is in the process of ceasing (nirudhyamāna) produces a result, [that is not the case] [1] because no matter whether what is in the process of ceasing has ceased or has not ceased, that is not possible and [2] because the questions raised in objection (paryanuyoga) and the answers are the same. Even if [you] suppose that what is in the process of ceasing is "about to cease" (nirodha-abhimukha), [that is not the case] because there will be the [previously] stated fault.30 Even if [you] suppose that [what is in the process of ceasing] is indescribable [as having ceased or not having ceased], [that is not the case] because it conflicts with inference, since

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, it is not possible for the indescribable to produce a result,

[Reason:] because it is indescribable,

[Example:] like that which is in the process of arising (utpadyamāna).31

So that also is worthless (asāra). Therefore there are those same faults [1] that the meaning of [the opponent's] reason is not established and [2] that [its] meaning is contradictory.32

Objection:33 The connection of action and result is indeed possible. Why? Because the result is established
on account of the stream of the [individual] series (rgyud kyi rgyun). Thus for example,

The series of the sprout and so on proceeds from the seed.

From that [series] the fruit [proceeds]. Without the seed, that [series] also does not proceed.34

[MMK 17-7]

Because the series proceeds from the seed and the fruit arises from the series

[And] the seed precedes the fruit, therefore [the seed] is neither annihilated nor eternal.

[MMK 17-8]

The series - having as [its] defining characteristic[s] the sprout, leaves, stalk, hollow stem (sбу gu), ear (snye ma), husk (sbun pa), awn (gra ma), unripe grains (srus), ripe grains (bras bu thug po che), etc. - proceeds from a seed which has ceased; and from that series, the fruit proceeds. Without the seed, the series beginning with the sprout will not proceed from it. Because the series proceeds from the seed and the fruit proceeds from the series and the seed precedes the fruit, therefore [the seed] is not annihilated, since it persists by means of the seed's series [i. e., the sprout, etc.]. Nor is [the seed] permanent, because when the
sprout arises, that seed has ceased. Thus that is a statement of a similar example.

Likewise,

The mind's series proceeds from volition (*sams pa, cetas*). 35

From that [series] the result [proceeds]. Without volition, 36 that [series] also does not proceed.

[MMK 17-9]

Because the series [proceeds] from volition 37 and the result arises from the series

And action precedes the result, therefore [action] is not annihilated or eternal. [MMK 17-10]

The mind's series, which has the characteristic of going on connectedly, proceeds from that volition which has ceased, which is the benevolent or unbenevolent volition called "action." From that series, the result, characterized by the experience of what is desirable or undesirable, proceeds. Without volition, that series of the mind also will not proceed. Thus that [verse] has shown the property 38 of action, continuing [in a] series.

Because the "series," meaning the "connected series which develops, connected in the relationship (*bhāva*) of cause and result," proceeds from volition and the result proceeds from the series and action precedes the result,
therefore [action] is neither annihilated nor permanent. What is meant is that [this is so] because, for the reason shown, the series of the \textit{samskāras} produces the result and because [the members of the series] do not persist for a second moment. Thus that is a statement of the conclusion.\textsuperscript{39}

Therefore here the inference [is as follows:]

\textbf{[Thesis:]} In ultimate reality, the connection of action and result does indeed exist for the \textit{samskāras} which are [conventionally] spoken of by the term "[sentient] being,"

\textbf{[Reason:]} because the Blessed One taught those desiring to obtain a particular result a method for obtaining a connection with that [result],

\textbf{[Similar Example:]} like the connection of seed and fruit.

\textbf{[Dissimilar Example:]} Here, as for that which does not exist, the Blessed One did not teach a method for obtaining a connection with that; for instance, [he did not teach a method for obtaining] a garland of sky-flowers.

As to this,

The means of accomplishing dharma are the ten white paths of action.\textsuperscript{40}

The five desirable sense qualities\textsuperscript{41} are the result
of dharma, in this life and after death.

[MMK 17-11]

[That is, the five desirable sense qualities are the result] from among the different kinds of results of maturation (vipāka-phala) and results similar to their cause (niryanda-phala). Thus the Blessed One taught those desiring a particular result a method for obtaining a connection with that [result]. Therefore, by virtue of the stated reason, the stated meaning is established.

Others say:

If that hypothesis (kalpanā) were [so], there would be many great faults.

Therefore that hypothesis is not possible here.

[MMK 17-12]

If your hypothesis, which has the characteristic that [the fruit] is similar to the series of the seed, were so, many great faults would occur. [Your hypothesis would] conflict with inference since

[Thesis:] The series of a god and so on would not arise from a human’s series,

[Reason:] because they are of different kinds,

[Example:] just as the fruit of a mango, etc., does not arise from the seed of a nimba tree.
Likewise, [there would be many great faults] because [your hypothesis would] conflict with the stated inference [since] there would not arise:

[IA] from a wholesome mind,
[1] an unwholesome or
[2] a neutral mind;

[IB] from an unwholesome mind,
[1] a wholesome or
[2] a neutral mind;

[IC] from a neutral mind,
[1] a wholesome or
[2] an unwholesome mind;\(^\text{46}\)

[IIA] from a mind belonging to [the realm of] desire (kāma-avacara),
[1] [a mind] belonging to [the realm of] form (rūpa-avacara) or
[2] [a mind] belonging to [the realm of] formlessness (ārūpya-avacara) or
[3] a supramundane (lokottara) mind;

[IIB] from a mind belonging to [the realm of] form,
[1] [a mind] belonging to [the realm of] desire or
[2] [a mind] belonging to [the realm of] formlessness or
[3] a supramundane mind;

[IIC] from a mind belonging to [the realm of]
formlessness,

[1] [a mind] belonging to [the realm of] desire or
[2] [a mind] belonging to [the realm of] form or
[3] a supramundane mind.47

Thus it would not be possible to perform the wholesome
and abandon the unwholesome.48 Therefore that hypothesis
is not possible here,

Well, how are [action and result] possible? [The
following hypothesis is] unsullied by the stain of the
faults which have been described:

I will explain that hypothesis which is [logically]
possible here,

Which was stated by the Buddhas, pratyekabuddhas,
and śrāvakas. [MMK 17-13]

And what is that?

As a debt and the document [on which the debt is
recorded], so [are] action and nondisappearance
(avicraṇāśa).49

[MMK 17-14ab]

Like the document [on which] a debt [is recorded],
the dharma having as its defining characteristic the
nondisappearance of action persists. For example,
although that wealth of the loan has been lent, because the document [on which the debt is recorded] exists, the creditor's wealth does not disappear; and principal and interest will accrue [to him]. Likewise, although the momentary action has ceased, because the dharma called "nondisappearance," which has arisen from that [action] as [its] cause, exists, the result of the agent's action does not not disappear; and a specific result will accrue [to him]. Just as when a creditor has called back [his] wealth, the document [on which a debt is recorded] becomes inoperative, so also when the agent has experienced the result, the nondisappearance likewise becomes [inoperative].

That [nondisappearance] is fourfold according to [its] realm (dhātu). [MMK 17-14c]

That nondisappearance is fourfold according to the division of realms: belonging to desire, form, and formlessness and undefiled (anāsrava).

That [nondisappearance] is also neutral (avvākrta) by nature. [MMK 17-14d]

[It is neutral] because it is not explained as being wholesome or unwholesome.
[The nondisappearance] cannot be abandoned through abandonment [of what can be abandoned by means of seeing the Four Noble Truths]. [MMK 17-15a]

[This is so] because it cannot be abandoned through the abandonment of what can be abandoned by means of seeing [the Four Noble Truths:] suffering, origin, cessation, and path.

[The nondisappearance] can be abandoned only through meditation (bhāvanā) or ... [MMK 17-15b]

[This is so] because it is abandoned by means of the path of meditation53 when one passes [to] a result (phala-vyatikrama).54 The word "or" has the sense of option (vikalpa): [The nondisappearance] is also abandoned when it has produced [its] result.55

Therefore the result of actions is produced by the nondisappearance. [MMk 17-15cd]

That [nondisappearance] is not abandoned through the abandonment of what can be abandoned by seeing [the Four Noble Truths,] suffering and so on. Therefore even though the action - such as the unwholesome action which
can be abandoned by seeing suffering and so on - has been abandoned, the nondisappearance will produce the result of actions.

In that connection, [with regard to] that nondisappearance,

If it were similar to what can be abandoned by seeing [the Four Noble Truths] and to the passing away of action,⁵⁶

Then faults such as the destruction of action would follow. [MMK 17-16]

As to that, if that nondisappearance were of the same class (rīgs mthun pa, nikāva-sabhāga)⁵⁷ as what can be abandoned by seeing [the Four Noble Truths,] suffering, etc. - [that is,] as the propensities (anuṣaya)⁵⁸ of the afflictions (kleśa)⁵⁹ which can be abandoned by seeing suffering, etc. - and [of the same class] as the passing away of action, then faults such as the destruction of action would follow because the result of action would not exist.⁶⁰ One should understand that unwholesome action is abandoned by means of the path of seeing [the Four Noble Truths] because a Noble One (ārya) cannot also possess the actions of an ordinary person (prthag-jana).⁶¹ Therefore [the nondisappearance] cannot be abandoned in the same way as what can be abandoned by
seeing [the Four Noble Truths] or [in the same way as] action. It is abandoned when one passes [to] a result. [In other words, the nondisappearance] which belongs to [the realm of] desire is abandoned by passing beyond the realm of desire. [The nondisappearances] which belong to [the realms of] form and formlessness, moreover, are abandoned by passing beyond the realms of form and formlessness, [respectively].

Just that single [nondisappearance] of all the similar and dissimilar actions Of the same realm arises at the time of rebirth (pratisamdhi, literally, "reconnection"). [MMK 17-17]

"Of the same realm" [means] "alike as to realm." A similar (sabhāga) action is one of the same class (nikāya-sabhāga). "Dissimilar" (visabhāga) [means] "not of the same class" (nikāya-visabhāga). [As for] those nondisappearances of all those [actions], produced from each [action] in this life: Even though all those cease at the time of rebirth, just a single one arises.

In this life, that [nondisappearance] of each and every action of [one of] two kinds Arises separately; and even when [the action] has
matured [i.e., produced a karmic result], [the nondisappearance] remains. [MMK 17-18]

In this life, the nondisappearance of each and every individual action, which is of [one of] two kinds, by the division of volition and [what is done after] having willed or [by the division of] wholesome and unwholesome, arises separately. Even when [the action] has matured, [the nondisappearance] remains. That [nondisappearance] does not necessarily cease because of the maturation of the action. Though it remains, it cannot produce a result again because it has [already] produced a result, like a document [on which a debt is recorded] which has [already] been used [to collect the debt].

That [nondisappearance] ceases when one has passed [to] a result and when one has died. It should be understood that the division of that [nondisappearance] is [into] undefiled (anāsrava) and defiled. [MMK 17-19]

The cessation of that nondisappearance of that action is certain in two ways: when one has passed [to] a result and when one has died. As to that passing [to] a result has been explained [in 17-15b]: "It can be abandoned only through meditation or ..." [Its
abandonment at] death has been explained [in 17-17]:

Just that single [nondisappearance] of all the
similar and dissimilar actions
Of the same realm arises at the time of rebirth.\textsuperscript{65}

Moreover, one should understand that that [nondisappearance] of that [action] is twofold according to the distinction of defiled and undefiled action.\textsuperscript{66}

Therefore, in that way, if the nondisappearance exists, there will be produced different bodies, sense faculties, colors, shapes, powers, intellects, aspirations (adhimukti/adhimokṣa), dispositions (śīla), enjoyments, and so on of different states of existence (gati), castes, families, places, and times which have arisen from the various actions of living beings.

Therefore,

Emptiness but not annihilation, and saṃsāra but not permanence:
The dharma of nondisappearance of actions has been taught by the Buddha. [MMK 17-20]

Thus because action and result are connected, therefore emptiness is possible, since the saṃskāras are empty of the self imagined by the founders of (non-Buddhist) sects (tīrthakara). There is no annihilation, however, because the nondisappearance persists. Saṃsāra,
also, is possible, because [its] defining characteristic, the production of the sāṃskāras in different states of exists, exists. Nevertheless, there is no permanence, because action ceases. Actions, moreover, do not disappear, because that dharma called "nondisappearance," which was taught by the Buddha, is also established. Therefore only that hypothesis is possible here.

Therefore it is not the case that the meaning of that previously stated reason, "because of the connection of action and result,"\textsuperscript{67} is unestablished; nor do the faults of permanence and annihilation follow.

\textit{Answer}:\textsuperscript{68} For our position (pakṣa),

Because action does not originate,\textsuperscript{69} [MMK 17-21a]

Therefore, just like action, in ultimate reality the series of the seed also does not originate. Thus because there is no example, there is the fault of an incomplete proof.\textsuperscript{70}

Why does that action not originate?

Because it lacks intrinsic nature, this is why.

[MMK 17-21b]

Because action lacks intrinsic nature, therefore it does not originate. Thus, to begin with, the fault [in
his argument] has been explained to the holder of the first position.⁷¹

**Objection:** The holder of the second position⁷² has said, "The employment of the proof (sgrub pa'i sbvor ba, sādhana-pravōga?) is this: The connection of action and result exists; but the faults of permanence and annihilation do not occur, because the nondisappearance exists."

**Answer:** In that case, also, for our position,

Because action does not originate, [MMK17-21a]

Therefore, in ultimate reality, the nondisappearance is also not established. For if [action] originated, the nondisappearance of that [action] also would not disappear; but that [action] does not exist since it, too, has not originated. Therefore because that [nondisappearance] ⁷³ also does not exist, the meaning of the reason [i.e., the existence of the nondisappearance] is simply not established. If one expounds the connection of action and result conventionally (samvṛtyā), it is contradictory.

What the holder of the second position said to the holder of the first position - "If your hypothesis, which has the characteristic that [the fruit] is similar to the series of the seed, were so, many great faults would occur"⁷⁴ - is also not correct. Because of [its] invariably being (āvinābhāva) connected by the succession of cause and effect and because of [its] invariably being
neither permanent nor annihilated, the series of the seed is indeed held to be an example for the connection of action and result. Moreover, [the holder of the second position’s] posing a dilemma (rnam par rtoq par byed pa, vikalpana?) about the particularities of that,75 which are to be established, is a futile rejoinder (jāti) which [merely] seems to be an dilemma (rnam par rtoq pa ’dra ba). Since the series of the mind and mental factors (citta-caitta) arises from their [own] series, the meaning of the reason, "because they are of different kinds," is not established.76 There is also the fault that the meaning of the reason is uncertain since, for their position, the series of dūrva grass would arise from the hair of cows and the wool of sheep; and cane would grow from the horns.77

Objection: What is said in scripture is also a logical reason (liṅga). The nondisappearance was spoken of by the Blessed One and the fact of neither permanence nor annihilation, which [has the existence] of that [nondisappearance] as its logical reason,78 is also established. Therefore what [you] stated - "like action, in ultimate reality the nondisappearance is also not established; therefore the meaning of the reason is not established" - is incorrect.

Answer: The Blessed One has said,
Because that [action] is unoriginated,
Therefore it does not disappear. [MMK 17-21cd]

Therefore [we] accept the statement "it does not disappear" in reference to the unoriginated. That [statement], however, is not established for the opponent's position, so that [his own] point (artha) is not established for himself.

Even one who says that intrinsic nature exists certainly must understand that action has no intrinsic nature. If one asserts otherwise,

If action had an intrinsic nature, it would undoubtedly be permanent. [MMK 17-22ab]

What is meant is that [this is so] because intrinsic nature is unchanging. Therefore,

Action would be unperformed [or "uncreated": akṛta],
because the permanent is not performed [or "created:" na kriyate]. [MMK 17-22cd]

If one supposes that the result of an unperformed action is experienced,

But if action is unperformed, there would be fear of
meeting with [the result of an action] which one had not performed. [MMK 17-23ab]

Moreover,

The fault [of] dwelling in incontinence (abrahmacarya-vāsa) would also follow in that case. [MMK 17-23cd]

_brahman_ is nirvāṇa. Continence (brahmacarva) is practice (cāryā) for that. To dwell in continence is to dwell in that purpose (artha). To dwell in incontinence is not to dwell in continence. As to that, the fault would follow that even one who dwells in incontinence would dwell in continence. What is meant is that even one who has not performed an action leading to nirvāṇa would possess that [action].

Likewise, [as for customary activities] such as "Make pots and cloth!",

Without a doubt, all customary activities without exception (vyavahārā ... sarva eva) would be contradicted. [MMK 17-24ab]

Moreover,
The distinction between one who does good and one who does evil (punyapāpakṛtō) would also not be possible. [MMK 17-24cd]

The distinctions [expressed by saying,] "This one does good; this one does evil," would also not be possible.

The [already] matured maturation of that [action] will mature again and again. [MMK 17-25ab]

"The [already] matured maturation of that" is its maturation which has [already] matured. [This] means the result of action which has [already] been produced.

**Question:** Why will the maturation of action mature again and again, even though it has [already] matured?

**Answer:**

Because if action persists, therefore it possesses intrinsic nature. [MMK 17-25cd]

[The result will mature again and again] because if action persists by intrinsic nature, therefore it possesses intrinsic nature.

**Objection:** Although that [action] has persisted, it is not able to produce a result again, because it has
produced a result [already], like a document [on which a debt is recorded] which has [already] been used [to collect the debt].

[Answer:] [Such a] used document is also not established in ultimate reality. Therefore that is no answer.

Objection:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, action does indeed exist,
[Reason:] because the cause of that [action] exists.
[Dissimilar Example:] Here a cause is not possible for that which does not exist, such as a tortoise-hair coat.

[Application:] Action has a cause, [namely,] the affliction; (kleśa).

[Conclusion:] Therefore, by virtue of the stated reason, in ultimate reality action does indeed exist.

[Answer:] That is not good.

This action has the nature of the afflictions, but those afflictions are not real (na tattvataḥ).

If the afflictions are not real, how could action be made by them?79 [MMK 17-26]

"This action has the nature of the afflictions" means that this action arose from the afflictions as [its] cause. For instance, [one might say,] "A jar has the
nature of clay." "Those afflictions are not real" means that they lack the intrinsic nature of afflictions.
[This is so] because origination has been negated and because in [chapter six,] "Examination of Desire and the Desirous," the intrinsic nature of that [desire] has been negated; or else [it is so] because [the afflictions] will be negated later:

Those [afflictions] which occur in dependence on the errors of [apprehending things as] pleasant (śubha) and unpleasant
Do not exist because of [any] intrinsic nature.
Therefore the afflictions are not real.

[MMK 23-2]

Therefore, in that way, if those afflictions really (tattvataḥ) lack intrinsic nature, how could that action be made by them? [This] means that the cause of action is not the afflictions. Therefore, the meaning of [the opponent's] reason is not established or is contradictory.

Objection:
[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, the afflictions do indeed exist,
[Reason:] because their result exists.
[Dissimilar Example:] Here a result of what does not exist cannot be apprehended, as, for example, no auditory consciousness [exists] as the result of a
deaf person's auditory sense organ.

[Application:] The afflictions have a result, characterized as action and body. 80

[Conclusion:] Therefore in ultimate reality, the afflictions do indeed exist.

Thus it is not the case that the meaning of [our previous] reason, ["because the cause of that [action] exists,"] is unestablished or contradictory. Therefore the point (artha) which [we] maintain is established.

[The opponent continues:] Alternatively,

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, action does indeed exist,

[Reason:] because the result of that action exists.

[Dissimilar Example:] Here what does not exist has no result, just as the fruit of a sky-flower [does not exist].

[Application:] Action has a result, characterized as the body.

[Conclusion:] Therefore in ultimate reality, action does indeed exist.

Thus [your] inference [allegedly] proving that action does not exist is refuted by [our just-stated] subsequent argument (uttara-tarka). 81

Answer:

Action and the afflictions have been declared to be causal conditions of bodies. [MMK 17-27ab]
What is declared in that way in the treatise\textsuperscript{82} are conventional expressions (\textit{vyavahārāḥ}) but not ultimate reality (\textit{paramārtha}). In ultimate reality, for our position, by the previously expounded proofs:

If action and those afflictions are empty, how much more so in the case of bodies? [MMK 17-27cd]

What is meant is that because action and afflictions have no intrinsic nature, bodies are also not established, just like action and afflictions. Therefore the meaning of [your] reason, "because their result exists," is not established. Thus because the [previously] stated fault [in your argument] is not avoided and [your] example is not established, [our inference] is also not refuted by [your] subsequent argument.

\textbf{Objection:}

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, action does indeed exist, [Reason:] because the experiencer who enjoys (\textit{longs spyod pa'ī za ba po}) the result of that [action] exists.

[Distinct Example:] Here, as for something which does not exist, there is no experiencer who enjoys the result of that, just as [no experiencer enjoys] a garland of sky-flowers.
In the case of action, the experiencer who enjoys [its] result does exist:

A being obstructed by ignorance possesses [the fetter of] craving; he is an experiencer. That [experiencer] is neither different from the agent nor the same as that [agent]. [MMK 17-28]

As to that, ignorance (avidyā) is the dharma which is the opposite (vipakṣa) of knowledge (vidyā). "Obstructed" by that [means] "covered." "Being" [means] "living being." In [the phrase] "possessing craving," "craving" [means] "desire." Because that [being] possesses that very fetter (samyojana), he "possesses craving." The meaning is that he possesses the fetter of craving.

That [being] is the experiencer of the result of action. For it has been said in a sūtra, "Beings obstructed by ignorance possess the fetter of craving," and likewise "But if you yourself have done this evil action, you yourself must experience the maturation of that." That [experiencer] is neither different from the agent nor the same as that [agent], because he is indescribable as being the same or different. Therefore by virtue of the stated reason, the experiencer who enjoys the result of action exists. Therefore in ulti-
mate reality, action does indeed exist.

Answer: That has been explained in the very first [chapter] of [this Madhyamaka-śāstra] [with regard to] entities (bhāva) in general:

Therefore [a result] arisen from causal conditions (pratyaya) [does] not [exist], and a result arisen from what are not causal conditions [for it] (apratyaya) does not exist.

Because a result does not exist, how can there be causal conditions or non-conditions (apratyaya)? [MMK 1-14]

Therefore,

Because this action, arisen from causal conditions or arisen from what are not causal conditions [for it],

Does not exist, therefore the agent also does not exist. [MMK 17-29]

What is meant is that [this is so] because that [agent] also, like that [action], is unoriginated and because the agent has been negated85 and because [the agent] does not exist as a real substance (dravya-sat). Therefore by the proof thus shown,

If agent and action do not exist, how could a result
arisen from action exist? [MMK 17-30ab]

Therefore,

But if a result does not exist, how will an experiencer [of the result] exist? [MMK 17-30cd]

What is meant is that [this is so] because there is no cause even for stating the word "experiencer." Therefore the meaning of [the opponent's] reason, "because the experiencer who enjoys the result of that [action] exists," is not established. If one teaches it falsely (or "as false"?: log par ston na), it is contradictory.

Objection: To deny (apavāda) action and result is a false view (mithyā-dṛṣṭi). Therefore for those whose intellectual eye is obscured by the film of defect which is the Madhyamaka doctrine, it is not possible to see reality (tattva).

Answer:

Just as one displaying an emanation (nirmitaka)
emanates by means of [his] accomplishment of magical power (ṛddhi)
And [that] emanation emanates another [emanation and] that emanation, moreover, [emanates] others, [MMK 17-31]
"Emanates" should be understood [in 17-31d].

Likewise that [agent of an] action which is performed by an agent is also like the form (ākāra) of an emanation. [MMK 17-32ab]

Likewise that agent of an action which is performed by an agent is also like the form of an emanation, because he is like a nature which has arisen from a succession of causal conditions without beginning. Moreover, that action is like the form of an emanation because it is without intrinsic nature.

For example, it is like another emanation emanated by an emanation. [MMK 17-32cd]

For example, like another emanation emanated by an emanation of the Tathāgata, that [action] also is without intrinsic nature.

Afflictions, actions, and bodies, agents and results are like an [illusory] city of the gandharvas; they are similar to a mirage or a dream. [MMK 17-33]

Because they are produced by the group (sāmagrī) of
causes and conditions, [we] accept according to convention (vyavahāratā) the requisites for attaining the higher realms [of saṃsāra] and liberation (svarga-apavarga) which are well-known conventionally. Therefore because [we] do not deny action and result, the fault stated [by the opponent] does not exist.

**Objection:** Because you have denied them [on the level of] ultimate reality, that is no answer.

**[Answer:]** That [answer] was explained previously:

If an entity (bhāva) is not established, a nonentity (abhāva) is not established. [MMK 15-5ab]

"It exists" (asti) is a grasping of permanence. "It does not exist" (nāsti) is a view of annihilation.

Therefore one who is wise should not rely on existence or nonexistence. [MMK 15-10]

Because of the proof stated there, [we] have not accepted the doctrine that action and result do not exist.⁹¹ Therefore it is not the case that [we have made] no answer.

An alternative [explanation of the last three verses of chapter seventeen is as follows:] Those whose minds are confused think that if things lack intrinsic nature in ultimate reality, [then] action, result, and their connection, as well as agent and experiencer, do not exist; therefore dwelling in continence would be pointless. In order to draw back the curtain of
confusion [covering their minds], we teach that action, etc., exist conventionally (samvrtyā) like the form of an emanation and so on. Therefore [Nāgārjuna] said,

Just as one displaying an emanation emanates by means of [his] accomplishment of magical power,

And [that] emanation emanates another [emanation and] that emanation, moreover, [emanates] others,

[MMK i7-31]

and so on at length.

In that connection, here the meaning of the chapter [is the following:] By explaining the fault in the reason ["because of the connection of action and result"] stated by the opponent at the beginning of the chapter, it has been shown that action and result have no intrinsic nature. Therefore such [scriptural] statements as the following are established:92 "That in which neither action nor the result of action exists is enlightenment (bodhi). As is enlightenment, so also is attainment (prāpti). As is attainment, so also is [the bodhisattva's] prediction (vyākarana) [to full enlightenment]. Likewise, in the lineage (gotra)93 of the Noble Ones,94 neither action nor the maturation of action exists. In that lineage, action is performed neither by body nor by speech nor by mind."95

The seventeenth chapter, "Examination of Action and Result," of the Prajñāpradīpa, a commentary on
[Nāgārjuna's] Mūlamadhyamaka composed by ēcārya
Bhavyakara/Bhavyakāra (legs ṭdan byed)⁹⁶ [is concluded].
Notes to Translation of Chapter Seventeen

1 See Ava P19b-5,6; Dl6b-3 for this meaning of vipakṣa.

2 See Ava P19b-5, Dl6b-2,3.

3 Sanskrit samsāra, cyclic existence, the process of death and rebirth, not a static condition.

4 Here the term "sāṃskāras" (sāṃskāraḥ) does not refer simply to the fourth aggregate (skandha) but to conditioned dharmas (sāṃskṛtā dharmaḥ) which compose what is conventionally called a being or person. These are also called "internal sāṃskāras" to distinguish them from the dharmas composing external, insentient things.

5 That is, the opponents agree that nirvāṇa is not possible for the sāṃskāras but hold that sāṃsāra is possible for them. See Ava P20b-2,3,4; Dl7a-5,6.

6 The opponent's objection continues through the first five verses of the chapter. See Ava P19b-8, Dl6b-5. The views expressed in MMK 17-1 through 17-5 are clearly those of a Buddhist. Avalokitavrata identifies him as a Śrāvaka- Vaibhāṣika (Ava P34b-7, D29b-1). The other commentators do not place him in any particular school.

7 See Ava P23a-6,7,8; Dl9b-2,3,4.

8 Apparently a reference to the svārthika class of taddhita affixes.
Here "dharma" means wholesome mental action; see Ava P23b-1,2; D19b-4,5.

See Ava P24b-3,4; D20b-4,5.

The same list of four occurs in AK 2-72 as the four kinds of anivrta-avvakrtani cittani belonging to the realm of desire.


In other words, paramarsi is a karmadhārava compound: ṛṣiś ca paramāś ca.

Once again, the Tibetan has the plural: tesām ... karnaṇām (las de daq gi) for tasya ... karmāṇah (CPP 306.4).

On avijñapti, see KSP 156-8 and references in KSP 222-4 nn. 36-43. Avalokitavrata says that it is invisible, nonresistant matter; see, e.g., P27a-3, D22b-6. See also Th. Stcherbatsky, The Central Conception of Buddhism and the Meaning of the Word "Dharma," New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, reprint 1970 (abbreviation: Stcherbatsky), pp. 99-100 and also references in CPP 309 nn. 2 and 3.

On paribhogānvayam punyam, see CPP 309-10 n. 4
and LVP AK IV 15, 20, 244-5 (on AK 4-4ab and 4-121a and 121b).

17 Compare CPP 310.1,2: anvayo 'nuγamo
dāvakasamtaṇaṇaḥ kuśalopacayah ity arthah|| = byung ba ni
rjes su byung ba ste| sbyin pa po'i rgyud la skyes pa'i
dge ba 'phel bar 'gyur ro zhes bya ba'i don to|| (P49-2-8
to 3-1, D51-4-7 to 52-1-1).

18 Candrakīrti's explanation of merit and demerit
following enjoyment is much clearer. When, for example,
someone gives a gift (food, robes, etc.) to the saṅgha,
then when the gift is used (enjoyed) by a monk, merit
increases for the giver. On the other hand, if someone
erects a temple where animal sacrifices are to take
place, then whenever a living being is sacrificed there,
demerit increases for the one responsible for the erec-
tion of the temple. See CPP 309.2-310.5, KSP 270. See
also references in note 16.

19 The five skandhas are material form (rūpa),
feeling (vedanā), perception/conception (sāmiṇā), mental
formations (samskārāḥ), and cognition (viśṇā).

20 That is, gods, men, animals, hungry ghosts, and
hell-beings.

21 Candrakīrti characterizes 17-6 as expressing the
view of an opponent: atraike paricodayanti (CPP 311.6).
Lamotte regards 17-6ab as expressing the Sautrāntika
view, while 17-6cd expresses the Vibhaṭyavādin view (KSP
Bhāvaviveka and the other commentators appear to regard 17-6 as expressing Nāgārjuna’s own view. See Akutobhavā P75b-5, D64b-4; Saito 223.7; and Ava P34b-7, D29b-1.

22 See Ava P31a-3,4; D26a-5,6.

23 Avalokitavrata explains that these plants are uprooted after the maturation of their fruit. See Ava P31a-7, D26b-6.

24 the dad par. Ava P31b-5, D26b-6 reads the snyad par, glossed as kun rdzob kyi the snyad du (loc. cit., next line). The point is that there is a difference between the momentary cessation of individual dharmas and the conventional cessation of conventional things such as plantain trees. The latter is said to occur when the series of momentary dharmas which make up what is conventionally called a "plantain tree" undergoes a change (conventionally called "the uprooting of the tree") such that the subsequent moments in the series are no longer similar to the moments before the change occurred. See Ava P31b-1 to 8, D26b-3 to 27a-1. Of course, for the Mādhyamikas, the dharmas are themselves conventional. Thus with Avalokitavrata’s reading the snyad par, the passage would mean that the Mādhyamikas accept these two kinds of cessation (only) on the conventional level.

25 See Ava P32a-4, D27a-4. Note that Ava has sngar
ma zhiq pas (loc. cit., previous line) for ... pa.

26. For example, the cessation of a jar does not occur before its cause, e. g., the jar's being struck by a mallet; but cessation does occur when its cause exists.

See Ava P32a-6 to 32b-4, D27a-6 to 27b-1.

27. According to the first chapter of the MMK, a real entity which possesses an intrinsic nature cannot be caused by another such entity. It would exist by virtue of its own intrinsic nature, unrelated to anything else.

28. That is, something which even the opponent does not consider to be the cause.

29. See Christian Lindtner, "Bhavya the Logician," typescript, p. 4 and pp. 20-1 n. 29. (This paper will appear in the Vidhusekhar Bhattacharya Sastri Commemoration Volume, eds. Sunil Sen-Gupta and Suniti Kumar Pathak.)

30. That is, it must either have ceased or not ceased; and in neither case can it produce a result. See Ava P33b-5 to 8, D28b-1 to 4.

31. Like that which is in the process of ceasing, that which is in the process of arising is also indescribable as having ceased or as not having ceased; but the opponent does not admit that it produces a result. See Ava P34a-4,5; D28b-7.

32. Avalokitavrata explains that whether the action is held to be permanent or momentary (the only two possible
alternatives, according to Bhāvaviveka), the reason in the opponent's syllogism, "because of the connection of action and result," is [1] not established ultimately and [2] contradictory conventionally. See Ava P34a-7 to 34b-1, D29a-2 to 4.

33 All the commentaries agree that verses 17-7 through 17-11 express the views of an opponent. See Akutobhayā P75b-7, D64b-6; Saito 224.4; Ava P34b-6,7, D29a-7 to 29b-1. For Candrakīrti, the opponent is different from the one who spoke in 17-6: tatrai ke ni kāyāntarī yāh pariḥāram varṇavanti (CPP 312.1). Lamotte considers the opponent in 17-7 through 17-11 to be a Sautrāntika (KSP 271-4). Avalokitavrata (loc. cit.) simply says that the opponent here belongs to a school other than that of the Śrāvaka-Vaibhāṣka.

34 See remarks in CPP 312 n. 3.

35 From the following commentary (sems pa las su brjod pa), Bhāvaviveka evidently understands cetas as equivalent to cetanā. Candrakīrti, on the other hand, glosses cetaso as kuśalākuśalacetanāviśeṣasamprayuktāc cittāt (CPP 313.9). The translators of the Prasannapadā accordingly translate cetas as sems rather than sems pa (CPP 313 n. 4). The author of the Akutobhayā and Buddha-pālita, like Bhāvaviveka, explain sems pa as las su brjod pa, i. e., cetanā (Akutobhayā P76a-6, D67a-4; Saito 225.13).
36 Here *sams pa* corresponds to *citta* (CPP 313.8).

37 Here *sams pa* corresponds to *citta* (CPP 314.1) rather than *cetanā*.

38 *chos, dharma*. Although Avalokitavrata omits *chos* when he quotes Bhāvaviveka’s commentary, in his own subcommentary he appears to gloss it as *sādhanā-dharma* and *hetū*, that is, the reason proving that the connection of cause and result exists. See Ava P36a-8 to 36b-1, D30b-5,6.

39 That is, that the faults of annihilation and permanence do not occur but that the connection of action and result exists. See Ava P36b-5,6; D31a-3.

40 On the ten *karmapathas*, see KSP 256, 258-9 and references in 256 n. 137 and 258-9 nn. 145 and 146.

41 The five *kāma-kuṇās* are the objects of the five physical senses. See, e. g., CPP 315.9,10.

42 On the *vipāka-phala* and *niṣyandā-phala*, see AK 2-56,57; 4-85.

43 That is, because we have shown that the connection of action and result does indeed exist, therefore in ultimate reality, *samsāra* exists for the internal *samskāras*. See Ava P37b-3,4,5; D31b-6,7.

44 All the commentaries agree in regarding verses 17-12 through 17-20 as expressing the view of an opponent different from the one in the preceding verses. See *Akutobhayā* P76b-5, D65b-3; Saito 226.11; Ava P37b-8,
D32a-3; CPP 315.12,13. Avalokitavrata (loc. cit.) identifies the new opponent as a Śrāvaka-Vaibhāṣika, while Lamotte (KSP 274) calls him a Sāṃmitīya (alternative form: Sammatīya).

45 According to Buddhist doctrine, a being who dies in one state of existence (god, human, etc.) can be reborn in any other state of existence. Thus the preceding hypothesis conflicts with the Buddhist doctrine of rebirth.

46 The mind of an ordinary, unenlightened being passes easily from any of these states - wholesome, unwholesome, and karmically neutral (avyākṛta) - to any other; but this would be impossible on the preceding hypothesis.

47 The three realms of desire, form, and formlessness (kāma-, rūpa-, and ārūpya-dhātus) are different states within samsāra. On the three realms and their relation to the five or six states of existence (gatīs), see AK 3-4ab and LVP AK III p. 11 n. 2. The realms of form and formlessness correspond to meditative states (samāpatti-dhyāna) as well as states of rebirth (upapatti-dhyāna); see AK 8-1. As states of meditation, they can be attained by beings of the desire realm; see LVP AK III p. 8 n. 2. Thus the point made here combines the two previous arguments: The preceding hypothesis leads to consequences which contradict both the doctrine of rebirth
and psychological fact (in this case, the psychology of meditation).

Not included in the three realms are the supra-mundane dharmas. The term "supramundane" is apparently synonymous with "undefiled" (anāsrava). The undefiled dharmas are the three unconditioned dharmas (including nirvāṇa) and those conditioned dharmas which are part of the Noble Path (ārya-mārga); see AK 1-5ab.

48 Since both one’s state of mind (wholesome, unwholesome, or neutral) and one’s state of rebirth would be invariable.


50 spyad. For spyad = prayukta, see CPP 317 n. 6.

51 tor ’gyur ba, literally, "becomes a corpse," = nirbhukta; see CPP 318 n. 3.
On the four realms of existence, see KSP 162-3. While the AK discusses the three dhātu (the realms of desire, form, and formlessness) at some length, it says nothing of a fourth dhātu. On the three dhātu and their relation to the five or six gatis, see references in note 47. The term anāsravo dhātuh occurs frequently in the literature of the Yogācāra school. See Mahāyāna-sūtra-alamkāra 9-20 to 9-37, 11-43,44 and Vasubandhu’s Trimsika, vs. 30. See also Lambert Schmithausen, Der Nirvāṇa-Abschnitt in der Viniścayasamgrahāṇī der Yogācārabhūmiḥ, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Philosophische-Historische Klasse, Sitzungsberichte 264, Band 2, Wien: Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, 1969, pp. 117-8, 144.

According to Bhāvaviveka and Avalokitavrata’s subsequent commentary, "meditation" (bhāvanā) here seems to refer both to (1) the supramundane path of meditation (lokottara-bhāvanā-mārga), in which one meditates on the Four Noble Truths after having gained an initial insight into them on the path of seeing (darśana-mārga), and (2) the mundane path of meditation (laukika-bhāvanā-mārga). The supramundane path of meditation enables one to attain the undefiled realm, that is, to become an Arhat. Mundane meditation, on the other hand, only permits one to attain the realms of form and formlessness. For more information on the darśana-mārga and the laukika- and
lokottara-bhāvanā-mārgas, see de La Vallée Poussin, "Note Sommaire sur le Chemin," LVP AK V, pp. iv-xii, and also AK 6-1 cd.

On "passing to a result," see the commentary immediately preceding MMK 17-17 and nn. 62 and 65.

This appears to contradict the statement in MMK 17-18d that the nondisappearance remains after the maturation of the result. Avalokitavrata explains that a nondisappearance which has produced its result, does, indeed, remain until one dies or passes to a result by means of the path of meditation, but that it can no longer produce a result and thus is abandoned in that sense. See Ava P41b-6 to 42a-2, D35a-7 to 36b-3.

The Tibetan text of MMK 17-16ab in BPP is: gal te mthong bas spang ba dang| | las ‘pho ba dang mthun gyur na||. Ava (P42a-8, D35b-7), however, has spong for mthong, as do the Akutobhaya (P77b-1, D66a-5) and Bp (Saito 229.8,9). CPP has gal te spong bas spang ba dang|| las ‘pho ba vis ‘jiq ‘gyur na|| (P121b-4, D106a-3), which, as de La Vallée Poussin points out (CPP 320 n. 8), does not entirely correspond to the Sanskrit (CPP 320.8).

Dharmas to be abandoned are divided into five nikāyas according to whether they are abandoned by means of seeing one of the Four Noble Truths on the path of seeing (four nikāyas) or by means of the path of medita-
tion (one nikāya). See AK 2-52-b.

Chapter 5 of the AK is devoted to the anuśayas.

On the anuśayas which are abandoned through the path of seeing and path of meditation, respectively, see AK 1-40, 5-5,6; Erich Frauwallner, "Abhidharma-Studien III: Der Abhisamayavādah," Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde Südasiens 15 (1971), 69-102; and CPP 478-9 n. 3, 480 n. 1, 484 nn. 1 and 2.

The klesas are undesirable emotional states. The three most often mentioned are desire (rāga), hatred (dveṣa), and confusion (moha). See MMK 23-1.

Avalokitavrata glosses las ’pho ba (karma-samkrama), "the passing away of action," as las byas ma thag tu rang ’gac, "action's ceasing of itself as soon as it has been performed" (Ava P42b-2, D36a-1). Thus "the passing away of action" refers to its impermanence; "the destruction of action" refers to its having no karmic result.

That is, one who has not yet attained the path of seeing and become an ārya. On the abandonment of the actions of an ordinary person by one who has attained the path of seeing, see CPP 319 n. 3.

Avalokitavrata explains, "When one has died in one realm and is born in another, even that single nondisappearance of the former realm which arises at the time of rebirth in the same realm is abandoned; and
another nondisappearance of another realm arises" (P43a-5,6; D36b-2). See the following note.

63Avalokitavrata explains, "At the time of rebirth, all those [nondisappearances] arisen from each action [in this life] cease together with the dying (marana-amśika) mind; and just a single one arises together with the mind which is being born (upapatty-amśika)" (P43b-2,3; D36b-5,6).

64See note 55.

65At this point, it may be useful to sum up certain aspects of the opponent's theory of the nondisappearance (avipraṇāśa) as it is presented by Nāgārjuna, according to Bhāvaviveka's interpretation, as interpreted in turn by Avalokitavrata, and finally by me. When one performs wholesome or unwholesome actions, one nondisappearance is produced for each such action. If the karmic result of that action occurs in a particular lifetime, the corresponding nondisappearance becomes inoperative for the remainder of that lifetime. It continues to exist, however, until death, when it ceases. If the result does not occur before the time of death, it seems (and this is not entirely clear) that all the nondisappearances which have not yet produced a result are "rolled into one" and continue in that form in the next life. (See Ava P44b-8 to 45a-3, D37b-6 to 38a-1 and also note 63).

The path of meditation makes it possible to rid
oneself of nondisappearances which have not yet produced a result. (See Ava P44b-7,8; D37b-6). One may do so by practicing the supramundane path of meditation on the Four Noble Truths, which come after the direct vision of the Truths on the path of seeing. This process is described in Ava P41a-8 to 41b-5, D35a-2 to 6 and in Ava P44b-2 to 8, D37b-2 to 6. One may also do so by being reborn from a lower one of the three realms to a higher one (see note 62). This can be achieved through practicing the mundane path of meditation, though it sometimes occurs when one practices the supramundane path (see note 53).

66Avalokitavrata explains that the nondisappearance is neutral (avyākṛta) by nature (see MMK 17-14d) because it is not explained as being defiled or undefiled. Nevertheless, it is classified as defiled or undefiled according to the action which produced it (Ava P45a-3 to 6, D38a-1,2,3).

67See the opponent's syllogism stated in the commentary prior to MMK 17-17.

68The remaining verses in chapter seventeen express the Mādhyamika viewpoint, except for 17-28, which states an opponent's objection.

69In MMK 17-21a, CPP has kasmāt, "why?," for yasmāt, "because." The Akutobhayā (P78b-3, D67a-5), Bp (Saito 232.22), and Ava (P46a-4, D38b-6) all agree with BPP.
This refers to the argument advanced by the opponent whose views are expressed in MMK 17-7 through 17-11. See Ava P46a-5,6,7; D38b-6 to 39a-1.

That is, the opponent whose views are expressed in MMK 17-12 through 17-20. See Ava P47a-1,2; D39b-1,2.

See Ava P47a-4, D39b-3.

See the commentary following MMK 17-12.

According to Avalokitavrata, "that" refers to the series of the mind and mental factors which the holder of the first position maintains to be similar to the series of the seed, sprout, etc. See Ava P48a-3, D40a-6.

In the commentary following MMK 17-12, the holder of the second position argued that if the holder of the first position were correct and the series of mind and mental factors were similar to the successive stages of growth of a plant, then a human, for example, could never be reborn as a god, because they are different in kind, just as mango trees do not bear nimba fruit. Bhāvaviveka claims that this is a mere jāti because mind and mental factors arise from the preceding mind and mental factors, even in the case where a human is reborn as a god. Thus we do not, in fact, have something of one kind arising from something of another kind.

Avalokitavrata gives the following example of jāti: Someone is told that a jar is impermanent, because it is
created, like sound. He replies that then sound must be visible and so on like the jar. The point seems to be that the example and the dharmin need not be alike in all respects but only in that both possess the hetu and the sādhyā. See Ava P48a-3 to 48b-4, D40a-6 to 40b-6.

77 The point seems to be that if the holder of the second position means to assert, as a general principle, that things can arise from something of a different kind, because, for instance, a human can be reborn as a god, then he would also have to accept such absurdities as cane growing from horns. I cannot follow Avalokitavrata’s explanation; see Ava P48b-5 to 49a-1, D 40b-7 to 41a-3.

78 See Ava P49b-1,2; D41b-2.

79 In 17-26d, CPP has, "How could action be real?" See CPP 326.17 and 326 n. 3. Also, the Tibetan of CPP has la for na at the end of 17-26a.

80 That is, the various bodies in which one is reborn as a result of action.

81 See Ava P53a-3,4; D44b-1,2. On uttara-tarka, see C. Lindtner, op. cit., p. n. 62.

82 Avalokitavrata glosses "treatise" (śāstra) as "Abhidharma treatise." See Ava P53a-5, D44b-2.

83 Compare CPP 328.6: avidvānvṛtāh sattvās trstnā-ūmaṇān. (See CPP 604.) The phrase avijñātvaranānam sattānam tanhāsamvājanānam occurs several times in the
Pāli Canon: *Samyutta-nikāya* II 178, 184; III 149, 151; V 226; *Aṅguttara-nikāya* I 223; *Majjhima-nikāya* I 294.

84 Compare CPP 328.7 and see CPP 328 n. 4.

85 Presumably an allusion to chapter eight, "Examination of Agent and Action."

86 Avalokitavrata glosses *log par ston na* as kun rdzob tu, *samvyātā*. See Ava P55a-5, D46a-3.

87 See, e. g., AK 4-78bc, 79c and LVP AK 4 p. 167 n. 4. Avalokitavrata identifies the objectors here as svayuṭhvāḥ, i. e., fellow Buddhists. See Ava P55a-7, D46a-4.


90 CPP has *yathā nirmitakāṃ śāstā nirmītārdḍhī- sampadāḥ* | *nirmiṭo nirmītāṇyām sa ca nirmitakāḥ punaḥ* | (CPP 330.2,3). In 17-31, the Sanskrit and Tibetan (CPP 330 n.1) of CPP are different from the Tibetan of BPP.
CPP's version of 17-3lcd gives one further emanation; BPP gives two.

91Avalokitavrata remarks that what are involved are simple negations (prasajya-pratisedha) rather than implicative negations (paryudāsa-pratisedha). See Ava P56a-8, D47a-1. Thus the negation of the existence of an entity does not entail the acceptance of nonentities. A nonentity is the absence of an entity; but if there are no entities, i.e., nothing possessing intrinsic nature, then, for the Mādhyamikas, it is meaningless to speak of the absence of such an entity.

92According to Avalokitavrata, a sūtra quotation is introduced at this point in reply to those who might charge, "[The absence of intrinsic nature in action and result] has been established by a mere limited (prādesīka) treatise of dessicated logic (śuska-tarka)." Instead, a major purpose of the MMK is to establish such scriptural passages (by reasoning). See Ava P56b-7 to 57a-1, D47a-6,7 and P57a-5,6,7; D47b-3,4,5.


94Avalokitavrata explains the gotra of the āryas as follows: "As to the lineage of the Noble Ones: The Noble Ones are born from the comprehension (thugs su chud pa,
probably adhigama) of ultimate reality." See Ava P57a-4, D47b-2,3.

95Avalokitavrata identifies this passage as being from the Kāśyapaparivarta of the Mahāratnakūta. See Ava P57a-1, D47a-7 to 47b-1. The portion of the passage following "Likewise" is found in The Kāśyapaparivarta, ed. A. von Staël-Holstein, Shanghai: Commercial Press, 1926, p. 151, with karma-abhisamkāra for karma-vipāka. For a discussion of the ārya-gotra according to the Kāśyapaparivarta, see D. S. Ruegg, La Théorie du Tathāgataagarbha et du Gotra, Publications de l’École Française d’Extrême-Orient, vol. 70, Paris: École Française d’Extrême-Orient, 1969, p. 110. I have not been able to locate the first part of the passage.

96On the various names of "Bhāvaviveka," see note 161 to my translation of chapter three.
Translation of Prajñāpradīpa, Chapter Twenty-three:

Examination of Error (viparyāsa)

Now [Nāgārjuna] begins the twenty-third chapter with the aim of showing that error has no intrinsic nature (svabhāva) by means of refuting a particular counter-position (vipakṣa)\(^1\) to emptiness (śūnyatā) as [in the previous chapters].

Objection:

It has been said that desire (rāga), hatred (dvesa), and confusion (moha) arise from conceptual construction (samkalpa). \[MMK 23-1ab\]

[It has been said, that is,] in the treatise (śāstra).\(^2\)

[As for] those [afflictions], moreover, desire, hatred, and confusion, respectively,

They indeed occur in dependence on the errors of [apprehending things as] pleasant (śubha) or unpleasant (aśubha).\(^3\) \[MMK 23-1cd\]

The word "indeed" (hi) has the sense of specification (avadhāranā or nirdhāranā). It specifies that they occur only in dependence on the errors of [apprehending
things as] pleasant or unpleasant, but that they do not occur independently. It does not specify that they occur in dependence only on the errors of [apprehending things as] pleasant or unpleasant, since [other] conditions for their arising, such as superficial attention (avonīśo manasikāra), also exist.

Thus that is a statement of a similar example (sādharmanyā-drṣṭānta). Because an example is given on account of something to be proved (sādhyā) and a property which proves [it] (sādhanā-dharmā), the remaining members [of the syllogism] are understood. Therefore the inference (anumāna) is:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality (paramārtatataḥ), the aggregates (skandha) and so on do indeed exist by intrinsic nature,

[Reason:] because they occur in dependence on a cause (hetu),

[Similar Example:] as do desire, etc.

[Dissimilar Example:] What does not exist by intrinsic nature does not occur in dependence on a cause, as for instance a sky-flower [does not].

[Application:] The aggregates and so on occur in dependence each on its own cause.

[Conclusion:] Therefore by virtue of the stated reason, in ultimate reality the aggregates and so on do indeed exist by intrinsic nature.
Answer:

Those which occur in dependence on the errors of [apprehending things as] pleasant or unpleasant, ... [MMK 23-2ab]

That is, those afflictions (kleśā), desire and so on, which you have given as an example,

Do not exist because of intrinsic nature. [MMK 23-2c]

[This is so] by the method previously explained.₄

Therefore the afflictions do not exist in reality (tattvataḥ). [MMK 23-2d]

"In reality" means "in ultimate reality."

Therefore [the opponent's] proof (sādhana) has the fault of having a defective example. If one supposes that it is a conventional (vyāvahārika) example, it will be hard to answer [the charge] that [the example] lacks the property to be proved, because in ultimate reality, the afflictions have no intrinsic nature.₅ If [the opponent] is proving the existence of conventional intrinsic nature, he is proving what is [already]
established [for us] (siddha-sādhana).\textsuperscript{6}

Moreover,

The existence and nonexistence of the self (Ātman),

[MMK 23-3a]

With respect to the mode of [either] ultimate or superficial reality (samvṛti),

Are not established in any way. [MMK 23-3b]

The word "any" (cit or cic ca) has the sense of specification [when combined with a negation]; that is, it is simply not established.\textsuperscript{7}

Thus [without] the self,

Without that [self], how can the existence and nonexistence of the afflictions be established?

[MMK 23-3cd]

The meaning of the sentence is that it is simply not established. The idea (abhiprāya) is that [this is so] because the dependent (brten pa, probably āśrita) would exist if that on which it depends (rten, probably āśraya) existed.
In order to clarify that same point, the following is said:

Those afflictions arise from some [self],⁸

[MMK 23-4a]

because they are qualities (guna) of that [self] and are objects of enjoyment for that [self].

But that [self] is not established. [MMK 23-4b]

Why? It has been found [to be] so in the [eighteenth] chapter [of the MMK,] "Examination of the Self." Thus this [pāda] has shown that the property (dharma) of the afflictions [which proves their ultimate nonexistence] is that they have no basis (rtën, probably āśraya).⁹ Therefore the inference is:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, desire and so on do not exist,

[Reason:] because their basis [the self] does not exist,

[Similar Example:] as with the dark complexion of a childless woman's son.

Objection: Our fellow Buddhists (svāvuthyāḥ) say, "Though the self does not exist, the relation (brel pa, probably sambandha or pratibandha) is established that the afflictions belong to the mind (citta). Because the
afflictions are a property (dharma) of the mind, the
meaning of the reason (hetu) [of your syllogism] is not
established for those who propound the nonexistence of
the self."

Answer: It is not the case that the meaning of
[our] reason is unestablished, because the mind is not
established since [1] the origination of the mind has
been negated and [2] the intrinsic nature of cognition
(vijñāna) has been rejected and [3] its existence as a
real substance (dravya) has been negated.

Objection: Some who propound existence say, "Since
we hold that the characteristic (laksana) of an entity
(bhāva) does not exist, due to the nonexistence of one
thing in another (itaretarābhāva), that [statement] that
the afflictions do not exist is established [for us].
Therefore a relation of the mental factors (caitīta) with
the nonexistence of intrinsic nature of entities will
also be established."10

Answer: To them, [we] say the following: You
maintain that a jar or a piece of cloth lack the charac-
teristic of an entity different from that [jar or cloth].
Because that [absence of a different entity's character-
istic]11 is a cause for the origination of a cognition
which appears as presence (bhāva) and absence (abhāva),12
[that absence of one thing in another] must be [either] a
presence (bhāva) or an absence (abhāva). As to that, if
it is a presence [your] thesis (pratijñā) [of the absence of one thing in another] is lost. If it is an absence, well then, because the relationship [expressed in such statements as] "this is the blueness or redness of this jar" would not exist, conventional usage (vyavahāra) would not exist.\textsuperscript{13}

Therefore [Nāgārjuna] says,

Without some [basis], does anything exist?

[MMK 23-4c]

Without some basis [such as] a jar or a piece of cloth, is any dependent [quality such as] blueness or redness maintained to exist?

No afflictions exist.\textsuperscript{14} [MMK 23-4d]

The idea is that [afflictions do not exist] for a non-entity [having] the characteristic of such [things] as a childless woman's son. Because it is not so maintained [i. e., that attributes exist without a basis], therefore nonexistent [afflictions] cannot serve as an example [in the opponent's original syllogism]. Thus the meaning maintained [by the opponent] is not proved.\textsuperscript{15}

To our fellow Buddhists, moreover, the following should be said:
Like the view of one's own "body,"¹⁶ the
afflictions ... [MMK 23-5a]

"One's own" (sva) [refers] to the self and what belongs
to it (atma-ātmiva). "Body" (kāya) is a synonym of name
and form collectively. "The view of one's own body" is
the afflicted (klista) view apprehending one's own body.
"Like the view of one's own body" [means] "similar to the
view of one's own body." [The analysis of ] the afflictions [and the one who is afflicted] is similar to that
[expressed in the following verse:]

[The Tathāgata] is not [his] body nor is he
different from [his] body. [His] body does not
exist in him, nor he in it.

The Tathāgata does not possess [his] body. What is
the Tathāgata?¹⁷ [MMK 22-21]
The afflictions are "afflicting" in the sense of
"injuring."

... in five ways¹⁸ do not exist in the afflicted.

[MMK 23-5b]

That is, [they do not exist] in the afflicted mind.
The afflictions are not the afflicted because [their]
being nondifferent from that [afflicted mind] has been
negated and because it would follow that the consuming -
[fire] and the consumed [fuel] would be the same.19
Neither are the afflictions different from the afflicted
because, as before, their being different from that has
been negated and because it would follow that [there
could be] afflictedness even without afflictions. The
afflictions do not exist in the afflicted, nor does the
afflicted exist in the afflictions, nor do the afflic-
tions possess the afflicted - [all] because difference
simply does not exist. Thus in five ways the afflictions
do not exist in the afflicted.

Like the view of one's own "body," in five ways the
afflicted does not exist in the afflictions.

[MMK 23-5cd]

The nonexistence of the afflicted in the afflictions
in five ways should also be construed in that way. As to
that, because the afflictions do not exist, the example
[of the opponent's original syllogism, i.e., desire,
etc.] has the fault that it lacks the property to be
proved [i.e., existence by intrinsic nature].20

Moreover, for our own position,

The errors of [apprehending things as] pleasant and
unpleasant do not exist by intrinsic nature
(svabhāvataḥ). [MMK 23-6ab]

Then

What are the afflictions [which occur] in dependence on the errors of [apprehending things as] pleasant and unpleasant?²¹ [MMK 23-6cd]

"Which occur" is the rest of the sentence. Therefore in ultimate reality, it is not the case that a property (dharma) of the afflictions is [their] originating dependently. Thus the example [i. e., desire, etc.] has the fault that it lacks the property which proves [the thesis, i. e., the property of occurring in dependence on a cause].

Objection: Our fellow Buddhists²² retort:

Forms, sounds, tastes, and tangibles, smells and dharmas, sixfold, ... [MMK 23-7ab]

They are six kinds. What are they?

... are the object (vastu). [MMK 23-7c1]

Because [something] dwells in this, it is an object (asmin vasatīti vastu); the sense is that [the
afflictions] arise from those [six kinds of objects]. Form is what can be formed. Sound is what can be sounded. Smell is what can be smelled. Taste is what can be tasted. The tangible is what can be touched. Dharmas [are so called] because they bear their own characteristics (svalaksana-dhārana).²³

Of what are those six the object?

They are conceptually constructed (vikalpyate) [as the object] of desire, hatred and confusion.

[MMK 23-7c2,d]

Desire causes one to be attached; it is clinging (adhyavasāna). Hatred causes one to hate; it produces malice (Aghāta) toward beings. Confusion makes one confused; it is not knowing.²⁴ This [verse] has shown that a property (dharma) of error is that [its] object exists.

Therefore the inference is:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, desire and so on, which occur in dependence on whatever errors of [apprehending things as] pleasant and unpleasant, do indeed exist,

[Reason:] because their object exists.

[Dissimilar Example:] Here what does not exist in ultimate reality has no object, like the visual
cognition of a blind person.

[Application:] Desire and so on have [the six] objects, which are conceptually constructed as the errors [i.e., they are apprehended as pleasant or unpleasant].

[Conclusion:] Therefore by virtue of the stated reason, since the errors exist, the afflictions, which occur in dependence on them, are established. Therefore there is no fault in the example [of the opponent's original syllogism, i.e., "desire, and so on"].

Answer:

Forms, sounds, tastes, and tangibles, smells and dharmas are isolated (kevala).\textsuperscript{25} [MMK 23-8ab]

"Isolated" [means] "without intrinsic nature." They do not bear even a slight scent of intrinsic nature.

Nor do [we] nihilistically negate (apavāda) the conventional truth (vyavahāra-satya). For [as to] those [sense objects],

They are like an [illusory] city of the gandharvas; they are similar to a mirage or a dream.

[MMK 23-8cd]

They are "like a city of the gandharvas" since they
have a common property (sādharmya) in that they are
objects of apprehension which are restricted as to place
and time and unrestricted as to [individual] series.26
They are "similar to a mirage" since they have a common
property in that, despite being empty of intrinsic
nature, they attain the state of being a causal condition
such that one who is attached to them seeks [them]. They
are "similar to a dream" since they have a common
property in that, despite having no intrinsic nature,
y they attain a state [in which] one who desires for a
little while brings about cause and effect.

Since form and so on, which are of such a kind, [are
like a person created by magical illusion] because of
having the common property of appearing falsely [and are
similar to a reflection] because of having the common
property of arising independently of the action of an
agent, therefore [Nāgārjuna] asks,27

In regard to those [objects], which are like a
person [created by] magical illusion and similar
to a reflection,

How will [the notions of] either pleasant or
unpleasant occur? [MMK 23-9]

The idea is that they will simply not occur because
[those objects] are empty of ultimately real
(pāramārthika) intrinsic nature. Therefore because in ultimate reality the object is not established, the meaning of the reason [of the opponent's last syllogism, i.e., the existence of the object of the afflictions] is not established; and it has a contradictory meaning.28 Moreover,

The pleasant, in dependence on which we could designate the unpleasant as unpleasant, Does not exist without relation (ānapekṣya) [to the unpleasant].29 [MMK 23-10abc]

["The unpleasant" is] that which would be called "unpleasant." ["We could designate the unpleasant as unpleasant;" i.e.,] we could designate something unpleasant as [having] the intrinsic nature of the unpleasant [by saying,] "This is unpleasant."30 The meaning [of "does not exist without relation"] is that that pleasant does not exist as having the nature of the pleasant unless it is related to the unpleasant.

Therefore the pleasant is not possible. [MMK 23-10cd]

The idea is that [this is so] because the unpleasant does not exist and therefore the pleasant also, being unre-
lated to that, would simply not be the pleasant.

Likewise,

The unpleasant, in dependence on which we could
designate the pleasant as pleasant,
Does not exist without relation [to the pleasant].\textsuperscript{31}

[MMK 23-11abc]

["The pleasant" is] that which would be established as
"pleasant." ["We could designate the pleasant as
pleasant;" i. e.,] we could designate something pleasant
as [having] the intrinsic nature of the pleasant [by
saying,] "This is pleasant."\textsuperscript{32} [The meaning of "does not
exist without relation" is that] that unpleasant is not
established as having the nature of the unpleasant unless
it is related to the pleasant.

Therefore the unpleasant is not possible.

[MMK 23-11d]

The idea is that [this is so] because the pleasant thus
does not exist and therefore the unpleasant also, being
without relation to that pleasant, would simply not be
the unpleasant.

Therefore in that way,
If the pleasant does not exist, how will desire arise?

If the unpleasant does not exist, how will hatred arise? [MMK 23-12]

Because those two [i.e., the pleasant and the unpleasant] do not exist, confusion also does not exist. It is established that simply because those two do not exist, that also does not exist. It is not the case that there is no fault if one speaks of them; therefore the [previously] stated fault of the reason is not avoided.

Objection:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, the errors of [apprehending things as] pleasant and unpleasant do indeed exist,

[Reason:] because the Blessed One has spoken [of them] in the sūtras.

[Similar Example:] That which the Blessed One has spoken of in the sūtras exists, for instance, the absence of a self.

[Application:] Those statements in the sūtras exist, [namely,] "to hold that the impermanent (anītya) is permanent (nītya), that what is not the self (anātman) is the self (ātman), that the painful (duḥkha) is pleasurable (sūkha), and that the impure (aśuci) is pure (śuci) is error."
[Conclusion:] Therefore in ultimate reality, the errors of [apprehending things as] pleasant and unpleasant do indeed exist.

**Answer:** If someone were mistaken (*vipratipanna*) [about conventional errors], this proof [of yours] would be possible for establishing the conventional errors of [apprehending things as] pleasant and unpleasant. In ultimate reality, it is not possible.\(^\text{35}\)

The Buddhas have also said that there is not any self or nonself. [MMK 18-6cd]

In that [verse], the answer has been given [to the opponent's argument]. Therefore because the absence of a self is not established, [your] example does not exist.

Nor does [your] reason exist, since [we] do not accept that the errors are said in the sūtras to exist in ultimate reality. Here error is twofold: [error] according to saṃsāra and [error] according to nirvāṇa. As to that, [error] according to saṃsāra is as follows: "The impermanent is permanent," etc. [Error] according to nirvāṇa is as follows: "The impermanent is impermanent," etc. Both of those are errors. They are to be abandoned by one who has attained nonconceptual wisdom (*nirvikalpaka-jñāna*), because they are contrary (*vipakṣa*) to that [wisdom].

**Objection:** The view that the impermanent is impermanent, etc., is not an error. Therefore it is not
possible that [that view] is an error.

**Answer:** What is the meaning of that [word] "error"?

If [you] say that it means the false view that the impermanent is permanent, therefore [Nāgārjuna] says,

"The impermanent is permanent": [MMK 23-13a]

[That is,] "the impermanent which is empty of permanence is permanent."

If to hold thus is an error, [MMK 23-13b]

[That is,] if such a cognition is an error because it apprehends a false meaning, in that case,

[Then] because permanence does not exist in what is empty, why is it not an error to hold [thus]? [MMK 23-13cd]

Because in what is empty, permanence is also empty of intrinsic nature, why is not an error to hold that the empty is permanent? The meaning of the sentence is that that is indeed an error. It is [a rhetorical question] like, for example, "if one is free from desire for the three realms [of samsāra] (traidhātuka-vīta-rāga), why is one not liberated?" [That is,] one is indeed liberated.
Objection: Why do [you] maintain that in what is empty, permanence is also empty of intrinsic nature in ultimate reality?

Answer: Because, by the method previously explained, it is unoriginated, like nirvāṇā.

Or,

"The impermanent is impermanent": [MMK 23-14a]

[That is,] "the impermanent which is empty of permanence is impermanent."

If to hold thus is not an error, [MMK 23-14b]

[That is,] if such a cognition is not an error because it does not apprehend a false meaning, in that case,

[Then] because impermanence does not exist in what is empty, why is it not an error to hold [thus]?37 [MMK 23-14cd]

In what is empty, impermanence is also empty of intrinsic nature. Therefore, why is it not also an error to hold that the empty is impermanent? The meaning of the sentence is that that, also, is indeed an error. The sense is that [this is so] because the property of that
[view] is that it is a conceptual construction (vikalpa), as in the case of holding [the empty] to be permanent.

Thus because here [the opponent's] statement is open to objection (glangs yod pa'i tshig), the meaning of a statement opposite to the meaning of the opponent's thesis becomes manifest. For instance, if a jar, which is made, is impermanent, why would sound, which is made, not be impermanent also? Here the syllogism (pravacavākya) is:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, that cognition that form is impermanent is an error,

[Reason:] because it is a conceptual construction,

[Example:] like the cognition that form is permanent.

Objection: [Your reason, "because it is a conceptual construction,"] is inconclusive (anākāntika) due to [the fact that] conceptual (savikalpa) cognitions that the samskāras are empty [are not errors].

Answer: Since even that cognition [that the samskāras are empty] is an error, there is no fault [in our reason].

Objection: In that case,

[Thesis:] Even the wisdom of emptiness does not cause one to attain liberation,

[Reason:] because it is an error,

[Example:] like the cognition that the objects of the internal āyatanas are pleasurable, etc.
**Answer:** What is the meaning of that thesis here? If it is that the cognition\(^4\) that the visual organ is empty does not cause one to attain liberation, it [merely] proves what is [already] proved [for us] (siddha-sādhana), because liberation is attained through nonconceptual wisdom. But if [the meaning is] that the nonconceptual\(^4\) [wisdom does not cause one to attain liberation], it is not established that that [nonconceptual wisdom] is an erroneous cognition. Therefore the meaning of [your] reason, ["because it is an error,"] is not established.

**Objection:**

[Thesis:] Even the nonconceptual wisdom of emptiness does not cause one to attain liberation,

[Reason:] because it is nonconceptual,

[Example:] like a spiritually immature person's\(^4\) visual cognition (caksur-viśeṣa).

**Answer:** [Even] for yourself, the meaning of [your] reason is inconclusive. It is inconclusive since [you accept that nonconceptual] cognitions of cessation (nirodha) which arise from meditation (bhāvanā-maya) [do cause one to be liberated].\(^4\)

Also, [even] for yourself, the meaning of [your] reason is inconclusive because even the wisdom of emptiness conceptually constructs, due to a conceptual construction of intrinsic nature.\(^4\)
Also, [your] inference does not damage [our position] (anumāna-bādha), because [your] example does not exist [even] for yourself.48

Moreover, what is the meaning of that [predicate of your thesis,] "does not cause one to attain liberation"? If [it means] that [the wisdom of emptiness] does not make liberation, that [merely] proves what is [already] proved [for us], since liberation is not made. If [it means] that [the wisdom of emptiness] is not correct (yathārtha) cognition,49 [your reason, "because it is nonconceptual,"] is inconclusive because there are perceptual cognitions (pratyakṣa-buddhi) [which are both nonconceptual and correct].50

One should understand that those who say,
[Thesis:] "Even nonconceptual wisdom is an erroneous cognition,
[Reason:] because it is nonconceptual,
[Example:] like visual cognition,"
have also been answered by this [argument].51

Objection: Those who hold that perceptual cognition (pratyakṣa-jñāna) is conceptual (savikalpaka) say [the following]:
[Thesis:] Perceptual cognition is conceptual,
[Reasons:] because it is cognition and because it is a means of correct knowledge (pramāṇa),
[Example:] like inferential cognition (anumāna-jñāna).
Answer: To them, also, the following should be said:

[Thesis:] Devadatta’s perceptual cognition (pratyakṣa-buddhi) is nonconceptual,

[Reasons:] because it has immediately evident visible form (pratyakṣa-rūpa) as its object (viṣaya) and because it is based on the visual organ,

[Example:] like the visual cognition of a spiritually immature person (bāla).\(^{52}\)

Therefore conventionally [your reasons] are inconclusive due to those cognitions [i.e., ordinary visual cognitions]. In ultimate reality, [your] example [inferential cognition] does not exist since even inferential, etc., cognitions have a single characteristic, because they are isolated (pravivikta) [i.e., empty] and have a single taste (ekarasa) [of emptiness].

Enough incidental discussion! We will deal with [our] subject matter.

Just as it is erroneous to hold that the impermanent is permanent or impermanent, so it should be said that it is erroneous to hold that self and happiness and purity\(^{53}\) are self and happiness and purity, [on the one hand,] or nonselself and suffering and impurity, [on the other].\(^{54}\)

Others,\(^{55}\) having superimposed [their own views on] the meaning of [our] thesis, say [the following]:

Objection:
[Thesis:] Holding (grāha) does indeed exist,

[Reason:] because the means of holding that (tad-grahaṇa) and the holder (grahīṭr) and what is held (gzung ba, probably grāhyā) exist.

[Dissimilar Example:] Here what does not exist does not have those three, as, for instance, a hare's horn [does not].

[Application:] In the case of holding erroneously, there are the cognition by means of which one holds; the holder, [who has] the nature of the aggregates; and what is held, such as visible form.56

[Conclusion:] Therefore by virtue of the stated reason, holding erroneously does indeed exist.

Answer:

That by which one holds, the holding, the holder,
and what is being held,
Are all extinguished [or "pacified": upaśānta].
Therefore holding does not exist.57 [MMK 23-15]

"That by which one holds" is the cognition which apprehends the specific and general characteristics (sva-sāmānya-lakṣaṇa) of an entity. "The holding" has the nature of imputation (samāropa) and nihilistic negation (apavāda). "The holder" [either] has the nature of name and form [nāma-rūpa, i. e., the aggregates] or is
different from them. "What is being held" is form and so on. It has been shown according to the context [i.e., as they came up in different contexts] that those are empty of intrinsic nature. Therefore the means of holding and the rest are all extinguished.

Therefore holding does not exist. [MMK 23-15d] The idea is that [this is so] because there is no establishment of [the opponent's] reason and example, [which purport] to show that like holding, those [i.e., the means of holding, the holder, and the held] exist.

Therefore in that way,

If holding either falsely or correctly does not exist, [MMK 23-16ab]

[that is, if holding that form, etc., are] permanent or impermanent and so on [does not exist,] then, in ultimate reality,

For whom would there be error?
For whom would there be nonerror? [MMK 23-16cd]

The idea is that [this is so] because the cognitions of permanence, impermanence, and so on do not arise for one who remains in the practice of nonconceptual wisdom (prajñā).
Alternatively, [one may explain the last verse using the following pūrvapakṣa:]

**Objection:**

[Thesis:] Errors do indeed exist,

[Reason:] because the one who possesses that error exists.

[Similar Example:] For instance, when one possessing a parasol exists, the parasol exists.

[Application:] Likewise, these spiritually immature persons who possess error exist.

[Conclusion:] Therefore errors do indeed exist.

**Answer:** To those [who argue in that way], we answer:

If holding either falsely or correctly does not exist, [MMK 23-16ab]

because by the proof previously shown, the arising and so on of either [sort of holding] is not established, likewise,

For whom would there be error?

For whom would there be nonerror? [MMK 23-16cd]

In relation to some error, [one could say,] "This one possesses error; this one possesses nonerror." Those also, like error, do not exist. The meaning of the sentences [i. e., MMK 23-16cd] is that one who possesses error and one who possesses nonerror simply do not exist. Therefore in ultimate reality, the meaning of the reason
[in the opponent's last syllogism] is not established; and [his] example also does not exist. According to superficial reality (sāmvrtyā), the meaning is contradictory.58

Moreover, if you maintain here that this one who possesses error (phyin ci loq dang ldan pa) is one who is endowed with error (phyin ci loq dang bcas pa), that one must either be in error (phyin ci loq tu gyur pa, viparīta), or not in error (aviparīta), or [in the process of] coming to be in error (viparyasyamāna). As to that,

For one who is [already] in error, errors are not possible. [MMK 23-17ab]

[This is so] because coming to possess those [errors] would be pointless for one who [already] possesses them.

For one who is not [yet] in error, errors are not possible. [MMK 23-17cd]

[This is so] because he is free from them, like a Noble One (Ārya).

For one who is [in the process of] coming to be in error, errors are not possible. [MMK 23-18ab]
[This is so] because both faults would [follow].

Apart from one who is in error and one who is not in error and one who is [in the process of] coming to be in error, there cannot be [any] one who possesses error. Therefore [we] say, Be impartial and

Consider for yourself: For whom are errors possible? [MMK 23-18cd]

The meaning of the sentence is that one who possesses error simply does not exist. Therefore the fault of the [opponent's] reason and example are as before.

Moreover, when it has been shown by means of the stated method that in ultimate reality, all entities are unoriginated, then

If errors are unoriginated, how will they exist? [MMK 23-19ab]

The meaning of the sentence is that because they are unoriginated, it is simply not established that they exist.

If errors are unoriginated, how will one who has fallen into error (viparyava-gata) exist?
"One who has fallen into error" means "one who possesses error." Therefore there are the same faults in the [opponent's] reason, etc.

Moreover, in ultimate reality,\textsuperscript{59}

If self and purity and permanence and happiness exist,
The cognition of self, the cognition of purity, the cognition of permanence, and the cognition of happiness will not be errors.\textsuperscript{60} \[\text{MMK 23-20 ( CPP: 23-21)}\]

The idea is that [this is so] because [their] object of cognition [would] not be false. Here the phrases, "cognition of self" and so on, indicate the cognition of the self, etc., because [those cognitions] remain on those [objects], the self, etc.\textsuperscript{61}

Likewise, in ultimate reality,

If self and purity and permanence and happiness do not exist,
Nonself, impurity, impermanence, and suffering do not exist.\textsuperscript{62} \[\text{MMK 23-21 ( CPP: 23-22)}\]
The idea is that [this is so] because the intrinsic nature of nonself, for example, is established as being nonself [either] by the exclusion (bsal ba) of self or in relation to it. Since nonself and so on are not established, in relation to what would the view of self and so on be an error? For if there were no people, there would also be no error of seeing a tree stump as a person. Since error itself is not established, it will be difficult to avoid that same fault that the [opponent’s] reason and so on do not exist.

**Question:** Well, when [the yogin] has ceased to conceptually construct those [errors and nonerrors] because the errors and nonerrors of permanence and impermanence [respectively] and the rest are thus not established, what excellence (guna) will accrue to that yogin?

**Answer:** Wishing to explain the result [which comes about] through the method which has been explained, [Nāgārjuna says,]

Thus because of the cessation of error, ignorance (avidyā) ceases. [MMK 23-22ab (CPP: 23-23ab)]

Since the cause of errors is ignorance, because of the cessation of error, ignorance, the cause of the view of self and so on, ceases.63
When ignorance has ceased the karmic conditionings (samskārāh) and so on cease. 64 [MMK 23-22cd (CPP: 23-23cd)]

The expression ‘karmic conditionings and so on’ should be construed as [meaning karmic conditionings and the remaining members of the twelvefold dependent origination]: [2] karmic conditionings; [3] consciousness (vijñāna); [4] name and form (nāma-rūpa); [5] the six [internal] āyatana [i.e., the six sense organs]; [6] contact (sparśa); [7] feeling (vedanā); [8] craving (trṣṇā); [9] appropriation (upādāna); [10] samsāric existence (bhava); [11] birth (jāti); and [12] old age (jārā), death (marana), and the rest. 65 Therefore in that way it is established that affliction (kleśa) is extinguished because of the realization (rtoogs pa) of the absence of intrinsic nature.

For this position which says that intrinsic nature exists, those afflictions must either be existent or nonexistent. What [follows] from that?

If any afflictions of anyone existed by intrinsic nature, [MMK 23-23ab (CPP: 23-24ab)]

Though [Nāgārjuna] did not say, "of [any] existent [person]," 66 it should be understood from the context.
How could they be abandoned?  [MMK 23-23c (CPP: 23-24c)]

Why are they not abandoned?

Who will abandon the existent?\textsuperscript{67}  [MMK 23-23d (CPP: 23-24d)]

The idea is that [this is so] because the existent [has] unchanging intrinsic nature.

But if [the afflictions] are nonexistent like a hare's horn or like the characteristic of the nonexistence of one thing in another (\textit{itaretara-abhāva}), even so,

If any afflictions of anyone were, by intrinsic nature, nonexistent,\textsuperscript{68}  [MMK 23-24ab (CPP: 23-25ab)]

Here also, though [Nāgārjuna] did not say, "[of any] nonexistent [person],"\textsuperscript{69} it should be understood from the context.

How could they be abandoned?  [MMK 23-24c (CPP: 23-25c)]
Why are they not abandoned?

Who will abandon the nonexistent? [MMK 23-24d (CPP: 23-25\\symbol{704})]

[This is so] because the nonexistence of the nonexistent cannot be abandoned. For a nonexistent sky-flower does not abandon [its] nonexistent intrinsic nature; and what lacks the intrinsic nature of a horse does not abandon [its] "horseless" intrinsic nature (rta med pa'i ngo bo nvid).

**Objection:** It is established that one does indeed abandon existent afflictions by means of a counteragent which has arisen. Therefore there is no fault [in our position].

**Answer:** It is difficult to show that point, [namely,] how one abandons [them] by means of a counteragent which has arisen for something existent.\(^70\)

As to that, here the abandonment of those [afflictions] is not possible for one who supposes that the afflictions are existent or nonexistent [by intrinsic nature]. Therefore, since [the position of the opponent who maintains existence by intrinsic nature] is [thus] open to objection (sāvakāśa),\(^71\) it has been shown that the property of the afflictions [which proves that they lack intrinsic nature] is [their being] abandoned.\(^72\)
Therefore the inference is:

[Thesis:] In ultimate reality, the afflictions do not exist by intrinsic nature,

[Reason:] because they are abandoned,

[Example:] like a woman, man, and girl with a doll\(^{73}\) emanated by a magician.

[Application:] One who realizes [their] faults abandons them [in both cases].\(^{74}\)

In that connection, here the meaning of the chapter is [as follows:] By describing the faults in the proofs stated by the opponent and setting forth unobjectionable proofs of [our] own, [we] have shown that error does not exist by intrinsic nature.

Therefore such [scriptural] statements as the following are established:\(^{75}\) [From the \(\text{Ārya-ananta-mukha-sādhaka-dhāraṇī}\),\(^{76}\)

As this speech is formless, completely unapprehendable,

So the afflictions are formless, thoroughly unapprehendable.

As this speech does not exist, abiding neither internally nor externally,

So the afflictions do not exist, abiding neither internally nor externally.

Likewise, [from the \(\text{Suvikrāntavikrāmi-paripṛcchā}\),\(^{77}\)

"\text{Sāradvatīputra, the thorough comprehension of defile-}
ment is in accordance with reality (yathābhūta). That thorough comprehension] has no defilement, but beings who are in error become defiled. Error does not exist, and there is no perfection (parinispatti) or characteristic of what exists in that which does not exist. Sāradvātīputra, to comprehend thoroughly in that way is called 'purification' (vyavadāna)." Likewise, [from another sūtra,]79 "The Tathāgata has fully and completely awakened to and taught [the fact that] the afflictions do not exist. Though [they] do not appear as visible form, he has completely known [them]. Though he does not make [them] into a duality, he has directly realized (sāksāt-kr) [them]; but there is also no attainment."

The twenty-third chapter, "Examination of Error," of the Prajñāpradīpa, a commentary on [Nāgārjuna’s] Mūlamadhyamaka composed by ācārya Bhavyakara/Bhavyakāra (legs ldan byed)80 [is concluded].
Notes to Translation of Chapter 23

1According to Avalokitavrata, emptiness is [Nāgārjuna's] own position (svapakṣa); the opponent's position is that entities (bhāva) exist by intrinsic nature. In particular, the opponent holds that the errors and afflictions (kleśa) exist by intrinsic nature. See Ava P259a-2 to 5, D216a-1 to 4.

2Avalokitavrata glosses "treatise" as "scripture" (āgama); see Ava P259b-3, D216b-1. Compare the scriptural passages quoted in CPP 451.12,13,15.

3Candrakīrti understands śubhāśubhāviparyāsān as a triple dvandva rather than a tatpurusa, that is, "the pleasant, the unpleasant, and error," rather than "the errors of the pleasant and the unpleasant." Thus, in his interpretation, rāga arises in dependence on śubha; dveṣa in dependence on aśubha; and moha in dependence on viparyāsa (CPP 452.4,5).

4Namely, that things which are designated in dependence on other things, i. e., causes and conditions, do not exist because of their own intrinsic nature; see Ava P260b-4, D 217a-7.

5In other words, since the opponent's thesis refers to ultimate reality it cannot be supported by an example which exists only on the conventional level. See Ava P260b-8, D217b-3.
Avalokitavrata explains that the Mādhyamika accepts that the aggregates and so on have conventional intrinsic nature. See Ava P261a-1,2; D217b-4.

According to Avalokitavrata, the existence of the self is not established with regard to paramārtha and its nonexistence is not established with regard to samvṛti. See Ava P261a-6, D217b-7 to 218a-1.

The Tibetan of MMK 23-4a in BPP and Ava P261b-5, D218a-5,6 differs from CPP (May 399.8), Bp (Saito 326.4), and Akutobhavā P99a-5, D85b-6, which all have gang gi vin for 'ga' las 'byung. Bhāvaviveka may have read kasmāccid dhi bhavanti for kasyacid ... (CPP 453.13).

See Ava P261b-8, 262a-1; D218b-1,2.

Avalokitavrata explains that the opponents maintain that the intrinsic nature of entities exists. Nevertheless, they are "without intrinsic nature" in the sense that one thing does not exist in another as, for example, a jar does not exist in a piece of cloth and vice versa. Of course, the intrinsic nature of the jar and the cloth does exist in each one separately. See Ava P262b-2 to 5, D219a-2 to 4.

The opponents' position is reminiscent of that of the Cūlasuññatā-sutta of the Pāli Canon. See Gadjin M. Nagao, "'What Remains' in Sūnyatā: A Yogācāra Interpretation of Emptiness," in Mahāvāna Buddhist Meditation: Theory and Practice, ed. Minoru Kiyota,

11See Ava P262b-7 to 263a-1, D219a-5,6,7.

12Probably in the sense that an entity's characteristic is present in that entity and absent in other entities.

13Presumably because, if every entity (bhāva) is totally absent (abhāva) in every entity different from it, blueness could not exist in a jar. This is a variant of the argument that if things exist by virtue of their own intrinsic nature, they would be self-sufficient and independent; and there could be no relation between them.

14The Tibetan of 23-4cd in CPP (May 399.10,11) differs from that in the other commentaries. The Sanskrit (CPP 453.14) does not quite seem to correspond to any of the Tibetan translations.

15See Ava P263a-5,6,7; D219b-2,3,4 for some of the phrases in brackets.

16The term svakāyadrṣṭi is equivalent to the more usual term satkāyadrṣṭi; see May 183 n. 595 and references therein. The literal meaning is "view in regard to one's own body;" but what is being referred to is the view that the self exists in one of four possible relations to the five skandhas. See May 213 n. 720, Mahāvyutpatti ##4684-4704, and CPP 355 n. 4. These four relations are the same as the five relations mentioned in
note 18, with the omission of difference.

17 In CPP, "aggregates" (skandha, phung po) is substituted for "body" (sku, kāya?) in MMK 22-1. See CPP 432.12,13 and n. 7. In Bhāvaviveka's commentary on this verse in chapter 22, he remarks, de la sku'i don ni phung po'i don to|| (BPP P262a-8, D209b-4,5).

18 The "five ways" are five possible relations: A is the same as B; A is different from B; A possesses B; B exists in A; A exists in B. See MMK 10-14, 10-15, 22-1 and May 183 n. 597.

19 Probably referring to chapter six of the MMK, rāga-rakta-parīkṣā, and chapter ten, agni-indhana-parīkṣā, respectively.

20 See Ava P264a-3,4; D220a-7 too 220b-1.

21 The Tibetan translation of 23-6cd, in both BPP and CPP (May 401.15), seems to read katamāḥ for katamā (CPP 455.17).

22 Candrakīrti (CPP 456.3) regards 23-7 as expressing Nāgārjuna's own view.

23 For the Sanskrit of similar, but not identical, etymologies of the six kinds of sense objects, see CPP 456.9-457.1.

24 Again, for the Sanskrit of similar etymologies of the three afflictions, see CPP 457.3-6.

25 In 23-8ab, Nāgārjuna almost quotes a passage from the Pāli Canon: evam rūpā rasā saddā gandhā phassā ca
kevalā itthā dhammā anīṭṭhā ca na ppaivedhenti tādino
(Āṅguttaranikāya III 379; see also Vinaya I 185,
Theragāthā 643, and Kathāvatthu 90). Also, note that
23-8cd (CPP 457.14) is identical to 17-33cd (CPP 334.6),
as pointed out by Christian Lindtner, Nāgārjuniana,
Indiske Studier IV, Copenhagen: Akademisk Forlag, 1982
(abbreviation: Lindtner), pp. 25-26 n. 79.

26 A "city of the gandharvas" is a type of mirage
called "Fata Morgana." For a discussion of the physics
of the Fata Morgana, see Alistair B. Fraser and William
A. Mach, "Mirages," Scientific American 234, no. 1
(January, 1976), pp. 102-111, and Walter Tape, "The
Topology of Mirages," Scientific American 252, no. 6
(June, 1985), pp. 120-129, esp. pp. 127-129. Bhāva-
viveka's point is that this mirage occurs only at times
when and places where the conditions are right but that
when and where it does occur, it can be seen by anyone,
unlike dreams, which occur only in one person's "series"
(samātāna).

27 Part of this commentary actually occurs between
23-9a and 23-9b and immediately following 23-9b. The
sequence of text and commentary has been changed in order
to produce tolerable English syntax.

28 According to Avalokitavrata, it is not established
in ultimate reality and is contradictory according to
superficial reality (samvrtvā). Perhaps he means that
the opponent's reason contradicts the conventional truth that the nature of the sense objects is illusion-like. See Ava P266a-1, D222a-2.


30 These two sentences follow 23-10a and 23-10b, respectively, in the Tibetan text. They have been rearranged for the sake of clarity.

31 Bhāvaviveka appears to read yat pratiṃtya śūbhām in 23-11, instead of yat pratiṃtyāsūbhām (CPP 459.8). See Lindtner, ibid., and Saito, ibid.

32 These two sentences follow 23-11a and 23-11b, respectively, in the Tibetan text. They have been rearranged for the sake of clarity.

33 See Ava P259b-4,5; D216b-2,3.

34 On the four viparītās, see Aṅguttaranikāya II 52 and references in LVP AK V 21 n. 2 and May 190 n. 620.

35 Bhāvaviveka is speaking about ultimate reality when he negates the errors. See Ava P267a-2,3,4; D223a-1,2,3.

36 Bhāvaviveka seems to read na nityam vidvate śūnve kuto grāha 'viparyayah in 13cd, instead of nānityam ... viparyayah (CPP 460.6). See Lindtner, loc. cit., and Saito, loc. cit. On the variants in the Tibetan translation of 23-13cd in CPP and the Akutobhaya, see May 190 n.
619, 405 nn. 1 and 2. On grāha, see May 190 n. 618.

37 Bhāvaviveka seems to read anitye  śīt vā bi evam
vadī grāha  āvīparvayaḥ| nānityam viśyate śūnye (= Candrā-
kīrti’s 23–13c) kuto grāha  āvīparvayaḥ| in 23–14,
instead of anitye nityam ity evam vadi grāho viparyayaḥ|
anityam ity api grāhah śūnye kim na viparyayaḥ| (CPP
462.8,9). See Saito, loc. cit.; the reconstruction in
Lindtner, loc. cit., is somewhat different. On the
variants in the Tibetan translation of 23–14 in CPP and
the Akutobhāya, see May 407 nn. 1, 2, 3, 4.

38 glag s vor pa’i tshig corresponds literally to
sāvakāśa-vacana, though in some cases it may translate
prasaṅga-vākya. See Y. Kajiyama, “Bhāvaviveka’s Prajñā-
pradāpapah (I. Kapitel),” Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde

Bhāvaviveka also criticized Buddhāpālita’s prasaṅga
arguments as being sāvakāśa. See, e.g., Kajiyama, op.
cit.; D. S. Ruegg, The Literature of the Madhyamaka
School in India, Vol. VII, Fasc. 1 of A History of Indian
Literature, ed. Jan Gonda, Wiesbaden: Otto Harrassowitz,
1981, pp. 64–5; and Christian Lindtner, “Bhavya the
Logician,” typescript, p. 4 and p. 19 n. 25. (This paper
will appear in the Vidhusekhar Bhattacharya Commemoration
Volume, eds. Sunil Sen-Gupta and Suniti Kumar Pathak.)

39 The point of this paragraph seems to be that the
opponent’s thesis that it is not an error to say that the
impermanent is impermanent (MMK 23-14a) is true on the conventional level, but open to objection from the point of view of nonconceptual wisdom.

40 Here the term samskāraḥ is synonymous with samskṛta dharmāḥ, "conditioned dharmas."

41 See Ava P268b-8 to 269a-5, D224b-3 to 7.

42 The twelve āyatanaś are the six sense organs (the five physical sense organs plus the mind) and the corresponding six sense objects. The sense organs are said to be "internal," and the sense objects are said to be "external."

43 Avalokitavrata glosses this as "the conceptual cognition arisen from hearing and reflection (śrūta-cintā-maya)." See Ava P269b-3,4; D225a-5.

44 Avalokitavrata glosses this as "the nonconceptual cognition arisen from meditation (bhāvanā-maya)." See Ava P269b-6, D225a-7.

45 Avalokitavrata glosses bāla as prthag-jana, that is, one who is not yet an ārya; see Ava P270a-1,2; D225b-2.

46 See Ava P270a-5, D225b-5.

47 Avalokitavrata says that the wisdom of emptiness has the intrinsic nature of cognition. Thus it is not nonconceptual in the same way that unconsciousness (sams pa med pa) is nonconceptual. See Ava P270b-2, D226a-2.

48 A spiritually immature person's visual cognition,
which was the example in the opponent's syllogism, is also conceptual in the sense of having the intrinsic nature of cognition. See the previous note and Ava P270b-3,4,5; D226a-2,3,4.

\[49\] Not correct because, being nonconceptual, it does not cognize impermanent things as impermanent, according to Avalokitavrata. See Ava P271a-4, D226b-2.

\[50\] See Ava P271a-3, D226b-1.

\[51\] Again the point is that direct perception (pratyakṣa) is both nonconceptual and correct. See Ava P271a-8 to 271b-4, D226b-5 to 227a-1.

\[52\] Here the argument is that visual cognition is nonconceptual because, unlike cognition in general, it has an aspect of the physical world as its object (visāya) and a physical sense organ as its support (āśrava). The same applies to the other four physical senses.

\[53\] One would expect "nonself and suffering and impurity," corresponding to "impermanence."

\[54\] Avalokitavrata remarks that MMK 23-13,14 should be rephrased in terms of each of the other three viparyāsas. See Ava P272a-8 to 272b-2, D227b-3,4,5.

\[55\] Other Buddhists, according to Avalokitavrata; see Ava P272b-5, D227b-7.

\[56\] In other words, an agent, who has the nature of the aggregates, erroneously holds an object such as form
to be permanent. He does so by means of a cognition apprehending form. See the commentary following MMK 23-15.

Nāgārjuna deals with the grāha, grāhya, and grahītr in Vīgrahavāvartanī 13, 14, 15 and 66, 67. Here the analysis is in terms of vena grhnāti, grāha, grahītr, and vad grhyate.

Perhaps in the sense that the opponent's reason and example assume that conventional errors and parasols exist ultimately, contradicting the conventional truth that their nature is illusion-like. See note 28.

CPP's verse 23-20 is omitted in BPP. "If an entity does not originate from itself and does not originate from another and does not originate from both itself and another, how will one who possesses error exist?" na svato jāvate bhāvah parato naiva jāvate| na svatah parataś ceti viparyayagatah kutah|| (CPP 468.3,4). This verse is also omitted in the Akutobhayā (P42-4-4, D44-2-3; see May 199 n. 656) and in PN of Bp, though it is found in DC of Bp (see Saito 332 n. 1). The last pāda is omitted in the Peking version of CPP (P72-3-4,5) but is given in Derge (D77-4-5). It is interesting to note that the first two pādas of CPP's 23-20 and the first six syllables of the third are identical to MMK 21-13abc, while the fourth pāda is identical to 23-19d. See also Lindtner, loc. cit.
One should bear in mind that Bhāvaviveka's 23-20 is Candrakīrti's 23-21 and so on for the rest of the chapter. Note that śuci is translated as gtsang ba in CPP (May 413) but as sdu dg pa here and in the Akutobhayā (P42-4-4, D44-2-3) and Bp (Saito 332.4).

Also, the four occurrences of shes in the last two pādas have no counterpart in the Sanskrit or Tibetan of CPP. It seems to be an interpretive translation, based on Bhāvaviveka's commentary following the verse.

See Ava P274b-5,6; D229b-4,5.

Once again, CPP translates śuci as gtsang ba while the other three commentaries have sdu dg pa. (See the references note 60.)

This argument is valid only if ignorance is a sufficient cause of error.

Here Nāgārjuna alludes to the twelfeold dependent origination (pratītyasamutpāda), the first two members of which are ignorance and karmic conditionings. Chapter twenty-six of the MMK is devoted to the twelfeold dependent origination; see also the following commentary. Note that in this context, the term samskārāḥ has a different meaning from the one it had earlier in the chapter; see note 40.

"And the rest" refers here to sorrow (śoka), lamentation (parideva), suffering (duḥkha), unhappiness (daurmanasya), and trouble (upāvāsa).
66 See Ava P275b-3, D230b-1.

67 Although the Sanskrit of CPP has svabhāvam (CPP 471.4) in the last pāda, the Tibetan translation has yod pa (May 415.21) = sadbhāvam (CPP 471 n. 1). The following verse has ʼsadbhāvam = med pa (May 415.35).

68 abhūtāḥ svabhāvena (CPP 471.12), parallel to bhūtāḥ svabhāvena in 23-24a (CPP 471.3). This translation is an attempt to show that the position here is not a negation of "existence by intrinsic nature" (which would be the same as the Mādhyamika's position), but rather a view that nonexistence is established by intrinsic nature.

69 See Ava P275b-6, D230b-3.

70 Avalokitavrata explains, "Because the existent [has] an unchanging intrinsic nature" (Ava P276a-3, D230b-7). In other words, how could there be a counteragent for something which exists by intrinsic nature?

71 See note 38.

72 See Ava P276a-4,5,6; D231a-1,2.

73 gzugs su byas paʿi na chung, probably puttali-yuvati. This translation is conjectural.

74 See Ava P276a-8, 276b-1; D231a-3,4.

75 Avalokitavrata states the reason for giving sūtra quotations in the same words as in chapter seventeen. See Ava P276b-3,4,5; D231a-6,7 and note 92 to
chapter seventeen.

76 Identified by Avalokitavrata (Ava P276b-5, D23la-7). I have not been able to locate these verses in the text of the sūtra.

77 Sanskrit text in Ryusho Hikata, Suvikrāntavikrāmi-paripṛčchā Prajñāpāramitā-sūtra, Fukuoka, Japan: Kyushu University, 1958, p. 62.

78 Kun nas nyon mongs pa'i vongs su shes pa, samkleśasya pariṇā.

79 See Ava P277a-2, D231b-4.

80 See note 161 to my translation of chapter three.
Translation of Prajñāpradīpa, Chapter Twenty-six: Examination of the Twelve Factors of Saṃsāric Existence (bhavāṅga)$^1$

Now [Nāgārjuna] begins the twenty-sixth chapter with the aim of expounding conventional (vyāvahārika) dependent origination (pratītya-samutpāda) by means of refuting a particular counterposition (vipakṣa)$^2$ to emptiness as [in the preceding chapters].

Objection: In the immediately preceding chapter, you said,

No dharma has been taught by the Buddha to anyone anywhere. [MMK 25-24cd]

The Blessed One did [in fact] teach dependent origination, which puts to flight all the founders of non-Buddhist sects (tīrthakara) [like] herds of wild game$^3$ [and] which extinguishes the faults of bad views. Because he comprehended that [dependent origination], the Blessed One is renowned in the world as the "Awakened One" (buddha). Therefore you, who wish to disprove that [fact that the Buddha taught dependent origination], have said,

No dharma has been taught by the Buddha to anyone anywhere; [MMK 25-24cd]

[but] that will conflict with what [you yourself] maintain (abhyupagata-bādha) [namely, that the Blessed
One is, in fact, "awakened."

*Answer:* Therefore [Nāgārjuna] says,⁴

One who is enveloped by ignorance (avidyā) forms/perform (abhisamskurute) the threefold karmic conditionings (samskārān)⁵ leading to rebirth.

By means of those actions (karman), he goes to a state of existence (gati). [MMK 26-1]

As to that, ignorance is so called because it is a dharma which is contrary (vipakṣa) to knowledge (vidyā) or because it does not know the twelve factors of dependent origination, which are without self (anatman), motionless, and momentary. "Enveloped" by that [means] "covered" [by it]. Here one should specify (nges par gzung bar bya, probably avadhārayet or nirdhārayet) that only (eva) one who is enveloped by ignorance forms karmic conditionings, while one who is not enveloped does not.

One should not, however, specify that one who is enveloped by ignorance [forms] only the karmic conditionings, because the remaining factors, consciousness and so on, also have that [ignorance as their] cause.

Nor should one specify that one who is enveloped only by ignorance [forms karmic conditionings], because afflictions (kleśa) other than that [ignorance] exist.
The afflictions such as desire are also causes of karmic conditionings; but ignorance is mentioned (grahāṇa) because it is the chief. For example, one speaks [rhetorically] of the king's being victorious⁶ and of the mother "conch's" going.⁷

Objection: It is correct [to say] that unwholesome karmic conditionings arise from ignorance as [their] cause, since confusion (moha) is unwholesome. But how [will] wholesome karmic formations [arise from ignorance]?

Answer: Ignorance is also indirectly (pāramparvena) a cause [of wholesome karmic conditionings], as [when] one who is ignorant wishes to experience the pleasure of frolicking with goddesses in a divine palace [and therefore] practices virtue [in order to be reborn as a god]. [Moreover,] because samsāra is, in the ultimate sense, unwholesome (pāramārtha-akuśala), even the wholesome belonging to that [samsāra] is unwholesome.⁸ Therefore there is no fault [in saying that ignorance is also a cause of wholesome karmic conditionings].

"Rebirth" (punarbhava) is [the fact] that the existent will occur again due to the connected series of cause and effect. The meaning is "being born again."

"Leading to rebirth" (punarbhavāya) means "for the sake of rebirth" (punarbhavārtham). "Karmic conditionings" (samskāraḥ) are the making up (abhisamskarana) of karmic conditionings.⁹ [The karmic conditionings are] "three-
fold" by the distinction of meritorious (pūṇya), nonmeritorious (apūṇya), and "immovable" (āniñjya)¹⁰ or by the distinction of bodily, vocal, and mental karmic conditionings. "[One enveloped by ignorance] forms [karmic conditionings];" that is, [he forms] the weak, middling, and strong (mrdu-madhya-adhimātra) degrees of meritorious, etc., [karmic conditionings].

By means of those actions, he goes to a state of existence. [MMK 26-1d]

[That is, he goes] to a state of existence corresponding to merit, corresponding to nonmerit, or corresponding to immovability (pūṇya-, apūṇya-, āniñjya-upaga).¹¹

Consciousness (vijñāna), with karmic conditioning as its causal condition (pratyaya), enters states of existence.¹² [MMK 26-2ab]

"With karmic conditioning as its causal condition" [means] "having karmic conditioning as its causal condition" (vasya samskāрапrtyayasya tat samskārapratyayam); [the phrase modifies] "consciousness." Consciousness is an awareness of objects individually (vastu-pratīvijñāpti). [Consciousness enters] "states of existence," that is, the states of existence belonging to the category of gods and so on.¹³ "Enters" [means] "is [re]born."
Here one should not specify that only consciousness, with karmic conditioning as its causal condition, enters, because the mental factors (cāitta) also enter. Nor should one specify that consciousness, with karmic conditioning as its only causal condition, enters, because an Arhat has karmic conditioning but is not reborn in samsāric existence again. One should not specify that consciousness, with a causal condition which is only karmic conditioning, enters, because [its] causal condition[s] of samsāric existence (bhava), etc., also exist.

Here the opinions of the ācaryas differ. Some say that the series of the name and form (nāma-rūpa) of the intermediate existence (antarābhava) reaches the location of the [next] state of existence. Others say that consciousness, having karmic conditioning as its causal condition, reaches the [next] state of existence simply by means of birth in [that] state of existence.

As to that, the former, [i.e., those who hold that there is an intermediate existence,] say:

[Thesis:] The birth [of] the series of material form (rūpa) of material (rūpin) beings who have ceased somewhere, is held [to take place by means of] reaching another place by arising continuously in different places,

[Reason:] because if [a body] is material, the stream of
motion is continuous,

[Example:] like [the flame of] a lamp,\textsuperscript{19}

[Alternative Reason:] or because it is born at another location [in some] state of existence [after having come] from the place of death by means of a [continuous] series of name and form based on material form,

[Alternative Example:] as in the living state.

The latter, [i. e., those who deny that there is an intermediate existence,] say,

[Thesis:] In a material realm (\textit{rūpi-dhātu}), the death-existence (\textit{marāṇa-bhava}) and the birth-existence (\textit{upapatti-bhava})\textsuperscript{20} are not separated by another samsāric existence,

[Reason:] because those existences are defiled (\textit{sāsrava}),

[Example:] like the death-existence and birth-existence in the formless (\textit{ārūpya}) [realm].

Alternatively,

[Thesis:] The body which arises at the end of the death-existence of embodied beings (\textit{dehin}) is not a body of an intermediate existence,

[Reasons:] because it is a [karmic] maturation (\textit{vipāka}) and because it is included in the Truth of Suffering,

[Example:] like the body of [present] enjoyment.\textsuperscript{21}
Moreover, [continue those who deny that there is an intermediate existence,] because a mind-made body (manomaya-kāya)\textsuperscript{22} reaches another place, [its] stream of motion is continuous. Because of that [fact], the [first] reason [alleged by the proponent of intermediate existence] is inconclusive. Even without an intermediate existence,

By [the examples of] reading aloud, a lamp, a seal, a mirror, a sound, a fire-crystal, a seed, and a sour fruit,\textsuperscript{23}

The wise should understand the rebirth (pratisamādhi) of the aggregates and the non-passing-over (asamkrama) [of any entity in the process].\textsuperscript{24}

[Pratītyasamutpāda-hṛdaya, kārikā 5]\textsuperscript{25}

One who is no other [than the author of this commentary, i. e., Bhāvaviveka himself,]\textsuperscript{26} says that since the reason, "because if it is material, the stream of motion is continuous," is particular (khyad par can), the former [i. e., the proponents of intermediate existence,] do not have that fault.\textsuperscript{27}

When consciousness has entered, name and form (nāma-rūpa) are infused (niṣicyate). [MMK 26-2cd]

"Name" (nāman) [is so called because] it turns toward (namati) the states of existence (gati), or
[because] it can be turned (nāmya) by the afflictions; it is the four nonmaterial aggregates. Form (rūpa) is what can be formed (rūpyate). It is the four great elements and derivative matter (upādāya-rūpa).28

Here again, one should not specify that name and form have only consciousness as their causal condition, because ignorance and so on are also their causal conditions. Nor should one specify that only name and form have consciousness as their causal condition because consciousness is also a causal condition of the six āyatana of spontaneously born (upapāduka)29 beings, and because consciousness is also a causal condition of the "name" of the formless [realm].30 Nor should one specify that name and form have consciousness as their only causal condition, because an Arhat's last [moment of] mind is not a causal condition [for the further origination of name and form].

When name and form have been infused, the six āyatana arise. [MMK 26-3ab]

An āvatana [is so called because] it opens the door of the arising of consciousness (vijñāna-āvāram tanoti). "Six" [is specified] because the internal āyatana are referred to. They are held to be the visual organ, the auditory organ, the olfactory organ, the
gustatory organ, the tactile organ, and the mental organ (manas). The āyatana which is the visual organ has color as its object, is transparent matter (rūpa-prasāda), and possesses the locus of visual consciousness. [Likewise, the other] āyatanas also, from the auditory organ up to the tactile organ have sound and so on as their objects, are transparent matter, and possess the locus of auditory, etc., consciousness [respectively]. The āyatana which is the mental organ is the immediately past [moment of the] six groups of consciousness (vijñāna-kāya).

Here also, one should not specify that the six āyatanas have only name and form as their causal condition, because the karmic conditionings and so on are also causal conditions for them and also because name alone is a causal condition for the six āyatanas of spontaneously born beings. Nor should one specify that only the six āyatanas have name and form as their causal condition, because name and form are also causal conditions for contact (sparśa) and so on. Nor should one specify that the six āyatanas have name and form as their only causal condition, because the Arhat’s last [moment of] name and form is not a causal condition [for the further origination of the six āyatanas].

In dependence on the six āyatanas, contact arises
from them. 35 [MMK 26-3cd]

"In dependence on" (āgamyā, literally, "having arrived at") [means] "having found support [in]" (gnas thob nas, perhaps āśrayam gatyā). "From them" [means] "from the six āyatanas." "Contact" is "meeting" (phrad pa, perhaps samgati); it is what is experienced as pleasure, as pain, or as neither pleasure nor pain. 36 [Its] defining characteristic will be indicated below [in MMK 26-5ab, cl].

In dependence on the visual organ and [visible] form and mental focusing (samanyāhāra), 37 [visual consciousness] indeed originates. 38 [MMK 26-4ab]

"Mental focusing" is "attending to" (manasikāra).

Thus in dependence on name and form, consciousness arises. 39 [MMK 26-4cd]

[This refers to] the time at which [contact] begins. 40 As the consciousness which apprehends [visible] forms arises in dependence on the visual organ and [visible] form, so it should be stated that [auditory consciousness arises] in dependence on the auditory organ and sound, up to [the statement that] mental
consciousness arises in dependence on the mental organ and dharmas. [Consciousness has been discussed in this context] because [Nāgārjuna] wished to speak of the origination of the result of the six āyatanas.41 Well, what is contact?

The coming together (sannipāta) of the three, visual organ, [visible] form, and [visual] consciousness, is contact. [MMK 26-5ab,cl]

"The three" are the sense organ, the sense object, and [the corresponding] consciousness. "Coming together" [means] "assembling in one [place];" [and] that is "contact." The visual organ and so on are mentioned in order to show a particular [case], because contact is easy to investigate by means of them.

From that contact, feeling (vedanā) arises. [MMK 26-5c2,d]

[This is] "feeling" in the sense of "sensation" (pratisamvedana); it is the threefold experience (anubhava) [of pain, pleasure, and neither]. "Arises" (sampravartate) means "comes about" (abhinirvartate). The meaning is that feeling arises, having contact as its causal condition.
With feeling as its causal condition, craving (trṣṇā) [arises], for one craves the object of feeling. [MMK 26-6ab]

"Craving" has "desire" as its defining characteristic.

For one craves the object of feeling. [MMK 26-6b]

The untaught, spiritually immature, who do not understand that the suffering of change (vipāraṇama-duḥkhhatā),42 slight in enjoyment (āsvāda) and great in misery (ādinava), is like the brief sweet taste [of] drops of honey smeared on a razor's edge, crave that.43

Objection: Since a feeling of pleasure is beneficial, when one experiences [it], one desires that [feeling] again and again; therefore it is correct that one would crave that. But when one experiences a painful feeling, it is harmful; therefore one would not desire that [feeling]. How [then] could there be craving with that [painful feeling] as its causal condition?

Answer: When one experiences a painful feeling, craving which desires to be free from that arises. Therefore there is no fault [in saying that both pleasant and painful feelings are causal conditions for craving].

One who craves appropriates the fourfold
appropriation (upādāna). [MMK 26-6cd]

[As for the term] "appropriation", it is an appropriation (upādāna) because it is appropriated (upādīvate). Some say that the augmentation (‘phel ba, perhaps upacaya) of samsāric existence (bhava) is appropriation. Others say that it is effort for the sake of obtaining enjoyments. "Fourfold" [means having] the defining characteristics of the appropriation of [1] sensual pleasure (kāma), [2] views (drṣṭi), [3] the overestimation of moral conduct and ascetic practices (śīla-vrata-parāmarśa), and [4] the doctrine of the self (ātma-vāda).

When appropriation exists, samsāric existence (bhava) arises for the appropriator. [MMK 26-7ab]

"Samsāric existence" [here means] "samsāric existence [in the sense of] action" (karma-bhava). Because [action] causes [one] to exist (bhāvavati), it is "existence" (bhava).

Alternatively, "samsāric existence" is "arising" (‘byung ba); "arising" and "origination" (skye ba) are synonyms. Action, the cause of samsāric existence, is [called] "samsāric existence" by a metonymy (upacāra) of cause for effect, as [when one says,] "The arising of
Buddhas is happiness."

Here also, one should not specify contact and so on in either way, [i.e., as being conditions only or conditioned only,] since by the fact of being causal conditions, they have causal conditions, and since they are also causal conditions of other [factors].\textsuperscript{49} The consciousness and so on which belong to the present [life] have arisen from the cause [called] "ignorance and karmic conditionings" [of the past life].\textsuperscript{50}

As to that, if by means of relying on a spiritual friend (\textit{kalyāna-mitra}), hearing the good Dharma, and thorough attention (\textit{yoniso manasikāraḥ}), one [either] sees conditioned things (\textit{samskārah}) as the suffering of conditioned things (\textit{samskāra-duḥkhataḥ}) by means of the aspects (\textit{ākāra}) [which are] suffering and so on,\textsuperscript{51} or [one sees that conditioned things] are unoriginated because they are empty of intrinsic nature,\textsuperscript{52} then because the knowledge of reality (\textit{tattva}) has arisen, one does not crave; and if craving does not exist, one does not appropriate. Therefore,

For if he had no appropriation, he would be liberated; there would be no sāṃśāric existence [for him]. [MMK 26-7cd]

[This is so] because, among the three groups (\textit{kāṇḍa})
of [factors of] dependent origination, it is taught that the [future] result [occurs] when the presently existing [group] ceases; but the juncture (sbyor ba, perhaps yogā or prayoga) at which the [presently] existent ceases is also precisely (eva) a juncture of the present time.53

**Question:** What is the defining characteristic of that "samsāric existence" which is said [to arise] when appropriation exists?

**[Answer:]**

Moreover, that samsāric existence is the five aggregates (skandha). [MMK 26-8a]

Here also the cause of the five aggregates, [i.e., action,] is conventionally designated as the five aggregates. One should specify that the five aggregates are only samsāric existence; but one should not specify that samsāric existence is only the five aggregates, since the samsāric existence of the formless realm is four aggregates, [form being absent].54

From samsāric existence, birth (jāti) arises. [MMK 26-8b]

"Birth" (jāti) is so called because it arises (jāvate?). It is the aggregates' coming to exist after
not having existed (abhūtvā bhāvah).\textsuperscript{55}

Old age (jarā) and death (maraṇa), sorrows

[MMK 26-8c]

Old age and death are the causes of transformation (parināma) and cessation [respectively]. Sorrow (śoka) is produced by separation from what is dear (priya). It has inner torment (vocbs su gdung ba, perhaps paritāpa) as its defining characteristic.

Together with lamentsations, sufferings,\textsuperscript{56}

[MMK 26-8d]

"Lamentation" (paridevana, smre sngags 'don) is an utterance of words, based on expressing the good qualities of [something] lost which was cherished [by] a person. It is lamenting and lamentation (vocbs su smre zhing smre sngags 'don pa’o). "Suffering" (duḥkha) is the feeling of bodily discomfort.

Unhappiness and troubles: [MMK 26-9a]

"Unhappiness" (daurmanasya) is the feeling of mental discomfort. "Troubles" (upāvāsāḥ) are troubles due to a troubled mind and body.
They [all] arise from birth. [MMK 26-9b]

Thus those, old age and death and so on as described, arise from birth.

Thus this unadulterated (kevala) heap of suffering arises. [MMK 26-9cd]

"Heap of suffering" (duhkha-skandha) means "collection of suffering." "Unadulterated" means "unmixed with happiness." "This arises" (etasva sambhavah) [means that it] "originates." That arising of that heap [of suffering] belonging to the conventional truth is conventional dependent origination. In ultimate reality, by the method explained in the chapter on nonorigination, [the first chapter of the MMK,]57 it does not exist. Therefore there is no conflict with what [we Madhyamikas] maintain (abhyupagata-badha).58

**Question:** How will that series of births, which proceeds in that way, cease?

**Answer:** Because the unwise have formed/performed [karmic conditionings],

Therefore the wise do not form/perform (samskaroti)59 karmic conditionings, [which are]
the root of saṃsāra. [MMK 26-10ab]

[This is so] because those who see the faults of karmic conditionings\textsuperscript{60} do not form/perform (abhisamskuryant\textit{i}) them, because they see things as they really are (yathābhūtam). In regard to karmic conditionings [or "conditioned things"], which arise from a beginningless series of causal conditions as do magical illusions or mirages, the unwise do not see their faults. Therefore they wish to experience happiness again and again, so that they form/perform [karmic conditionings].

Therefore the unwise are doers (kāraka), not the wise, because [the wise] see reality. [MMK 26-10cd]

[The wise see reality] because the counteragent (pratipakṣa) [to ignorance and the afflictions]\textsuperscript{61} has arisen and because ignorance, which has the nature of the obscuration of the afflictions and [the obscuration] of objects of knowledge (kīleśa- and jñeya-āvarana),\textsuperscript{62} has been abandoned.

When ignorance has ceased, the karmic conditionings also\textsuperscript{63} do not arise. [MMK 26-11ab]
[This is so] because [their] causal condition does not exist, as the sprout [does not arise] when the seed does not exist.

Moreover, [as for] that cessation of ignorance:

The cessation of ignorance is due to the meditative cultivation (bhāvana, usually bhāvanā) of that very knowledge. [MMK 26-11cd]

[That is, the cessation of ignorance] is due to that very knowledge of emptiness (śūnyatā), which has as its object the absence of a self in dharmas (dharma-nairatmya-viśayin), which apprehends dependent origination, [and] which is to be meditated on and repeatedly cultivated (abhy-as) by means of negating (pratiṣedha) completely the intrinsic nature of entities (bhāva-svabhāva) by the method which has been explained.64

By the cessation of each [successive factor], each [subsequent factor] does not arise. [MMK 26-12ab]

Each preceding factor of samsāric existence, such as karmic conditioning, ceases due to the arising of [its] counteragent. Therefore each subsequent factor of samsāric existence, such as consciousness, does not arise. [That is to say,] they do not arise [as
expressed in scriptural statements] from "by the cessation of karmic conditionings, consciousness ceases" up to "by the cessation of birth, old age and death cease."\textsuperscript{65}

Thus that unadulterated heap of suffering completely (samvak) ceases. [MMK 26-12cd]

[This is said] with regard to (yongs su gzung ba, probably parigrahāt or parigrahataḥ) conventional truth. In ultimate reality, the factors of dependent origination, ignorance and the rest, [being] unoriginated, have no origination; [and] therefore they also have no cessation. Because [we Mādhyamikas] do not maintain that the Blessed One taught the dependent origination of purification (vyavādāna)\textsuperscript{66} as ultimate reality, there is no occasion for conflict with what [we ourselves] maintain.\textsuperscript{67}

As to that, here the meaning of the chapter [is the following:] Conventional dependent origination has been expounded by means of answering the fault in [our] thesis (pratījñā-dosā)\textsuperscript{68} alleged by the opponent at the beginning of the chapter.

Therefore\textsuperscript{69} those scriptural statements by the Blessed One such as the following are established:

"Dependent origination is without origination; therefore it is called 'dependent origination.' How could that which has no origination have cessation? One who
comprehends noncessation comprehends dependent origination."70

The twenty-sixth chapter, "Examination of the Twelve Factors of Samsāric Existence," of the Prajñāpradīpa, a commentary on [Nāgārjuna's] Mūlamadhyamaka composed by Ācārya Bhavyakāra (legs ldan byed)71 [is concluded].
Notes to Translation of Chapter Twenty-six

1 The formulation of dependent origination in terms of a number of factors of samsāric existence is a fundamental doctrine of early Buddhism. It occurs at many places in the Pāli Canon; we may note in particular the accounts in the Mahāpadānasutta and the Mahānidānasutta of the Dīgha-nikāya (II 30-35 and 55-71, respectively) and the ninety-three suttas of the Nidānasamyutta of the Saṃyutta-nikāya (II 1-132). The number of factors (usually called nidānas in Pāli) varies from one text to another, but the twelve enumerated here became standard. For more detail, see Louis de La Vallée Poussin, Bouddhisme. Études et Matériaux. Théorie des Douze Causes, Recueil de travaux publiés par la Faculté de philosophie et lettres, Université de Gand, 40e fasc., Gand, 1913 and the references in May 251 n. 897. For a collection of passages on the twelve factors translated from the Pāli Canon, see Henry Clarke Warren, Buddhism in Translations, New York: Atheneum, 1973 (reprint of Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1896), pp. 165-208.

2 Again, Avalokitavrata explains that emptiness is [Nāgārjuna’s] own position (svapakṣa), while the counter-position is the opponent’s position that entities exist by intrinsic nature. See Ava P362a-5,6; D305a-7 to
305b-1.

3 Probably an allusion to the well-known image of the Buddha’s teaching as the “lion’s roar” (simha-ñāda).

4 According to Avalokitavrata, the statement in MMK 25-24cd was made in regard to ultimate reality (paramārthataḥ). With respect to superficial reality (samvyā), the Mādhyamikas do accept that the Buddha taught the twelvelfold dependent origination, which Nāgārjuna now begins to expound. See Ava P363a-6 to 363b-2, D306a-6 to 306b-2.

5 samskāraḥ in the sense of "karmic conditionings" is equivalent to "actions," karmāṇi. See May 252 n. 902.

6 Although his army was also victorious. See Ava P264a-2,3; D306b-7 to 307a-1.

7 According to Avalokitavrata, the the mother "conch" (dung, probably śaṅkha or kambu), a kind of prāśin, swims in the water with her offspring in a line behind her. Although they all swim, only the mother is mentioned since she is the chief one. See Ava P264a-3,4; D307a-1,2. Could dung be a mistake for ngur pa, cakravāka, "duck"?

8 See AK 4-9c.

9 This definition is obviously circular. Candrakīrti has punarbhava-abhisamskāra. See CPP 543.1 and n. 1. On the other hand, perhaps the samskāras which are "made up" by the karmic conditionings should be understood in the
sense of samskṛtā dharmāḥ, "conditioned dharmas." See LVP AK I, pp. 28-9, esp. p. 29 n. 3a.


Meritorious actions are wholesome (kuśala or śubha) actions belonging to the realm of desire (kāma-dhātu); see AK 4-46a. Nonmeritorious actions are unwholesome (akuśala or aśubha) actions; all of them belong to the realm of desire; see LVP AK IV p. 109. "Immovable" actions" are wholesome actions belonging to the realm of form or the realm of formlessness (rūpa- or ārūpya-dhātu); see AK 4-46b.

11 See LVP AK III, p. 76 and n. 2. Presumably, states of existence corresponding to merit are the higher gatis (usually considered to be those of gods and men) within the realm of desire, while states of existence corresponding to demerit are the remaining gatis of the desire realm, and states of existence corresponding to immovability are the realms of form and formlessness.

12 gro ba rnams su. The Sanskrit of CPP has the singular (gatau). The Tibetan of CPP agrees with BPP. See CPP 543.5 and n. 4.

13 On the five or six gatis, see LVP AK III, pp.11-12 and p. 11 n.2.

14 Compare AK 4-52cd.
15 See AK 3-21c, 24c.

16 In Tibetan, the three statements of what one should not specify occur first; then the reason for each statement is given in order. The paragraph concludes with the remark, "Thus the necessity of not specifying should be stated in order."

Avalokitavrata ( Ava P365b-7 to 366a-2, D308a-6 to 308b-2) specifies that these are "the Ārya-Sarvāstivādins, etc." They hold that the name and form, i.e., the five aggregates, of an intermediate existence occur between one existence and the next. This accounts for the fact that one may die in one place and be born in another, very distant place.

According to the Abhidharmakośa, the intermediate state occurs only before rebirth in a material (rūpin) realm (that is, the realm of desire or the realm of form). Presumably this is so because the formless realm has no location; see AK 3-3a and LVP AK III, p. 5. On the intermediate existence, see LVP AK III, pp. 31-50, esp. p. 32 n. 1.

According to Avalokitavrata (loc. cit. and following), the intermediate state occurs only after one has died in a material realm. In other words, for Avalokitavrata, if one dies in a material realm and is reborn in the formless realm, an intermediate existence intervenes; if one dies in the formless realm and is
reborn in a material realm, there is no intermediate existence. For the Abhidharmakośa, the reverse is true.

18 Avalokitavrata identifies them as "the Mahāsāṅghikas, etc." They hold that consciousness simply "jumps" from death to birth. See Ava P366a-2 to 6, D308b-2 to 4.

19 The idea here is that since dharmas are instantaneous, they do not exist long enough to move; they simply arise and cease. What appears to be motion is a phenomenon in which a collection of dharmas ceases at one place and a collection of similar dharmas arises in another place. If the dharmas are material, however, they cannot skip intervening spaces; they must arise and cease at a continuous series of points. Thus material beings cannot simply die in one spot and be born in another with no intermediate state to connect the two.

20 The maraṇa-bhava is the five aggregates at the moment of death; the upapatti-bhava is the five aggregates at the moment of birth. See AK 3-13cd.

Avalokitavrata (Ava P367a-4 to 7, D309b-4,5,6) seems to take rūpi-dhāta and ērūpye as modifying only maraṇa in maraṇa-upapatti-bhavau. This agrees with his previous explanation (see note 17), but it seems unlikely from the syntax.

21 nye bar spyod pa'i lus, glossed by Avalokitavrata as da ltar nye bar spyod pa'i lus (Ava P367b-3, D309b-4).
This translation is rather conjectural, but the ordinary body which exists from birth to death seems to be what is meant.

22 On the mind-made body, see LVP AK II, p. 209 and nn. 2 and 3, and AK 3-40c.

23 A fire-crystal (me shel) or sun-stone (arka-kānta) is a crystal used to focus the sun's rays to make fire. The point of the example of a sour fruit is that merely seeing a lemon, for instance, can make one react as if one had tasted something sour, even though there is no samkrama of anything from the lemon to one's mouth. On the other examples, see May 253 n. 909, 259 n. 933.

24 This is not punctuated as a verse in the Tibetan; but it is, in fact, a Tibetan translation of a verse which is quoted twice in the Sanskrit of the Prasannapadā (CPP 428.11,12; 551.14,15; see also 544.5) but is omitted both times in the Tibetan (see CPP 428 n. 3).

(1982), 167-172; and references therein. The occurrence of this quotation in the Prajñāpradīpa was pointed out by Lindtner, "Adversaria Buddhica," p. 168.

It is interesting to note that neither Bhāvaviveka nor Avalokitavrata indicates that this verse is a quotation or mentions its author. It is presented simply as a part of the argument of those who reject the antarābhava, identified by Avalokitavrata as "Mahāsāṅghikas, etc.," (Ava P367b-5 to 368a-5, D309b-6 to 310a-5).

26 gzhan ma vin pa, ananya. Identified by Avalokitavrata (Ava P368a-5,6; D310a-5).

27 That is, the first reason adduced by the proponents of an intermediate existence is not inconclusive, as those who deny intermediate existence have alleged, because it refers to a special case, namely, "if it is material." Avalokitavrata concludes from this statement that Bhāvaviveka himself holds that there is an intermediate existence. See Ava P368a-8, D310a-7.

28 On bhautika, equivalent to upādāya-rūpa, see May 91 n. 198.

29 On upapāduka, see AK 3-8cd,9.

30 rūpa being absent in the formless realm, there are only the four nonmaterial aggregates, i. e., nāman. See AK 8-3cd. Thus there is no "name and form" in the formless realm.
The twelve āyatanas are the six sense organs listed here plus the six corresponding sense objects. The sense organs are the internal (ādhyātmika) āyatanas; the sense objects are the external (bāhya) āyatanas.

The sense organs are not the visible eye, ear, etc.; they are composed of subtle, transparent matter supported by the eye, ear, etc. See AK 1-9 and LVP AK I, p. 15 n. 1. Thus I have translated their names as "visual organ" and so on rather than "eye" and so on.

ças dang ldan pa. The sense organ is usually said to be the "support" (āśraya) of the corresponding sense consciousnesses; see AK 1-44cd,45. çnas may translate āśraya, although the more usual equivalent is rten.

See AK 1-17 and LVP AK I, p. 31 n. 3.

de las reg pa ˈbyung bar ˈgyur. CPP has reg pa vang dag ˈbyung bar ˈgyur = saṃsparśāḥ sampravartate (May 459.5, CPP 553.4). Perhaps Bhāvaviveka read tataḥ sparśāḥ pravartate.

sukha-, duḥkha- and aduḥkha-sukha-vedya (or -vedanīya). See AK 3-31d and 4-47. Avalokitavrata glosses this as "[contact is] the cause of feeling;" see Ava P370a-1,2; D311b-5,6.

On samanvāhāra, see May 261 n. 942 and Majjhima-nikāya I 190-1.

"Originates," skye ba ... yin, is absent from the
Sanskrit of CPP 553.6, but is supplied in its Tibetan translation (May 459.9).

39 Candrakīrti explains that cakṣuḥ and rūpa belong to the form aggregate, while samanvāhāra belongs to the other four aggregates (= "name"). Thus consciousness can also be said to arise in dependence on name and form. (See CPP 554.2-4.) Since it was said earlier that name and form arise in dependence on consciousness (26-2cd), we see that name and form, on the one hand, and consciousness, on the other, are mutually dependent. See Dīgha-nikāya II 32, 56 and Saṃyutta-nikāya II 104.

40 See Ava P370a-6 to 8, D312a-3,4. In other words, the consciousness being referred to here occurs when contact arises in dependence on the six āyatanas. Depending on a sense organ (one of the six āyatanas) and a sense object and mental focusing, a sense consciousness arises. Once consciousness has arisen, the coming together, the functional interrelation of organ, object, and consciousness is contact. (See also Ava P371a-3,4; D312b-5,6).

41 According to Avalokitavrata, one might wonder why after saying in MMK 26-3cd that contact occurs in dependence on the six āyatanas, Nāgārjuna inserts a verse (MMK 26-4) on the origination of consciousness before proceeding to define contact. The answer is that, as explained in the previous note, the origination of
consciousness is an essential step in the process by which contact occurs. See Ava P370b-2 to 5, D312a-6 to 312b-1.

42 On the three kinds of suffering, see AK 6-3 and following commentary. Note that the suffering of change pertains to pleasant conditioned things; see LVP AK VI, p. 125.

43 In other words, pleasures are impermanent; and their pursuit has serious negative consequences. For the simile used here, compare Pāli appassāda (= alpa-āsvāda), glossed in the Therīgāthā commentary as sattha-dhārāvām madhubindu vīva or sattha-dhārā-gata-madhubindu vīva. See Dines Anderson and Helmer Smith, editors, A Critical Pāli Dictionary, Vol. I, Part 7 (Copenhagen: Royal Danish Academy, 1935), p. 315 under app̄-assāda.

44 On upādāna, see May 154 n. 467, 263 n. 947.

45 Compare LVP AK III, p. 87.

46 Compare AK 3-23cd.

47 On the four upādānas, see LVP AK III, pp. 86-7.

48 On the two senses of bhava, see CPP 556 n. 6 and AK 3-24ab, 1-8cd and LVP AK V, p. 1 n. 3. bhava literally means "existence." I have translated it as "samsāric existence" in order to distinguish it from soteriologically neutral terms, such as astitva, which also mean "existence."

49 That is, these factors are not only conditions nor
only conditioned; they are both. See Ava P372a-8, D313b-6,7.

50 The twelve factors of dependent origination are divided into three groups (kāṇḍa); see AK 3-20. The first two, ignorance and karmic conditionings, belong to the past life; the next eight belong to the present life; and the last two, birth and old-age-and-death, belong to the next life. See LVP AK III, pp. 60-65 and Ava P372b-3 to 6, D314a-2,3,4.

51 On the four aspects of the Noble Truth of Suffering, see LVP AK VII, pp. 30-39. Note that here samskārāḥ is equivalent to sāṃskṛtā dharmāḥ.

52 According to Avalokitavrata, the first is the way of the śrāvaka-yogin; the second is the way of the mahāyāna-yogin. See Ava P373a-5,6; D314b-3.

53 Avalokitavrata glosses "juncture at which the [presently] existent ceases" (yod pa 'jig pa'i sbvyor ba) as "samsāric existence" (Ava P373a-4, D314b-2). He explains that when the eight factors from consciousness up to samsāric existence, which belong to the present life, cease, their result, birth in a future life occurs. Nevertheless, the cycle can be broken by the process described in the commentary immediately preceding MMK 26-7cd. When one changes fundamentally the way in which one perceives conditioned things, craving ceases; and hence the remaining factors do not occur. See Ava P373a-2 to
The question seems to be how, given the cycle of dependent origination, is liberation possible? The answer given is that future rebirth is not inevitable; one can take steps in the present life to break the cycle. The means for doing so is the practice of the Buddhist path, whether of the Śrāvakayāna or Mahāyāna variety. This removes one’s ignorance about the nature of conditioned things, and therefore one ceases to crave them.

^54See AK 8-3cd.

^55See LVF AK II, p. 229.

^56As pointed out by de La Vallée Poussin (CPP 557 n. 3), the word order of the Tibetan of 8cd, here and in CPP (May 461.16, 17), is different from that of the Sanskrit (CPP 557.6).

^57The title of the first chapter is rkyen brtag pa (pratyāya-parīkṣā); but toward the end of it, Bhāvaviveka says, 'dir rab tu byed pa’i don ni skye ba med pa bstan pa vin pas (P74b-7,8; D62b-2).

^58This answers the opponent’s objection at the beginning of the chapter. See Ava P374a-5,6,7; D315b-1,2.

^59Although the Sanskrit of CPP has the singular (CPP 558.5), the Tibetan (May 462.10) has the plural, as does BPP. Also, note that the Tibetan corresponds to na
vidvān (or its plural) rather than to avidvān, as pointed out by de La Vallée Poussin (CPP 558 n. 4). Otherwise, the Tibetan of BPP seems closer to the Sanskrit of CPP (as emended by de Jong) in 26-10 than does the Tibetan of CPP.

60 Or perhaps samskārāḥ in the sense of "conditioned things." See commentary preceding 26-7cd and note 53.

61 The counteragent is the Buddhist path. Compare AK 5-60d, 61abc.

62 The kleśa-āvarana is the obscuration constituted by the afflictions. The jñeya-āvarana is the obscuration of the objects of knowledge by ignorance. On the two obscurations, see, e. g., references in Étienne Lamotte, Le Traité de la grande vertu de sagesse de Nāgārjuna (Mahāprajñāpāramitāśāstra), Vol. I, Bibliothèque du Muséon, Vol. 18, Louvain: Bureaux du Muséon, 1944, p. 27 n. 1.

63 kyangs, "also," does not occur in the Sanskrit or Tibetan of CPP 558.14, May 462.32.

64 On the connections among emptiness, dependent origination, and entities' lack of intrinsic nature, see especially chapter 24 of the MMK.

65 See references to the Pāli Canon in note 1.

66 Apparently referring to the process by which the cessation of ignorance leads to the cessation of birth, old age, and death.
See note 58.


Once again, Avalokitavrata cites the same reasons for giving scriptural quotations. See note 92 to the translation of chapter seventeen, note 75 to the translation of chapter twenty-three, and Ava P375b-6,7; D316b-5,6.

There is a very similar passage in the *Suvikrāntavikrāmi-paripṛcchā*:

\[
\text{... anutpādo hi}\]

\[
\text{pratītyasamutpādah samo 'nutpādas, tenocyate pratītya-}\]

\[
\text{samutpāda iti. yatra nāsty utpādas, tatra kuto nirodhah?}\]

\[
\text{anirōdho nirodhaḥ pratītyasamutpādasyāvabodhah ... See}\]

Ryusho Hikata, *Suvikrāntavikrāmi-paripṛcchā* *Prajñāpāramitā-sūtra*, Fukuoka, Japan: Kyushu University, 1958, pp. 11-12.

See note 161 to my translation of chapter three.
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Tibetan Text of Prajñāpradīpa, Chapter Three

{P90b-6, N79a-7, DC75b-1} da¹ ni skye ba mi mthun pa’i {N79b} phyogs kyi khyad par dgag pas skye mch'd rnams ngo bo nyid med pa nyid du bstan pa’i don gyi dbang gis rab tu byed pa gsum pa brtsam mo|| yang na ‘gro ba mi mthun pa’i phyogs dgag pas skye mch'd rnams stong pa nyid du bstan pa’i phyir rab tu byed pa gsum pa brtsam mo||

gang gi tshe dang po ltar² brtag pa de’i tse³ mi mthun pa’i phyogs nye bar bzhag pa ni| don dam par nang gi skye mch'd rnams skye ba kho⁴ nar gzung bar bya ste| yul so sor nges pa’i phyir ro|| ‘di na gang skye ba med pa de la ni yul so sor nges pa med de| dper {P91a} na mo gsham gyi bu’i skye mch'd rnams la yul so sor nges pa med pa bzhin no|| nang gi skye⁵ mch'd rnams la ni yul so sor nges pa ’di lta bu yod de| ’di lta ste| lta ba dang| nyan pa dang| snom pa dang| myong⁶ bar byed pa dang| reg par byed pa dang| yid rnams kyi yul gzugs dang| sgra dang| dri dang| ro dang| reg bya dang| chos rnams yin par go rims⁷ bzhin no|| de’i phyir gtan tshigs ji skad smos pas nang gi skye mch'd rnams skye ba kho⁸ nar gzung bar bya’o||
gang gi tshe gnyis pa ltar brtag pa de'i tshe ni
de⁹ phyir 'gro dang 'gro po dang||
bgrod par bya ba'ang yod ma yin|| [MMK 2-25cd]
zhès bshad pa'i phyir¹⁰ pha rol po dag na re| 'gro ba
yod pa nyid du shes par bya ste| bya ba'í 'bras bu yin
pa'i phyir¹¹ gzugs la lta ba la sogs pa bzhin no¹² zhes
zer ro||
phyogs gnyi ga'i lan du bshad pa|

lt'a dang nyan dang snom pa dang||
myong¹³ bar byed dang reg byed yid¹⁴||
dbang po drug po de dag gi|
spyod yul lta bar bya la sogs¹⁵|| [MMK 3-1]

lt'a zhes bya ba ni lta bar byed pa'i phyir ro||
lhag ma rnams la yang de bzhin no|| dbang po zhes bya ba
ni gzugs la sogs pa gzung ba'i phyir tshogs de la dbang
po dang| bdag po nyid byed pa'i phyir ro|| drug po zhes
bya ba ni so so'i ming smos pa nyid kyis grangs kyang rab
tu grub mod kyi| de nges par gzung ba ni tha snyad du
yang de¹⁶ dag las gzhan pa'i gzugs la sogs pa la dmigs
par byed pa'i byed pa po med par shes par bya ba'i phyir
ro|| de dag gi {N80a} zhes bya ba ni dbang po {D76a}
drug po de dag gi'o||¹⁷ spyod {C76a} yul zhes bya ba ni
yul te de dag la mthu yod pa nyid ces bya ba'i tha tshig
go¹⁸ blta bar bya ba la sogs pa zhes bya ba ni blta bar
bya ba dang| mnyan par bya ba dang| bsnam par bya ba
dang| myang bar bya ba dang| reg par bya ba dang| bsam
par bya ba dag go| 19

yul can dang| yul so sor nges pa de {P91b} yang tha
snyad pa yin gyi don dam pa ni ma yin pas| gtan tshigs mi
mthun pa'i phyogs 'ba' zhig la yod pa'i phyir 20 don 'gal
ba nyid do| don dam par ji ltar mig la soggs pa yul can
dang| yul gyi dngos por mi mthad pa de ltar 'di bshad par
bya ste| re zhig mig gi dbang po gcig pu'i dbang du mdzad
nas|

lta ba rang gi bdag nyid na| 21
de ni de la mi lta nyid|| [MMK 3-2ab]

lta ba zhes bya ba ni lta bar byed pa'i phyir te|
mig gi dbang po zhes bya'o|| rang gi bdag nyid na zhes
bya ba ni| rang gi ngo bo nyid yin na'o||
de ni de la mi lta 22 nyid|| 23 [MMK 3-2b]

ces bya ba la| 24 ci'i phyir lta bar mi byed pa nyid yin
zhe na| phyogs de ni tshig gi don 25 og nas 'byung bas
gsal bar byed do| ci'i phyir zhe na| de ni de la mi lta
ba'i phyir te| de ni grags pa yin no zhes bya bar dgongs
so|| nyid ces bya ba'i sgra ni nges par gzung ba'i don
te| 'dir lta bar mi byed pa nyid ces bya bar blta bar
bya'i| 26 gzhan du na gzhan la lta bar byed pa zhes bya
bar shes par 'gyur ro||
ci šte de lta na khyod kyis ci zhig bsgrub²⁷ par
ˈgyur te| gang gi tshe mig rang gi bdag nyid la lta bar
mi byed do²⁸ zhes smras paʿi tshe| gzhan du gyur pa gzugs
la lta bar byed do²⁹ zhes khas len to zhe na| khyod ʿdod
pa gang yin pa de yang|

gang tshe bdag la mi lta ba||³⁰
eje gzhan dag la ji ltar lta||³¹ [MMK 3-2cd]

mig gzugs la lta³² bar byed paʿi mthu nyid med do³³
zhes bya baʿi tshig gi don to||³⁴ de la ʿdir tshig leur
byas paʿi phyed gong mas ni mig rang gi bdag nyid la lta
bar mi byed paʿi³⁵ chos bstan la| phyed ʿog mas ni bsgrub
par bya ba chos gzugs la lta³⁶ bar mi byed pa³⁷ bstan
to|| deʿi phyir bsgrub par bya ba dang| sgrub paʿi chos
nye bar gzhag pas sbyor baʿi tshig tu ʿdod {N80b} pa ni
don dam par mig gi dbang po ni gzugs la lta bar mi byed
pa nyid de| rang gi bdag nyid la lta bar mi {P92a} byed
paʿi phyir| dper na rna ba la sogs pa bzhin no||

yang na phyed gong mas ni mig gi dbang po gzung ba
nyid {D76b} ma yin par {C76b} bstan nas| mig gi dbang po
rang gi bdag nyid chos mthun paʿi dpe nyid du nye bar
bzhag la| phyed ʿog mas ni mig gi dbang po gzugs la lta
bar mi byed par bstan pas bsgrub par bya ba chos gzugs
mig gi dbang poʿi yul ma yin pa nyid bstan to|| ʿdir
deʿi dbang gis³⁸ sbyor baʿi tshig ni don dam par gzugs
mig gi dbang po'i yul ma yin te| bsags pa'i phyir dper na
mig gi dbang po'i bdag nyid bzhin no||

rang gi bdag nyid la lta39 bar mi byed40 pa dang|
bsags pa ni mtshan nyid kyi sgra'i tshul nye bar gzung41
ba'i phyir te| gtan tshigs thogs pa dang bcas pa nyid
dang| byung ba las gyur pa nyid dang| rgyur byas pa'i
gzugs nyid dang| gzugs kyi phung por gtogs pa nyid la
sogs pa dag gi phyir ro42 zhes kyang phyogs gnyi ga la
rjes su dpag pa dag brjod par bya'o||

'dir kha cig na re| mig rang gi bdag nyid la lta43
bar mi byed pa ni bstan du med pa yin pa'i phyir rung
mod kyi| gzugs ni bstan du yod pa yin pas de'i phyir de
la lta44 bar byed do zhes zer ro||

de la rgyu gzhan des kho bo cag gis smras pa'i gtan
tshigs dang dpe bsgrubs45 pa'i phyir gnod pa med do||

chos mgon pa pa dag na re| gal te khyad par med
pa'i mig gzugs la lta bar mi byed pa nyid46 ces zer na|
de ni grub pa la sgrub pa yin te| phyogs ni de dang
mtshungs pa'i mig lta bar mi byed pa yin pa'i phyir ro||
'on te mig gzugs rnams la lta bar mi byed pa rten47 pa
mtshungs pa la bya'o48 zhes zer na ni de lta na khas
blangs pa la gnod par 'gyur te| chos mgon pa las|

tren mtshungs mig ni gzugs rnams lta||
der brten49 rnam par shes pa {P92b} min||50

[AK 1-42ab]

zhes gsungs pa'i phyir ro51 zhes zer ro||
de la `dir brten pa mtshungs pa`i mig nyid phyogs su byas pa`i phyir\(^{52}\) grub pa la sgrub pa {N8la} yang ma yin la| khas blangs pa la gnod par yang mi `gyur te|

\[ \text{mig ni gzugs la mi lta zhing} \]
\[ \text{yid ni chos rnams mi shes te} \]
\[ \text{gang la `jig rten mi `jug pa} \]
\[ \text{de ni dam pa`i bden pa`o} \(^{53}\)

zhes gsungs pa`i phyir ro|| don dam par mig gzugs la lta bar byed par khas ma blangs pa`i phyir dang| rjes su dpag pa rgyas pa ji skad bstan pa`i phyir de grub pas don dam par brten pa mtshungs pa`i mig ni gzugs la lta bar mi byed de| mig {D77a} gi dbang po yin pa`i phyir dper na de dang mtshungs pa bzhin {C77a} no||

yang na dbang po gzugs can yin pa`i phyir na ba bzhin no\(^{54}\) zhes bkag pa`i phyir ro|| grags pa`i gnod par yang mi `gyur te| dam bcas pa khyad par can nye bar bzung\(^{55}\) ba nyid kyis de ma spangs pa`i phyir dang| lan btab zin pa`i phyir ro||

kha che ba dag na re| mig ni lta bar byed pa nyid de| lta ba`i byed pa po yin pa`i phyir ro zhe`o||!

kha cig na re\(^{56}\) de ni rigs pa ma yin te| dam bcas pa`i don gyi phyogs gcig yin pa`i phyir dang| rjes su `gro ba med pa`i phyir dang| dgag pa smras zin pa`i phyir ro||\(^{57,58}\)

gzhan dag na re kha che ba dag gis smras pa ni rigs pa ma yin te| skad cig mar smra ba rnams la ni skad cig
yin pas bya ba mi ‘thad pa’i phyir ro|| skad cig ma ma
yin par smra ba rnam la yang de nyid de las gzhan pa
nyid du mi ‘thad pa’i phyir ro59 zhe’o||

mdo sde pa dag na re ‘du byed rnam la bya ba med
pa’i phyir mig kyang lta60 bar mi byed la| gzhan yang ma
yin te| ’o na ci zhe na| mdo sde las mig dang gzugs rnam
la brten nas mig gi rnam par shes pa skye’o zhes gsungs
pas khyed mig lta bar mi byed do61 zhes zer ba ni grub pa
kho na la sgrub pa yin no62 {P93a} zhe’o||

skye ba bkag pa kho nas mig gi rnam par shes pa mi
‘thad pa’i phyir grub pa la sgrub ma yin no|| khas
blangs pa la gnod63 par mi ’gyur te| tha snyad kyi bden
pa dang rjes su mthun pa’i mdo sde’i don khas blangs pa’i
phyir dang| don dam par mdo {N81b} sde’i don la rigs pa
med pa’i phyir ro||

mig dang gzugs kyi skye mched kyi skye ba bkag pa’i
phyir dang| mig dang gzugs dag gi lta ba po dang| lta ba
nyid bkag pa’i phyir de’i64 khyad par mi srid pas chog
mod kyi| ’on kyang nyan pa’i skye bo’i blo gros dbye bar
’dod pas phyogs tsam zhig bshad par bya’o||

lta ba rang gi bdag nyid na||65
de ni de la mi lta nyid||66 [MMK 3-2ab]
ces bya bas snga ma bzhin du rang gi bdag nyid la lta bar
mi byed pa nyid phyogs kyi cnos su bstan nas|
gang tshe bdag la mi lta ba||
de gzhan dag la ji ltar lta|| [MMK 3-2cd]
zhes bya ba 'dis bsgrub par bya ba chos nye bar gzhag\textsuperscript{67}
pa'i phyir gzhon gyis yongs su brtags\textsuperscript{68} pa'i rnam par rtog pa gzhon bsal bar 'dod pas sbyor ba'i tshig dag bya'o||

dele gang dag mig ni ma phrad \{D77b\} pa 'dzin
pa'\textsuperscript{o69} zhes zer ba de \{C77b\} dag gi phyir lta bar byed pa ni shes pa'i don yin pa'i phyir\textsuperscript{70} dper na rgyal po dag gis rtog chen dag las shes pa bzhin te| rang gi bdag nyid la lta bar mi byed pa'i phyir ro|| gtan tshigs kyi don ni rang gi bdag nyid mi shes pa yin no|| don dam par mig ni yul ma phrad pa 'dzin pa ma yin te| rang gi bdag nyid la lta\textsuperscript{71} bar mi byed pa'i phyir dper na sna la sogs pa bzhin no|| de bzhin du don dam par gzugs\textsuperscript{72} ni mig gi dbang po yul ma phrad par 'dzin pa'i gzung ba ma yin te| 'byung ba las gyur pa yin pa'i phyir dper na dri la sogs pa bzhin no|| rang gi bdag nyid la lta bar mi byed pa dang| 'byung ba las gyur pa ni mtshan nyid kyi sgra'i tshul nye bar bzung ba'i phyir te| gtan tshigs thogs pa dang bcas pa nyid la sogs pa dag \{P93b\} gi phyir ro\textsuperscript{73} zhes kyang phyogs gnyi ga la rjes su dpag pa dag brjod par bya zhirg sbyor ba'i tshig ci rigs pa rgyas par bya'o||

yang na don dam par mig ni yul ma phrad pa 'dzin pa yin par mi 'dod de| da ltar gyi yul mgon sum pa yin pa'i phyir dper na\textsuperscript{74} sna la sogs\textsuperscript{75} pa bzhin no||

ci ste mig ni yul ma phrad pa 'dzin pa yin te| gzugs
bar du chod pa 'dzin pa'i phyir dang| rtsol ba76 tha dad pa med pa dang| {N82a} dus tha dad pa med par 'dzin pa'i phyir dang| rang las lhag pa'i yul 'dzin pa'i phyir77 dper78 na yid bzhin no79 zhe na| de yang bzang po ma yin te| 'di la ma phrad pa 'dzin pa ni gzugs bar du chod pa 'dzin pa'i don yin la| gzugs bar du chod pa 'dzin pa'i phyir zhes bya ba'i don kyang de nyid yin pas dam bcas pa'i80 don gyi phyogs gcig yin pa'i phyir dang| rtsol ba tha dad pa med pa dang| dus tha dad pa med par 'dzin pa'i phyir zhes bya ba yang ma grub pa'i phyir ro|| gtan tshigs grub tu zin na yang rjes su 'gro ba mi 'grub ste| don dam par yid kyang ma phrad pa 'dzin pa nyid du ma grub pa'i phyir ro|| yang na don 'gal ba nyid kyang yin no||

grangs can dag mig ni yul81 dang ma phrad pa 'dzin pa ma yin te82 zhes bya ba ni grub pa la srib pa yin no zhes zer na| mig yul ma phrad pa 'dzin pa nyid kyi chos kyis83 stong pa nyid du bstan pas yul phrad pa 'dzin pa yin no84 zhes bsgrub pa'i tshul gyis ma bstan pa'i phyir gnas ma yin pa la dbugs 'byin to85 zhes brjod par {D78a} bya'oo||
gzhan yang mig ni yul phrad pa 'dzin pa yin par mi 'dod de| dbang po yin pa'i phyir {C78a} dper na yid bzhin no|| sna la sog pa dag gis ma nges pa nyid kyang ma yin te| de dag kyang 'og nas de dang 'dra ba kho nar ston pa'i phyir ro||
phrad pa 'dzin pa zhes bya ba'i don kyang gang yin|
gal te gnas nas yul gyi phyogs {P94a} su song ste 'dzin
par byed pa'o zhe na| don dam par mig gi 'jug pa ni| mig
gi rnam par shes pa'i rnam grangs kyi gnas nas phyi rol
du mi 'gro ste| 'jug pa yin pa'i phyir^{86} dper na sna la
sogs pa'i dbang po'i 'jug pa bzhin no| de bzhin du don
dam par gzugs ni mig gi dbang po yul phrad pa 'dzin
pa'i^{87} gzung ba ma yin te| rgyu can yin pa'i phyir dper^{88}
na sgra la sogs pa bzhin no||

ji^{89} ste phyogs gnyi gar bstan pa'i rjes su dpag pa
rgyas pa dag gis^{90} phyogs gcig gis gcig bsal^{91} ba'i phyir
gang yang rung ba la ma grub pa yin no zhe na| gnyi ga
med pa'i phyir {N82b} rsi sgrub par^{92} 'dod pa grub po^{93}||

gang dag la mig gi 'od zer yul gyi phyogs su song
ste| yul 'dzin par byed do snyam pa'i blo gros yod pa de
dag la yang 'di skad ces brjod par bya ste| tha snyad du
yang mig gi dbang po ni 'od zer dang bcas pa ma yin par
shes par bya ste| gzugs dmigs pa'i rgyu yin pa'i phyir
dper na gzugs bzhin no||

gal te mig gi dbang po ni 'od zer dang bcas pa kho
na yin te| mig gi dbang po yin pa'i phyir dper na^{94} byi
ba la sogs pa mtshan mo rgyu ba'i mig bzhin no zhe na| de
ni rigs pa ma yin te| mig gi dbang po ni bstan du med
pa'i phyir dang| de'i gnas 'od zer dang bcas pa nyid yin
du zin na yang dpe ma grub pa'i phyir dang| 'gal ba
'khrul pa^{95} med pa'i gnod pa yod pa'i phyir ro||
dpyad pa rnam par 'phros pas chog gi skabs nyid kyi dbang du bya'o||

lta ba rang gi bdag nyid na||
de ni de la mi lta nyid||
gang tshe bdag la mi lta ba96||
de gzhan dag97 la ji ltar lta|| [MMK 3-2]

zhes bya ba 'di la kha cig na re| 'di la dngos po rnam
kyi ngo bo nyid ni rang gi bdag nyid la mthong na| de
dang 1dan pas gzhan gyi bdag nyid la yang dmigs par 'gyur
te| dper na chu la rlan mthong na de dang 1dan pas sa la
yang dmigs pa dang| me la tsha ba mthong na de dang 1dan
{D78b} pas {P94b} chu la yang dmigs pa dang| sna ma'i me
tog la dri zhim pa nyid mthong na de dang 1dan pas| gos
la yang dmigs pa lta bu yin na| dngos po gang rang gi
bdag nyid la mi snang ba de {C78b} gzhan gyi bdag nyid la
ji ltar dmigs par 'gyur te| 'di ltar sna ma'i me tog la
dri nga ba nyid ma mthong na gos la yang dmigs par mi
'gyur ba lta bu'o|| de'i phyir gal te lta ba rang gi
bdag nyid la lta bar byed na ni| des na gzugs la lta bar
byed pas lta ba'o98 zhes bya ba de 'thad par 'gyur ba
zhig na| lta ba99 rang gi bdag nyid la lta bar mi byed
do|| da100 gang rang gi bdag nyid la lta bar mi byed pa
de gzhan dag la ji ltar101 lta bar byed de| de bas na
gzugs la lta bar byed102 pas lta ba'o103 zhes bya ba de mi
'thad do||

{N83a} slob dpom 'phags pa lhas kyang||
dngos po kun gyi rang bzhin ni
thog mar bdag la snang gyur na
mig nyid la yang mig gis ni
ci yi phyir na 'dzin mi 'gyur

[Catuhřataka 13-16]

zhes gsungs so zhes zer ro

de la 'dir rang gi sde pa dag na re| lta ba gzugs
dmigs pa de gal te ji ltar mig la\107 med pa de bzhin
du gzugs la yang med do zhe na ni grub pa la sgrub pa
yin te| de ltar yang|
de ni mig dang gzugs la med|
de gnyis bar na 'ang yod ma yin|
gang du de ni gnas 'gyur ba|
de yod ma yin de med min|
zhes gsungs pa'i phyir ro zhe'o

kha cig na re| ji ste rang gi bdag nyid la lta bar
byed pa'i nus pa med do zhe na ni| sna ma'i me tog dag
de'i dper mi rung ste| sna ma'i me tog dag la tshogs pa'i
dbang gis dri zhim pa nyid dag 'byung ba'i phyir me tog
dang phrad pas 'bru mar dri zhim pa nyid du 'gyur ba
bzhin no| gzugs la lta bar byed pa'i bya ba yang sus
kyang khas ma blangs pas de 'gog pa yang mi 'thad pa'i
phyir ro| ci ste bdag nyid la 'dzin par mi byed pa
bzhin du gzhan dag la yang 'dzin par mi byed par sgrub na
ni de lta na yang dpes {P95a} mi nus te| me dang sna ma'i
me tog dag rang dang gzhan gyi bdag nyid la 'dzin par mi
byed pa`i phyir ro|| de lta bas na de ni rigs pa ma
yin112 no zhe`o||
de`i phyir de ltar mig lta bar ma grub pas skye ba
yang ma grub| `gro ba yang ma grub ste| dpe med pa`i
phyir ro|| yang na gtan tshigs `gal ba {D79a} nyid kyang
yin no||
`dir smras pa| khyod bsgrub pa`i don sgro btags nas
mig gzugs la lta bar mi byed de| rang gi bdag nyid lta
bar mi byed pa`i phyir ro113 zhes zer bas114 ni `di skad
ces gal te de la rang gi bdag nyid la nus pa med na| de
la gzhan gyi bdag nyid la yang de med par bstan pa yin
no|| {C79a} de lta na yang ma nges pa nyid yin te| me la
rang gi bdag nyid la sreg par byed pa`i nus pa nyid med
du zin kyang gzhan gyi bdag nyid la sreg par byed pa`i115
nus pa nyid yod pa`i phyir ro||
`dir bshad pa|
lta ba rab tu bsgrub pa`i phyir||
me yi dpes ni nus ma yin|| [MMK 3-3ab]

mig ni lta ba`i ngo bo nyid yin no116 zhes {N83b}
bya ba`i don de rab tu bsgrub pa`i phyir gtan tshigs ma
nges pa nyid kyi skyon brjod pas te117| don dam par me ni
sreg118 par byed pa nyid du ma grub pa`i phyir dang| tha
snyad du yang lta ba`i ngo bo nyid du ma grub pa`i phyir
ro119 zhes bya bar dgongs so||
yang na\(120\)

lta ba rab tu bsgrub pa’i phyir\(121\)

me yi ḏpes\(122\) ni nus ma yin\(123\) [MMK 3-3ab]

gtan tshigs kyi skyon brjod pa’i phyir te| me’i ngo bo

nyid rang dang gzhan gyi bdag nyid snang bar byed pa de

ni gzhan gyi phyogs la yang med pa’i phyir dang| thas

snyad du yang sreg\(124\) par byed pa’i ngo bo nyid du ma

grub pa’i phyir ro\(125\) zhes bya bar dgongs so|| sreg\(126\)

pa zhes bya ba yang mes\(127\) byas pa’i bud shing ’gyur ba

yin pas| de’i\(128\) phyir me’i ngo bo nyid ma yin no||

gzhan yang\(129\)

lta ba rab tu bsgrub pa’i phyir\(130\)

me yi ḏpes ni nus ma yin\(131\)

song dang ma song \{P95b\} bgom\(132\) pa yis\(133\)

de ni lta\(134\) bcas lan btab po\(135\) [MMK 3-3]

lta\(136\) bcas zhes bya ba ni lta ba dang bcas pa’o||

gang zhe na| me’i ḏpe de’o|| ci zhig byas she na| lan

btab po||\(137\) gang gis she na| song ba dang| ma song ba

dang| bgom\(138\) pa dag gis te| ji ltar\(139\) sngar don dam par

song ba dang| ma song ba dang| bgom\(140\) pa dag la ’gro ba

med de| song zin pa’i phyir dang| ma song ba’i phyir
dang| song ba dang| ma song ba ma gtogs par bgom\(141\) pa

shes par mi ’gyur ba’i phyir ro\(142\) zhes bshad pa de bzhin

du don dam par mes kyang bud shing bsregs\(143\) pa dang| ma
bsregs\textsuperscript{141} pa dang| bsreg bzhin\textsuperscript{142} pa dag sreg par mi byed
de| bsregs pa`i phyir dang|\textsuperscript{143} ma bsregs pa`i phyir dang|
bsregs pa dang| ma bsregs pa ma gtogs \{D79b\} par\textsuperscript{144}
bsreg\textsuperscript{145} pa shes par mi `gyur ba`i phyir ro\textsuperscript{146} zhes bya
ba dang| de bzhin du don dam par mig kyang gzugs bltas pa
dang| ma bltas pa dang| blta ba dag la lta\textsuperscript{147} bar mi byed
de| bltas pa`i phyir dang| ma bltas pa`i phyir dang|
bltas pa dang| ma bltas pa ma gtogs par blta ba shes par
mi `gyur ba`i phyir ro\textsuperscript{148} zhes go rims\textsuperscript{149} bzhin du sbyor
ba`i tshig dag brjod par bya`o||

`di la gzhan dag ni pha rol pos me bzhin \{N84a\} du
lta ba la sog\s pa `grub stel\textsuperscript{150} dper na me ni sreg\textsuperscript{151} par
byed pa yin yang| gzhan dag sreg\textsuperscript{152} par byed pa nyid yin
gyi \{C79b\} rang gi bdag nyid sreg par byed\textsuperscript{153} pa ni ma
yin no|| de bzhin du lta ba yang lta bar byed pa yin
yang| gzhan dag la lta bar byed pa nyid yin gyi\textsuperscript{154} rang
gi bdag nyid la lta bar byed pa ni ma yin no\textsuperscript{155} zhes
smras pa`i lan du\textsuperscript{156}

lta ba rab tu bsgrub pa`i phyir||\textsuperscript{157}

me yi dpes ni nus ma yin||

song dang ma song bgom\textsuperscript{158} pa yis||
de ni lta\textsuperscript{159} bcas lan btab po\textsuperscript{160}|| \[MMK 3-3\]
de yang gzhan sreg par mi byed pa`i phyir ro\textsuperscript{161} zhes zer
ro||

gzhan dag na re de ni rigs pa ma yin te| dpe tsam
gyis\textsuperscript{162} \{P96a\} phyogs snga ma shin tu snying po ma yin
pas de 'gog pa'i rigs pa ma yin pa'i phyir ro zhe'o|\\m{n}{163}
gzhan dag gis smras pa|\\m{n}{164} mig la lta ba'i bya ba
yod pa kho na yin te| sgra'i bstan bcos las de ltar bstan
pa'i phyir ro|| 'di na sgra'i\\m{n}{165} bstan bcos las byed pa
po la bya ba'i rkyen brjod nas lta bar\\m{n}{166} byed pas lta\\m{n}{167}
ba zhes bya ste| der gang ci bstan pa de ni de bzhin te|
Øper na byed pa po la bya ba'i rkyen brjod nas thugs su
chud par mdzad pa'am\\m{n}{168} thugs su chud par gyur pas sangs
rgyas zhes bya ba bzhin no||
'dir bshad pa| sgrub pa de tha snyad kyi bden pa'i
khongs su ni yod mod kyi| don dam par ni med do|| ji
ltar zhe na| 'di nyid du mig lta ba bkag pa'i phyir dang|
de'i skye ba bkag pa'i phyir lta ba dang bral ba yin pas|
gang tshe cung zad mi lta ba||
ltar bar byed pa ma yin no|| [MMK 3-4ab]
gang gi tshe gtan pa'am\\m{n}{169} khri'u'am\\m{n}{170} cung zad la
yang lta bar mi byed pa de'i tshe lta bar byed pa ma yin
no|| de'i phyir|
ltas bas lta bar byed ces byar||
de ni ji ltar rigs par 'gyur|| [MMK 3-4cd]
ltas bas lta bar byed ces bya ba de ji ltar rigs par
'gyur te| de ni mi rigs pa kho na'o zhes bya {D80a} ba'i
tshig gi don to| | de`i phyir|

lta ba lta nyid ma yin te||
lta ba min pa mi lta nyid|| [MMK 3-5ab]

lta ba`i nus pas stong pa`i phyir||
bong ba la {N84b} sogs pa bzhin no||
zhes bya bar dgongs so|| des na don dam par sgra`i\textsuperscript{171}
bstan bcos las lta ba`i sgra dang| sans rgyas kyi sgra
bstan pa mi rung ba kho na ste| dpe med pa`i phyir ro||
mdzad pa`i mtha` dang yang\textsuperscript{172} mi `gal te| don dam par
bcom ldan `das kyang ngo bo nyid med pa`i phyir dang| `og
nas kyang|
de bzhin gshegs pa`i dngos nyid gang||
de ni `gro `di`i ngo bo nyid\textsuperscript{173}||
de bzhin gshegs pa dngos nyid med\textsuperscript{174}
`gro `di ngo bo nyid med do|| [MMK 22-16]
zhes `byung ba`i phyir ro||
yang na gzhan du brtag ste\textsuperscript{175} `di {C80a} la de lta
ba yin pa la\textsuperscript{176} byed pa po la\textsuperscript{177} bya ba`i rkyen brjod nas
lta bar byed {P96b} pas lta ba zhes bya ba`am\textsuperscript{178} lta ba
ma yin pa la byed pa po la bya ba`i rkyen brjod nas lta
bar byed pas lta ba zhes bya| des cir `gyur| gal te de
lta ba\textsuperscript{179} yin pa la bya na ni|
gang tshe cung zad mi lta ba||\textsuperscript{180}
lta bar byed pa ma yin no|| [MMK 3-4ab]
´o na ci zhe na| lta ba\textsuperscript{181} nyid ni lta bar byed pa yin no||
| des na mig lta ba´i bya ba skyes pas lta bar byed de| de lta na gtan tshigs dang dpe´i skyon de nyid yod do|

| gal te de lta ba´i bya ba´i\textsuperscript{182} byed pa po yin pa´i phyir lta bar byed pa nyid yin no zhe na| de´i tshe de lta ba yin na lta ba´i bya ba\textsuperscript{183} don med pa nyid de| de´i phyir|\textsuperscript{184}

| lta bas lta bar byed ces byar||\textsuperscript{185}
| de ni ji ltar rigs par ´gyur|| [MMK 3-4cd]
| mi rigs pa kho na yin te| lta ba´i bya ba dang ldan pa´i phyir ro\textsuperscript{186} zhes bya ba´i tshig gi don to||
| ji ste de lta ba ma yin pa la bya na yang|
| gang tshe cung zad mi\textsuperscript{187} lta ba||
| lta bar byed pa ma yin no|| [MMK 3-4ab]
| de´i tshe de lta ba´i ngo bo nyid ma yin na| bong ba la sogs pa bzhin du lta ba´i bya ba dang bral ba yin pas lta ba ma yin pa yang lta bar mi byed pa nyid do||
| de´i phyir de ltar gnyi ga yang lta ba´i bya ba dang mi ldan pa´i phyir|
| lta ba lta nyid ma yin te||\textsuperscript{188}
| lta ba min pa mi lta nyid|| [MMK 3-5ab]
| ci ste dgag pa gnyis yod na| skabs kyi don go bas de´i phyir mig lta ba´i bya ba skyes pas lta bar byed do zhe na| de\textsuperscript{189} ni bzang po ma yin te\textsuperscript{190} yod pa dang med pa´i rkyen dgag pa bzhin du yod pa dang| med pa´i rgyu
nyid bkag¹⁹¹ {N85a} pa’i phyir ro|| phyis ’byung ba’i
tshul gyis lta ba nyid du nye {D80b} bar brtags nas| de
lta ba yin par rtog¹⁹² na ni tha snyad kyi bden pa rab tu
bsgrub pa’i phyir ’dod pa nyams so||

yang na pha rol po na re mig lta ba’i bya ba skyes
pas lta bar byed par smra ste| bya ba’i tha snyad yod
pa’i phyir ro|| gang la lta¹⁹³ ba’i bya ba ma skyes pa
de ni lta bar byed do¹⁹⁴ zhes mi brjod de| {P97a} dper
na¹⁹⁵ rna ba bzhin no|| mig la ni lta ba’i bya ba yod
pas mig lta bar byed do zhes tha snyad ’dogs so zhes zer
ba la¹⁹⁶| slob dpon gyis bshad pa| de ltar na|

lta ba lta nyid ma yin te||¹⁹⁷ [MMK 3-5a]
pha rol pos don dam par lta ba po ’ga’ zhig la lta ba’i
bya ba skyes par ma bstan pa’i phyir dang| lta ba la lta
ba’i bya ba skyes pa’i sngon rol na| lta ba nyid du ma
grub pa’i phyir ro {C80b} zhes bya bar dgongs so||
sngon lta ba ma yin pa¹⁹⁸ las phyis lta ba’i bya ba
dang ldan par ’gyur ba ni bstan dka’ ba’i phyir|
lta ba min pa mi lta nyid|| [MMK 3-5b]
de ltar¹⁹⁹ na gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub pa nyid dam|
don ’gal ba nyid yin pas| dam ’bcas pa nyams so||

’dir grangs can dang| bye brag pa dag gis smras pa|
‘dis lta bar byed pas lta ba ste| byed pa la bya ba’i
rkyen brjod pa’i phyir ro|| byed pa de gang gi yin pa de
ni lta ba po ste| de yang des lta bar byed do|| dper na
gcod pa po sta res²⁰⁰ gcad par bya ba shing gcod par byed
kyi\textsuperscript{201} sta re nyid bcod par mi byed pa bzhin te| des na mig gis lta bar mi byed do\textsuperscript{202} zhes bya ba de ni grub pa la sgrub\textsuperscript{203} pa yin no| | byed pa dag la byed pa po yod de| byed pa yin pa'i phyir dper na sta re la sogs pa dag la gcod pa po yod pa bzhin no| |
\'dir bshad pa|

ltab ba nyid kyis ltab ba po||

rnam par bshad par shes par bya|| [MMK 3-5cd]

rnam par bshad par shes par bya ba\textsuperscript{204} zhes bya ba\textsuperscript{205} lan btab par shes par bya'\textsuperscript{206} na| gang gis she\textsuperscript{207} na| ltab ba nyid kyis so| | gang gi zhe na| ltab ba po'i ste| ltab ba po nyid du rnam par rtog pa dgag pa yang 'dra ba'i phyir ro\textsuperscript{208} zhes bya bar dgongs so||

ji ltar der mig gi chos rang gi \{N85b\} bdag nyid la ltab bar mi byed pa yin pa de bzhin du \'dir bdag gi chos kyang rang gi bdag nyid la ltab bar mi byed pa yin te|
gang \{P97b\} gi phyir bdag ni rang gi bdag nyid la ltab\textsuperscript{209} bar byed pa mi \'thad de| rang gi bdag nyid la \'jug pa \'gal ba'i phyir ro| | \'di ltar ral \{D81a\} gri'i so de nyid kyis ral gri'i so de\textsuperscript{210} nyid gcod par mi byed pa bzhin no|| de\textsuperscript{211} ltar rjes\textsuperscript{212} su dgag pa ni don dam par bdag kyang lta ba po ma yin te| rang gi bdag nyid la ltab bar mi byed pa'i phyir dper na rna ba bzhin no||

pha rol pos gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub pa nyid du
dogs pa'i dug gis bslad du yang mi rung ngo|| gang la lar bdag gis bdag la lta bar byed do213 zhes bshad pa der ni| yid phan 'dogs pa yin pa'i phyir| bdag gis zhes214 bya ba'i sgrar sgro215 btags nas tha snyad du de skad bshad pa yin no||

dir rang gi bdag nyid la lta bar mi216 byed pa ni mtshan nyid kyi sgra'i217 tshul nye bar gzung218 ba'i phyir te| gtan tshigs dngos po nyid dang| {C81a} shes bya nyid dang| brjod par bya ba nyid la sogs pa dag gi phyir219 rna ba la sogs pa bzhin no220 zhe'am221| sgra la sogs pa bzhin no zhe'am222| bdag gi bdag nyid bzhin no zhes gtan tshigs dang| dpe'i rjes su dpag pa dag kyang rgyas par brjod par bya'oi||
de ltar na don dam par bdag ni gzugs la lta bar mi byed de| dngos po yin pa'i phyir dper na rna ba la sogs pa bzhin no223| de bzhin du don dam par bdag ni gzugs la lta bar mi byed de| shes bya yin pa'i phyir dper na sgra la sogs pa bzhin no|| de bzhin du don dam par bdag ni gzugs la lta bar mi byed de| brjod par bya ba yin pa'i phyir dper na bdag gi bdag nyid bzhin no|| gzugs la yang de bzhin du ci rigs par brjod par bya'o|| dam bcas pa la sogs pa'i skyon yang med de| tha snyad kyi bden pa'i dbang du byas pa'i phyir dang| spyir khas blangs pa'i bdag phyogs su byas pa'i phyir dang| de'i chos bstan {P98a} pa'i phyir dang| dpe nyid du yang de nye bar bzhag224 pa'i phyir ro||
de ltar don dam par sta re la sogṣ pa ma grub pas
dpe yang {N86a} med pa’i phyir grub pa la sgrub\textsuperscript{225} pa ma
yin no||

’dir kha cig na re| lta ba po lta bar mi byed do
zhes bya ba ni de nyid kyis don de la skur pa btab pa’i
phyir| dam bcas pa’i skyon du ’gyur ro zhes zer ro||

’dir rten cing ’brel bar\textsuperscript{226} byung ba skye ba med
do\textsuperscript{227} zhes bya bas lan btab zin pa’i phyir yang phyir
bzlas mi dgos so||

gzan yang ’di la lta ba po de\textsuperscript{228} lta ba po’i ngo bo
nyid yin nam\textsuperscript{229} {D81b} ’on te lta ba po’i ngo bo nyid ma
yin| de la gal te lta ba po’i ngo bo nyid yin te| ji ltar
grangs can dag na re skyes bu’i ngo bo nyid ni shes pa
yod pa nyid do\textsuperscript{230} zhes zer ba lta bu’o zhe na| de la gal
te de’i lta ba po de\textsuperscript{231} lta ba po’i ngo bo nyid yin na
ngo bo nyid ni ma byas pa’i phyir| lta ba med par yang
ltab pa por ’gyur ro||

ci ste gcod pa po de la sta re med na gcod pa po
nyid du mi ’thad pa de bzhin du de yang lta ba ma spangs
na\textsuperscript{232} | lta ba po nyid du blta bar bya’o zhe na| de lta na
bdag lta ba\textsuperscript{233} po nyid ni tha snyad pa yin te| gcod pa po
tha snyad pa yin pa’i phyir ro|| de ltar rtog na\textsuperscript{234}

ma spangs lta po yod min te||\textsuperscript{235} [MMK 3-6a]

\textsuperscript{235} {C81b}
khas blangs pa'i phyir ro²³⁷ zhes bya ba'i tshig gi lhag ma'o| 'di na lta ba dang ldan pa'i sgon rol dang lta ba dang bral ba'i 'og na lta ba med pas lta ba med na blta²³⁸ bar bya ba la lta ba yang med pa'i phyir| lta ba po nyid du mi 'thad pas lta ba po med de²³⁹ lta ba po'i ngo bo nyid ma yin no²⁴⁰ zhes bya ba'i tha tshig go²⁴¹ me bzhin du yang de mi 'grub ste²⁴²| bud shing med par me mi 'grub pa'i phyir ro||
yang na gal te lta ba²⁴³ yod na lta ba po yin no zhe na²⁴⁴ yang grangs can dag gis yongs su brtags²⁴⁵ pa'i lta ba po med²⁴⁶ do zhes bya ba'i tshig gi {P98b} lhag ma ste| 'di la gzugs dmigs shing²⁴⁷ lta bar byed pas lta ba po'o zhes rjes su dpag pa yin na| gzugs dmigs pa de yang| mig dang| gzugs dang| snang ba dang| nam mkha'dang| yid la byed pa dag yod na yod pa yin pas de'i phyir| lhas byin zhes bya ba'i tshogs de dag dang ldan pa la²⁴⁸ lta ba po zhes gdags kyi de las gzhan ni med do|| {N86b} de las gzhan pa yongs su brtags pa'i yod pa nyid cig yod du zin na yang| long ba'i rgyud la gzugs dmigs pa med pa'i phyir ro||
byed pa'i rgyu dag la byed pa por tha snyad gdags te| mar me bzhin du rigs pa nyid yin no|| dper na mar me la sms pa med²⁴⁹ kyang snang ba'i rgyu yin pa'i phyir snang bar byed pa yin no²⁵⁰ zhes zer ba bzhin te| de'i phyir tha snyad du yang de²⁵¹ med do||
ci ste lta ba po'i ngo bo nyid ma yin te| ji ltar
bye brag pa dag na re bzhi'i sbyor ba las gzugs shes pa skyes pa na lta bar byed do zhes zer\textsuperscript{252} ba lta bu'o zhe na| de\textsuperscript{253} lta na yang skyon de nyid yod de| ma grags pa'i yod pa nyid la der\textsuperscript{254} brtag pa \{D82a\} mi 'thad pa'i phyir ro||

thun mong du khas blangs nas de yod do zhe na| yang bshad pa|

lta ba spangs par gyur kyang ngo|| [MMK 3-6b]

ci zhig\textsuperscript{255} ce na| lta ba po yod min te|\textsuperscript{256} zhes bya ba'i skabs yin te| lta ba'i nus pa spangs par gyur na| de\textsuperscript{i}\textsuperscript{257} ngo bo nyid ma yin pa'i phyir ro|| don dam par de gzugs la lta bar byed par mi 'thad de| mig las gzhan yin pa'i phyir dper na bum pa bzhin no|| de ltar phyogs gnyis ka\textsuperscript{258} la yang| lta ba po nyid ma grub po||
yang na lta ba po'i ngo bo nyid du yongs su brtags na yang|

ma spangs lta po yod min te||\textsuperscript{259}

lta\textsuperscript{260} ba dang \{C82a\} bcos sam| lta ba med kyang rung ste| lta ba po'i ngo bo nyid med do\textsuperscript{261} \{P99a\} zhes bya bar dgongs so||

gal te re zhig lta ba po de mig yod na lta bar byed do zhes bya ba de ltar 'dod na| de lta na gzugs dmigs pa 'grub pa ni mig yod na yod pa'i phyir me yod na bsreg pa
nyid bzhin pas lta ba po nyid tha snyad pa ste| mig nyid yin par ´dod par bya´o| ci ste lta ba med kyang lta ba po yin no zhes byar ni long ba´i rgyud la gzugs dmigs pa med pa´i phyir de lta ba po nyid yin par mi rigs so||

´dir smras pa| lta ba´i bya ba yod pa nyid ni lta ba po yin par shes par bya ste| de la byed pa dang| las yod pa´i phyir ro|| ´di na gang la bya ba med pa de la ni byed pa dang las med de| dper na nam mkha´i me tog bzhin no|| lta ba po de la ni byed pa lta ba dang\textsuperscript{262} \{N87a\} las blta\textsuperscript{263} bar bya ba yod pas de´i phyir lta ba´i bya ba yod pa nyid ni lta ba po yin par shes par bya´o||

´dir bshad pa| don dam par lta ba rnam pa thams cad du bkag pa´i phyir dang| lta ba med na lta ba po yang mi ´thad de|

tsa bya lta ba ga la yod\textsuperscript{1}| [MMK 3-6cd]

gang gis kyang lta bar mi byed\textsuperscript{264} pa la blta bar bya ba\textsuperscript{265} mi rigs pa´i phyir dang| ´dis lta bar byed pa´i lta ba po med pa kho na´i phyir byed pa yang mi rigs pa´i phyir ro zhes bya bar dgongs so|| des na khyod kyi byed pa dang las yod pa´i phyir ro\textsuperscript{266} zhes bya ba´i gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub pa nyid dam| don ´gal ba nyid yin no||

rang gi sde pa dag las| kha cig na re| rgyu dang
rkyen gzhan gyi dbang dang gYo ba med pa'i 'du byed dag
la mig lta bar mi byed do^267 zhes bya ba dang| {D82b} de
las gzhan pa'i bdag lta ba po med do^268 zhes bya ba gang
yin pa de^269 ni rigs kyi| blta^270 bar bya ba dang| lta ba
dag med do zhes bya ba ni mi 'dod de| de dag gi 'bras bu
{P99b} rnam par shes pa la sogs pa bzhi yod pa'i phyir
ro|| gang med pa de la ni| 'bras bu rnam par shes pa
dang| reg pa dang| tshor ba dang| sred pa zhes bya ba dag
med de| dper na dmus long gi mig bzhin no|| blta bar bya
ba dang lta ba dag la ni 'bras bu rnam par shes pa la
sogs pa bzhi yod pas| de'i phyir blta bar bya ba^271 dang|
lt a ba dag yod do zhes zer ro||

'dir bshad pa| {C82b} gal te ji skad bstan pa'i
tshul gyis^272 blta bar bya ba dang| lta ba rab tu ma grub
par bstan pa de'i tshe|

blta bya lta ba med pa'i phyir||

rnam par shes la sogs pa bzhi||

yod min| [MMK 3-7ab,cl]

rkyen med pa'i phyir ro zhes bya bar dgongs so|| de'i
phyir de dag ma grub pas ma grub na blta bar bya ba dang|
lt a ba yang 'grub par mi rigs te| dpe^273 yang med pa'i
phyir ro||

gang dag 'di skad ces don dam par rnam par shes pa
la sogs pa dag yod pa nyid de^274 de dag gi 'bras bu nye
bar len pa la sogs pa dag yod pa'i phyir ro zhes zer ba
de dag la {N87b} bshad par bya ste|

nye bar len pa la sogs pa||275
ji lta bur na yod par 'gyur||276 [MMK 3-7c2,d]

de dag kyang rnam par shes pa la sogs pa bzhin du ma
grub pa'i phyir ro277 zhes bya bar278 dgongs so|| nye
bar len pa zhes bya ba ni| nye bar blang bar bya ba dag
ste| 'dod pa dang| tshul khrims dang| brtul zhugs mchog
tu 'dzin pa dang| bdag tu smra ba dang| lta ba zhes bya
ba dag go|279 sogs pa zhes bya ba ni gang dag gi dang
por de dag bstan pa ste| de dag kyang srid pa dang280·
skye ba dang281 rga shi dag go|282 de'i phyir khyod la
skyon de nyid yod do||
da ni pha rol pos rab tu byed pa'i dang por283 nyan
pa la sogs pa dang| sgra la sogs pa dpe nyid du nye bar
bzhag pa dag ji skad bstan pa'i tshul gyis 'dra bar bstan
par bzhed nas|

ltas284 nyan dang {P100a} snom pa dang||
myong285 bar byed dang reg byed yid286||
nyan pa po dang mnyan la sogs||
rnam par bshad par shes par bya||287 [MMK 3-8]

zhes bya ba gsungs so|| nye pa dang| snom pa dang|
myong\textsuperscript{288} bar byed pa dang| reg par byed pa dang| yid
dang| nyan pa po dang| mnyan par bya \{D83a\} ba la sogs pa
dag gi lan kyang\textsuperscript{289} btab par shes par bya’o|| gang gis
she na| lta ba nyid kyis te| lta ba dgag pa bzhin du nyan
pa la sogs pa\textsuperscript{290} dag dgag pa yang ci rigs par rjes su
dpag pa rgyas pas\textsuperscript{291} spros pa dang bcas te\textsuperscript{292} bstan par
bya’o||

des na rab tu byed pa rtsom pa nas\textsuperscript{293} rnam par rtog
par byed pa’i \{C83a\} skye ba yang ma grub la ‘gro ba yang
ma grub po|| de la ‘dir rab tu byed pa’i don ni pha rol
pos smras pa’i sgrub pa’i skyon brjod pas skye mched
rnam stong pa nyid du bstan pa yin no||
de’i phyir nang gi sa’i khams gang yin pa dang| phyi
rol gyi sa’i khams gang yin pa de\textsuperscript{294} ni gnyis su med pa’i
don te\textsuperscript{295} de yang de bzhin gshegs pas shes rab dang ye
shes kyis gnyis su med pa dang| gnyis su dbyer med pa
dang| mtshan nyid gcig pa ‘di lta ste| mtshan nyid med
par mngon par rdzogs par sangs rgyas so\textsuperscript{296} zhes bya ba
dang| de bzhin du bu mo khams dag ji ltar blta bar bya|
bu mos smras pa| ‘jam dpal \{N88a\} ‘di lta ste| dper na
‘jig rten gsum bskal pa’i mes bsregs pa na\textsuperscript{297} thal ba
yang med pa ltar ro\textsuperscript{298} zhes bya ba dang| de bzhin du|\textsuperscript{299}
mig ni gzugs la mi lta zhing||\textsuperscript{300}
yid ni chos rnams mi shes te||
gang la ‘jig rten mi ‘jug pa||
de ni\textsuperscript{301} dam pa’i bden pa’o||
zhes bya ba dang| de bzhin du chos thams cad ni shes par
mi byed| lta bar mi byed de| de ni chos smra ba la yang
dmigs par mi byed| sems par mi byed| rlom par {P100b} mi
byed do302 zhes bya ba dang| de bzhin du sring mo mig ni
gzugs la lta303 bar mi byed| rnam par shes par mi byed
de| byang chub kyang mig dang304 gzugs dang305 bral306 ba
nyid do|| rna ba dang| sna dang| lce dang| lus dang|307
yid kyang308 chos rnam `dzin par mi byed|309 rnam par
shes par mi byed de| byang chub kyang yid dang chos
dang310 bral ba311 nyid do312 zhes bya ba la sogs pa
dang| de bzhin du rab kyi rtsal gyis rnam par gnon pa
gzugs ni gzugs kyi spyod yul ma yin no|| tshor ba dang|
`du shes dang| `du byed rnam dang| rnam par shes pa yang
rnam par shes pa`i spyod yul ma yin no|| rab kyi rtsal
gyis rnam par gnon pa spyod yul zhes bya ba ni gzugs kyis
gzugs mi shes mi mthong ba {D83b} dang| tshor ba dang|
`du shes dang| `du byed {C83b} rnam dang| rnam par shes
pas rnam par shes pa mi shes mi mthong ba`o|| gzugs mi
shes mi mthong ba dang313| tshor ba dang| `du shes dang|
`du byed rnam dang| rnam par shes pa mi shes mi314
mthong ba gang yin pa de ni shes rab kyi pha rol tu phyin
pa`o315 zhes bya ba la sogs pa gsungs pa de dag grub pa
yin no||

slob dpon legs ldan byed kyis nye bar sbyar ba316
dbu ma`i rtsa ba`i `grel pa317 shes rab sgron ma las|
skye mched brtag pa zhes bya ba ste| rab tu byed pa gsum
paó
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1 PNDC: de la da; Ava Plb-1, Dlb-1 omm. de la.
2 DC add na.
3 PN add .
4 N: kha.
5 N: skya.
6 PN: myang.
7 PN: rim.
8 N: kha.
9 P: da.
10 PN: phyir ro|| for phyir||.
11 D: ||.
12 PN add ||.
13 PN: myang.
14 PN: yin.
15 P ad. so.
16 N: da.
17 PN: go||.
18 D: ||.
19 D: ||.
20 DC: pas for pa´i phyir.
21 P: .
22 PN add ba.
23 PN omm. ||.
24 N: ´o||.
25 PN add |
26 DC omm. |
27 PN: bsgrubs.
28 PN add ||
29 PN add ||
30 P: |
31 P: |
32 PN: blta.
33 PN add ||
34 DC: te|
35 C om. pa'i.
36 PN: blta.
37 C om. pa.
38 PN: gi.
39 PN: blta.
40 D: byad.
41 C: gzungs.
42 PN add ||
43 PN: blta.
44 PN: blta.
45 DC: bsgrub.
46 PN add |
47 DC: bstan.
48 PN add ||
49 PNDC: rten; Ava P8a-8: rten, D7b-5: brten.
50 PN omm. ||
51 PN add ||.
52 DC: phyir ro|| for phyir.
53 C: ||.
54 PN add ||.
55 PN: gzung.
56 N: ra.
57 DC omm. ||.
58 PNDC add zhe na|; Ava P10a-4,5, D9a-6 omm. zhe na|.
59 PN add ||.
60 PN: blta.
61 PN add ||.
62 PN add ||.
63 N: gnad.
64 C: do'i.
65 P: ||.
66 PN omm. ||.
67 PN: bzhag.
68 DC: brtag.
69 PN add ||.
70 PN add ||.
71 PN: blta.
72 C: gtshugs.
73 PN add ||.
74 PN add ||.
75 PNDC: tshogs for la sogs; Ava P14a-4, D12b-5: la
sogs.

76 D: pa.
77 DC add dang|.
78 N: dpar.
79 PN add ||.
80 DC add phyir.
81 C: mul.
82 PN add |.
83 DC omm. kyis.
84 PN add ||.
85 PN add ||.
86 PN add |.
87 N: pa’a.
88 N: dpar.
89 N: ja.
90 PN DC: gi; Ava P18a-3: gi, D16a-2: gis.
91 DC: gi gcig brtsal for gis gcig bsal.
92 D: bar.
93 D: bo.
94 DC add |.
95 DC: ba.
96 C: pa.
97 DC: bdag.
98 PN add ||.
99 DC add na.
100 DC: omm. da.
101PN omm. l'tar.
102N: pyad.
103PN add ||.
104PN: ci’i for ci yi.
105PN omm. zhes zer ro.
106PN: med.
107C: pa.
108PN omm. yang.
110PN add ||.
111PN omm. ||.
112D: min for ma yin.
113PN add ||.
114DC: ba.
115PNDc omm. pa’i; Ava P21b-8, D19a-5: pa’i.
116PN add ||.
117PN: par bya ste, DC: pa ste for pas te; Ava P22a-4, D19b-1: pas te.
118C: sred.
119PN add ||.
120PN omm. ||.
121PN: ||.
122N: dpas.
123N: srag.
124PN add ||.
125N: srag.
126 N: mas.
127 N: da'i.
128 PN omm. | .
129 P: | .
130 DC: bsgom.
131 PN: ltar.
132 D: bo.
133 PN: ltar.
134 PN: po | . DC: bo | .
135 DC: bsgom.
136 PN add sngon.
137 DC: bsgom.
138 PNDC: bsgom.
139 PN add || .
140 PN: bsreg.
141 PN: bsreg.
142 PNDC: sreg for bsreg bzhin; Ava P23a-8 to 23b-1:
bsregs bzhin, D20b-2: bsreg bzhin.
143 PN omm. | .
144 D: bar.
145 PN: bsregs.
146 PN add || .
147 PN: blta.
148 PN add || .
149 PN: rim.
150 N: sta.
PN: bsreg.
N: srag.
N: byad.
PN: gyis.
PN add ||.
PN omm. ||.
PN: ||.
DC: bsgom.
PN: ltar.
D: bo.
PN add ||.
P: gyi; N: gya.
PN: zhe na | for zhe' o | ||.
C: ||.
C: skra'i.
DC: ba bya ba for bar.
PN: blta.
D: ba'am.
PC: pa 'am for pa'am.
N: khri'u 'am; D: khre'u'am; C: khre'u 'am.
PN: sgra yi for sgra'i.
DC omm. yang.
P ad. med.
P om. MMK 22-16c.
DC: btags te for btag ste.
PN omm. lta ba yin pa la.
177 DC omm. 1a.
178 NC: ba 'am.
179 PNDC add ma; Ava P26b-1, D23a-2 omm. ma.
180 PN: |.
181 PNDC: bar byed pa for ba; Ava P26b-2, D23a-3: ba.
182 DC: ba.
183 PN: ba'i.
184 PN omm. |.
185 P: |.
186 PN add ||.
187 N: ma.
188 P: |.
189 N: da.
190 D: ta.
191 C: bgag.
192 DC: rtoqs.
193 PN: blta.
194 PN add ||.
195 PN add |.
196 PN add ni.
197 PN: ||.
198 N: pas.
199 DC: lta.
200 DC add shing.
201 PN add |.
202 PN add ||.
203PN: bsgrub.
204PN omm. rnam par bshad par shes par bya ba.
205PN add ni.
206PN: bya ba'o for bya'o.
207P: shes.
208PN add !|.
209PN: blta.
210N: nga.
211N: da.
212N: rjas.
213PN add !|.
214PN: shes.
215C ad. ba.
216N: ma.
217NC: skra'i.
218PN: bzung.
219PN add !.
220PN add !|.
221PN: zhe 'am.
222PN: zhe 'am.
223DC: no zhe na for no.
224DC: gzhag.
225PN: bsgrub.
226PN: par.
227PN add !|.
228N: lta po da for lta ba po de.
229 DC omm. | |
230 PN add | |
231 DC omm. lta ba po de.
232 DC: pa'i phyir for na.
233 DC omm. lta ba.
234 PN omm. |
235 PN: |
236 N: snyad.
237 PN add ||
238 PN: lta.
239 PN omm. |
240 PN add ||
241 DC: ||
242 N: sta.
243 DC add po.
244 PN add |
245 PN: brtag.
246 N: mad.
247 PN add |
248 N: lha for pa la.
249 N: sams pa me for sems pa med.
250 PN add ||
251 N: da; DC omm. de.
252 N: zar.
253 N: da.
254 PN: der, DC: la de for la der; Ava P34b-3,
D29b-6: la.dez.

255 P ad. gi.
256 DC: ||.
257 N: da'i.
258 P: ga.
259 PN: |.
260 PN: blta.
261 P ad. ||.
262 PN add ||.
263 PN: lta.
264 N: bed.
265 PN omm. ba.
266 PN add ||.
267 PN add ||.
268 PN add ||.
269 PN omm. de.
270 PN: lta.
271 N: pa.
272 PN: gyi.
273 N: dab.
274 DC omm. |.
275 PN: |.
276 PN: |.
277 PN add ||.
278 PN omm. bya bar.
279 PN omm. |; DC: ||.
280 PN add  |
281 PN add  |
282 DC:  |
283 N: par.
284 DC: dang.
285 PN: myang.
286 PN: yin.
287 N:  |
288 PN: myang.
289 C om. kyang.
290 PN omm. pa.
291 PNDC: par; Ava P38b-6: pas, D33a-6: par.
292 PN: bcas te, DC: dang bcas pa for dang bcas te;

Ava P38b-6, D33a-6: dang bcas te.
293 PN omm. nas.
294 PN omm. de.
295 PN omm. te|.
296 PN add  |
297 C: ni.
298 PN add  |
299 PN omm.  |
300 P:  |
301 N: da na for de ni.
302 PN add  |
303 PN: blta.
304 PN add  |.
305 PN add |
306 N: pral.
307 PN omm. lus dang|
308 DC: gang.
309 DC omm. |
310 PN add |
311 N: pa.
312 P ad. ||; N: da||.
313 PNDC omm. ba dang; Ava P41a-8, D35b-2: ba dang.
314 N: ma.
315 PN add ||.
316 N: sbyar|| for sbyar ba||.
317 C: ba.
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{P100b-7, N88a-7, DC83b-2) da ni skye mched yod pa
nyid mi mthun pa'i phyogs kyi khyad par đag pas phung
po rnams ngo bo nyid med pa nyid du bstan pa'i don gyi
dbang {N88b} gis rab tu byed pa bzhi pa brtsam mo||
   rab tu byed pa bstan ma thag pa'i mjug tu|
1ta bas nyan dang snom pa dang||\(^3\)
   myong\(^4\) bar byed dang reg byed yid||
   nyan pa po dang mnyan la sogs||
   rnam par bshad {P101a} par shes par bya||

[MMK 3-8 (CPP: 3-9)]

zhes bshad pa'i phyir rang gi sde pa dag na re| don dam
par skye mched rnams yod\(^5\) pa kho na yin te| phung pos
bsdus pa'i phyir ro|| 'di na gang yod pa ma yin pa de ni
gzugs la sogs pa'i phung pos ma bsdus te| dper na nam
mkha'i me tog bzhin no|| nang gi skye mched rnams la ni
phung pos bsdus pa yod de| 'di lta ste\(^6\) gzugs can bcu ni
gzugs kyi phung pos bsdus la| chos kyi skye mched ni
phung po gsum dang| gzugs kyi phung po'i phyogs gcig gis
bsdus| yid kyi skye mched ni rnam par shes pa'i phung pos
bsdus so|| de'i phyir gtan tshigs ji skad smos pas don
dam par nang gi skye mched rnams yod pa kho na yin no\(^7\)
zhes zer ro||

'dir bshad pa| 'di la gzugs ni mdor bsdu na rnam pa
gnyis te| 'byung ba'i gzugs dang| 'byung ba las gyur pa'i
gzugs so| dus la sogs pa´i dbye bas tha dad pa de dag thams cad gcig tu bsdus nas gzugs kyi phung po zhes bya¨o| de la re zhig pha rol po´i gtan tshigs nyid du mig la sogs pa bsdus par8 `dod pa´i phyir dang| bstan sla ba´i phyir gzugs las brtsams te bsam par bya¨o||

gzugs kyi rgyu ni ma gtogs par||

gzugs ni dmigs par mi `gyur ro|| [MMK 4-lab]

gzugs zhes bya ba ni {DC84a} gzugs su rung ba¨o|| de´i rgyu ni gzugs kyi rgyu ste| de gang zhe na| sa la sogs pa `byung ba chen po bzhi po dag go|9 de dag ma gtogs par zhes bya ba ni| de dag bstsal na¨o||

gzugs ni dmigs par mi `gyur ro|| [MMK 4-lb]

zhes bya ba ni don dam par ro|| `o na ci zhe na| tha snyad gdags pa´i phyir| gzugs kyi rgyu `byung ba chen po bzhi po {P101b} dag la brten nas gzugs zhes `dogs par byed do||

de ltar na `dis gzugs kyi10 bsgrub par {N89a} bya ba´i11 chos sa12 la sogs par `dus pa tsam nyid dang| gzugs kyi sgrub13 pa´i chos rang gi rgyu ma bzung14 na de´i blo med pa bstan to|| dpe ni de´i dbang gis te| dmag dang nags tshal la sogs pa dag yin no||

`dir rjes su dpag pa ni don dam par gzugs rdzas15 su yod pa ma yin te| rang gi rgyu ma bzung na de´i blo med pa´i phyir ro|| ´di na gang rang gi rgyu ma bzung na16
de'i blo med pa\textsuperscript{17} de\textsuperscript{18} ni rdzas su yod pa ma yin te| dper na dmag la sog\textsuperscript{19} pa bzhi\textsuperscript{20} no| | de bzhi\textsuperscript{21} du gzugs kyi rang gi rgyu sa\textsuperscript{19} la sog\textsuperscript{19} pa dag ma bzun\textsuperscript{20} na| gzugs kyi blo med pas rdzas su yod pa ma yin no| |

yang na sbyor ba'i lam gzhan yang yod de| don dam par gzugs kyi blo ni dngos po rdzas su yod pa'i yul can ma yin te| blo yin pa'i phyir dper na nags tshal la sog\textsuperscript{19} pa'i blo bzhi\textsuperscript{20} no| |

yang na sbyor ba'i lam gzhan yang yod de| don dam par gzugs\textsuperscript{21} zhes bya ba'i sgra 'di ni tshig gi don rdzas su yod pa'i yul can ma yin te| sgra yin pa'i phyir dper na dmag la sog\textsuperscript{19} pa'i sgra bzhi\textsuperscript{20} no| |

rnam par shes pa dang\textsuperscript{22} sems las byung ba dag kyang bsgrub par bya ba dang| rigs mthun pa nyid kyis de bzhi\textsuperscript{21} du dgag par bya ba yin pa'i phyir| gtan tshigs ma nges pa nyid ma yin no| |

gal te gzugs ni don dam par yod pa\textsuperscript{23} yin te| de zhig kyang de'i blo mi 'jig\textsuperscript{24} pa'i phyir ro|| 'di na gang zhig na de'i blo 'jig pa de ni kun rdzob tu yod pa yin te\textsuperscript{25} dper na bum pa bzhi\textsuperscript{20} no| | gzugs sngon po la sog\textsuperscript{19} pa dag ni zhig kyang de'i blo de ltar mi 'jig\textsuperscript{26} pas de'i phyir gzugs ni rdzas su yod pa yin no zhe na| de ni bzang po ma yin te| rjes su 'gro ba med \{P102a\} pa'i phyir ro|| de ltar re zhig rgyur byas pa'i gzugs brtags zin to|| da ni 'byung ba'i gzugs \{C84b\} kyi \{D84b\} dbang du byas te bshad par bya'o||
rgyur byas pa'i gzugs ni yod pa kho na yin te\textsuperscript{27}|
dé'i rgyu {N89b} yod pa'i phyir ro|| 'di na gang md| pa
de la ni rgyu gzung du med de| déper na nam mkha'i me tog
bzhin no|| rgyur byas pa'i gzugs la ni rgyu sa\textsuperscript{28} la sog
pa de dag yod pas dé'i phyir rgyur byas pa'i gzugs ni yod
pa kho na yin no zhe na| dé'i phyir bshad pa|

gzugs zhes bya ba ma gtogs par||
gzugs kyi rgyu yang mi snang ngo|| [MMK 4-1cd]

'di la rgyur byas pa'i gzugs kyi mtshan nyid gzugs
dang| sgra dang| dri dang| ro dang| reg bya ma gtogs par
gzugs kyi rgyu sa la sog pa dag kyang mi snang zhung
gzung du med do|| 'dir yang 'byung ba'i gzugs kyi bsgrub
par bya ba chos gzugs la sog pa 'dus pa tsam nyid dang|
sgrub pa'i chos gzugs la sog pa mi snang na sa\textsuperscript{29} la sog
pa de dag kyang mi snang bar bstan to|| dé'i phyir dé'i
dbang gis\textsuperscript{30} dpe yang mgon no||
de la 'dir re zhig sa'i dbang du byas te sbyor ba'i
tshig bya'o|| 'dus pa tsam nyid kyang\textsuperscript{31} don dam par mi
ston pa'i phyir ro|| 'dir bstan boos mdzad pas 'dus pa
tsam nyid bstan pas| rdzas su yod pa nyid dgag pa kho na
bstan te| de dgag pa ni don che ba'i phyir ro|| ji ltar
de don che ba nyid yin zhe na| 'di ltar tha snyad du
brten nas 'dogs par byed pa gang yin pa de ni| don dam
par rdzas su yod pa ma yin pa'i phyir skye ba med pas ngo
bo nyid med pa nyid grub pa’i phyir ro\|\|³²

‘phags pa lang kar gshegs pa’i mdo las\|
gang phyir ‘dus pa ma gtogs par\|\|
blo yis dngos po gzung du med\|
de phyir stong dang ma skyes dang\|
rang bzhin med par nga³³ smra’o\|

[Laṅkāvatāra 3-88]

‘di la rkyen {P102b} gyis cung zad kyang\|\|
skye ba dang ni ‘gag pa med\|\|
skye ba dang ni ‘gag³⁴ pa yang\|\|
rkyen rnams kho na ‘ba’ zhig go\|\|³⁵

[Laṅkāvatāra 2-138 = 10-85]

zhes bya ba la sogs pa ji skad gzung ba lta bu’o\|

dir sbyor ba’i tshig ni don dam par sa ni rdzas su
yod pa ma yin par shes par bya ste| de’i rgyu mi snang na
de mi snang ba’i phyir ro\|\| gang rgyu mi snang na de mi
snang ba de ni don dam par rdzas su yod pa ma yin te|
dper na dmar la sogs {N90a} pa bzhin no\| | de bzhin du³⁶
blo dang sgra’i phyogs la yang ci rigs par brjod par
bya’o\|

yang na gzugs kyi rgyu sa la sogs pa de dag ma gtogs
{D85a} par de dag las {C85a} gzhan pa’i gzugs dmigs su
med de| rang gi rgyu ma bzung na de gzung³⁷ du med pa ni
gzugs kyi chos yin no\| | ‘dir sbyor ba’i tshig ni³⁸ don
dam par gzugs ni rang gi tshogs pa’i yan lag dag las
gzhan ma yin te| de ma bzung na de’i blo med pa’i phyir|
dper na sa la sogs pa'i rang gi bdag nyid bzhin no| |
'dir bya ba las39 la gnas pa yin par bsams40 pas ma bzung
ba blo'i chos yin pa'i phyir| gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub
pa nyid ma yin no| |
grangs can dag na re41| gzugs la sogs pa dag las sa
la sogs pa dag gzhan ma yin pas| de ni grub pa la sgrub
pa yin no42 zhes zer ro| |
de43 ni bzang po ma yin te| gzhan nyid dgag pas
gzhan ma yin pa nyid du ston par mi byed pa'i phyir dang|
pha rol po 'dod pa'i gzhan ma yin pa nyid kyang khas ma
blangs pa'i phyir ro| |
bye44 brag pa dag gtan tshigs ma nges pa nyid du
rgol bar byed de| mar me ma bzung yang de las gzhan pa
yod na bum45 pa la de'i blo yod pa'i phyir ro46 zhe na|
de yang bzang po ma yin te| de'i blo med pa kho na'i
phyir ro zhes nges par bzung ba'i phyir dang| mar me med
kyang nor bu dang| 'od zer dang| {P103a} sman dang|47 zla
ba dang| nyl48 ma'i snang ba yod na de'i blo yod pas|
mi49 mthun pa'i phyogs la sgrub50 pa'i chos med pa'i
phyir ma nges pa nyid ma yin no| rang gi tshogs pa'i
yan lag dag las gzhan ma yin te zhes51 dam bcas pa khyad
par can nye bar bzung ba'i phyir mar me ni bum pa'i rang
gi tshogs pa'i52 yan lag ma yin no| |
'og nas|53
gang yang gang dang lhan cig tu||54
gzhan nyid du mi 'thad do||55 [MMK 14-4cd]
zhes ston pas mi mthun pa'i phyir| don dam par mar me las bum pa gzhan nyid du ma grub pa'i phyir yang ma nges pa nyid ma yin no||

{N90b} gal te dmag la sosgs pa yan lag can gyi rdzas dag la| rtsom pa yod pa'i phyir sa la sosgs pa dag rdzas su yod pa nyid ma yin par rab tu sgrub pa'i rjes su dpag pa dag gi57 dpe ma grub po zhe na| dmag gi yan lag dag ni dmag ces bya ba yan lag can gyi58 rdzas rtsom par byed pa ma yin te| yan lag yin pa'i phyir| dper na| shing gi yan lag rtsa ba dang| sdong po dang| yal ga dang| yal ga phra mo la'{D85b} sosgs pa dag bzhin {C85b} no|| yang na glang po che dag la yongs su rdzogs pa de'i yan lag gang yin pa de ni shing rta dang rta la sosgs pa dag rtsom par byed59 pa ma yin te| de la med pa'i phyir dper na rgyu spun la sosgs pa bzhin pas dpe med pa ma yin no||

de bzhin du|
gzugs zhes bya ba ma gtogs par||60
gzugs kyi rgyu yang mi snang ngo|61 MMK 4-1cd] zhes bya ba 'di la yang snga ma bzhin du bsgrub par bya ba dang| sgrub pa'i chos dag nye bar sbyar nas| rjes su dpag pa rgyas par brjod par bya'o||

ji ltar gzugs la sosgs pa dag las gzhan ma yin pa de bzhin du| sa la sosgs pa dag gzugs las gzhan ma yin pa yang ma yin te| 'og nas {P103b} gzhan ma yin pa nyid kyang 'gog pa'i phyir dang| gzhan ma yin pa nyid kyis62 'o ma yang zho nyid du 'gyur ba'am63| zho yang 'o ma nyid
du 'gyur na mi rung ba'i phyir ro|| de'i phyir||

gcig pa nyid dang gzhan nyid du||64

ji ltar byis pas rnam brtags ltar||
dngos po gzhan pa ma yin dang||
tshogs las gzhan pa'ang gang na'ang med||65

[Laṅkāvatāra 3-102 = 10-598]
ces gsungs pa de grub pa yin no66||

de'i phyir de ltar skye mched rnams rab tu bsgrub
pa'i phyir gtan tshigs phung pos bs dus pa'i phyir ro67
zhes smras pa'i don68 ma grub pa nyid dam| don 'gal ba
nyid yin no||
gzugs kyi rgyu ma gtogs par yang gzugs yod do zhes69
shes par byar mi nus te| 'on kyang rnam par rtog na|

gzugs kyi rgyu ni ma gtogs par||
gzugs na gzugs ni rgyu med par||
thal bar 'gyur te|70 [MMK 4-2ab,cl]

gzugs kyi rgyu zhes bya ba ni gzugs kyi yod pa nyid
kyi rgyu ste| bar gyi tshig mi mgon pa'i phyir me'i71
rgyu bzhin no|| (N91a) de ma gtogs par zhes bya ba ni
gzugs kyi rgyu ma gtogs par te72| gzugs yod pa nyid du
ston pa'i rgyu med par zhes bya bar dgongs so|| gzugs na
zhes bya ba ni dam bcas pa tsam las rnam pa de lta bu de
'dod na'0|| gzugs ni rgyu med par thal bar 'gyur te zhes
bya ba ni 'thad pa med par zhes bya ba'i tha tshig go|73
de yang mi 'dod pas ji skad smras pa'i skyon ldog pa med do||

rgyu med par smra ba74 gang dag dngos po thams cad
rgyu med pa kho na las skye bar khas blangs pa'i phyir|
gzugs 'grub pa yang de dag dang 'dra'o75 zhes zer na| de
la bshad pa| {DC86a} gal te 'ga' zhig ji skad smras pa'i
rnam pa lta bur gyur na ni de yang rung ba zhig na|

don gang yang|76

rgyu med77 pa ni gang na'ang med||78 [MMK 4-2c2,d]

des na79 dpe med pa'i phyir smra ba de la yang grub
pa med do|| kho bos dang po nyid du yang rgyu {P104a}
med par smra ba dag bsal zin pas de ni don med pa80 yin
no||
gang dag grangs can dag gi tshul la mkhas su re bas|
'di skad ces khyod kyis sa la sogs pa dag gzugs la sogs
pa dag las gzhan ma yin no zhes smras pas| de dag gzhan
ma yin pa nyid du khas blangs pa yin pas des na don dam
par sa la sogs pa dag rdzas su yod par shes par byar nus
te| gzugs la sogs pa dag las gzhan nyid ma yin pa'i
phyir| dper na gzugs la sogs pa'i rang gi bdag nyid bzhin
no81 zhes zer na|82 ji skad bstan pa'i tshul gyis gzhan
ma yin pa nyid ma grub pa'i phyir gtan tshigs kyi don ma
grub pa nyid yin no|| dpe yang med de| gzugs la sogs
pa'i rang gi bdag nyid bsal ba'i phyir ro||
gzhan dag na re| don dam par sa la sogs pa dag yod
pa kho na yin te| de dag gi 'bras bu yod pa'i phyir ro||
'di na gang med pa de la ni 'bras bu gzung du med de|
dper na nam mkha'i me tog bzhin no|| sa la sogs pa dag
la ni 'bras bu gzugs la sogs pa dag yod pas de'i phyir sa
la sogs pa dag yod {N91b} pa kho na yin no83 zhes zer
ro||
'dir bshad pa|

gal te gzugs ni ma gto gs par||
gzugs kyi rgyu zhig yod na ni||
'bras bu med pa'i rgyur 'gyur te||
'bras bu med pa'i rgyu med do|| [MMK 4-3]

kho bo'i phyogs la gal te gzugs ma84 gto gs par gzugs
kyi rgyu sa la sogs pa85 zhig yod na ni des na 'bras bu
med pa'i86 rgyur 'gyur te| 'bras bu gzugs la sogs pa'i
mtshan nyid kyi87 'bras bu med pa'i rgyur 'gyur ba'i
phyir ro|| gzhan yin pa'i phyir88 rtsi rkyang89 la sogs
pa bzhin no|| 'bras bu med pa'i rgyu med do zhes bya ba
ni| de yang gzugs la sogs pa 'dus pa'i {P104b} bdag nyid
yin pa'i phyir ro90 zhes bya bar dgongs so|| de'i phyir
rgyu bzhin du 'bras bu yang ma grub pa'i phyir de dag gi
'bras bu yod pa'i phyir ro91 zhes sngar smras pa'i92 gtan
tshigs kyi don ma grub pa nyid kyi skyon yod do|| spyir
grags pa'i gtan tshigs nyid du {C86b} brjod na ni don
{D86b} งål bå nyid yin no|
sun dbyung ba'i lan gzan yang yod de งål la gzugs
kyi rgyu zhig brtags na gzugs yod pa'am| med pa la
brtag grang na| gnyi ga la yang mi งål thad par bshad pa|
gzugs yod na yang gzugs kyi ni||
rgyu yang งål thad par mi งål gyur nyid|| [MMK 4-4ab]
yod pa'i phyir dper na bum pa dang snam bu yod pa bzhin
no|| ci ste med na yang|
gzugs med na yang gzugs kyi ni||
rgyu yang งål thad par mi งål gyur nyid|| [MMK 4-4cd]

sa la sogs pa งål död pa ste skye ba'i sngon rol na
med pa'i phyir de las gzan pa bzhin no zhes bya bar
dgongs so|| งål dir skye ba med pa'i rab tu byed par bstan
pa'i sun dbyung ba rjes su bzlas pas| sun dbyung ba
brjod par rig par bya'o||
rgyu med par smra ba dag rgyu med pa kho na'o zhes
zer ba| งål de dag gi phyir bshad pa|

rgyu med pa yi gzugs dag ni||100
งål thad par mi rung rung ma yin|| [MMK 4-5ab]

'kun rdzob tu yang de khas ma blangs pa'i phyir ro zhes
bya bar dgongs so||
  yang na bye brag tu smra ba dag ma 'ongs pa'i gzugs
kyang yod do zhes zer bas de dag gi phyir bshad pa|
rgyu med pa yi gzugs {N92a} dag ni||
'thad par mi rung rung ma yin|| [MMK 4-5ab]
ma 'ongs pa skye ba'i rgyu ma blangs¹⁰² pa bdag¹⁰³ nyid
kyi dngos po ma thob pa ni tha snyad du yang yod par mi
'grub pa'i phyir ro zhes bya bar dgongs so||
gang gi phyir de ltar 'byung ba dang| 'byung ba las
gyur pa'i bdag nyid kyi gzugs {P105a} rnam pa thams cad
du mi 'thad pa|

de¹⁰⁴ phyir gzugs kyi rnam par rtog|
'ga' yang rnam par brtag mi bya|| [MMK 4-5cd]

mkhas pa chos kyi de kho na rnam par rtog pa dang|
legs par bral bar¹⁰⁵ rtogs¹⁰⁶ par 'dod pa yang dag pa'i
shes pa'i mig yang dag par bye¹⁰⁷ bas gzugs rdzas su yod
pa dang| rgyu las gzhan pa dang| rgyu las gzhan pa ma yin
pa dang| de dag la sogs pa kha dog dang| dbyibs kyi dbye
ba la sogs pa yul gyi rnam par rtog pa mang po bu ma
btsas¹⁰⁸ pa'i rmi lam na bu'i gzugs dang spyod pa la sogs
pa'i yul dag mthong nas sad pa lta bu dag la rnam par
brtag par mi bya'o||
  de'i phyir de ltar gzugs kyi rgyu mi 'thad pa'i
phyir ji skad smras pa'i skyon dang ma bral lo||
dbu¹⁰⁹ ma'i rtsa ba'i 'grel pa shes rab sgron ma||
||bam po¹¹⁰ lnga pa||¹¹¹

yang gzhan yang 'di na rgyu'i yon tan sngna na yod
pa'i {D87a} rim gyis 'bras bu la yang yon tan mthong ba'i
mtshan nyid kyi|⁰¹² gang dag {C87a} 'bras bu rgyu dang
'dra'o zhes zer ba de dag gi phyir bshad pa|

'bras bu rgyu dang 'dra ba zhes||
bya ba 'thad pa ma yin te|| [MMK 4-6ab]

'bras bu rgyu dang 'dra bar bstan pa 'thad pa ma yin
te| rgyu de¹¹³ 'bras bu ma yin pa nyid do¹¹⁴ zhes bya
ba'i tha tshig go|¹¹⁵ 'dir ni bsgrub par bya ba chos
smra bar 'dod pa'i rgyu| rgyu ma yin pa nyid dang| sgrub
pa'i chos 'dra bar bstan pa nye bar bzhag go|¹¹⁶ dpe ni
de'i dbang gis te| rgyud tha dad pa'i rdzas yin pa bzhin
no|| 'dir sbyor ba'i tshig ni don dam par smra bar 'dod
pa'i rgyu¹¹⁷ rgyu spun sngon po¹¹⁸ ni la ba sngon po'i
rgyu ma yin te| 'dra¹¹⁹ ba'i phyir dper na de¹²⁰ las
gzhan pa'i la ba sngon po bzhin no||

'dir grangs can pa dag na re de las gzhan pa'i la ba
{N92b} sngon po la yang smra bar 'dod pa'i la ba sngon
po'i rgyu med¹²¹ par {Pl05b} ma grub pa'i phyir dpe med
do zhes zer ro||

de ni bzang po ma yin te| da ltar de 'byung ba'i
rgyu¹²² dngos po ma yin par¹²³ grub pa nyid dpe nyid du
'dod pa`i phyir dang| dgag pa `di ni sgra gang dang lhan cig sbyor bar byed pa de`i brjod par bya ba don dgag pa kho nas mthu nye|24 bar zad pa yin te|25 de ni|26 de`i khyad par mi ston pa`i phyir| bram ze|27 ma yin no|28 zhes bya ba bzhin pas skyon med do||

rang gi sde pa dag ni `bras bu rgyu dang `dra ba dang mi `dra bar yang smra bas skad cig ma snga ma mtshan nyid `dra ba las skad cig ma phyi ma skye ba la ltos nas|29 dper na mar me dang chu`i rgyun la sogbs pa dag la ni|30 rgyu`i skad cig ma dang `dra ba`i phyir| `dra ba yin no|| skad cig ma snga ma mtshan nyid mi `dra ba las skad cig ma phyi ma skye ba|31 la ltos nas| dper na shing dang `o ma|32 la sogbs pa`i thal ba dang| zho la sogbs pa dag|33 ni rgyu`i skad cig ma dang mi `dra ba`i phyir mi `dra ba yin no|34 zhe na| de la `bras bu rgyu dang `dra ba gang yin pa de ni rjes su dpag pa ji skad bstan pa nyid kyis bkag zin to|| `bras bu rgyu dang mi `dra ba gang yin pa de`i dbang du byas te bshad pa|35

`bras bu rgyu dang mi `dra zhes||36
bya ba`ang|37 `thad pa ma yin no|| [MMK 4-6cd]

`dir yang bsgrub par bya ba`i chos myu gu smra bar `dod pa`i rgyu`i `bras bu ma yin pa nyid dang| sgrub pa`i chos mi `dra bar bstan pa nye bar bzhag go|38 des na yan lag lhag {D87b} ma yang snga ma bzhin du mngon no||
'dir {C87b} rjes su dpag pa ni don dam par myu gu ni smra bar 'dod pa'i rgyu'i 'bras bu ma yin te| mi 'dra ba'i phyir dper na gyo mo la sogṣ pa bzhin no| |

ci ste yang 'bru ni myu gu'i rgyu kho na yin te| de yod na 'byung ba'i phyir ram| des tha snyad 'dogs pa'i phyir dper na rnga bo che'i sgra 'am nas kyi myu gu bzhin no139 zhe na| de ni bzang po ma yin te| skye ba {P106a} can rnams kyi skye ba rnam pa140 thams cad bu bkag pas dpe ma grub pa'i phyir sgrub pa ma tshang ba'i skyon yod do|

gang dag 'di skad ces {N93a} mig la sogṣ pa'i 'bras bu ni mig gi rnam par shes pa la sogṣ pa mi 'dra ba yin pa'i phyir141 mi 'dra ba zhes bya ba'i gtan tshigs mnges pa nyid do142 zhes zer na| de yang bzang po ma yin te| mig gi rnam par shes pa la sogṣ pa yang bsgrub par bya ba dang| rigs mthun pa nyid kyis de bzhin du dgag par bya ba yin pa'i phyir mi mthun pa'i phyogs med pas ma nges pa nyid kyi skabs med do|

yang na smra bar 'dod pa sa la sogṣ pa dag rgyu ma yin pas gzugs ma grub pa'i phyir de dag gi 'bras bu yod pa'i phyir ro143 zhes bya ba'i gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub pa nyid dam| don 'gal ba nyid yin no zhes ji skad bstan pa'i tshul dang 'dra'o||

bye brag tu smra ba dag na re| 'bras bu ni rgyu dang 'dra ba yang yin la| mi 'dra ba yang yin te| byed pa'i rgyus 'dus byas kyi byed pa'i rgyu ni thams cad yin par
khas blangs pa'i phyir dpe med do\textsuperscript{144} zhes zer ro||

de ni bzang po ma yin te| rigs mthun pa bskyed pa'i
rgyu thun mong ma yin pa la sogs pa'i khyad par can gyi
sgrub par byed pa nyid 'gog par 'do\textsuperscript{6} pa'i phyir ro||

de ltar na gzhung gi tshogs des 'byung ba'i gzugs
dang| rgyur byas pa'i gzugs bkag pas gzugs kyi phung po
mi srid par bstan to|| da ni gzugs bkag pa bzhin du\textsuperscript{145}
tshor ba la sogs pa dag dgag pa yang rim pa mtshungs par
bstan par bya ste|

tshor dang 'du shes\textsuperscript{146} 'du byed·dang||\textsuperscript{147}
sems dang dngos po thams cad kyang||
rnam pa dag ni thams cad du||
gzugs nyid kyis ni rim pa mtshungs|| [MMK 4-7]

gzugs dgag pa bzhin du tshor ba la sogs pa dag dgag
pa yang rim pa mtshungs pa' i {P106b} phyir ro\textsuperscript{148} zhes bya
bar dgon\textsuperscript{6} gs so|| ji ltar don dam par gzugs rdzas su yod
pa ma yin te| rang gi rgyu ma {D88a} bzung {C88a} na de'i
blo med pa'i phyir| dper na\textsuperscript{149} dmag la sogs pa bzhin
no\textsuperscript{150} zhes bstan pa de bzhin du don dam par\textsuperscript{151} tshor ba
dang| 'du shes dang| 'du byed rnams dang| rnam par shes
pa dag kyang {N93b} rdzas su yod pa ma yin te| rang gi
rgyu ma bzung na de'i blo med pa'i phyir| dper na\textsuperscript{152} dmag
la sogs pa bzhin no\textsuperscript{153} zhes rgyas par khong du chud par
bya' o||
tshor ba la sogs pa dag gi rgyu ni\textsuperscript{154} reg pa dang | mig dang | gzugs·dang | snang ba dang | nam mkha’ dang | yid la byed pa la sogs pa dag\textsuperscript{155} yin par ci rigs par brjod par bya’o |

ji ltar don dam par gzugs ni rang gi tshogs pa’i yan lag dag las gzhan ma yin te | de ma bzung na de’i blo med pa’i phyir | dper na sa la sogs pa’i rang gi\textsuperscript{156} bdag nyid bzhin no\textsuperscript{157} zhes bya bas don dam par gzugs rang gi rgyu dag las gzhan ma yin par bstan pa de bzhin du ‘dir yang don dam par tshor ba la sogs pa dag rang gi rgyu dag las gzhan ma yin par brjod par bya’o | ‘dir sun ‘byin pa dang | sun ‘byin pa lai lan dag kyang snga ma bzhin no |

dngos po thams cad kyang zhes bya ba ni phung po las gzhan pa ‘dus byas kyi chos med mod kyi | de dag gi bye brag dag dgag pa brjod par bzhed pa nye bar bzhag ste | yongs su brtags pa’i bum pa dang | snam bu la sogs pa dag rdzas su yod pa nyid dang | gzhan pa nyid dgag pa’i phyir ro | ‘dir yang snga ma bzhin du sbyor ba’i tshig dag ci rigs par brjod par bya’o |

de ltar phung po rnams ma grub pa’i phyir phung pos bsdus pa zhes bya ba’i gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub pa nyid dang\textsuperscript{158} dpe med do | \{Pl07a\} ji ltar zhe na | ‘di lta ste | gzugs la sogs pa’i phung pos bsdus pa dag don dam par yod do\textsuperscript{159} zhes bya bar med pa’i phyir ro |
yang na gtan tshigs kyi don ‘gal ba nyid kyang yin te | phung pos bsdus pa ni tha snyad kho nar yod pa yin
pa'i phyir ro||
de ltar rigs pa des na|

stong pa nyid kyis brtsad byas tshe||
gang zhig lan 'debs smra byed pa||
de yi thams cad lan btags min||
bsgrub par bya dang mtshungs par 'gyur|| [MMK 4-8]

de kho na brtag pa'i mtshan nyid la dngos po 'ga'
zhig gi don dam pa'i160 ngo bo nyid brtag pa brtsam pa na
stong pa pa nyid kyis don dam par skye mchod {D88b} rnams
skye ba med pa dang| {N94a} rdzas su yod pa ma yin par
tshad ma yongs su bzung ste| brtsad {C88b} cing 'gyed pa
byas pa'i tshe161| gang zhig rtog ge phyi ma nye bar
bzhag pas lan 'debs shing smra bar byed pa de'i de dag
thams cad ni lan btags pa ma yin te| bsgrub par bya ba
dang mtshungs par 'gyur ba'i phyir ro|| de ston pa'i
gtan tshigs dang| dpe de dag bsgrub par bya ba dang
mtshungs par ma grub pa'i phyir|. rtog ge phyi ma mi 'grub
po zhes bya bar dgongs so||
de bzhin du|

stong pa nyid kyis bshad byas tshe||
gang zhig skyon 'dogs162 smra byed pa||
de yi thams cad skyon btags163 min||
bsgrub par bya dang mtshungs par 'gyur|| [MMK 4-9]
phung po dang | khams dang | skye mched dag ngo bo
nyid med pa nyid du bstan pa na stong pa nyid kyis\textsuperscript{164}
sbyor ba rnam par dbye ba byas te | rnam par bshad pa'i
tshe gang zhiq tshad ma log pas blo gros bslad pa nyid
kyis phung po la soqs pa dag yod pa kho na yin te\textsuperscript{165} | 
bden pa la soqs pas bsdzus pa'i phyir ro\textsuperscript{166} zhes bya ba la
soqs pas skyon 'dogs shing smra bar byed pa de'i \{P107b\}
de dag thams cad kyang skyon btags\textsuperscript{167} shing sun 'byin pa
ma yin te | bsgrub par bya ba dang mtshungs par 'gyur ba'i
phyir ro\textsuperscript{168} zhes bya ba'i tshig gi lhag ma'o | ji
ltar\textsuperscript{169} zhes na | sun dbyung ba dang 'dra ba'i phyir|
bsgrub par bya ba ma grub pa nyid dang spyir mtshungs te |
dngos po gcig la gang lta ba |\textsuperscript{170}
de ni kun la'ang lta bar 'dod |
gcig gi stong nyid gang yin pa |
de nyid\textsuperscript{171} kun gyi stong pa nyid ||

\textbf{[Catuh\-\text{sataka 8-16]} \newline
ces gsungs so | \textsuperscript{172} .

\textbf{de la 'dir rab tu byed pa'i don ni skyed mched rnam}s
dur par ston pa nye bar bzhag pa'i sgrub pa'i skyon brjod
pas | phung po rnamz ngo bo nyid med pa nyid du bstan pa
yin no | |
de'i phyir rab kyi rtsal gyis rnam par gnon pa phung
po lnga po dag gi mgon par 'grub par gtogs pa ston pa
gang yin pa de ni | shes rab kyi pha rol tu phyin pa ma
yin no|| rab kyi rtsal gyis rnam par gnon pa gzugs ngo
do nyid dang bral ba ni gzugs so|| de bzhin du tshor ba
dang| 'du shes dang| {N94b} 'du byed rnams dang| rnam par
shes pa ngo bo nyid dang bral ba ni rnam par shes pa'o||
gzugs dang| tshor ba dang| 'du shes dang| 'du byed rnams
dang| rnam par shes pa dag gi ngo bo nyid dang bral ba
gang yin pa de ni {D89a} shes rab kyi pha rol tu phyin
pa'o|| rab kyi rt
gyis rnam par gnon pa gzugs ngo bo
nyid med pa {C89a} ni gzugs so|| de bzhin du tshor ba
dang| 'du shes dang| 'du byed rnams dang| rnam par shes
pa ngo bo nyid med pa ni rnam par shes pa'o|| gzugs
dang| tshor ba dang| 'du shes dang| 'du byed rnams dang|
rnam par shes pa dag gi ngo bo nyid med pa gang yin pa de
ni shes rab kyi pha rol tu phyin pa'o173 zhes bya ba
dang| de bzhin du|
ngas ni 'jig rten phung po bstan||
del la 'jig rten gnas par gyur||
mkhas pa de174 la mi gnas pa||
'jig {P108a} rten chos kyis mi gos so||
'jig rten nam mkha' i mtshan nyid de||
nam mkha' la yang mtshan nyid med||
de phyir de yis de rto gs pas175||
'jig rten chos kyis mi gos so||

zhes bya ba dang| de bzhin du byang chub sems dpas| gzugs
dang| sgra dang| dri dang| ro dang| reg bya dang| chos la
gnas te sbyin pa sbyin176 par mi bya'o177 zhes bya ba
dang| de bzhin du|
   srid pa gsum ni btags¹⁷⁸ pa tsam|
   ngo bo nyid kyis dngos po med|
   btags¹⁷⁹ pa dngos po'i rang bzhin du|
   ngan rtog rnams ni rtog par byed|
   [Laṅkāvatāra 3-52 = 10-83]
   blo yis¹⁸⁰ rnam par btag byas na|
   ngo bo nyid ni gzung¹⁸¹ du med|
   de phyir de dag brjod med dang|
   ngo bo nyid ni med par bstan|
   [Laṅkāvatāra 2-173 = 10-167]
   zhes bya ba la sogs pa gsungs pa de dag grub pa yin no|
   slob dpon legs ldan byed kyis nye bar sbyar ba| dbu
   ma'i rtsa ba'i 'grel pa shes rab sgron ma las phung po
   btag pa zhes bya ba ste| rab tu byed pa bzhī pa'o|
Notes to Tibetan Text of Prajñāpradīpa, Chapter Four

1C: khyod.
2N: dgaṅgs.
3P: |.
4PN: myang.
5C: mod.
6PN omm. |.
7PN add ||.
8PN: pa.
9DC: ||.

10DC: kyis; N: da ltar na 'das gzugs kya for de ltar na 'dis gzugs kyi.
11DC: ba.
12PN omm. sa.
13DC: bsgrub.
14PN: gzung.
15C: rjes.
16PN add |.
17PN: par.
18PNDC omm. de; Ava P44a-5, D38a-3: de.
19N: rgyus for rgyu sa.
20P: gzung.
21DC add kyi.
22C omm. |.
23PN add ma.
24\textsuperscript{p}: ˈjigs.
25\textsuperscript{p}: ta.
26\textsuperscript{p}: ˈjigs.
27\textsuperscript{PD}: ta.
28\textsuperscript{PN} omm. sa.
29\textsuperscript{PNC}: nas for na sa.
30\textsuperscript{PN}: gi.
31\textsuperscript{DC} add | .
32\textsuperscript{PN}: tel| .
33\textsuperscript{D}: ngas?
34\textsuperscript{p}: dgag.
35\textsuperscript{PN} omm. || .
36\textsuperscript{DC} add | .
37\textsuperscript{p}: bzung.
38\textsuperscript{p} om. ni.
39\textsuperscript{PNDC} omm. las; Ava P47b-7, D41b-1: las.
40\textsuperscript{PN}: bsam.
41\textsuperscript{N}: ra.
42\textsuperscript{N} ad. || .
43\textsuperscript{N}: da.
44\textsuperscript{N}: pe.
45\textsuperscript{D}: bam.
46\textsuperscript{PN} add || .
47\textsuperscript{DC} omm. | .
48\textsuperscript{N}: nya.
49\textsuperscript{DC}: deˈi mi for mi.
PNDC: bsgrub; Ava P49a-1, D42b-2: sgrub.
PN: te| des for te zhes.
N: chags pa`a for tshogs pa`i.
PNDC omm. | ; Ava P49b-6, D43a-5: |
PNDC omm. ||; Ava P49b-6, D43a-6: ||.
DC omm ||.
PN omm. pa`i.
DC: gis.
P: gyis.
N: byad.
PN: ||.
PN omm. ||.
PN: kyi.
PN: ba `am.
P: ||.
PN omm. ||.
N: na.
PN add ||.
PN omm. don.
P: ces.
PN omm. ||.
C: ma`i.
P: ste.
DC: ||.
DC omm. smra ba.
PN add ||.
76 PN  omm. |.
77 N: mad.
78 PN: |.
79 DC: de yang for des na.
80 DC: bden pa ma for don med pa.
81 PN  add ||.
82 DC  omm. |.
83 PN  add ||.
84 N: mi.
85 P: ma.
86 N: pa´a.
87 PN: kyi.
88 PN  add |.
89 PNDC: skyang; Ava P55a-3, D48a-4: rkyang.
90 PN  add ||.
91 PN  add ||.
92 P: ma smra ba´i, N: smra ba´i for smras pa´i.
93 PN: lam; DC: len; Ava P55b-6, D48b-5: lan.
94 PN(C?): pa´am for pa´am.
95 PN: brtags.
96 PNDC: ||.
97 P: rjas.
98 DC: ba.
99 C: yid.
100 P: |.
101 PN  add ||; C a3. |.
102P: blang sa for blangs.
103PN omm. bdag; DC: dag; Ava P56b-2, D49b-2: bdag.
104PN: de’i.
105NC: par.
106P: rtog; N: rtag.
107N: bya.
108PD: ptsas.
109DC: ||dbu.
110N: pa.
111DC: ma| bam po lnga pa| for ma|| ||bam po lnga pa||.
112DC omm. ||.
113N: da.
114PN add ||.
115DC: ||.
116DC: ||.
117D ad. |; C ad. ||.
118PN omm. sngon po.
119P: ’ang.
120N: da.
121P: mad.
122PNDC: rgyu ni for rgyu’i; Ava P58b-4, D51b-1: rgyu’i.
123N: par.
124N: nya.
125N: ta.
126 DC: na.
127 N: za.
128 PN: add ||.
129 PN: las.
130 PN: add |
131 PNDC: skyed pa for skye ba; Ava P59a-6, D52a-2:

skye ba.

132 DC: add dang de.
133 DC: add la.
134 PN: add ||.
135 PN: omm. |
136 PN: omm. ||.
137 NDC: ba 'ang for ba'ang.
138 DC: ||.
139 PN: add ||.
140 PN: omm. rnam pa.
141 PN: omm. mi 'dra ba yin pa'i phyir.
142 PN: yin no|| for nyid do.
143 PN: add ||.
144 PN: add ||.
145 PN: tu.
146 C: ad. dang.
147 P: |
148 PN: add ||.
149 P: ad. |
150 PN: add ||.
151 DC add 
152 PN add 
153 PN add 
154 DC add 
155 PN omm. dag. 
156 PN omm. rang gi. 
157 PN add 
158 PN: do 
159 PN add 
160 PN: par. 
161 N: che. 
162 PN: 'dog. 
163 DC: brtags. 
164 PN: kyi. 
165 N: ta. 
166 PN add 
167 DC: brtags. 
168 PN add 
169 DC: lta. 
170 P: 
171 C: ni. 
172 PN omm. ces gsungs so 
173 PN add 
174 N: da. 
175 PN: de 'i phyir de 'i de rtogs pas, DC: de phyir de yi de brtags pas for de phyir de yis de rtogs pas; Ava
P69a-3, D61a-1: de phyir de yis de rtogs pas.

176PN: byin.
177PN add ||.
178DC: brtags.
179DC: brtags.
180PN: yi.
181P: bzung.
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(P108a-5, N94b-7, DC89a-5) da¹ ni stong pa nyid kyi
mi mthun pa’i phyogs kyi khyad par đagag pas khamms rnam
ngo bo nyid med pa nyid du bstan pa’i don gyi dbang gis
rab tu byed pa lnga pa brtsam mo||

rab tu byed pa bstan ma thag tu|²

gzugs zhes bya ba ma {N95a} gtogs par| |
gzugs kyi rgyu yang mi snang ngo|| [MMK 4-1cd]
zhes bshad pa’i phyir re zhig rang gi sde pa dag na re|
’di la³ bcom ldan ’das kyis⁴ rgyal po chen po khamms drug
po ’di dag ni skyes bu’o zhes gsungs pas khamms drug po|⁵
sa dang| chu dang| me dang| rlung dang| nam mkha’ dang|
rnam par shes pa zhes bya ba dag gi mtshan nyid sra ba
dang| gsher pa dang| tsha ba dang|⁶ gyo ba dang| skabs
byed pa dang| rnam par shes par byed pa {D89b} dag bstan
to|| nam mkha’i me tog la sogs pa lta bu med pa dag ni
skyes {C89b} bu’i rgyu nyid {P108b} du ma bstan pas de’i
phyir| slob dpon gyis sa la sogs pa dag la yang gzugs kyi
rgyu med do zhes dam bca’ ba⁷ byas pa de ni khas blangs
pa la gnod par ’gyur ro||
gal te de bzhin gshegs pas tha snyad du khamms drug
po dag skyes bu’o zhes bstan par khas blangs pas nyes pa
med do⁸ zhe na| don dam par bstan par khas blangs pa’i
phyir nyes pa med pa ma yin no|| gal te de ma grub pa’i
phyir rigs pa ma yin no zhe na| ma grub pa ma yin te| don
dam par sa la sogs pa khams rnams yod pa kho na yin te
de dag gi mtshan nyid yod pa’i phyir ro| ‘di la bcom ldan ‘dus kyis9 gang don dam par med do zhes gsungs pa de la ni mtshan nyid med de| dper na nam mkha’i me tog bzhin no|| sa la sogs pa dag la10 ni sra ba nyid la sogs pa’i mtshan nyid dag yod pas de ltar de dag gi mtshan nyid yod pa’i phyir sa la sogs pa khams rnams yod pa kho na yin no11 zhes zer ro||
de la ‘dir nam mkha’i ngo bo nyid stong pa nyid kyis bstan sla ba’i phyir dang| de yod pa ma yin par bstan pas khams lhag ma rnams dga’g pa yang sla ba’i phyir| slob dpon gyis nam mkha’i khams kho na’i dbang du mdzad de bshad pa|

nam mkha’i mtshan nyid snga rol na||12
nam mkha’i cung zad yod ma yin||13 [MMK 5-lab]

{N95b} dbyer med pa’i phyir ro zhes bya bar dgon bs so||
‘di la bye14 brag15 tu smra ba dag nam mkha’ ni mi sgrib pa kho na16 ston pas mi sgrib pa nyid nam mkha’ yin la| de yang yod pa nyid du sgrub17 pas mi sgrib pa yod pa nyid kyis bsgrub par bya ba dang18 sgrub pa mi ‘grub ste19| dper na sgra mi rtag ste| mi rtag pa’i phyir ro20 zhes bya ba de bzhin du ‘dir yang nam mkha’ yod de| nam mkha’ yin pa’i phyir ro zhes bya bar21 smras par ‘gyur ro||
yang na gang dag dbu ma'i {P109a} bstan bcos kyi tshul la sding ba dag 'di skad ces gang22 gi phyir| rim23 mam cig24 car de mi 'thad par 'gyur ba'i mtshan nyid kyi gzhi dang| mtshan nyid dag gzhan nyid yin par khas mi len te| skyes bu chen po'i mtshan rnams las skyes bu chen po gzhan yin par mi rigs pa bzhin no|| 'di la de mtshan25 par bya ba yin pas mtshan nyid de| las la bya ba'i rkyen brjod pa'i phyir ro26 {D90a} zhes smra'o {C90a} zhes zer ro||

de dag gi de ltar khas blangs pa nyid la yang|
nam mkha'i mtshan nyid snga rol na||
nam mkha' cung zad yod ma yin|| [MMK 5-lab]
nam mkha' nyid mtshan nyid yin na de nyid kyis de bsgrub pa'i phyir nye bar sbyor bar byed pa ni gtan tshigs su mi rung ste| don ma grub pa'i phyir des na gang gis27 ci zhig sgrub par 'gyur| ci ste yang tha snyad du yod pa'i nam mkha' ni mi sgrub pa nyid yin par grags so28 zhe na| de bstan pa'i phyir gtan tshigs mi 'dod do|| don dam par ni ma grags pas de ltar bstan pa la rab tu 'bad29 par bya'o30 zhe na| de la yang gtan tshigs kyi skyon dang dpe'i skyon yod de| dam bcas pa tsam la gnas par zad do||
yang na bye brag tu smra ba dang| bye brag pa dag nam mkha' ni rdzas su yod pa dang| 'dus ma byas so zhes zer bas de dag gi phyir bshad pa|

nam mkha'i mtshan nyid snga rol na||
nam mkha' cung zad yod ma yin|| [MMK 5-lab]
rdzas su gyur pa’o zhes dam bca’ ba nye bar bzhag pa yin no|| de skye ba med par phyogs gnyi ga la grags pa ni chos yin no|| dpe ni de’i dbang gis te ri bong gi rwa {N96a} la sog s pa dag yin no|| ‘dir rjes su dpag pa ni don dam par nam mkha’ rdzas su yod pa ma yin te skye ba med pa’i phyir dper na ri bong gi rwa bzhin no|| de bzhin du rgyu med pa’i phyir dang| ‘bras bu med pa’i phyir dang| yod {P109b} pa ma yin pa’i phyir ro31 zhes bya ba la sogs pa’i gtan tshigs dag kyang brjod par bya’o||

   gang dag nam mkha’ ni sgra’i mtshan nyid do32 zhes zer ba de dag la yang| sgra nyid nam mkha’ yin pas gtan tshigs kyi skyon snga ma bzhin no||

   ‘dir kha cig na re gal te don ‘di bstan bcos byed pa’i bsam pa yin par gyur na de lta na bstan bcos byed pas|33

   nam mkha’i mtshan34 las gzhans35 gyur pa’i||36

   nam mkha’ cung zad yod37 ma yin||38

   zhes smras pa kho nar ‘gyur ro zhes zer ro|| snga phyi mi srid par bstan pa kho nas gzhans nyid dag pa ‘grub pa’i phyir de ni mi gnod do||

   bye brag pa dag ni39 mtshan nyid kyi gzhi dang| mtshan nyid dag gzhans nyid du dam bca’ bas40 de dag gi gzhans nyid yin na lan ‘ga’ snga phyir yang ‘gyur te| gzhans nyid yin pa’i phyir dper na {D90b} bum pa {C90b} dang| snam bu dag bzhin pas de’i phyir bshad pa|
gal te mtshan las snga gyur na||
mtshan nyid med par thal bar 'gyur|| [MMK 5-1cd]

mtshan nyid med pa ni mtshan nyid yod pa ma yin pa ste| de smra bar 'dod pa'i mtshan nyid kyi gzhi nyid du ma gyur par zhes bya ba'i tha tshig go\(^41\)
gal te mtshan las snga gyur na||\(^42\) [MMK 5-1c] zhes bya ba 'dis\(^43\) de'i chos dus tha dad pa nyid bstan to|| 'dir rjes su dpag pa ni nam mkha' ni smra bar 'dod pa'i mtshan nyid kyi\(^44\) mtshan nyid kyi gzhi ma yin te| de bas dus snga na yod pa'i phyir dper na de las gzhan pa bzhin no||
yang na\(^45\)

mtshan nyid med par thal bar 'gyur||\(^46\) [MMK 5-1d] zhes bya ba ni mtshan nyid la med pa ni mtshan nyid med pa ste| de la mtshan nyid kyi gzhi nyid med par zhes bya ba'i tha tshig go\(^47\)
gal te mtshan las snga gyur\(^48\) na||\(^49\) [MMK 5-1c] zhes bya ba ni nam mkha' zhes bya ba'i {N96b} skabs yin te| 'dis\(^50\) ni de'i chos mtshan nyid kyi gzhi las mtshan nyid gzhan pa nyid bstan to|| 'dir rjes su dpag pa ni smra {P110a} bar 'dod\(^51\) pa'i mtshan nyid kyis mtshan nyid kyi gzhi nam mkha' mtshon par\(^52\) mi nus te| gzhan yin pa'i phyir dper na de las gzhan pa\(^53\) bzhin no||

pha rol po'i ni rang gi rjes su dpag pa la gnod
de|⁵⁴ mtshan nyid kyi gzhi dang|⁵⁵ mtshan nyid dag la
mtshan nyid med pa nyid du mi `dod pas| gzhan nyid du
rnam par rtog pa yang spang bar bya ba yin no||

ci ste yang dbyug pas ma bzlog pa`i phyir\] kun
rdzob pa`i gtan tshigs brjod na| gtan tshigs kyi don ma
grub pa nyid ma yin yang don `gal ba nyid bzlog dka` bas|
de`i phyir mtshan nyid don gzhan dang| don gzhan ma yin
par gyur pa ma grub pa`i phyir| nam mkha` mtshan nyid med
pa zhes bya bar gyur to⁵⁶ zhe na| de mtshan nyid med pa`i
dngos po nyid yin par yang shes par byar⁵⁷ mi nus te| `di
ltar|⁵⁸

mtshan nyid med pa`i dngos po ni||⁵⁹
`ga` yang gang na`ang⁶⁰ yod ma yin||⁶¹ [MMK 5-2ab]

don dam pa pa`i dngos po gzhan gyi phyogs dang| bdag
cag gi phyogs gang na yang `grub pa med do||
gang dag mtshan nyid kyi gzhi nam mkha` ni yod pa
kho na yin te| de la⁶² mtshan nyid `jug pa`i phyir ro⁶³
zhes zer na| de yang rigs pa ma yin par nges par bzung
ste|

mtshan nyid med pa`i dngos med na||
mtshan nyid gang du `jug par `gyur|| [MMK 5-2cd]

gzhi {D9la} med⁶⁴ pa`i {C9la} phyir⁵⁵ gzhi⁶⁶ bzhin du
gtan tshigs mi 'grub ste yul med pa la gtan tshigs 'jug pa mi 'grub pa'i phyir gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub pa nyid kyi skyon du 'gyur ro||

yang na gzhan ma yin pa nyid kyi phyogs la ni|67 mtshan nyid kyi gzhi dang|68 mtshan nyid dag gzhan ma yin pa nyid yin na de nyid kyis'de mtshon par byar mi rung ste| de las gzhan pa'i mtshan nyid med pa'i phyir| nam mkha' la mtshan nyid69 med do|| gzhan70 nyid {P110b} kyi phyogs la yang smra bar 'dod pa'i mtshan nyid ni mtshan nyid kyi gzhi'i mtshan nyid ma yin te| {N97a} gzhan yin pa'i phyir de las gzhan bzhin no|| mtshan nyid med pa'i phyir| des kyang nam mkha' la mtshan nyid med de| mtshan nyid med pa'i dgos po nam mkha' zhes bya ba med na mtshan nyid gang du 'jug par 'gyur te| de 'jug pa mi 'grub pa nyid do71 zhes bya ba'i tha tshig go|72

gzhan yang mtshan nyid kyi gzhi la 'jug pa zhes bya ba'i gtan tshigs de'i don ni 'di la mtshan nyid 'di mtshan nyid kyi gzhi'i chos yod pa nyid la sogs pa med na mi 'byung ba des mtshan nyid kyi gzhi shes par 'gyur ba yin na| gang gi73 tshe kho bo cag gi phyogs la|74

mtshan nyid med la mtshan nyid ni||
mi 'jug mtshan nyid bcas la min|| [MMK 5-3ab]

de'i tshe med pa la ni mtshan nyid mi 'grub pa'i phyir dang75 mtshan nyid dang bcas pa'i dgos po yang mi 'grub
pa`i phyir ro^76^ zhes bya bar dgongs so||
   ji skad bstan pa`i rnam pa dang| mtshan nyid mi `dra
   ba`i mtshan nyid kyi gzhi yang mi `grub pa`i phyir|
   mtshan bcas mtshan nyid med pa las||
   gzhan la`ang `jug par mi `gyur ro|| [MMK 5-3cd]

de`i phyir de 1tar don dam par dingos po `gal ba la
mtshan nyid `jug par^77^ ma `grub pa`i phyir dang| dpe med
pa`i phyir khyod kyi `dod pa`i don ma `grub po||^78
yang na mtshan nyid med pa nam mkha`i me tog la sogs
pa dag la mtshan nyid de med pa`i phyir mi `jug pa de ni
grags pa yin no||
   da ni mtshan nyid bcas ` mim^79^ [MMK 5-3b2] zhes bya
   ba mtshan nyid dang bcas pa la^80^ mtshan nyid mi `jug go^81
   zhes bya ba`i skabs de ni dam bca` ba nye bar bzhag pa
   yin no|| de`ichos ni mtshan nyid gang gis mtshon^82^ na
   mtshan nyid dang bcas pa zhes bya ba`i mtshan nyid^83^ yin
   no|| dpe ni de`i dbang gis te| de {D9lb} las gzhan
   {C9lb} pa`i {P1l1a} mtshan nyid dag yin no|| `dir rjes
   su dpag pa ni don dam par mi sgrib pa ni nam mkha`i
   mtshan nyid ma yin te^84^ mtshan nyid yin pa`i phyir dper
   na sra ba la sogs pa dag bzhin no||
   rnam pa^85^ gnyis su smra ba dag rnam {N97b} grangs
   las mtshan nyid dang bcas pa dang| mtshan nyid med pa la
   mtshan nyid `jug pas nyes pa med do^86^ zhe na| de dgag
pa'i phyir yang bshad pa|

mtshan bcas mtshan nyid med pa las||87

gzhan la'ang 'jug par mi 'gyur ro|| [MMK 5-3cd]
gnyi ga'i bdag nyid kyi dngos po mi srid pa'i phyir dang| 1tos88 pa'i nges pa yang me dang bud shing brtag pa'i rab tu byed pa las 'og nas 'gog par 'gyur ba'i phyir dang| phyogs gnyi gar bstan pa'i skyon gnyis89 'gyur du 'byung ba'i phyir| de yang rigs pa ma yin no||
gzhan dag ni|

mtshan nyid med la mtshan nyid ni||90

mi 'jug [MMK 5-3a,bl]

ces bya ba 'di la| de ltar gang gi phyir mtshan nyid med pa'i dngos po 'ga' yang yod pa ma yin pa de'i phyir

mtshan nyid med pa'i dngos po med na gzhi med pa la mtshan nyid 'jug par mi 'thad do|| mtshan nyid bcas la min91 [MMK 5-3b2] zhes92 bya ba 'di la yang mtshan nyid dang bcas pa'i dngos po la yang mtshan nyid 'jug pa mi 'thad de| dgos pa med pa'i phyir ro93 zhes zer ro||
de ni rigs pa ma yin te| mtshan nyid yod na de dang ldan pa la med pa nyid mi 'thad pa'i phyir dang| de bzhin94 du mtshan nyid kyi gzhi yod pa'i phyir ro||

mtshan nyid dang bcas pa'i dngos po grub pa la yang pha rol po dran par bya ba'i phyir mtshan nyid kyi gzhi la mtshan nyid95 'jug pa 'gal ba med pa'i phyir des96 mi nus so||

de'i phyir de ltar mtshan nyid kyi gzhi la mtshan
nyid⁹⁷ 'jug par⁹⁸ mi 'thad pas

mtshan nyid 'jug pa ma yin na|⁹⁹
mtshan gzhi 'thad par mi 'gyur ro| [MMK 5-4ab]

zhes bstan pa'i don gyi {P11b} dbang gis mjug bsdus so|
'dir mkhas su re ba'i mgon pa'i nga rgyal can kha
cig rang gi phyogs kyi skyon brjod pa brnag¹⁰⁰ par mi
bzod pa na 'di skad ces nam mkha' yod pa yin te| mtshan
nyid yod pa'i phyir ro zhes smra ba na| khyed kyis¹⁰¹
mtshan nyid kyi gzhi dang mtshan nyid dag snga phyir sgro
btags nas gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub pa nyid du brjod pa
ni dper na sgra mi rtag ste| byas pa'i phyir ro zhes
smras {N98a} pa la| gal te sgra skyes {D92a} pa'i snga
rol na|¹⁰² {C92a} byas pa nyid yod na ni sgra la
'khrul¹⁰³ pa yod pa'i phyir gtan tshigs su mi¹⁰⁴ rung
ngo|| 'on te sgra skyes pa'i sgon rol na byas pa nyid
med de| phyis yod na ni gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub pa
nyid do¹⁰⁵ zhes zer ba de'i tshig de rigs¹⁰⁶ pa dang ldan
pa ma yin te| ma grub pa ltar snang ba nyid du brjod pa'i
phyir ro¹⁰⁷ zhes bya ba de bzhin du khyed kyis|¹⁰⁸

nam mkha'ı mtshan nyid snga rol na||¹⁰⁹
nam mkha' cung zad yod ma yin||¹¹⁰ [MMK 5-1ab]

zhes bya ba la sogs pas gtan tshigs ji skad smras pa sun
'byin par 'dod pas mtshan nyid yod pa 'gog par byed pa'i
tshig de yang legs¹¹¹ par smras pa ma yin no¹¹² zhes zer
'dir bshad pa| mtshan nyid kyang de nyid dang| gzhan la sog pa'i khyad par gyis\textsuperscript{113} mtshan nyid kyi gzh'i khongs su gtogs pa yin la| mtshan nyid kyi gzh'i skye mchad de dag gi don dam pa pa'i\textsuperscript{114} yod pa nyid ni don dam par btsal bas\textsuperscript{115} de'i phyir mtshan nyid kyi gzh'i mi 'thad na mtshan nyid kyang mi srid pas de dgag pa'i phyir ni 'bad pa mi rtsom mo|| 'di skad ces mtshan nyid kyi gzh'i dang| mtshan nyid dag snga phyir sgro btags nas\textsuperscript{116} zhed bya ba la sog pa gang smras pa de la yang nyon cig dang| snga phyi\textsuperscript{117} mi srid par bstan pa kho nas gzhan nyid dgag pa bstan pa'i phyir ma grub pa ltar snang ba nyid ma yin no||

ci ste gang la gzhan nyid yin yang med na mi 'byung ba'i\textsuperscript{118} mtshan nyid kyi is {P112a} 'brel pa de ni gtan tshi gs yin pas des na gzhan yin pa'i phyir gtan tshi gs kyi don ma grub pa nyid du brjod pa yang ma grub pa ltar snang ba nyid yin no\textsuperscript{119} zhe na| de ni bzang po ma yin te| don dam par gzhan nyid dang| med\textsuperscript{120} na mi 'byung ba'i mtshan nyid kyi\textsuperscript{121} 'brel pa ma grub pas de la mgon par zhen pa yang spang bar 'dod pa'i phyir ro|| sgrub pa de tha snyad kyi bden par gtogs pa'i dgos po bstan pa'i phyir| tha snyad dang rjes su mthun pa ni yin no||
{N98b} zhar la bshad pas chog go\textsuperscript{122}

'dir smras pa| don dam par nam mkha' yod pa kho na yin te| mtshan nyid yin pa'i phyir ro|| 'di na\textsuperscript{123} gang
yang med pa de ni mtshan nyid yin par mi 'dod de| dper na
nam mkha'i me tog bzhin no| nam mkha'ni mtshan nyid
yin te| rgyal po chen po khams drug po 'di dag ni skies
bu'ol zhes gsungs pas de'i phyir 'de ni yod pa kho na
yin no| |

{D92b} bshad pa| {C92b} mtshan nyid kyi gzhi mi
'thad do'125 zhes bstan zin pas de'i phyir|

mtshan gzhi 'thad pa ma yin na||126
mtshan nyid kyang ni yod ma yin||127 [MMK 5-4cd]

mtshan nyid kyang mtshan nyid kyi gzhi'i khongs su
gtogs pa'i phyir de bzhin du mi 'grub pa'i phyir dang|
dpe yang med pa'i phyir ro'128 zhes bya bar dgongs so||
gang gi phyir de ltar shes rab kyis nye bar brtags
na mtshan nyid kyi gzhi dang| mtshan nyid dag mi 'thad pa
de'i129 phyir bstan bcos mdzad pas|

de130 phyir mtshan gzhi yod min te||131
mtshan nyid yod pa nyid ma yin||132 [MMK 5-5ab]

zhes mjug bsdu ba mdzad de| de ston pa'i rjes su dpag pa
med pa'i phyir dang| de med par ston pa'i rjes su dpag pa
yod pa'i phyir ro133 zhes bya bar dgongs so||

bye brag tu smra ba dag gis smras pa| nam mkha'ni
dngos po yin te|134 yul de la 'dun pa'i 'dod chags spong
ba'i phyir dper na gzugs bzhin no|| (P112b) yang na snyoms par 'jug pa'i dmigs pa yin pa'i phyir dper na| rnam par shes pa la sogs pa bzhin no|| yang na 'dus ma byas yin pa'i phyir dper na mya ngan las 'das pa bzhin no||

'dir bshad pa| 'di la don dam par nam mkha' de dngos po nyid du 'dod na| mtshan nyid kyi gzhi'am135| mtshan nyid yin grang na| mtshan nyid kyi gzhi dang| mtshan nyid de dag ji ltar mi srid pa de ltar ni sngar bstan zin pas| des na gang gi phyir kho bo cag gi phyogs la|

mtshan gzhi mtshan nyid ma gtogs pa'i||
dngos po yang ni yod ma yin||136 [MMK 5-5cd]

de'i phyir dpe ma {N99a} bstan par bsgrub137 par bya ba 'grub pa med do|| mya ngan las 'das pa dang| gzhan gang yang rung ba dag kyang dngos po nyid du grub pa med pa'i phyir ro||

'dis ni sde pa gzhan dag gi sgrub138 pa nam mkha' yod pa kho na yin te| gzugs yongs su chad pa'i phyir dang| 'dus ma byas yin pa'i phyir ro139 zhes bya ba dag la yang skyon gyis lan btap pa yin te| gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub pa nyid kyang brjod par bya'o||

mdo sde pa dag gis smras pa| nam mkha'dngos po nyid ni ma yin te| 'o na ci zhe na| kho bo cag la de ni thougs pa dang bcas pa'i rdzas kyi dngos po med pa tsam yin no||
snyoms par 'jug pa'i dmigs pa' yin pa'i phyir zhes
bya ba dang| yul de la 'dun pa'i 'dod {D93a} chags spong
ba'i phyir zhes {C93a} bya ba des dngos po med\textsuperscript{140} pa'i
ngo bo nyid sel bar byed pa yin mod kyi| 'on kyang de dag
nam mkha' la rtog par byed pa de dag dgag pa'i phyir|
dgag pa ches gsal ba brjod par bzhed pa de nyid bshad pa|
gzugs kyi rgyu ni ma gtogs par||
gzugs ni dmigs par mi 'gyur ro|| [MMK 4-1ab]
zhes bya bas de bstan zin pas de' i phyir\textsuperscript{141}
dngos po yod pa ma yin na||
dngos med gang gi\textsuperscript{142} yin par 'gyur|| [MMK 5-6ab]

thogs pa dang bcas pa'i {Pl13a} gzugs zhes bya ba'i
dngos po yod pa ma yin na khyed kyis nam mkha' zhes bya
bar btags\textsuperscript{143} pa gang yin pa'i dngos po med pa de gang gi
yin par 'gyur te| de ston pa'i rjes su dpag pa yod pa ma
yin pas don de rab tu mi 'grub po\textsuperscript{144}||
yang na gzhan du brtag ste| pha rol pos smras pa|
nam mkha' dngos po yin te\textsuperscript{145} zhes bya ba'i don de bstan
par mi nus te| khyod kyis\textsuperscript{146}
mtshan gzhi mtshan nyid ma gtogs pa'i||\textsuperscript{147}
dngos po yang ni yod ma yin|| [MMK 5-5cd]
zhes bya bas dpe\textsuperscript{148} med pa dang dpe bsgrubs su zin kyang
bsgrub par bya ba dang| sgrub pa mi 'grub pa kho nar
{N99b} 'gyur ro\textsuperscript{149} zhes\textsuperscript{150} smras pas\textsuperscript{151} de'i phyir| kho
bos de nyid bsgrub pa bya ste| gzugs la sogs pa la\textsuperscript{152}
dgos po yod pa kho na yin te| ltos\textsuperscript{153} pas de dag med pa
yod pa'i phyir ro|  'di na gang yod pa de la ni ltos\textsuperscript{154}
pas dgos po med pa yod de\textsuperscript{155} dper na gzugs la ro nyid
med pa bzhin no| | gang med pa de la ni ltos\textsuperscript{156} pas dgos
po med pa med de| dper na rta'i rwa bzhin no| |

gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub pa nyid kyang ma yin
te\textsuperscript{157}; 'di ltar khyod kyis lan cig ma yin par phung po
dang| khams dang| skye\textsuperscript{158} mched dag phung po la sogs pa
nyid kyis med pa nyid du brjod pas| de'i phyir ltos\textsuperscript{159}
pas de dag med pa yod pa'i phyir dgos po yod pa kho na
yin no;| |

'dir bshad pa| kho bos gzugs la sogs pa'i dgos po
yod pa nyid dgag pa byas par zad kyi| de dag med par ma
bstan pas| de'i phyir gzugs zhes bya ba'i dgos po yod pa
ma yin na gang ro nyid med par 'gyur te| de med pa'i
phyir dpe ma grub pas 'dod pa'i don grub pa med do| |
gzhan dag gis smras pa\textsuperscript{160} dgos po dang dgos po
med pa dag ni yod pa kho na yin\textsuperscript{161} te| de dag shes pa yod
pa'i phyir ro|| 'di na gang la shes \{DC93b\} pa yod pa de
ni yod de| dper na chos nyid \{Pl13b\} bzhin no||

'dir bshad pa| pha rol po'i yid la bsam pas brtags
pa'i dgos po dang| dgos po med pa\textsuperscript{162} shes pa de yang
dgos po'am\textsuperscript{163} dgos po med pa zhig yin grang na| de
gnyi ga dgag pa yang bstan zin pas de dag shes pa yod par
mi 'grub po\textsuperscript{164}||
dngos po dang dngos po med pa dang mi mthun pa’i
shes pa gzhan zhig yod par rtog na| de yang mi rung ste|
de’i phyir bshad pa|

dngos dang dngos med mi mthun chos||
gang gis dngos dang dngos med shes|| [MMK 5-6cd]

de ni yod pa ma yin pa nyid do zhes bya ba’i tshig
gi don to||
gal te rnam grangs kyi tshul smrā ba dag gis brtags
pa’i dngos po dang dngos po med pa dang| mi mthun pa165
de dag shes pa yod {N100a} pa’i phyir nyes pa med do166
zhe na| de ni rigs pa ma yin te167| gcig la’bdag nyid mi
mthun pa gnyis mi srid pa’i phyir dang| ltos168 pa mi
’thad pa’i phyir dang| de ston pa’i rjes su dpag pa med
pa’i phyir ro169 zhes bya bar dgongs so||
gang gi phyir de ltar dpyad na| nam mkha’ ’thad pa
mi bzod pa|170

de phyir nam mkha’ dngos po min||
dngos med ma yin mtshan171 gzhi min||
mtshan nyid ma yin [MMK 5-7ab,cl]

zhes pha rol pos smras pa’i dngos po nyid la sogs pa
ston172 pa’i sgrub pa sun ’byin pa bsal173 ba’i dbang
gis mjug bsdus so||
khams lnga po||\textsuperscript{174}
gzhan gang dag kyang nam mkha´ mtshungs||
[MMK 5-7c2,d]  

khams zhes bya ba´i don ni `byung khungs kyi\textsuperscript{175} don
te| gser gyi `byung khungs\textsuperscript{176} bzhin du nam mkha´ la
sogs\textsuperscript{177} pa dag kyang sdug bsngal dang yid mi bde ba la
sogs pa dag gi `byung khungs su\textsuperscript{178} gyur pa\textsuperscript{179} yin no||
yang na khams zhes bya ba´i don ni byed pa med par
rang gi mtshan nyid `dzin pa´i don to|| lnga po zhes bya
ba ni sa dang| chu dang| me\textsuperscript{180} dang| rlung dang| rnam par
shes pa zhes bya ba dag go\textsuperscript{181} gzhan zhes bya ba ni nam
mkha´i `og tu dgag par bya ba yin pa´i phyir ro|| gang
dag kyang nam mkha´ {Pl14a} mtshungs\textsuperscript{182} zhes bya ba ni
khams lnga po gzhan gang dag yin pa de dag kyang nam
mkha´ dang mtshungs par dgag par bya ba ste| ji ltar
sngar|

nam mkha´i mtshan nyid sna rol na||\textsuperscript{183}
nam mkha´ cung\textsuperscript{184} zad yod ma yin||\textsuperscript{185} [MMK 5-1ab]
zhes bya ba nas brtsams te|
de phyir nam mkha´ dngos po min||
{D94a} dngos med ma yin mtshan gzhi min||
mtshan nyid ma yin\textsuperscript{186} [MMK 5-7ab,cl]
zhes bya {C94a} ba´i bar gyis\textsuperscript{187} nam mkha´ dgag pa bstan
pa de bzhin du ´dir yang|
sa sogs mtshan nyid snga rol na||
sa sogs cuṅg zad yod¹⁸⁸ ma yin||
zhes bya ba nas brtsams te|
de phyir sa sogs dngos po min||
dngos med ma yin mtshan gzhi min||
mtshan nyid ma yin

zhes bya ba'i bar du rgya cher brjod par bya zhung sa la
sogs pa'i khamṣ (N100b) lnga po gzhan gang¹⁸⁹ dag yin pa
de dag kyang nam mkha' dang dgag pa mtshungs pa'i phyir
'dra bar bstan par bya'ö||

bcom ldan 'das kyi¹⁹⁰ gsung rab la khamṣ de¹⁹¹ dag
de ltar yod par bstan pa¹⁹² ni de dag bstan pas| gdul
bya'i¹⁹³ skye bo'i rjes su thugs brtse bas tha snyad du
grags pa¹⁹⁴ tha snyad kyi bden par gtogs pa yin gyi| don.
dam par ni khamṣ rnams yod pa ma yin no¹¹⁹⁵ khamṣ rnams
yod pa'i phyir khas blangs pa la gnod pa yang med la|
skye mched rnams 'grub par yang mi 'gyur ro||

yang¹⁹⁶ kha cig na re| khyod kyis don dam par dngos
po thams cad la skur pa btab pa'i phyir log pa'i lta ba
dngos po thams cad la skur pa 'debs pa'i tshul can rjes
su brjod pas| bcom ldan 'das kyi gsung rab ltar bcos pas
'jig rten rgyang phan¹⁹⁷ pa'i 'dod pa bsgrub pa¹⁹⁸ byas
pa'i phyir 'di ni¹⁹⁹ bcom ldan 'das kyi bka' ma yin pas
spang bar bya ba yin no²⁰⁰ zhes zer ro||

de la²⁰¹ 'dir pha rol po dag ni skyon cha ma
mnyam²⁰² pas rab rib skies pa dag| skra shad²⁰³ dang|
sbrang bu {Pl14b} dang | sbrang bu mchu rings la sogs pa
yang dag ma yin pa dag sel bar byed pa dang 'dra ste | 'di
ltar kho bos ni skye mched rnams kyi yod pa nyid dgag pa
smra s pa na ngo bo nyid yod pa dgag pa byas par zad
kyi|\(^{204}\) dngos po med pa nyid du ni ma smra ste | mdo sde
las |

ji srId sems kyi spyod yul ba | |
yod med gnyis kyi mthar yang 'gyur| |
spyod yul 'gags| \(^{205}\) par gyur na ni | |
sems kyang yang dag 'gag par 'gyur| |

[Laṅkāvatāra 3-9]
zhes bya ba dang | de bzhin du dngos por ma lhung ba ni
dngos po med pas | chos 'ga' yang dngos po med par mi byed
do zhes bya ba la sogs pa ji skad gsungs pa lta bu'o | |
de bzhin du slob dpon nyid kyi kyang gzhan dag tu |
 'di ni yod nyid 'gog pa ste | |
med nyid yong su {DC94b} 'dzin pa min | |
nag po min zhes| \(^{206}\) smra s pa na | |
dkar po yin zhes ma brjod bzhin | |
zhes gsungs so | |
de' i phyir rnam pa de gnyi ga {Nl01a} yang lta ba
ngan pa kho na| \(^{207}\) yin te | mkhas pa spros pa ma lus pa nye
bar zhi ba'i bde ba 'dod pa' i gags| \(^{208}\) yin pa' i phyir ro | |
ji ltar zhe na | 'di la don| \(^{209}\) dam par 'dod pa dang | gzugs
dang | gzugs med pa na spyod pa dang | 'jig rten las 'das
pa dang | dge ba dang | mi dge ba dang | lung du ma bstan pa
dag gal te tshul gang gis tha snyad gdags su rung ba des
dag nyid thob pa`i ngo bo nyid yin par gyur na de`i
phyir dge ba dang| mi dge ba`i chos rnams skyed pa dang
mi skyed pa`i phyir `bad pa don med pa nyid du `gyur te|
yod pa`i phyir dper na bum pa dang| snam bu yod pa bzhin
pas bde ba dang 1dan pa rnams kyang bde ba`i khyad par
nyams pa med pa dang| sdug bsngal dang 1dan pa rnams
kyang sdu gbsngal gyi khyad par nyams pa med par `gyur
te| rtsig pa la bris pa`i ri mo bzhin du srog chags rnams
kyi na tshod dang|211 {P115a} bong212 tshod dang| spyod
lam gyi khyad par dag la skyed dbri213 med par `gyur ro||
ci ste khams gsum pa dang| `jig rten las `das pa
dang| dge ba dang| mi dge ba dang| lung du ma bstan pa
dag ngo bo nyid med pa yin par gyur na| de lta na yang
dge ba dang mi dge ba`i chos rnams skyed214 pa dang| mi
skyed215 pa`i phyir `bad pa don med pa nyid du `gyur te|
med pa`i phyir dper na ri bong gi rwa rnon por bya ba`i
phyir `bad pa bzhin pas| tha snyad chad par `gyur ro||
dei phyir `di bsha de| lta ba ngan pa`i rab rib
kyis blo gros kyi mig nyams pa|

blo chung gang dag dngos rnams216 la||
yod pa nyid dang med nyid du||
lta ba des217 ni blta218 bya ba||
nye bar zhi ba zhi mi mthong|| [MMK 5-8]
blo chung ngu\textsuperscript{219} gang dag rab rib can dbang po nyams pas zla ba gryis la sogs pa yang dag pa ma yin pa mthong ba bzhin du dngos po rnam\textsuperscript{2} la yod pa nyid dang| med pa nyid du lta ba de dag gis ni don dam pa \textquotesingle{i} b\text{\textdh}{\textl{\textdh}}en pa shin tu \{N101b\} cha phra ba\textsuperscript{220} phags pa\textquotesingle{i} shes rab kyi spyan gyi spyod yul blta bar bya ba nye bar\textsuperscript{221} zhi zhing zhi \textquotesingle{ba mi}\textsuperscript{222} mthong ngo zhes bya ba \textquotesingle{i} tha tshig go\textsuperscript{223}

blta bar bya ba nye bar zhi ba zhes bya ba ni \textquotesingle{di la blta bar bya ba mtshan ma thams cad mi snang bar \textquotesingle{gyur ba\textquotesingle{i} phyir ro\textquotesingle{||} zhi zhes bya ba ni gnod pa thams cad dang bral ba\textquotesingle{i} phyir te\textquotesingle{|| mdo \{D95a\} sde las\textquotesingle{||}

gang gis gang la rkyen rnam kyi\textsuperscript{224}||

\{C95a\} yod par sgrub pa med nyid \textquotesingle{gyur\textquotesingle{||
lta ngan skye bar smra ba yis\textquotesingle{||
yod pa dang ni med par bstan\textquotesingle{||

zhes ji skad gsungs pa lta bu\textquotesingle{o\textquotesingle{||

mkhas pa gang stong pa nyid la lta ba dang| sgom pa\textquotesingle{i} mig sman dang ldan pas| blo gros kyi mig gi skyon dang bral bar gyur pa blo gros kyi mig yang dag par bye ba\textsuperscript{225} des ni dngos po rnam\textsuperscript{2} kyi ji lta ba nyid mthong ste| bcom ldan \textquotesingle{das kyi\textsuperscript{226}

gang tshe \textquotesingle{jig rten yod min zhi\textquotesingle{||

med min yod med min\textsuperscript{227} mthong ba\textquotesingle{||

de tshe \{P115b\} sems ni rnam l\text{\textdh}{\textl{\textdh}}og cing\textquotesingle{||

bdag med nyid kyang rtogs\textsuperscript{228} par \textquotesingle{gyur\textquotesingle{||

[\textit{Lañkāvatāra} 3-22 = 10-476]
zhes ji skad gsungs pa dang| de bzhin du229 ‘od srungs yod ces bya ba ‘di ni mtha’ gcig go|230 med ces bya ba ‘di yang mtha’ gcig go231 zhes bya ba la sogs pa ji skad gsungs pa lta bu’o| |
de232 la ‘dir rab tu byed pa’i don ni sa la sogs pa khaps rnams yod par ston pa’i gtan tshigs mtshan233 nyid yod pa’i phyir ro234 zhes bya ba nye235 bar bzhag pa de’i skyon brjod pas khaps rnams ngo bo nyid med pa nyid du bstan pa yin no| |
de’i phyir nang gi236 sa’i khaps gang yin pa dang| phyi rol gyi sa’i khaps gang yin pa de ni gnyis su med pa’i don to|| de yang de bzhin gshegs pas shes rab dang ye shes kyis gnyis su med pa dang| gnyis su dbyer med pa dang| mtshan nyid gcig pa ‘di lta ste| mtshan nyid med237 par mgon par rdzogs par sangs rgyas so zhes bya ba dang| de bzhin du bu mo khaps dag ji ltar blta ba bya| bu mos238 smras pa| ‘jam dpal ‘di lta ste| dper na239 ‘jig rten gsum bskal pas240 bsregs pa na thal ba yang med pa ltar ro241 zhes {N102a} bya ba dang| de bzhin du gzugs med pa dang| bstan du med pa dang| gnas med pa dang| snang ba med pa dang| rnam par rig pa med pa gang yin pa de la mgon par zhen par mi bya’o242 zhes bya ba dang| de bzhin du243 shā244 ra dwa ti’i bu chos thams cad ni chags pa med pa’i mtshan nyid de| gang chos245 gang gi mtshan nyid yin pa de ni de’i246 mtshan nyid med pa yin pas| chos ‘ga’ yang mtshan nyid mgon247 par sgrub pa’i phyir|
nye bar mi gnas so zhes bya ba dang | de bzhin du| ngas ni ’jig rten phung po bstan||
de la ’jig rten gnas par gyur||
mkhas pa de la mi gnas pa||
’jig rten chos {D95b} kyis mi gos so||
’jig rten nam {C95b} mkha’i mtshan nyid de||
{Pl16a} nam mkha’ la yang mtshan nyid med||
de phyir de yis de rto gs pa||
’jig rten chos kyis mi gos so||
zhes bya ba dang | de bzhin du sha ra dwa ti’i bu chos thams cad kyi mtshan nyid med pa nyid dang | yongs su grub pa med pa nyid gang yin pa de ni chags pa med pa nyid ces bya’o zhes ba ba la sogs pa gsungs pa de dag grub pa yin no||
slob dpon legs ldan byed kyis nye bar sbyar ba|
dbu ma’i rtsa ba’i ’grel pa shes rab sgron ma las|
kham brtag pa zhes bya ba ste| rab tu byed pa lnga
pa’o||
Notes to Tibetan Text of Prajñāprādīpa, Chapter Five

1 N: de.
2 DC: ||.
3 PN omm. la.
4 P: 'dra gyis for 'das kyis.
5 PDC: ||.
6 DC omm. |.
7 PN: bcas pa for bca' ba.
8 PN add ||.
9 PN: kyi.
10 P om. la.
11 PN add ||.
12 P: |.
13 PN omm. ||.
14 C: byed.
15 N: bag.
16 PN: na.
17 PN: bsgrub.
18 PN add |.
19 N: sta.
20 PN add ||.
21 PN omm. bya bar.
22 DC add dag.
23 C: mim.
24 PN: gcig.
25 C: mtshan.
26 PN add ||.
27 PN: gi.
28 PN add ||.
29 C: 'bod.
30 PN add ||.
31 PN add ||.
32 PN add ||.
33 DC omm. ||
34 DC add nyid.
35 DC add du.
36 DC omm. ||.
37 DC add pa.
38 DC omm. ||.
39 DC: gi.
40 PN: bcas pas for bca' bas.
41 D: ||.
42 PN omm. ||.
43 PN add ni.
44 DC omm. mtshan nyid kyi.
45 PN omm. ||
46 PN omm. ||.
47 D: ||.
48 PN: 'gyur.
49 PN omm. ||
50 PN: 'dir.
51 DC: byed.
52 DC omm. par.
53 PN omm. pa.
54 DC: do ||.
55 PN omm. |.
56 P ad. ||; N ad. |.
57 DC omm. byar.
58 PN omm. |.
59 PN: |.
60 N: na `ang for na`ang.
61 PN: |.
62 N: pa.
63 P ad. ||.
64 N: mad.
65 PN add |.
66 DC add ji.
67 P: ||.
68 PN omm. |.
69 DC add kyi gzhi.
70 DC: gzhi gzhan for gzhan.
71 PN add ||.
72 D: ||.
73 PN omm. gi.
74 PN omm. |.
75 PN add |.
76 PN add ||.
77 C: pa'í.
78 PN: po; D: bo||.
79 DC add ||.
80 C: li.
81 PN add |.
82 C: mtshan.
83 PN add nyid.
84 N: ta.
85 PN omm. pa.
86 PN add ||.
87 P: |.
88 PN: bltos.
89 PNDC: nyis.
90 PN: |.
91 PN add |.
92 N: zhas.
93 PN add ||.
94 N: bzhan.
95 PNDC add du; Ava P80a-5, D71a-3 omm. du.
96 C: de la for des.
97 DC add kyis.
98 DC: pa.
99 P: yin| for yin na||.
100 DC: brnags.
101 DC: kyi.
102 C om. |.
103 PN: byas.
104 DC omm. mi.
105 PN add ||.
106 PN: rig.
107 PN add ||.
108 PN omm. ||.
109 PN: ||.
110 P: ||.
111 N: lags.
112 PN add ||.
113 DC: gyi.
114 PN: par for pa pa'i.
115 DC: brtsal pas for bstsal bas.
116 PN add ||.
117 PN: phyir.
118 P omm. ba'i.
119 PN add ||.
120 DC: me med for med.
121 DC: kyi.
122 DC: ||.
123 C: ni.
124 PN add ||.
125 PN add ||.
126 PN add ||.
127 N: ||.
128 PN add ||.
129_N: da'i.
130_P: de'i.
131_PN: |
132_PN: |
133_PN add ||
134_N om. |
135_PC: gzhi 'am for gzhi'am.
136_P: |
137_PN: sgrub.
138_DC: bsgrub.
139_PN add ||
140_N: mad.
141_N: ||
142_PN: po med gang for med gang gi.
143_DC: brtags.
144_D: bo.
145_PN add |
146_PN: kyi.
147_P: |
148_P: dpo.
149_PN add ||
150_N: zhas.
151_DC: pa.
152_P om. la.
153_PN: bltos.
154_PN: bltos.
155 N: da.
156 PN: bltos.
157 N: ta.
158 N: dang bskyed for dang skye.
159 PN: bltos.
160 PN omm. |.
161 N ad. yin.
162 DC: par.
163 P: po 'am|; N: po 'am gangs for po'am|.
164 D: bo.
165 C omm. pa.
166 PN add ||.
167 N: ta.
168 PN: bltos.
169 PN add ||.
170 N: ||.
171 PN: mchan.
172 N: sngon.
173 PN: gsal.
174 PN: |.
175 PN: khung gi for khungs kyi.
176 PN: khung.
177 N: sags.
178 PN: khung du for khungs su.
179 DC add dag.
180 N: ma.
181 DC: ||.
182 PN add ||.
183 N: ||.
184 N: chung.
185 P: ||.
186 DC omm. ||.
187 C: gyes.
188 N: yad.
189 PN omm. gang.
190 PN: kyis.
191 P: di.
192 PN add de.
193 PN: 'dul ba'i for gdul bya'i.
194 DC: pa'i.
195 PN: te|.
196 DC add na.
197 PN DC: pan.
198 DC: par.
199 PN add ||.
200 PN add ||.
201 P om. la.
202 N: myan.
203 PN: sha.
204 DC omm. ||.
205 PN: 'gag.
206 N: zhas.
207 PN omm. na.
208 DC: bgegs.
209 N: den.
210 C omm. pa med.
211 DC omm. |
212 PN: bongs; C: pong.
213 P: bri.
214 PN: bskyed.
215 PN: bskyed.
216 C: brnams.
217 PN: de.
218 PN: lta.
219 P: du.
220 PN add pa.
221 DC omm. nye bar.
222 P: ma.
223 DC: ||.
224 DC: skye rnams kyi FOR rkyen rnams kyis.
225 C: byed pa FOR bye ba.
226 PN omm. |
227 PNDC: min mi FOR med min; Ava P98b-5, D88a-7: med min.
228 P: rtog.
229 DC add |
230 DC: ||.
231 PN add |
232\textsc{N}: da.

233\textsc{DC} omm. mtshan.

234\textsc{PN} add ||.

235\textsc{N}: nya.

236\textsc{N}: ga.

237\textsc{N}: nyad mad for nyid med.

238\textsc{N}: mas.

239\textsc{PN} add |.

240\textsc{PN}: pa; C: bas.

241\textsc{PN} add ||.

242\textsc{PN} add ||.

243\textsc{DC} add |.

244\textsc{DC}: sha.

245\textsc{N}: chas.

246\textsc{N}: pa’a da na for pa de ni de’i.

247\textsc{N}: mngan.

248\textsc{PN} omm. |.

249\textsc{P}: das.

250\textsc{PN}: kyi.

251\textsc{PN}: yi.

252\textsc{DC}: sha.

253\textsc{PN} add ||.

254\textsc{C}: byod.

255\textsc{N}: shas.
{P211b-6, N189a-6, DC170b-2} da¹ ni de bzhin du stong pa nyid kyi mi mthun pa’i phyogs kyi khyad par dgag pas² las dang ’bras bu³ ngo bo nyid med pa nyid⁴ du bstan pa’i don gyi dbang gis rab tu byed pa bcu bdun pa brtsam mo|| rab tu byed pa ’das ma thag par ’du byed rnams dang| sms can dang| gang zag ’khor bar mi ’thad do|| zhes bstan pa’i phyir ’dir pha rol po dag gis bstan bcos mdzad pas dam bcas pa’i don sgro btags nas smras pa| khyed⁵ kyis ’du byed {N189b} rtag pa dang| mi rtag pa rnams {P212a} la ’khor ba mi ’thad de| rtag pa dang⁶ chad pa’i skyon du ’gyur ba’i phyir ro zhes smras pa⁷ ni| ’du byed mya ngan ’da’ bar⁸ ni|| ji lta bur yang mi ’thad do|| [MMK 16-4ab]
zhes bstan pa yin pas| de’i phyir ’dir ji ltar rtag pa dang| chad pa’i skyon du yang⁹ mi ’gyur la| ’du byed rnams la ’khor ba yang yod pa de ltar bsgrub par bya ste| don dam par nang gi ’du byed rnams la ’khor ba yod pa kho na yin te| las dang ’bras bu ’brel pa’i¹⁰ phyir ro|| ’di na gang med pa de la ni las dang ’bras bur ’brel pa¹¹ ma mthong ste| dper na mo gsham gyi bu zhes bya ba’i ’du byed rnams bzhin no|| nang gi ’du byed rnams la ni las dang ’bras bur ’brel pa yod pas de’i phyir gtan tshigs ji skad smos pa’i mthus don dam par nang gi ’du byed rnams la ’khor ba yod pa kho na yin’no||
de la re zhig las ni

bdag nyid legs par sdom pa dang

gzhan la phan ‘dogs byams sems gang

de chos de ni ‘di gzhan du

‘bras bu dag gi sa bon yin [MMK 17-1]

bdag nyid legs par sdom pa zhes bya ni bdag nyid
yang dag par sdom par byed cing mi dge ba las 1dog par
byed pa ste| mi dge ba14 spong {Dl71a} ba’i sems pa
{C171a} dang mtshungs par ldan pa’i sems zhes bya ba’i
tha tshig go15 gzhan la16 phan ‘dogs par zhes17 bya ba
ni sbyin pa dang snyan par smra ba dang| ‘jigs18 pa las
yongs su skyob pa la sogs pa gzhan dag la phan ‘dogs par
byed pa’o|| byams pa zhes bya ba ni mdza’ bshes las19
‘byung bas byams pa’o|| yang na byams pa nyid byams pa
ste| bdag gi don la de20 dang mthun pa’i rkyen brjod pa’i
phyir ro|| de lta bu’i sems pa gang yin pa de chos yin
no||

de ni sa bon yin te| rgyu dang rkyen ces bya ba’i
tha tshig go21 dang dag gi zhe na| ‘bras {P212b} bu dag
gi’o|| gang du zhe na| ‘di dang gzhan du ste| tshe ‘di
dang gzhan {N190a} dag tu myong bar ‘gyur ba’i22 dbang
gis so|| sems pa ni sa bon nyid du gsungs te| lus dang
ngag gi las dag23 kun nas slong ba yin pa’i phyir ro||
chos las bzlog pas chos ma yin pa ste24 chos ma yin
pa dang| sdig pa dang| mi dge ba zhes bya ba dag ni rnam grangs so|| chos ma yin pa las bzlog pas chos kyi rnam grangs dag go|| lung du ma bstan pa ni rnam par smin pa las skyes pa dang| spyod lam las byung ba dang| bzo'i gnas las byung ba dang| sprul pa byed pa las byung ba'i bye brag gis rnam pa bzhi ste| rnam par smin pa 'dod pa dang| mi 'dod pa mi skye ba'i phyir dang| dge ba dang| mi dge ba nyid du brda mi sprod pa'i phyir lung du ma bstan to||

de ltar chos la sogs pa'i dbye bas tha dad pa de dag kyang rnam pa gnyis te|

drang srong mchog gis las rnam s ni||

sems pa26 dang ni bsam par gsungs|| [MMK 17-2ab]

drang27 srong mchog ni bcom ldan 'das te| de ni drang srong yang yin la mchog kyang yin te| bgrod par bya ba ma lus par bgrod zin pa'i phyir dang| nyan thos dang| rang sangs rgyas dang| byang chub sems dpa' zhes bya ba'i drang srong rnam s las mchog tu 'gyur ba'i phyir ro|| de las chos dang|28chos ma yin pa dang| lung du ma bstan pa'i29 dbye bas tha dad pa rnam s ni rnam pa gnyis te| sems pa dang| bsam pa'o zhes gsungs so||

las de dag gi bye brag ni||30

rnam pa du mar yongs su bsgrags||31 [MMK 17-2cd]
zhes bya ba ni mdor bstan pa'o|| de rgyas par bshad pa ni|

de la las gang sms pa32 zhes||
gsungs pa de {Cl71b} ni yid kyir33 'dod||

[MMK 17-3ab]

de la zhes bya ba'i sgra {Dl71b} ni dmigs kyis bsal ba'i don to|| las gang sms pa zhes gsungs pa de ni {P213a} yid kyir34 'dod de| yid kyi zhes bya ba ni yid las byung ba ste| yid kyi sgo kho na nas de mthar thug par 'gyur ba'i35 phyir ro|| lus kyi dang ngag {N 190b} gi dag ni sms pa zhes mi brjod de| de36 dag sms pas kun nas bslang ba yin yang lus dang| ngag gi sgo nas yongs su rdzogs pa'i phyir ro||

bsam pa zhes ni gang gsungs pa||
de ni lus dang ngag gi yin|| [MMK 17-3cd]

bsam pa zhes bya ba ni blos bsams37 nas byed pa gang yin pa ste| de ltar las gang bsam pa zhes bya ba38 gsungs pa de39 ni lus dang ngag gi yin te| lus dang ngag40 las byung ba'i phyir dang| de dag gi sgo nyid nas mthar thug par 'gyur ba'i phyir ro|| de ltar re zhig las rnam pa gnyis bstan to||
ji ltar rnam pa du ma zhe na

ngag dang bskyod dang mi spong ba’i
rnam rig byed min zhes bya gang
spong ba’i rnam rig byed min pa
gzhan dag kyang ni de bzhin ’dod
longs spyod⁴¹ las byung bsod nams dang
bsod nams ma yin tshul de bzhin
sems pa dang ni chos de bdun
las su mgon par ’dod pa yin

de la ngag ni yi ge gsal bar brjod pa’o
bskyod pa ni lus gYo ba’o
mi spong ba’i rnam par byed ma yin pa zhes bya ba ni
bdag gi lus sam ngag gam yid kyis mi dge ba ’di lta bu zhig bya’o snyam du yi⁴² dam bcas pa’i skad cig ma tshun chad nas byed pa pos las de mi byed du zin kyang
mi dge ba yang⁴³ dag par blangs pa’i⁴⁴ rgyu las byung ba mi spong ba’i mtshan nyid kyi rnam par rig byed ma yin pa gang dag yin pa’o

spong ba’i rnam par rig byed ma yin pa gzhan dag kyang de bzhin du ’dod de
bdag gis lus sam ngag gam yid kyi dge ba’i las ’di lta bu zhig bya’o snyam du yi⁴⁵ dam du bcas pa’i sems pa tshun chad nas byed pa pos⁴⁶ las de mi byed du zin kyang⁴⁷ dge ba’i⁴⁸ bya ba {P213b} yang dag par blangs pa’i sems pas bskyed pa spong⁴⁹ ba’i mtshan nyid kyi rnam par rig byed⁵⁰ ma yin pa gang dag yin
pa’o|| rnam par rig byed ma yin pa zhes bya ba ni| gzugs
dang bya ba’i ngo bo nyid yin51 du zin kyang rnam par rig
byed bzhin du gzhan la rnam par rig par mi byed pa’i
phyir ro||

longs {N191a} spyod52 pa las byung ba’i {C172a} bsod
nams zhes bya ba ni yongs su longs spyod53 pa’i rgyu las
bsod {D172a} nams de byung ngo zhes bya ba tshig rnam
par sbyar te| yongs su longs spyod54 pa zhes bya ba ni55
dkon mchog gsum gyi yul la dngos56 po yongs su btang ba
nye bar spyod57 pa’o|| de’i rgyu las byung ba zhes bya
ba ni de’i rjes las byung ba ste| ‘brel pa dang ‘phel ba
zhes pa dag gi rnam grangs so)|| bsod nams zhes bya ba ni
dag par byed pas bsod nams te| dge ba zhes bya ba dag gi
rnam grangs so)|| longs spyod58 pa las byung ba’i bsod
nams ma yin pa yang tshul de bzhin te| yongs su longs
spyod59 pa’i rgyu las byung zhes bya ba’i tha tshig go60
bsod nams ma yin pa ni bsod nams las bzlog61 pa las khong
du62 chud par bya’o||

sems pa zhes bya bas63 ni yid kyi las bstan te|| ‘o
na sems pa zhes bya ba de gang yin zhe na| yon tan dang
skyon las sems mgon par ’du byed pa ste yid kyi las so||
de ltar ngag la sogs pa bdun po de dag ni chos te|
rang gi mtshan nyid ’dzin pa’i don gyis chos yin no||
las su mgon par ’dod pa yin zhes bya ba ni las kyi
mtshan nyid dag tu ’dod pa yin no|| bsam gtan dang| klog
pa la sogs pa’i las dag kyang yod mod kyi ’di dag nyid
kyi khongs su 'dus pa'i phyir|64 bdun kho nar nges par bzung ngo|| las de dang|65 'bras bur 'brel pa mthong ba ni| 'gro ba lngar {P214a} phung po lnga skye ba'i mtshan nyid yin no|| de ltar las dang 'bras bur|66 'brel pa'i mtshan nyid kyi|67 gtan tshigs kyi's don dam par nang gi 'du byed rnams la 'khor ba yod pa kho na yin te| des na bcings pa dang thar pa yod pa'i phyir don dam par nang gi dngos po rnams la ngo bo nyid yod pa kho na yin no||

'dir bshad pa| 'di|68 la las de skyes {N191b} nas smin|69 pa'i dus kyi bar du gnas pa'am| skyes nas 'jig par 'gyur ba zhig|70 grang na| de la re zhig|

gal te smin pa'i dus bar du||

gnas na las de|71 rtag par 'gyur|| [MMK 17-6ab]

skyes ma thag tu mi 'jig pa de'i bdag nyid ma yin pa ni phyis kyang 'jig par mi rigs pa'i phyir rtag pa nyid du thal bar 'gyur ro|72 zhes bya ba'i tha tshig go|73 gal te chu shing dang 'dam bu dang| smyig|74 ma bzhin du 'bras bu smin pa'i 'og tu de 'jig pas skyon med do|75 zhe na| skyon med pa ma yin te|76 chu shing la sogs pa dag skad cig {C172b} ma re re la 'jig pa nyid dang| {D172b} de dang rigs mthun pa'i rgyun chad pas 'jig pa nyid tha dad par khas blangs pa'i phyir dang| don dam par ni las bzhin du smyig|77 ma la sogs pa dag kyang 'bras bu dang 'brel par|78 mi 'thad pa'i|79 phyir dang| sngar ma zhig pa phyis


de'i bdag nyid du 'gyur ba yang bstan dka' ba'i phyir ro||

gal te 'jig pa'i rgyu'i snga rol na|| 'jig pa med du zin kyang phyis yod par 'gyur bas sgon ma zhig pa yang phyis 'jig pa nyid du 'gyur ro zhe na| de yang rigs pa ma yin te| 'di ltar gang zhig gang gi 'jig pa'i rgyur brjod pa de ni de'i 'jig pa'i rgyu ma yin te| de las gzhan pa'i phyir ram| rgyu can yin pa'i phyir dper na de las gzhan pa bzhin pas rjes su dpag pas gnod pa'i phyir dang|
lung las|

lus dang dbang po blo rnams ni||
skad cig las ni ring mi gnas||
zhes {P214b} gsungs pas| khas blangs pa la gnod par 'gyur ba'i phyir ro||

ci ste skyon der gyur na mi rung ngo snyam nas skyes ma thag tu 'jig par 'dam bca' na| de lta na yang|

gal te 'gags na 'gags gyur pa||
ji ltar 'bras bu bskyed par 'gyur|| [MMK 17-6cd]

'gags pa ni rang gi bdag nyid med pa kho na'i phyir ro zhes bya bar dgongs so|| 'gag bzhin pa yang 'bras bu bskyed pa nyid du rtog na yang 'gag bzhin pa 'gags pa'am| ma 'gags pa nyid la de mi 'thad pa'i phyir
dang| brgal zhiṅg brtag⁹₀ pa dang| lan mtshungs pa’i
{N192a} phyir ro|| ´gag bzhin pa ni ´gag pa la mngon par
phyogs pa’o zhes⁹₁ rtor na yang skyon ji skad bstan pa
nyid du ´gyur ba’i phyir ro|| brjod par bya ba ma yin pa
nyid du rtor na yang don dam par brjod par bya ba ma yin
pa ni ´bras bu bskyed pa nyid du mi ´thad de| brjod par
bya ma yin pa’i phyir dper na skye bzhin pa⁹₂ bzhin pas
rjes su dpag pas gnod pa’i phyir de yang snying po ma yin
no|| de’i phyir gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub pa nyid kyi
skyon dang| don ´gal ba nyid kyi skyon de nyid yod do||
´dir smras pa| las dang ´bras bur ´brel pa ni ´thad
pa kho na yin te| ci’i phyir zhe na| rgyud kyi rgyun las
´bras bu ´grub pa’i phyir te| ´di lta ste⁹³ dper na|

myu gu la sogs rgyun gang ni||
sa bon las ni mngon par ´byung||
de las ´bras bu sa bon ni||
med na de yang ´byung mi ´gyur|| [MMK 17-7]
gang phyir sa bon las rgyun {Cl73a} dang||
rgyun las ´bras bu ´byung {Dl73a} ´gyur zhiṅg||
sa bon ´bras bu’i sngon ´gro ba||
de phyir chad min rtag ma yin|| [MMK 17-8]

myu gu dang| ´dab ma dang| sdong bu dang| sбу gu
dang| snye ma dang| sbun pa⁹₄ dang| gra ma dang| srus⁹⁵
dang| ´bras thug po che la sogs pa’i mtshan nyid kyi
rgyun gang yin pa de ni sa bon 'gags pa las mngon {P215a} par 'byung zhing rgyun de las 'bras bu mngon par 'byung ngo| | sa bon med na myu gu sngon du btang ba'i rgyun de las mngon par 'byung bar mi 'gyur ro| | gang gi phyir sa bon las rgyun mngon par 'byung la| rgyun las 'bras bu mngon par 'byung bar96 'gyur zhing| sa bon 'bras bu'i sngon97 du 'gro ba de'i phyir chad pa ma yin te| sa bon gyi rgyun gyis nges par gnas pa'i phyir ro| | rtag pa yang ma yin te| myu gu byung ba na sa bon de 'gags pa'i phyir ro| | de ltar na de ni chos mthun pa'i98 dpe'i {N192b} tshig yin no| | de bzhin du|

sems kyi rgyun ni gang yin pa||
sems pa las ni mngon par 'byung||
de las 'bras bu sems pa ni||
med na de yang 'byung mi 'gyur||99 [MMK 17-9]
gang phyir sems pa las rgyun dang||
rgyun las 'bras bu 'byung 'gyur zhing||
las ni 'bras bu'i sngon 'gro ba||
de phyir chad min rtag ma yin|; [MMK 17-10]

sems kyi100 rgyun 'brel par 'jug pa'i mtshan nyid gang yin pa de ni byams pa dang| byams pa ma yin pa'i sems101 pa las su brjod pa gang yin pa'i sems pa 'gags102 pa de las mngon par 'byung zhing rgyun de las 'bras bu


dod pa dang mi 103 dod pa nyams su myong ba'i mtshan
nyid mgon par 'byung ngo| | sems pa med na sems kyi
rgyun de yang mgon par 'byung bar mi 'gyur te| de ltar
des ni las kyi chos rgyun rjes su 'jug pa nyid bstan to||
gang gi phyir sems pa 104 las rgyun ces bya ba rgyu
dang 'bras bu'i dngos por 'brel cing rgyas par 105 'gyur
ba'i rgyun 'brel pa zhes bya ba'i don mgon par 'byung
la| rgyun las 'bras bu mgon par 'byung bar 'gyur 106
zhing| las 'bras bu'i sngon du 'gro ba de'i phyir chad pa
yang ma yin la| rtag pa yang ma yin te| bsgrub pa ji skad
bstan pas 'du byed rnams kyi rgyun gyis 'bras bu
bskyed 107 pa'i phyir dang| skad cig ma gnyis par nges
par 108 mi gnas pa'i phyir ro 109 {P215b} zhes bya bar
{C173b} dgongs te| de ltar 110 de ni mjug bsdu ba'i tshig
yin no||
de'i phyir 'dir rjes {D173b} su dpag pa ni don dam
par sems can gyi sgrar brjod pa'i 'du byed rnams la las
dang 'bras bur 'brel pa yod pa kho na yin te| bcom ldan
'das kyis 111 'bras bu khyad par can thob 112 par 'dod pa
rnams la de dang 'brel pa thob 113 par bya ba'i phyir
thabs bstan pa yod pa'i phyir| dper na sa bon dang 'bras
bur 'brel pa bzhin no|| 'di na gang yod pa ma yin pa de
la ni bcom ldan 'das kyis de dang 'brel pa thob par bya
ba'i phyir thabs ma {N193a} bstan te| dper na nam mkha'i
me tog gi phreng ba bzhin no||
'di la ni|
chos sgrub pa yi thabs rnams ni||
dkar po'i las kyi114 lam bcu ste||
chos kyi 'bras bu 'di gzhan du||
'dod pa'i yon tan rnams lnga'o|| [MMK 17-11]

rnam par smin pa dang| rgyu mthun pa'i 'bras bu'i
bye brag las so zhes bcom ldan 'das kyis 'bras bu khyad
par can 'dod pa rnams la de dang 'brel pa115 thob par bya
ba'i phyir thabs bstan pa yod pas| de'i phyir gtan tshigs
ji skad smos pa'i mthus ji skad smras pa'i don grub po||
gzhan dag gis smras pa|

gal te bbracht pa der gyur na||
nyes pa chen po mang por 'gyur||
de lta bas na bbracht pa de||
'dir ni 'thad pa ma yin no|| [MMK 17-12]

gal te khyod kyi sa bon gyi rgyun dang| chos mthun
pa'i mtshan nyid kyi bbracht pa de ltar gyur na| nyes pa'i
skyon chen po mang du 'byung bar 'gyur te|116 mi'i rgyud
las lha la sogs pa'i rgyud du skye bar mi 'gyur te| rigs
tha dad pa'i phyir dpal117 na shing nim pa'i sa bon las a
mra la sogs pa'i 'bras bu skye bar mi 'gyur ba bzhin
pas118 rjes su dpag pas gnod pa'i phyir ro|| de bzhin du
dge ba'i sems las mi dge ba dang| lung du ma bstan pa'i sems dang| mi dge {P216a} ba'i sems las dge ba dang| lung du ma bstan pa'i sems dang| lung du ma bstan pa'i sems las dge ba dang| mi dge ba'i sems dang| 'dod pa na spyod pa'i sems las gzugs dang| gzugs med pa na spyod pa dang| 'jig rten las 'das pa'i sems dang| gzugs na spyod pa'i sems las 'dod pa dang| gzugs med pa na spyod pa dang| 'jig rten las 'das pa'i sems dang| gzugs med pa na spyod pa'i sems las 'dod pa dang| gzugs na spyod pa dang| 'jig rten las 'das {C174a} pa'i sems skye bar mi {N193b} 'gyur te| rjes su dpag pa ji skad bstan pas gnod {D174a} par 'gyur ba'i phyir te| de ltar na dge ba dang| mi dge ba dag bya ba dang| spang par mi 'thad pas| de'i phyir brtag pa de ni 'dir 'thad pa ma yin no|| o na ci lta bu 'thad ce na| ji skad smos pa'i skyon gyi dri mas ma gos pa|

sangs rgyas rnams dang rang rgyal dang|| nyan thos rnams kyis gsungs pa yi|| brtag pa gang zhig 'dir 'thad pa|| de ni rab tu brjod par bya|| [MMK 17-13]

de yang gang zhe na|

ji ltar bu lon dpang rgya ltar|| de ltar las dang chud mi za|| [MMK 17-14ab]
bu lon gyi dpang rgya ji lta ba de ltar las kyi chud
mi za ba'i mtshan nyid kyi chos nges par gnas te| dper na
bu lon gyi nor de spyad\textsuperscript{124} kyang dpang rgya yod pas nor
bdag gi nor chud mi za zhing nor gyi phung po skyed dang
bcas pa 'ong bar 'gyur ba de\textsuperscript{125} bzhin du las skad cig ma
'gangs su zin kyang| de'i rgyu las byung ba chud mi za ba
zhes bya ba'i chos yod pas| byed pa po'i las kyi 'bras bu
chud mi za zhing 'bras bu khyad par dang bcas pa 'ong bar
'gyur ro|| ji ltar nor bdag gis nor phyir khugs na bu
lon gyi dpang rgya ror 'gyur\textsuperscript{126} ba de ltar byed pa
{P216b} pos 'bras bu myong na chud mi za ba yang de bzhin
du 'gyur ro||

de ni khaps las rnam pa bzhis|\textsuperscript{127} [MMK 17-14c]

chud mi za ba de ni 'dod pa dang| gzugs dang| gzugs
med par gtogs pa dang| zag pa med pa'i khaps kyi bye brag
las rnam pa bzhirs 'gyur ro||

de yang rang bzhin lung ma bstan|| [MMK 17-14d]

dge ba dang mi dge ba nyid du brda mi sprod pa'i
phyir ro||

spong bas spang\textsuperscript{128} ba ma yin te| [MMK 17-15a]
sdug bsngal dang| kun 'byung dang| 'gog pa dang| lam mthong bas spang bar bya ba spong bas\textsuperscript{129} spang ba ma yin pa`i phyir ro

bsgom pas spang ba nyid kyang yin|| [MMK 17-15b]

`bras bu `pho ba na bsgom pa`i lam gyis spang ba yin pa`i phyir ro|| kyang zhes bya ba`i sgra ni `bras bu bskyed pas kyang spang ba nyid yin no\textsuperscript{130} zhes rnam par brtag pa`i don to

\{N194a\} de phyir chud mi za ba yis\textsuperscript{131}
las kyi `bras bu bskyed par\textsuperscript{132} `gyur|| [MMK 17-15cd]

gang gi phyir de sdug bsngal la sogs pa mthong bas spang bar bya ba spong bas| spang ba ma yin pa de`i phyir sdug bsngal la sogs pa mthong bas spang bar bya ba`i las mi dge.ba bzhin du las spangs su zin kyang chud mi za bas las \{C174b\} rnam s kyi `bras bu bskyed\textsuperscript{133} par `gyur ro|| de la chud mi za ba de|

gal te mthong bas spang ba dang||
\{D174b\} las `pho ba dang mthun\textsuperscript{134} gyur na|| de la las `jig la sogs pa`i||
skyon rnams su ni thal bar ’gyur|| [MMK 17-16]

de la gal te chud mi za ba de sdug bsngal la sogs pa mthong bas spang bar bya ba nyon mongs pa’i phra rgyas sdug bsngal la sogs pa mthong bas spang bar bya ba dang| las ’pho ba dang| rigs\textsuperscript{135} mthun pa yin par gyur na de la las kyi ’bras bu med pas| las ’jig pa la sogs pa’i skyon rnams su thal bar ’gyur ro||\textsuperscript{136} las midge ba ni mthong ba’i lam gyis\textsuperscript{137} spang ba yin par\textsuperscript{138} blta bar bya ste| {P217a} ’phags pa yang so so’i skye bo’i las dang ldan par gyur na mi rung ba’i phyir ro|| de lta bas na mthong bas spang bar bya ba dang| las bzhin du spang bar bya ba ma yin te| ’bras bu ’phos\textsuperscript{139} na ni spang\textsuperscript{140} bar ’gyur ro|| ’dod par gtogs pa ni ’dod pa’i khaps las yang dag par ’das pas spong\textsuperscript{141} la| gzugs dang gzugs med par gtogs pa dag kyang| gzugs dang| gzugs med pa’i khaps dag las yang dag par ’das pas spong ngo||

khams tshungs las ni cha mtshungs dang||
cha mi mtshungs pa thams cad kyi||
de ni nying mtshams sbyor ba’i tshe||\textsuperscript{142}
gcig pu kho na\textsuperscript{143} skye bar ’gyur|| [MMK 17-17]

khams mtshungs pa’i zhes bya ba ni khaps ’dra ba’i ’o|| las cha mtshungs pa ni rigs mthun pa’o||\textsuperscript{144} cha mi mtshungs pa ni rigs {N194b} mi mthun pa’o||\textsuperscript{145} de dag
thams cad kyi chud mi za ba de\textsuperscript{146} tshe ˈdi la re re las bskyed pa dag ni nying mtshams sbyor baˈi dus kyi tshe de\textsuperscript{147} dag thams cad ˈgag pa na yang gcig pu kho na\textsuperscript{148} skye bar ˈgyur ro||

tshe ˈdi la ni las dang las||

rnam pa gnyis po thams cad kyi||
de ni tha dad skye ˈgyur zhing||
rnam par smin kyang gnas pa yin|| [MMK 17-18]

tshe ˈdi la ni las dang las so so ba sems pa dang|

bsams paˈi bye brag gam| dge ba dang| mi dge baˈi bye brag gis rnam pa gnyis po thams cad kyi\textsuperscript{149} chud mi za ba gang yin pa de ni tha dad par skye bar ˈgyur ro|| rnam par smin na\textsuperscript{150} yang gnas pa yin te| de ni las rnam par smin paˈi rgyus ˈgag pa ltar nges pa nyid ma yin no|| de gnas su zin kyang yang\textsuperscript{151} ˈbras bu bskyed\textsuperscript{152} par mi nus te| ˈbras bu bskyed\textsuperscript{153} zin paˈi phyir nges par spyad zin paˈi dpang\textsuperscript{154} rgya bzhin no||

de ni ˈbras bu ˈphos pa dang||

shi bar gyur na ˈgag par {C175a} ˈgyur||
de {D175a} yi {P217b} rnam dbye zag med dang||
zag dang bcas par shes par bya||\textsuperscript{155} [MMK 17-19]

las deˈi chud mi za ba deˈi ˈgag pa ni rnam pa
gnyis su nges pa yin te 156 'bras bu 'phos par gyur pa dang| shi bar gyur pa'o|| de la 'bras bu 'phos par gyur pa ni bsgom 157 pas spang bar bya ba nyid kyang yin zhes bstan pa yin no|| shi bar gyur pa ni|

khams mtshungs las 158 ni cha mtshungs dang| |
cha mi mtshungs pa thams cad kyi||
de ni nying mtshams sbyor ba'i tshe||
gcig pu kho na 159 skye bar 'gyur|| [MMK 17-17]

zhes bstan pa yin no|| de'i de yang rnam par dbye na rnam pa gnyis su shes par bya ste| zag pa med pa dang|
zag pa dang bcas pa'i las kyi bye brag gis so||
de'i phyir de ltar chud mi za ba yod na| srog chags las sna tshogs pa las skyes pa 'gro ba dang| rigs dang| rus dang| yul dang| dus tha dad pa rnams kyi lus dang| dbang po dang| kha dog dang| dbyibs dang| stobs dang|
{NL95a} blo dang| mos pa dang| ngang tshul dang| longs spyod la sogs pa tha dad pa dag mgon par 'grub par 'gyur ro|| de'i phyir|

stong pa nyid dang chad min dang||

'khor ba dang ni rtag pa min||
las rnams chud mi za ba'i chos||
sangs rgyas kyis ni bstan pa yin|| [MMK 17-20]

de ltar gang gi phyir las dang 'bras bur 'brel pa
de'i phyir stong pa nyid kyang 'thad pa yin te| 'du byed
rnams\textsuperscript{160} mu stegs byed kyis yongs su brtags\textsuperscript{161} pa’i bdag gis stong pa’i phyir ro|| chad pa yang ma yin te! chud mi za ba nges par gnas pa’i phyir ro|| khor ba yang ‘thad de\textsuperscript{162} ‘gro ba tha dad par ‘du byed rnams mngon par grub pa’i mtshan nyid yod pa’i phyir ro|| rtag pa yang ma yin te| las rnam par ‘jig pa’i phyir ro|| las rnams\textsuperscript{163} kyang chud mi za ba ste\textsuperscript{164} chud mi za ba zhes bya ba’i \{P218a\} chos sangs rgyas kyis bstan pa de yang grub pa’i phyir ro|\textsuperscript{165} de lta bas na brtags\textsuperscript{166} pa de nyid ‘dir ‘thad pa yin no|| de’i phyir sngar smras pa’i gtan tshigs las dang ‘bras bur ‘brel pa’i phyir ro\textsuperscript{167} zhes bya ba de’i don ma grub pa nyid kyang ma yin la| rtag pa dang| chad pa’i skyon du yang thal bar mi ‘gyur ro||

‘dir bshad pa| kho bo cag gi phyogs la|

\textit{gang phyir las ni \{C175b\} skye med pa|}

[MMK 17-21a]

de’i phyir las kho na bzhin du don dam par sa bon gyi rgyun kyang skye ba med pas \{D175b\} dpe med pa’i phyir sgrub pa ma tshang ba’i skyon yod do||

gal te las de ci’i phyir skyon ba med ce na|

gang phyir dngos nyid med de’i phyir|| [MMK 17-21b]
gang gi phyir las ngo bo nyid med pa de'i phyir skye ba med do|| de ltar re zhig phyogs dang po shos kyi phyir skyon bshad do|| phyogs gnyis pa shos kyis gang smras pa de la ye nam nyid ga te sgrub pa'i sbyor ba 'di yin te| las dang 'bras bur 'brel pa yang yod la| rtag pa dang| chad pa'i skyon du (NL95b) yang mi 'gyur te| chud mi za ba yod pa'i phyir ro²¹⁶ zhe na| de lta na yang kho bo cag gi phyogs la|

gang phyir las ni skye med pa||¹⁶⁹ [MMK 17-21a]
de'i phyir don dam par chud mi za ba yang ma grub ste| 'di ltar skyes na ni de'i chud mi za ba yang chud mi za bar 'gyur ba zhig na| de yang ma skyes pas| de med pa'i phyir de yang med pas gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub pa nyid do|| kun rdzob tu las dang| 'bras bur 'brel pa ston pa¹⁷⁰ na ni don 'gal ba nyid do||

phyogs dang po pa'i phyir phyogs gnyis pa pas²¹⁷ gal te| khyod kyi sa bon gyi rgyun dang chos mthun pa'i mtshan nyid kyi brtag pa de ltar gyur na nyes pa'i skyon chen po mang du 'byung bar 'gyur te²¹² zhes gang smras pa| de yang rigs pa ma yin te| rgyu dang 'bras bu'i rgyun rjes su 'jug pa nyid kyis 'brel pa med na mi 'byung ba nyid dang| {P218b} rtag pa ma yin pa dang| chad pa ma yin pa nyid med na mi 'byung ba nyid kyis²¹³ sa bon gyi rgyun dpe nyid du 'dod pa'i phyir ro|| de'i khyad par dag bsgrub par bya ba la rnam par rtag par²¹⁴ byed pa yang²¹⁵ rnam par rtag pa 'dra²¹⁶ ba'i ltag chod du 'gyur te| sens
dang sms las byung ba'i rgyun las| de dag gi\textsuperscript{177} rgyun byung bas\textsuperscript{178} rigs tha dad pa'i phyir zhes bya ba'i gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub pa nyid do|| gtan tshigs kyi\textsuperscript{179} don ma nges pa nyid kyi skyon yang yod\textsuperscript{180} de| de dag gi phyogs la ba lang gi spu dang| lug gi bal\textsuperscript{181} dag las rtswa dü rba'i\textsuperscript{182} rgyun 'byung ba'i phyir dang| rwa\textsuperscript{183} las smyg\textsuperscript{184} ma skye ba'i phyir ro||

'dir smras pa| lung las byung\textsuperscript{185} ba yang rtags yin pas chud mi za ba yang bcom ldan 'das kyi gsungs la| de'i rtags rtag pa ma yin\textsuperscript{186} pa dang\textsuperscript{187} chad pa ma yin pa nyid kyang grub pa'i phyir las bzhin du\textsuperscript{188} don\textsuperscript{189} dam par chud mi za ba yang ma\textsuperscript{190} grub pas gtan tshigs kyi don {Cl76a} ma grub pa nyid do\textsuperscript{191} zhes\textsuperscript{192} gang smras pa de rigs pa ma yin no||

'dir bshad {Dl76a} pa| bcom ldan 'das kyi gsung\textsuperscript{193} gang phyir de ni ma {Nl96a} skyes pa|| gan phyir chud zar\textsuperscript{195} mi 'gyur ro|| [MMK 17-21cd]

zhes gsungs pas| de'i phyir ma skyes pa la chud za bar mi 'gyur ro\textsuperscript{196} zhes gang gsungs pa de 'dod la de yang pha rol po'i phyogs la ma grub pas rang la don ma grub pa nyid do||

ngo bo nyid yod par smra bas kyang las la\textsuperscript{197} ngo bo nyid med do\textsuperscript{198} zhes nges par\textsuperscript{199} khong du chud par bya dgos so|| gzhän du dam bcas na\textsuperscript{200}
gal te las la dngos nyid yod
rtag par 'gyur bar the tshom med [MMK 17-22ab]

rang bzhin ni mi 'gyur ba'i phyir ro zhes bya bar
gong so
de'i phyir

las ni byas pa ma yin 'gyur
rtag la bya ba med phyir ro [MMK 17-22cd]

las ma byas pa la 'bras bu myong ba yod par rtog na

ci ste las ni ma byas na
ma byas pa dang phrad 'jigs 'gyur [MMK 17-23ab]

.gzhan (P219a) yang

tshangs spyod gnas pa ma yin pa'ang
de la skyon du thal bar 'gyur [MMK 17-23cd]

tshangs pa ni mya ngan las 'das pa'o
tshangs par spyod pa ni de207 la208 spyod pa'o tshang par
spyod pa la çnas pa ni de'i don du gnas pa'o
209 tshangs par spyod pa la çnas pa ma yin pa ni tshangs

201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210
par spyod pa la mi gnas pa’o|| de la tshangs par spyod pa la gnas pa ma yin pa yang tshangs\(^{211}\) par spyod pa la gnas pa’i skyon du thal bar ‘gyur te| mya ngan las ‘das pa thob par byed pa’i las ma byas pa nyid la yang de yod\(^{212}\) par ‘gyur ba’i phyir ro\(^{213}\) zhes bya bar dgongs so| |

de bzhin du bum\(^{214}\) pa dang| snam bu dag gyis shig\(^{215}\)
ces bya ba la sogs pa’i\(^{216}\)

tha snyad thams cad nyid dang yang||
‘gal bar ‘gyur ba the tshom med|| [MMK 17-24ab]

gzhan yang|

bsod nams dang ni sdig byed pa’i||
ranam par dbye ba’ang\(^{217}\) ‘thad mi ‘gyur||
[MMK 17-24cd]

‘di ni bsod nams byed pa’o|| ‘di ni sdig pa byed pa’o\(^{218}\) zhes bya ba’i ranam par dbye ba dag kyang ‘thad pa nyid du mi ‘gyur ro||

de yi ranam smin\(^{219}\) smin gyur pa||
yang dang yang du ranam smin {N196b} ‘gyur||
[MMK 17-25ab]
de yi rnam smin smin gyur pa|220 zhes bya ba ni
de'i rnam par smin pa smin zin par gyur pa ste| las kyi
'bras bu bskyed zin pa zhes bya ba'i tha tshi go|221
gal te ci'i phyir las kyi rnam par smin pa smin zin
kyang| yang dang yang du rnam par smin par 'gyur bar222
bshad ce na|

gal te gang phyir las gnas pa||
{C176b} de phyir ngo bo nyid yod phyir||
[MMK 17-25cd]

gal te gang gi phyir {D176b} las ngo bo nyid kyis
nges par gnas pa de'i phyir ngo bo nyid yod pa'i phyir
ro|| gal te de gnas su zin kyang yang 'bras bu bskyed223
par mi nus te 'bras bu bskyed224 zin pa'i phyir| nges par
spyad zin pa'i dpang225 rgya bzhin no zhe na| nges par
spyad pa'i dpang226 rgya yang don dam par227 ma grub pa'i
phyir de228 ni lan229 ma yin no||

phyir rgol ba dag na re| {P219b} don dam par las ni
yod pa kho na yin te| de'i rgyu yod pa'i phyir ro|| 'di
na gang med pa de la ni rgyu mi 'thad de| dper na rus230
sbal gyi spu'i gos bzhin no|| las la ni rgyu nyon mongs
pa dag yod pas de'i phyir gtan tshigs ji skad smos pa'i
mthus don dam par las ni yod pa kho na yin no zhe na|231
de ni bzang po ma yin te|232
las 'di nyon mongs bdag nyid na
nyon mongs de dag yang dag min
gal te nyon mongs yang dag min
las ni de yis ji ltar byas [MMK 17-26]

las 'di nyon mongs bdag nyid na zhes bya ba ni
las 'di nyon mongs pa'i rgyu las byung ba yin na zhes bya ba'i tha tshig ste dper na bum pa 'jim pa'i bdag nyid yin na zhes bya ba lta bu'o nyon mongs de dag yang dag min zhes bya ba ni nyon mongs pa'i ngo bo nyid med de dag yang dag min zhes bya ba'i tha tshig ste skye ba bkag pa'i phyir dang 'dod chags dang chags pa brtag par de'i ngo bo nyid bkag pa'i phyir ram yang na 'og nas

gang dag sdu dang mi sdu pa'i
phyin ci log la brten 'byung ba de dag ngo bo nyid med pas

de phyir nyon mongs yang dag min [MMK 23-2]

zhes 'gog par 'gyur ba'i {Nl197a} phyir ro de'i phyir de ltar gal te nyon mongs pa de dag yang dag par ngo bo nyid med pa yin na las de de dag gis byas par ji ltar 'gyur te las kyi rgyu nyon mongs pa ma yin no zhes bya ba'i tha tshig go de'i phyir gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub pa nyid dam don 'gal ba nyid do

'dir smras pa don dam par nyon mongs pa245 rnams ni yod pa kho na yin te de dag gi 'bras bu yod pa'i phyir
ro|| "di na\textsuperscript{246} gang med pa de la ni \textasciitilde{bras} bu gzung du med de| dper na\textsuperscript{247} \textasciitilde{on} pa\textasciitilde{i} rna ba\textasciitilde{i} dbang po la \textasciitilde{bras} bu rna ba\textasciitilde{i} rnam par shes pa bzhin no|| nyon mongs pa\textsuperscript{248} rnams la ni \textasciitilde{bras} bu las dang lus kyi mtshan nyid \{P220a\} yod pas de\textasciitilde{i} phyir don dam par\textsuperscript{249} nyon mongs pa \{C177a\} rnams ni yod pa kho na yin pas gtan tshigs kyi don ma \{D177a\} grub pa nyid dang\textsuperscript{250} don \textasciitilde{gal} ba nyid ma yin pa\textasciitilde{i} phyir \textasciitilde{dod} pa\textasciitilde{i} don grub po||\textsuperscript{251} yang na don dam par las ni yod pa kho na yin te| de\textasciitilde{i} \textasciitilde{bras} bu yod pa\textasciitilde{i} phyir ro|| \textasciitilde{di} na gang med pa de la ni \textasciitilde{bras} bu med de| dper na nam mkha\textasciitilde{i} me tog gi \textasciitilde{bras} bu\textasciitilde{bzhin} no|| las la ni \textasciitilde{bras} bu lus kyi mtshan nyid yod pas de\textasciitilde{i} phyir don dam par las ni yod pa kho na yin pas\textsuperscript{252} las\textsuperscript{253} yod pa ma yin par sgrub pa\textasciitilde{i} rjes su dpag pa dag la rtog ge\textsuperscript{254} phyi mas gnod par \textasciitilde{gyur} ro|||

\textasciitilde{dir} bshad pa|

las dang nyon mongs pa dag ni||
lus rnam kyi ni rkyen du bstan|| \{MMK 17-27ab\}

bstan bcos las de ltar bstan pa ni tha snyad pa dag yin gyi don dam pa ni ma yin no|| don dam par ni kho bo cag gi phyogs la sgrub pa sngar bstan pa dag gis|

gal te las dang nyon mongs pa||
de stong lus la ji ltar brjod|| \{MMK 17-27cd\}
{}{Nl97b} de'i phyir de dag gi bras bu yod pa'i phyir ro\$^{255}\$ zhes bya ba'i gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub pas\$^{256}\$ ji skad bstan pa'i skyon yang ma nyams la\$^{257}\$ dpe ma grub pas| rtog ge phyi mas gnod pa yang med do|| smras pa| don dam par las ni yod pa kho na yin te| de'i bras bu la longs spyod pa'i za ba po yod pa'i phyir ro|| 'di na gang med pa de la ni de'i 'bras bu la\$^{258}\$ longs spyod pa'i za ba po med de| dper na nam mkha'i me tog gi phreng ba bzhin no|| las la ni 'bras bu la longs spyod pa'i za ba po|\$^{259}\$ ma rig bsgrigs\$^{260}\$ pa'i skye bo gang|| sred\$^{261}\$ ldan de ni za ba po|| de yang byed las gzhan min zhin|| {P220a} de nyid de yang ma yin no|| [MMK 17-28] zhes bya ba\$^{262}\$ yod\$^{263}\$ de| de la ma rig pa ni rig\$^{264}\$ pa'i mi mthun pa'i phyogs su gyur pa'i chos co|| des bsgrigs\$^{265}\$ pa ni gyogs pa'o|| skye bo gang zhes bya ba ni skye ba po gang yin pa ste srogs chags so|| sred ldan zhes bya ba la sred pa ni\$^{266}\$ 'dod pa'o|| de la kun tu sbyor ba de nyid yod pas sred ldan te| sred pa'i kun tu
sbyor ba dang ldan pa zhes bya ba'i tha tshig go|267 de
ni las kyi 'bras bu za ba po ste| ji skad du|268 mdo sde
las|269

ma rig|270 bsgrigs|271 pa'i sems can dag|

sred pa'i kun tu sbyor dang ldan||272

zhes bya ba dang| de {C177b} bzhin du ji ste khyod
{D177b} rang nyid kyis sdig pa'i las 'di byas na khyod
rang nyid kyis de'i rnam par smin pa nyams su myong bar
bya dgos so|273 zhes gsungs pa'i phyir ro|| de yang byed
pa po las gzhan|274 ma yin zhing| de nyid de yang ma yin
te| de nyid dang gzhan nyid du brjod par bya ba ma yin
pa'i phyir ro|| de'i phyir|275 gtan tshigs ji skad smos
pa'i mthus las kyi 'bras bu la longs spyod pa'i za ba po
yod pas| don dam par las ni yod pa kho na yin no||

dir bshad pa| de ni bstan bcos kyi dang po kho nar
dngos po spyir|276
de phyir|277 rkyen las byung|278 ma yin||279

{N198a} rkyen min las byung 'bras bu ni||
yod min 'bras bu med pas na||
rkyen min rkyen du ga la 'gyur||280 [MMK 1-14]

zhes bshad|281 zin pas|

gang gi phyir na las 'di ni||
rkyen las byung ba ma yin zhing||
rkyen min las byung yod min pa||
de phyir byed pa po yang med|| [MMK 17-29]
de yang de bzhin du ma skyes pa'i phyir dang| byed pa po bkag pa'i phyir dang| rdzas\textsuperscript{282} su yod pa ma yin pa'i phyir ro zhes bya bar dgongs so|| de'i\textsuperscript{283} phyir de ltar sgrub\textsuperscript{284} pa ji skad bstan pas|

gal te las dang byed med na||
las skyes 'bras bu ga la yod|| [MMK 17-30ab]

des na|

ji ste 'bras {P221a} bu yod min na||
za ba po lta ga la yod|| [MMK 17-30cd]

za\textsuperscript{285} ba po'i sgrar brjod pa nyid kyi rgyu med pa'i phyir ro zhes bya bar dgongs so|| de'i phyir de'i 'bras bu la longs spyod pa'i za ba po yod pa'i phyir ro\textsuperscript{286} zhes bya ba'i gtan tshigs de'i don ma grub pa nyid do|| log par ston na\textsuperscript{287} ni don 'gal ba nyid do||

'dir kha cig gis smras pa| las dang 'bras bu la skur pa 'debs pa'i lta ba ni log par lta ba yin pas| dbu ma smra ba lta ba'i skyon gyi ling tog\textsuperscript{288} gis blo gros kyi mig bsgrigs\textsuperscript{289} pa rnam s la de kho na mthong ba mi 'thad do||

'dir bshad pa|
ji ltar sprul pa ston byed pa||
rdzu 'phrul phun sum tshogs pa yis||290
sprul zhing sprul pas gzhan sprul byed||
sprul pa des kyang gzhan dag ltar|| [MMK 17-31]

sprul par byed pa zhes bya bar sbyar ro||

de bzhin byed pos las gang byas||
de yang sprul pa'i rnam pa bzhin|| [MMK 17-32ab]

de bzhin du byed pa pos las gang byas pa'i byed pa
po de yang sprul pa'i rnam pa bzhin te| thog ma med pa
nas rkyen brgyud pa las byung ba'i bdag nyid bzhin yin291
pa'i phyir ro|| las de yang sprul pa'i rnam pa bzhin
{Dl78a} te| ngo bo nyid med pa'i phyir ro||

dper na sprul pas sprul gzhan {Nl98b} zhig||292
sprul pa mdzad pa {Cl78a} de bzhin no||
[MMK 17-32cd]

dper na de bzhin gshegs pa'i sprul pas sprul pa
gzhan zhig sprul pa mdzad pa de la yang ngo bo nyid med
pa bzhin no||

nyon mongs las dang lus rnam dang||
byed pa po dang 'bras bu dag||
dri za'i grong khyer lta bu dang

smig rgyu rmi lam 'dra ba yin [MMK 17-33]

rgyu dang rkyen tshogs pas bskyed pas tha snyad du
grags pa mtho ris dang byang grol 'thob pa'i tshogs
su gyur pa dag tha snyad du khas len pas de'i phyir las
dang 'bras bu la skur pa mi 'debs pas ji skad smras
{P221b} pa'i skyon med do

gal te don dam par de dag la skur pa btab pas de
ni lan ma yin no zhe na de ni sngar

gal te dngos por ma grub na

dngos med grub par mi 'gyur ro [MMK 15-5ab]
yod ces bya ba rtag par 'dzin

med ces bya ba chad par lta

de phyir yod dang med pa la

mkhas pas gnas par mi bya'o [MMK 15-10]
zhes bya ba bstan pa der sgrub pa smras pas
las dang 'bras bu med par smra ba khas ma blangs pa'i
phyir lan ma yin pa ma yin no

yang na rnam par rmongs pa'i sens dang ldan pa
dag don dam par dngos po rnam s ngo bo nyid med pa nyid
yin na las dang 'bras bu dang de dag 'brel pa dang byed
pa po dang za ba po dag med pas tshangs par spyod pa la
gnas pa don med par 'gyur ro snyam du sens pa rnam
kyi rnam par rmongs pa'i yol ba bshu ba'i phyir las la
sogs pa kun rdzob tu sprul pa la sogs pa'i rnam pa bzhin
du yod par bstan pa'i phyir|305
    ji ltar sprul pa ston byed pa||
rdzu 'phrul phun sum tshogs pa yis||306
sprul zhing sprul pas307 gzhan sprul byed||308
sprul pa des kyang gzhan dag ltar|| [MMK 17-31]
zhes bya ba la sogs pa rgya cher gsungs so||
de la 'dir rab tu byed pa'i don309 ni| pha rol
pos310 rab tu byed pa'i dang por smras pa'i gtan tshigs
kyi skyon brjod pas| las {N199a} dang 'bras bu ngo bo
nyid med pa nyid du bstan pa yin no|| de'i phyir gang la
las kyang med311 las kyi 'bras bu yang med pa de ni byang
chub bo||312 byang chub ji lta ba bzhin du 'thob pa yang
de bzhin no|| 'thob pa ji lta bzhin du lung bstan pa
yang de bzhin no|| de bzhin du 'phags pa rnams kyi rigs
gang yin pa de la ni las kyang med las kyi rnam par smin
pa yang med do|| rigs {C178b} de la ni lus {D178b}
kyis313 kyang las mi byed| ngag gis314 kyang mi byed| yid
kyis {P222a} kyang mi byed do315 zhes bya ba la sogs pa
gsungs pa de dag grub pa yin no||
slob dpon legs ldan byed kyis nye bar sbyar ba| dbu
ama'i rtsa ba'i 'grel pa shes rab sgron ma las| las dang
'bras bu brtag pa zhes bya ba ste| rab tu byed pa bcu
bdun pa'o||
Notes to Tibetan Text of Prajñāpradīpa, Chapter Seventeen

1. N: de.
2. D: ba, C: pa.
3. C: bu'i.
4. PN omm. med pa nyid.
5. DC: khyod.
6. DC omm. |
8. C: ba.
10. P: ba'i.
12. P: |
14. PN omm. ba.
15. D: ||.
18. C: 'jig.
19. PN: la.
22. DC: add rkyen.
23. C: deg.
24. DC: te| for pa ste|.
25\text{PC}: |.
26\text{P}: dpa'.
27\text{C}: dong.
28\text{PN omm.} |.
29\text{PN add phyir.}
30\text{P}: |.
31\text{P}: |.
32\text{PN}: dpa'.
33\text{PN}: kyi.
34\text{PN}: kyis.
35\text{N}: pa'i.
36\text{N}: do| da for de| de.
37\text{PN}: bsam.
38\text{PN omm. bya ba.}
39\text{DC omm. de.}
40\text{PN omm. gi yin te| lus dang ngag.}
41\text{P}: spyad.
42\text{N}: yid.
43\text{C}: lang.
44\text{P}: ba'i.
45\text{PN}: yid.
46\text{PN}: po.
47\text{PN add |.}
48\text{PN}: ba.
49\text{P}: sbong.
50\text{N}: byad.
51 C omm. yin.
52 PND: spyad.
53 PND: spyad.
54 PN: spyad.
55 DC: 'di.
56 P: lad ngos for la dngos.
57 PND: spyad.
58 DC: spyad.
59 PND: spyad.
60 D: ||.
61 P: ba zlog for bzlog.
62 PN: khongs su.
63 PN: ba.
64 DC omm. |.
65 C: dad.
66 PN: bu.
67 N: kya.
68 P: 'dir.
69 N: sman.
70 DC add yin.
71 DC: te.
72 P ad. ||.
73 D: ||.
74 PN: smig.
75 PN. add ||.
76 P: ||.
77 PN: smig.
78 PN: bar.
79 P: ba'i.
80 N: ra'j.
81 DC: add |
82 C: pas.
83 DC: dang|, N: ram.
84 PN: pa'i.
85 P om. ||, C: |
86 PN: add ||
87 PN: omm. na.
88 DC: 'gag.
89 PN: 'gag.
90 P: rtag.
91 PN: add bya bar.
92 DC: omm. bzhin pa.
93 PN: add |
94 C: ba.
95 DC: srgus.
96 C: ba.
97 PN: mngon.
98 P: pa.
99 DC: 'byung||
100 DC: ni.
101 N: sams.
102 PNDC: 'gag for pa 'gags; Ava P36a-6: pa 'gag,
D30b-4: pa 'gags.

103 P om. dang mi 'dod pa.
104 PN omm. pa.
105 PN omm. par.
106 C: 'kyur.
107 DC: skyed.
108 PN omm. nges par.
109 PN add ||.
110 DC add na.
111 PN: kyi.
112 PN: 'thob.
113 N: thab.
114 DC: po las ni for po'i las kyi.
115 C: ba.
116 N: ta|.
117 N: dpar.
118 DC add ||.
119 N ad. dge ba dang.
120 PN add ||.
121 P: ni.
122 P: ni.
123 DC: ji.
124 N: spyod.
125 DC omm. de.
126 P: 'byung.
127 DC omm. ||.
128c: spong.
129 dc add | |
130 p ad. ||
131 pnd: yi ||, c: yin ||
132 dc: skye bar for bskyled par.
133 pnd: bskyled.
134 p: 'thun.
135 pn: ris.
136 n: | |
137 pn: gyi.
138 pn: pas.
139 pn: 'pho, c: 'phas.
140 pn: spong.
141 p: spang.
142 p: |
143 pndc: nar; ava p43a-7, d36b-3: na.
144 n: |
145 n: om. ||
146 dc: de' i.
147 pn omm. de.
148 dc: nar.
149 dc: kyis.
150 pndc: pa; ava p43b-8, d37a-2: na.
151 dc omm. yang.
152 pn: bskyled.
153 pn: bskyled.
154C: dbang.
155P: |.
156C: ||.
157DC: sgom.
158PN: la.
159DC: nar.
160P ad. su.
161PN: rtag.
162PN omm. |.
163P: rnam sa for rnam.s.

164PNDC omm. chud mi za ba ste|; Ava P45b-4, D38a-7:

chud mi za ba ste|.
165N: ro|.
166PN: rtag.
167PN add ||.
168PN add ||.
169PN: |.
170PN omm. pa.
171DC: las.
172PN add |.
173PN: kyi.
174PN: pa.
175DC add |.
176DC: pa`i dra for pa`dra.
177PN: de`i.
178N: ba`i.
179 PN omm. kyi.
180C: mod.
181N: pal.
182 DC: dūr ba'i.
183 P: ngwa.
184 PN: smin.
185 PN: 'byung.
186 C: min.
187 DC omm. |.
188 DC add |.
189 N: dan.
190 PN omm. yang ma.
191 PN add ||.
192 PN: ces.
193 PN omm. |.
194 PN: |.
195 PN: za bar for zar.
196 PN add ||.
197 C omm. la.
198 PN add ||.
199 DC: de for nges par.
200 DC: ||.
201 PN: ba.
202 PN add ||.
203 PN omm. |.
204 DC: 'jig.
205 DC omm. |
206 P: tshungs.
207 N: da.
208 PN: las.
209 PN omm. preceding sentence.
210 DC add |
211 C: tshongs.
212 N: yid.
213 PN add ||
214 N: pum.
215 PN add |
216 PN omm. |
217 DC: ba.
218 PN add ||
219 PNDC: par; Ava P51a-1, D42b-4: smin.
220 P: |
221 D: ||
222 P: par.
223 PN: skyed.
224 PN: skyed.
225 C: dbang.
226 C: dbang.
227 P om. par.
228 N: da.
229 DC: lam.
230 P: rul; N: ru.
231C:  ||.
232P:  ||.
233DC: ni.
234PN  omm. 17-26c.
235DC: ni.
236D: ba'ì.
237PN: te||.
238PN: go||.
239PN add ||.
240PNDC: sems; Ava P52a-2, D43b-3: de.
241PN add ||.
242DC add ||.
243PN: rten.
244D:  ||.
245C: ba.
246P: 'den, C: 'dir for 'di na.
247PN add ||.
248C: ba.
249DC add ||.
250DC: do||.
251P: bo||.
252PN add ||.
253DC: lus.
254C: gi.
255PN add ||.
256PN add ||.
257c: nyams | for nyams la.
258n: sa.
259pdc: | |.
260pn: sgribs.
261pn: sreg.
262pn add yang.
263n: mod.
264pn: rigzs.
265pn: sgribs.
266d: na.
267dc: | |.
268dc add |.
269pn omm. |.
270dc add pa.
271pn: bsgrib, dc: sgribs.
272pn omm. | |.
273pn add | |.
274pn add yang.
275n ad. |.
276pn omm. spyir|.
277pn omm. de phyir.
278pn add ba.
279pn: |.
280pn: |.
281pn: dpyad.
282p: rjas.
283C: da'i.
284PN: bsgrub.
285P: bra.
286PN: add \|
287DC: pa.
288P: rtog.
289PN: bsgrib.
290PN: yi\|\|
291PN: omm. yin.
292PD: \|
293PN: add \|
294PN: thob.
295P: bas.
296PN: omm. \|
297P: ba stan for bstan.
298DC: bsgrub.
299PNDC: omm. ma; Ava P56a-8, D47a-1: ma.
300C: min.
301PN: add \|
302C: non.
303P: ba.
304C: pa shu for ba bshu.
305DC: phyir ro\|\| for phyir\|
306PN: yi\|\|
307PNDC: pa.
308C om. byed\|\|. 
309 C: do na for don.
310 P: po sa for pos.
311 PN add |, C: mad.
312 C: po||.
313 PN: kyi.
314 N ad. las.
315 P: byed| for byed do, N ad. ||.
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{P275b-6, N250b-1, D219b-6, C219b-7} da¹ ni de bzhin du stong pa nyid kyi mi mthun pa'i phyogs kyi khyad par dgag pas phyin ci log ngo bo nyid med² pa nyid du bstan pa'i don gyi³ dbang gis rab tu byed pa nyi shu gsum brtsam mo|

'dir smras pa|

'dod chags {C220a} zhe sding gti mug rnams|| kun tu rtog las byung bar gsungs| [MMK 23-lab]

bstan bcos las so|| 'dod chags dang| zhe sding dang| gti mug de dag kyang| go rim bzhin du|

sdu g dang mi sdu g phyin ci log|

brten pa nyid las {P276a} kun tu 'byung|| [MMK 23-lcd]

nyid las zhes bya {D220a} ba'i sgra ni nges par gzung ba'i don te| sdu g pa dang⁴ mi sdu g pa'i phyin ci log la brten pa nyid las kun tu 'byung gi| ma brten par mi 'byung ngo⁵ zhes nges par gzung gi| sdu g pa dang| mi sdu g pa'i phyin ci log nyid la brten nas zhes bya bar ni nges par mi gzung ste| de dag skye ba'i rkyen tshul bzhin ma
yin pa yid la byed pa la sogs pa dag kyang yod pa'i phyir ro||

d'e itar na de ni⁶ chos mthun pa'i dpe'i tshig yin te| bsgrub par bya ba dang| sgrub pa'i chos kyi dbang⁷
gis dpe bstan pas yan lag lhag ma dag mgon no|| de'i phyir rjes su dpag pa ni don dam par phung po la sogs pa
dag ngo bo nyid yod pa kho na yin te| rgyu la brten nas
'byung ba'i phyir dper na| 'dod chags la sogs pa bzhin
no|| gang ngo bo nyid med pa de ni rgyu la⁸ brten nas mi
'byung ste| dper na nam mkha'i me tog bzhin no|| phung
po la sogs pa dag ni rang rang gi rgyu la brten nas
'byung bas| de'i phyir gtan tshigs ji skad smos pa'i
mthus don dam par phung po la sogs pa dag ngo bo nyid yod
pa kho na yin no||

'dir bshad pa|

gang dag sdug dang mi sdug pa'i||

phyin ci log la brten {N25la} 'byung ba||

[MMK 23-2ab]

'dod chags la sogs pa nyon mongs pa khyod kyis⁹ dpe nyid
du bstan pa dag go¹⁰

de dag ngo bo nyid las med||¹¹ [MMK 23-2c]

gang gi phyir sngar bstan pa'i tshul gyis so||
de phyir nyon mongs yang dag med|| [MMK 23-2d]

yang dag par zhes bya ba ni don dam par zhes bya ba'i
tha tshig go|12

de'i phyir sgrub13 pa dpe ma tshang ba'i skyon yod
do|| tha snyad pa'i dper14 rtog na ni bsgrub par bya ba
chos ma tshang ba nyid kyi lan gdab dka' ste| don dam par
nyon mongs pa rnams ngo bo nyid med pa'i phyir ro|| tha
snyad {P276b} pa'i ngo bo nyid yod pa nyid du sgrub
{C220b} na ni grub pa la sgrub pa yin no||
yang gzhan yang|

bdag gi yod nyid med nyid ni|| [MMK 23-3a]

don dam pa dang kun rdzob kyi tshul la bltos nas|15

ji lta bur yang 'grub pa med|| [MMK 23-3b]

yang zhes bya ba'i sgra ni nges par gzung16 ba'i don te|
'grub pa med pa nyid do zhes bya ba'o||
de ltar bdag|

de med nyon mongs rnams kyi17 ni||
yod nyid med nyid ji ltar 'grub|| [MMK 23-3cd]
mi 'grub pa nyid do zhes bya ba'i tshig gi don to|\[^{18}\] 
brten\[^{19}\] pa ni rten yod na yod par 'gyur ba'i phyir ro\[^{20}\] 
zhes bya bardgongs so||

don de nyid gsal bar bya ba'i phyir 'di\[^{21}\] {D220b} 
bshad de| 

nyon mongs de dag 'ga' las 'byung|| [MMK 23-4a]

de'i yon tan yin pa'i phyir dang| de'i longs spyad par 
bya ba yin pa'i phyir ro||

de yang 'grub pa yod ma yin||\[^{22}\] [MMK 23-4b]

ji ltar zhe na| de ltar bdag brtag pa'i rab tu byed 
pa nyid du brtags\[^{23}\] zin to|| de ltar na 'dis ni nyon 
mongs pa rnams kyi chos ni rten med pa yin par bstan to||
de'i phyir rjes su dpag pa ni\[^{24}\] don dam par 'dod chags 
la sogsp dag yod pa ma yin te| de dag gi rten med pa'i 
phyir dper na| mo gsham gyi bu'i sngo bsangs nyid bzhin 
no||

rang gi sde pa dag na re| bdag med du zin kyang sms 
kyi nyon mongs pa rnams so\[^{25}\] zhes {N251b} 'brel pa\[^{26}\] 
'grub ste| nyon mongs pa\[^{27}\] rnams ni sms de'i chos yin 
pa'i phyir| bdag med par smra ba rnams la gtan tshigs kyi 
don ma 'grub pa nyid do\[^{28}\] zhes zer ro||\[^{29}\]

gtan tshigs kyi don ma 'grub pa nyid ma yin te| sms
kyi skye ba bkag pa'i phyir dang|³⁰ rnam par shes pa'i
ngo bo nyid bsal ba'i phyir dang| de rdzas su yod pa nyid
bkag pas sms ma grub pa'i phyir ro||
gang dag yod par smra ba dag na re 'di ltar kho bo
{P277a} cag ni gcig la gcig med pas| dngos po'i mtshan
nyid med par smra ba yin pas| nyon mongs pa rnamas yod pa
ma yin no³¹ zhés bya ba de grub pas| sms las byung ba
rnamas la³² dngos po rnamas kyi ngo bo nyid med pa dang|³³
'brel pa yang grub par 'gyur ro zhés zer ro||
de dag gi phyir 'di bshad de| khyed bum pa dang|
snam bu dag la de las gzhan pa'i dngos {C221a} po'i
mtshan nyid med par 'dod pa gang yin pa de ni dngos po
dang| dngos po med par snang ba'i blo skye ba'i rgyu yin
pa'i phyir dngos po'am³⁴| dngos po med pa zhig yin grang
na| de la gal te dngos po yin na ni³⁵ dam bcas pa nyams
so|| ci ste dngos po med pa yin na ni 'o na| des na bum
pa 'di'i sngo ba nyid dang| dmar ba nyid 'di'o zhés bya
ba'i 'brel pa med pa'i phyir tha snyad med par³⁶ 'gyur
bas de'i phyir bshad pa|

gal te gang med ci zhig yod||³⁷ [MMK 23-4c]

rtan bum pa'am³⁸ rnam bu gang zhig med par brten³⁹ pa
sngo ba nyid dam dmar ba nyid ji zhig³⁰ yin par 'dod³¹

nyon mongs 'ga' yang yod ma yin|| [MMK 23-4d]
mo gshams kyi bu la sogp pa’i mtshan nyid dngos po med pa
la42 zhes bya bar dgongs so|| de ltar ni mi ’dod pas
de’i phyir yod pa ma yin pa {D221a} dpe nyid du mi rung
bas ’dod pa’i don grub pa med do||
rang gi sde pa rnams kyi phyir yang ’di bshad par
bya ste|

rang lus lta bzhin nyon mongs rnams|| [MMK 23-5a]

rang zhes bya ba ni bdag dang bdag gi’o|| lus zhes bya
ba ni ming43 dang44 gzugs nye bar {N252a} bsags pa’i
rnam45 grangs so|| rang gi lus la lta ba zhes bya ba ni|
rang gi lus la dmigs pa’i nyon mongs pa can gyi lta
ba’o|| rang gi lus la lta ba bzhin46 zhes bya ba ni rang-
gi lus la lta ba dang ’dra ba47 ste|48 ji ltar|49
sku min sku las gzhan ma yin||
de la {P227b} sku med der de med||
de bzhin gshegs pa sku ldan min||
de bzhin gshegs pa gang zhig yin||50 [MMK 22-1]
zhes bya ba bzhin du nyon mongs pa rnams kyang de dang
’dra’o|| nyon mongs pa rnams zhes bya ba ni gnod pa’i
don gyis nyon mongs par byed pa dag go|51

nyon mongs can la rnam lngar med|| [MMK 23-5b]
nyon mongs can gyi sms le ste| nyon mongs pa rnam
ni nyon mongs pa can ma yin te| de las gzhan ma yin pa
nyid bkag pa'i phyir dang| sreg pa dang| bsregs⁵² pa dag
gcig pa nyid du thal bar 'gyur ba'i phyir ro|| nyon
mongs pa rnam ni nyon mongs pa can las gzhan pa yang ma
yin ste| snga ma bzhin du de las gzhan nyid bkag pa'i
phyir dang| nyon {C221b} mongs pa rnam med par yang⁵³
nyon mongs pa can nyid du thal bar 'gyur ba'i phyir⁵⁴
ro|| nyon mongs pa rnam nongs pa can la med cing|
nyon mongs pa can yang nyon mongs pa rnam la med la|
nyon mongs pa rnam nongs pa can dang ldan pa yang
ma yin te| gzhan nyid med pa kho na'i phyir ro|| de ltar
nyon mongs pa rnam nongs pa can la rnam pa lngar
med do||

rang lus lta bzhin nyon mongs can||
nyon mongs pa la rnam lngar med|| [MMK 23-5cd]

nyon mongs pa can nongs pa rnam la rnam pa
lngar⁵⁵ med pa yang de bzhin du sbyar bar bya'o|| de la
nyon mongs pa rnam med pa'i phyir| dpe la bsgrub⁵⁶ par
bya ba chos ma tshang ba nyid kyi⁵⁷ skyon yod do||
yang gzhan yang| gang gi tshe kho bo cag gi phyogs
la|

sdug dang mi sdug phyin ci log|
{N252b} ngo bo nyid las yod min pa| [MMK 23-6ab]

dei tshe|

sdug dang mi sdug phyin ci log|
brten nas nyon mongs gang dag yin|| [MMK 23-6cd]

byung ba zhes bya ba`i tshig gi lhag ma`o|| de`i phyir
don dam par nyon mongs pa {D221b} rnam kyi chos ni brten
nas byung ba {P278a} ma yin pas| dpe la sgrub58 pa`i
chos ma tshang ba nyid kyi skyon yod do||
rang gi sde pa dag yang phyir zlog59 par byed de|

gzugs sgra ro dang reg pa dang||
dri dang chos dag rnam drug ni|| [MMK 23-7ab]

rnam pa drug go|60 de dag ci zhig61 yin zhe na|

gzhi ste [MMK 26-7c1]

`di la gnas pas gzhi ste| de dag las byung ngo zhes bya
ba`i tha tshig go|62 gzugs zhes bya ba ni gzugs su rung
ba`o|| sgra zhes bya ba ni bsrag tu rung ba`o|| dri
zhes bya ba ni bsnam tu rung ba`o|| ro zhes bya ba ni
myang du rung ba`o|| reg pa zhes bya ba ni reg byar rung
ba`o|| chos dag ces bya ba ni rang gi mtshan nyid `dzin
pa'i phyir ro||
        rnam pa drug po de dag gang gi gzhi yin zhe na||

       'dod chags zhe sdaṅg dang|||63
            gti mug gir ni rnam par brtag||64  [MMK 23-7c2,d]

       'dod chags ni chags par byed pa ste| 1hag par chags
          pa'o||  zhe65 sdaṅg ni sdaṅg bar byed pa ste| sems can
          rnam la kun nas mnar sems bskyed pa'o||  gti mug ni
          rmong s par byed pa ste| mi shes pa'o||  'dis ni phyin ci
          log gi chos ni gzhi yod pa yin par bstan {C222a} to||
          de'i phyir rjes su dpag pa ni don dam par sduṅ pa
          dang| mi sduṅ pa'i phyin ci log gang dag la brten nas
          'byung ba'i 'dod chags la sogs pa dag ni yod pa kho na
          yin te| de dag gi gzhi yod pa'i phyir ro||  'di na gang
          don dam par yod pa ma yin pa de la ni gzhi med de| dper
          na long ba'i mig gi rnam par shes pa bzhin no||  'dod
          chags la sogs pa dag la ni gzhi phyin ci log dag tu rnam
          par brtag pa gang dag yin pa dag yod pas| de'i phyir gtan
          tshigs ji skad smos pa'i mthus phyin ci log dag yod pas
          de dag la {N253a} brten nas| nyon mongs pa rnam 'byung
          ba 'grub pas66 {P278b} dpe'i skyon med do||67
          'dir bshad pa|

         gzugs sgra ro dang reg pa dang||68
         dri dang chos dag 'ba' zhig pa||69  [MMK 23-8ab]
'ba zhig ces bya ba ni ngo bo nyid med pa ste| ngo bo
nyid kyi dri tsam gyis kyang ma bsgos pa dag yin no|
th a snyad kyi bden pa la skur pa 'debs pa yang ma
yin te| 'di ltar70 de dag ni|71

dri za'i grong khyer lta bu dang||72
smig rgyu rmi lam 'dra ba yin| | [MMK 23-8cd]
dri za'i grong khyer lta bu zhes bya ni yul dang dus nges
pa dang|73 rgyud nges pa med par dmigs par bya ba nyid
dang chos mthun pa'i phyir ro|| smig rgyu 'dra ba zhes
bya ba ni ngo bo nyid stong pa nyid yin yang de la
{D222a} mgon par zhen pas yongs su tshol ba'i phyir
rgyud gyi dngos por nye bar 'gro ba dang| chos mthun pa'i
phyir ro|| rmi lam 'dra ba zhes bya ba ni ngo bo nyid
med pa nyid yin yang re zhig par 'dod pas rgyu dang74
'bras bu sgrub pa'i dngos por nye bar 'gro ba dang|75
chos mthun pa'i phyir ro||
gang gi phyir rnam pa de lta bu'i gzugs la sogs
pa|76

sgyu77 ma'i skye bu lta bu78 dang||79 [MMK 23-9a]

log par snang ba dang| chos mthun pa'i phyir ro||
gzugs brnyan 'dra ba de dag la|| [MMK 23-9b]

byed pa po'i bya ba la\textsuperscript{80} mi ltos\textsuperscript{81} par skye ba nyid dang|
chos mthun pa'i phyir ro||
de'i phyir\textsuperscript{82}

sduug pa dang ni mi sduug pa||
'byung bar yang ni ga la 'gyur|| [MMK 23-9cd]

zhes bya ba smras te| 'byung bar mi 'gyur ba nyid de| don
dam pa pa'i n'go bo nyid stong pa'i phyir ro\textsuperscript{83} zhes bya
bar dgongs so|| de'i phyir don dam par gzhi ma\textsuperscript{84} grub
{C222b}. pa'i phyir\textsuperscript{85} gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub pa\textsuperscript{86}
nyid dang| don 'gal ba nyid yo\dol do||
gzhan yang|

gang la brten nas mi sduug pa||\textsuperscript{87} [MMK 23-10a]

mi sduug pa zhes bya bar 'gyur ba'\o||\textsuperscript{88}

mi sduug par\textsuperscript{89} ni gdags bya ba|| [MMK 23-10b]

mi sduug pa gang 'di ni mi sduug pa'\o zhes mi sduug pa'i n'go
bo nyid du 'o bu cag gis gdags par bya'\o||
sdug pa ma bltos[^90] {N253b} yod min pas|| [MMK 23-10c]

sdug pa {P279a} de mi[^91] sdug pa la ma bltos[^92] par sdug[^93]
pa'i bdag nyid du yod pa ma yin pas zhes bya ba'i tha tshig go|[^94]

de'i phyir sdug pa 'thad ma yin|| [MMK 23-10d]

mi sdug pa med pa'i phyir sdug pa yang de la ma bltos[^95]
par sdug pa nyid du mi 'gyur ba nyid kyi phyir ro[^96] zhes bya bar dgongs so||

de bzhin du|

gang la brten nas sdug pa ni||[^97] [MMK23-11a]

sdug pa zhes bya bar rab tu 'grub pa'o||

sdug pa zhes ni gdags[^98] bya ba|| [MMK 23-11b]

sdug pa gang 'di ni sdug pa'o[^99] zhes sdug pa'i ngo bo
nyid du 'o bu cag gis gdags par bya'o||

mi sdug ma bltos[^100] yod min pas||[^101] [MMK 23-11c]

mi sdug pa de sdug pa la ma bltos[^102] par mi sdug pa'i
bdag nyid du grub pa med pas so||

d phyir mi sbug 'thad ma yin]|103 [MMK 23-11d]

gang gi phyir de ltar sbug pa yod pa ma yin pa de'i phyir
mi sbug pa yang sbug pa de la ma bltos104 par mi sbug pa
nyid du mi 'gyur ba nyid kyi phyir ro105 zhes bya bar
dgongs so||
de'i phyir de ltar|106

sbug pa yod pa ma yin na||
'dod chags 'byung bar ga la 'gyur||
mi sbug yod pa ma yin na||
zhe sbug 'byung107 bar ga la 'gyur|| [MMK 23-12]

de dag med pa'i phyir gti mug kyang med de| de {D222b}
dag med pa kho nas de yang yod pa ma yin par grub po||108
de dag brjod na109 skyon med pa ma yin pas110 de'i phyir
gtan tshigs kyi skyon 111 ji skad bstan pa ldog pa med
do||
||dbu ma'i rtsa ba'i 'grel pa shes rab sgron ma||112
bam po bcu bdun pa||113
'dir smras pa| don dam par sbug pa dang| mi sbug
pa'i phyin ci log dag ni yod pa kho na yin te| bcom ldan
'das kyis mdo sde las gsungs pa'i phyir ro|| bcom ldan
'das kyis gang mdo sde las gsungs pa de ni yod de|114
dper na \textsuperscript{115} bdag med pa nyid bzhin no| | mdo sde \textsuperscript{116} las| |
{P279b, C223a} mi rtag pa la rtag pa dang| bdag med pa la \{N254a\} bdag dang| s
dug bsngal ba la bde ba dang| mi s
dug pa la s
dug par ̀dzin pa ni phyin ci log go zhes gsungs pa
de dag yod pas| de ̀i phyir don dam par s
dug pa dang| mi
s
dug pa ̀i phyin ci log dag yod pa kho na yin no| |
  ̀dir bshad pa| gal te ̀ga zhig log pa bs
grub \textsuperscript{117} pa
yod na tha snyad pa ̀i s
dug pa dang| mi s
dug pa ̀i phyin ci
log dag bs
grub pa la ni s
grub \textsuperscript{118} pa ̀di rung ngo|| don
dam par ni mi rung ngo||
sangs rgyas rnams kyis b
dag dang ni||
bdag med gang yang med par gsungs|| \textsuperscript{119} [MMK 18-6cd]
zhes bya ba der lan bt
tab zin pas| b
dag med \textsuperscript{120} pa
nyid ma
grub pa ̀i phyir dpe med dc|| \textsuperscript{121}

gtan tshigs kyang med de| don dam par m
do sde las| phyin ci log
dag yod par gsungs par khas ma blangs pa ̀i
phyir ro|| ̀dir phyin ci log ni \textsuperscript{122} rnam pa gnyis te|
  ̀khor ba dang| mya ngan las ̀das pa dang| rjes su m
t hun
pa ̀o|| de la ̀khor ba dang| rjes su m
t hun pa ni ̀di lta
ste| mi rtag pa la rtag pa zhes bya ba la sog
s pa ̀o||
mya ngan las ̀das pa dang| rjes su m
t hun pa ni ̀di lta
ste| mi rtag pa la mi rtag pa zhes bya ba la sog
s pa ̀o||
de gnyi ga yang phyin ci log ste| rnam pa mi rtog pa ̀i
ye shes thob pas spang bar bya ba yin te| de ̀i mi m
t hun
pa ̀i phyogs yin pa ̀i phyir ro||
gal te mi rtag pa la sog
s pa la| mi rtag pa la sog
s
par lta ba ni phyin ci ma log pa'i phyir phyin ci log nyid yin par mi rigs so¹²³ zhe na¹²⁴ phyin ci log ces bya ba de'i don gang yin| gal te mi rtag pa la rtag go¹²⁵ zhes log par lta ba'i don to zhe na| de'i {D223a} phyir bshad pa|

gal te mi rtag rtag pa zhes||¹²⁶ [MMK 23-13a]

mi rtag pa rtag pa nyid kyis¹²⁷ stong pa la rtag pa zhes so||

de ltar 'dzin pa log yin na||¹²⁸ [MMK 23-13b]

de ltar {N254b} shes pa phyin ci log gi {P280a} don la dmigs pa'i phyir phyin ci log yin na'o|| de lta na|

stong la rtag pa yod min pas||¹²⁹
'dzin pa ji ltar log {C223b} ma yin||¹³⁰
[MMK 23-13cd]

stong pa la rtag pa nyid kyang ngo bo nyid kyis¹³¹ stong pa'i phyir¹³² stong pa la rtag par 'dzin pa ji ltar phyin ci log ma yin te| de ni phyin ci log nyid¹³³ yin no¹³⁴ zhes bya ba'i tshig gi don te| dper na gal te khams gsum pa las| 'dod chags dang bral na| ji ltar grol ba ma yin te¹³⁵ grol ba nyid yin no¹³⁶ zhes bya ba bzhin no||
ji ltar don dam par stong pa la rtag pa nyid kyang
ngo bo nyid kyis stong par 'dod ce na| sngar bstan pa'i
tshul gyis ma skyes pa'i phyir dper na| mya ngan las 'das
pa bzhin no||
yang na|

gal te mi rtag mi rtag ces|| [MMK 23-14a]

mi rtag pa mi rtag pa nyid kyis\textsuperscript{137} stong pa la mi rtag pa
zhes so||

de ltar 'dzin pa log min na|| [MMK 23-14b]

de ltar shes pa phyin ci log gi don la dmigs pa ma yin
pa'i phyir phyin ci log ma yin na'o|| de lta na|

stong la\textsuperscript{138} mi rtag yod min pas||\textsuperscript{139}
'dzin pa ji ltar log ma yin|| [MMK 23-14cd]

stong pa la mi rtag pa nyid kyang ngo bo nyid kyis stong
pa'i phyir stong pa la mi rtag par 'dzin pa yang ji ltar
phyin ci log ma yin te| de yang phyin ci log nyid yin
no\textsuperscript{140} zhes bya ba'i tshig gi don te| de'i chos ni rnam
par rtog pa nyid yin pa'i phyir dper na| rtag par 'dzin
pa bzhin no\textsuperscript{141} zhes bya ba'i tha tshig go\textsuperscript{142}
de ltar na 'dir glags yod pa'i\textsuperscript{143} tshig yin pa'i
phyir pha rol po'i dam bcas pa'i don las bzlog pa'i tshig gi don mgon te| dper na\(^{144}\) gal te bum pa byas pa mi rtag na| sgra byas pa yang ci'phyir mi rtag par mi 'gyur zhes bya ba bzhin no|| 'dir sbyor ba'i tshig ni don dam par gzugs mi rtag go\(^{145}\) zhes bya bar shes pa de ni phyin ci log yin te| rnam par rtog pa nyid yin pa'i phyir\(^{146}\) dper na| {P280b} gzugs rtag go zhes bya bar shes pa bzhin no||

gal te 'du byed rnams {N255a} stong ngo zhes bya bar shes pa rnam par rtog pa dang bcas pa dag gis ma nges pa nyid do zhe na| de yang phyin ci log yin pa'i phyir skyon med do||

gal te de lta na stong pa nyid kyi\(^{147}\) ye shes kyang {D223b} thar pa thob par byed pa ma yin te| phyin ci log yir pa'i phyir dper na| nang gi skye mched {C224a} rnams kyi yul la bde ba la sogs par shes pa bzhin no zhe\(^{148}\) na| 'dir dam bcas pa de'i don gang yin| gal te mig\(^{149}\) stong par shes pa thar pa thob par byed pa ma yin no\(^{150}\) zhe\(^{151}\) na ni grub pa la sgrub pa yin te| thar pa ni rnam par mi rtog pa'i ye shes kyi\(^{152}\) thob\(^{153}\) pa yin pa'i phyir ro|| ci ste rnam par mi rtog pa'o zhe na ni| de phyin ci log gi shes pa nyid yin par ma grub pa'i phyir gtan\(^{154}\) tshigs kyi don ma grub pa nyid do||

gal te stong pa nyid kyi ye shes rnam par mi rtog pa yang thar pa thob par byed pa ma yin te| rnam par mi rtog pa'i phyir dper na byis pa'i mig gi rnam par shes pa
bzhin no\textsuperscript{155} zhe na|\textsuperscript{156} rang la gtan tshigs kyi don ma
nges pa nyid de| 'gog pa shes pa bsgom pa las byung ba
dag gis ma nges pa nyid yin pa'i phyir ro| rang la gtan
tshigs kyi\textsuperscript{157} don ma grub pa nyid kyang yin te| stong pa
nyid kyi ye shes kyang ngo bo nyid rnam par rtog pas rnam
par rtog pa yin pa'i phyir ro| rjes su dpag pas kyang
mi gnod de| rang la dpe med pa nyid kyi phyir ro|
gzhan yang thar pa thob par byed pa ma yin te\textsuperscript{158} zhe
bya ba de'i don gang yin| gal te thar pa mi byed pa'o
zhe na ni grub pa la sgrub pa yin te|\textsuperscript{159} thar pa ni byas
pa ma yin pa'i phyir ro| gal te don ji lta ba bzhin du
shes pa ma yin no zhe na ni| rang la ma nges pa nyid
de|\textsuperscript{160} mgon sum gyi blo dag gis ma nges,pa'i phyir ro|
'dis ni rnam \{N255b\} par \{P281a\} mi rtog pa'i ye
shes kyang phyin ci log gi shes pa yin te| rnam par mi
rtog pa'i phyir mig gi rnam par shes pa bzhin no\textsuperscript{161} zhes
zer ba dag la yang lan btab par rig par bya'o|

jis te mgon sum gyi shes pa rnam par rtog pa dang
bcas par smra ba dag\textsuperscript{162} 'di skad ces mgon sum gyi shes
pa ni rnam par rtog pa dang bcas pa yin te| shes pa yin
pa'i phyir dang| tshad ma yin pa'i phyir dper na\textsuperscript{163} rjes
su dpag pa'i shes pa bzhin no\textsuperscript{164} zhe na| de dag la
yang\textsuperscript{165} 'di skad ces lhas byin gyi mgon sum gyi blo ni
rnam par rtog pa med pa yin te| mgon sum gyi gzugs kyi
yul can yin pa'i phyir dang| \{C224b\} mig la brten pa'i
phyir dper na byis pa'i mig gi rnam par shes pa bzhin
no\textsuperscript{166} zhes brjod par bya’o| |
dei phyir tha snyad du ni shes pa de\textsuperscript{167} dag gis ma
nges pa \{D224a\} nyid yin la| don dam par ni dpe med de|
rjes su dpag pa la sog pa’i shes pa dag kyang rab tu
dben pa dang| ro\textsuperscript{168} gcig pas mtshan nyid gcig pa’i phyir
ro||
zhar la bshad pas mchog gi\textsuperscript{169} skabs nyid kyi dbang
du bya’o||

ji ltar mi rtag pa la\textsuperscript{170} rtag pa dang\textsuperscript{171} mi rtag par
’dzin pa phyin ci log yin pa de bzhin du bdag dang| bde
ba dang| sdug pa dag la|\textsuperscript{172} bdag dang bde ba dang\textsuperscript{173} sdug
pa dang| bdag med pa dang| sdug bsngal ba dang| mi sdug
par ’dzin pa dag kyang phyin ci log yin par brjod par
bya’o||
gzhan dag gis dam bcas pa’i don sgro btags nas smras
pa| ’dzin pa ni yod pa kho na yin te| de ’dzin par byed
pa dang| ’dzin pa po dang gzung\textsuperscript{174} ba dag yod pa’i phyir
ro|| ’di na gang yod pa ma yin pa de la ni gsum po de
dag med de| dper na ri bong gi rwa bzhin no|| phyin ci
log tu ’dzin pa la ni shes pa gang gis ’dzin par byed pa
dang\textsuperscript{175} \{P281b\} ’dzin pa po phung po’i bdag nyid dang|
gzung ba gzugs\textsuperscript{176} la sog pa dag yod pas \{N256a\} de’i
phyir gtan tshigs ji skad smos pa’i mthus| phyin ci log
tu ’dzin pa ni yod pa kho na yin no||
’dir bshad pa|
gang gis^177 \'dzin dang \'dzin gang dang||^178
\'dzin pa po dang gang gzung ba||
thams cad nye bar zhi ba ste||
de^179 phyir \'dzin pa yod ma yin|| [MMK 23-15]

gang gis \'dzin par byed pa ni dngos po\'i^180 rang
dang spyi\'i mtshan nyid la dmigs pa\'i shes pas so||
\'dzin pa gang yin pa ni sgro \'dogs pa dang| skur pa \'debs
pa\'i bdag nyid do|| \'dzin pa po ni ming dang gzugs kyi
bdag nyid dam| de las gzhan pa\'o|| gang gzung ba ni
gzugs la sogs pa\'o|| de dag ni skabs ji lta ba bzhin du
ngo bo nyid stong par bstan zin pas| des na \'dzin par
byed pa la sogs pa thams cad nye bar zhi ba ste|

de phyir \'dzin pa yod ma yin||^181 [MMK 23-15d]
\'dzin pa bzhin du de dag yod pa nyid du ston pa\'i gtan
tshigs dang| dpe ma grub pa\'i phyir ro zhes bya bar
dgongs so||
de\'i phyir de ltar|

log pa\'am yang dag nyid du ni||
\'dzin pa yod pa ma yin na|| [MMK 23-16ab]

rtag pa dang mi rtag pa la \{C225a\} sogs par ro|| \'o na
don dam par^182|

gang la phyin ci log yod cing||
gang la phyin ci ma log yod|| [MMK 23-16cd]

rnam par mi rtog pa'i shes rab kyi spyod pa la gnas pa
la| rtag pa dang| mi rtag pa la sogs par sheś pa kun tu
mi 'byung ba'i phyir ro zhes bya bar {D224b} .dgongs so||
yang na gang dag 'di skad ces phyin ci log rnam ni
yod pa kho na yin te| de dang ldan pa yod pa'i phyir ro||
dper na gāugs dang ldan pa yod na| gdugs yod pa de bzhin
du phyin ci log dang ldan pa'i byis pa 'di dag yod pas|
de'i phyir\textsuperscript{183} phyin ci log rnam ni yod pa kho na yin no
zhes zer na| de dag gi phyir 'di bshad de|
log pa'am yang dag nyid du ni||
'dzin pa yod pa ma yin na|| [MMK 23-16ab]
rnam pa gnyi ga yang sngar bstan pa'i {N256b} sgrub pas
skye ba la sogs par {P282a} ma grub pa'i phyir ro|| de
bzhin du|
gang la\textsuperscript{184} phyin ci log dang ni||
gang la phyin ci ma log yod|| [MMK 23-16cd]
phyin ci log gang la ltos nas\textsuperscript{185} 'di ni phyin ci log
dang ldan pa'o|| 'di ni phyin ci ma log pa dang ldan
pa'o zhes bya ba de dag kyang phyin ci log bzhin du yod
pa ma yin te| gang la phyin ci log yod pa dang| gang la
phyin ci ma log pa yod pa de dag\textsuperscript{186} yod pa ma yin pa nyid
do zhes bya ba'i tshig gi don to|| de'i phyir don dam
par gtan tshigs kyi don ma grub pa nyid dang| dpe yang
med la| kun rdzob tu ni\textsuperscript{187} don 'gal ba nyid kyang yin
yang gzhan yang| ʰdi la phyin ci log dang ldan pa
ʰdi ni phyin ci log dang bcas par ʰdod na| de yang phyin
ci log tu gyur pa ʰam| phyin ci log tu ma gyur pa ʰam|
phyin ci log tu ʰgyur bzhin\textsuperscript{188} pa zhig yin\textsuperscript{189} grang na|
de la|

phyin ci log tu gyur pa la||
phyin ci log dag mi srid do|| [MMK 23-17ab]

d\textsuperscript{e} dag dang ldan pa la\textsuperscript{190} de dag dang ldan par ʰgyur ba
don med pa nyid du ʰgyur baʰi phyir ro||

phyin ci log tu ma gyur la||
phyin ci log dag mi srid do|| [MMK 23-17cd]

d\textsuperscript{e} dag dang bral baʰi phyir dper na ʰphags pa bzhin no||

phyin ci log tu ʰgyur bzhin la||
phyin ci log dag mi srid do|| [MMK 23-18ab]

skyon gnyi gar ʰgyur baʰi phyir {C225b} ro||

phyin ci log tu gyur pa dang| phyin ci log tu ma
gyur pa dang| phyin ci log tu ʰgyur\textsuperscript{191} bzhin pa ma gto gs
paʰi phyin ci log dang ldan pa mi ʰthad pas\textsuperscript{192} deʰi phyir
bshad pa| khyod nyid phyogs su lhung baʰi blo med par
gyis la|

gang la phyin ci log srid pa||
bdag nyid kyis ni rnam par dpyod|| [MMK 23-18cd]

phyin ci log dang ldan pa yod pa ma yin pa nyid do zhes
bya ba’i tshig gi don to|| de’i phyir gtan tshigs
dangs\textsuperscript{193} dpe’i skyon snga ma bzhin no||
gzhan yang| gang gi tshe don dam par ji skad bstan
{D225a} pa’i tshul gyi dbang gis dngos po thams cad skye
ba med par bstan pa de’i\textsuperscript{194} tshe|

phyin ci log rnams ma skyes na||
ji lta bur na yod par ’gyur|| [MMK 23-19ab]
yod {N257a} par mi ’grub pa nyid de| ma skyes pa’i phyir
ro zhes bya ba’i tshig gi don to||

{P282b} phyin ci log rnams skye med na||
phyin ci log can ga la yod|| [MMK 23-19cd]

phyin ci log can zhes bya ba ni phyin ci log dang ldan pa
zhes bya ba’i tha tshig go\textsuperscript{195} de’i phyir gtan tshigs la
sogs pa’i skyon de nyid yod do||
yang gzhan yang| don dam par|
gal te 196 bdag dang sdug pa dang 197
rtag dang bde ba yod na ni 198
bdag shes sdug shes rtag shes dang 199
bde 198 shes phyin ci log ma yin 198 [MMK 23-20]

shes bya phyin ci log ma yin pa'i phyir ro zhes bya bar
dgongs so 199 dir bdag shes zhes 199 bya la sosgs pa'i
sgra ni bdag la sosgs pa de dag la gnas pa nyid kyi
phyir bdag la sosgs pa shes pa yin par bstan to
de bzhin du don dam par

gal te bdag dang sdug pa dang 200
rtag dang bde ba med na ni 200
bdag med mi sdug mi rtag dang
sdug bsngal yod pa ma yin no [MMK 23-21]

bdag med pa la sosgs pa'i ngo bo nyid ni bdag la sosgs pa
bsal 201 bas sam de dag la bltos 202 pas bdag med pa nyid
la sosgs par 'grub pa'i phyir ro 203 zhes bya bar dgongs
so bdag med pa la sosgs pa ma grub pa'i phyir gang dag
la bdag la sosgs par lta ba phyin ci log tu 'gyur 204 te
'di ltar mi med na sdong 205 dum la mir mthong ba'i phyin
ci log kyang med do phyin ci log nyid ma grub pa'i
phyir gtan tshigs la sosgs pa med pa'i skyon de {C226a}
nyid bzlog dka'o

'o na rnal 'byor pa de la de ltar rtag pa dang mi
rtag pa la sogs pa'i phyin ci log dang| phyin ci log ma
yin pa dag ma\(^{206}\) grub pa'i phyir de dag tu rnam par rtog
pa log par gyur ba na| yon tan ci zhig 'byung bar 'gyur
zhe na| ji skad bstan pa'i tshul gyis\(^{207}\) 'bras bu bstan
par bzhed pas|

de ltar\(^{208}\) phyin ci log 'gags\(^{209}\) pas||
{N257b} ma rig pa ni 'gag par 'gyur|| [MMK 23-22ab]

phyin ci log dag gi rgyu yang ma rig pa yin pa'i phyir
phyin ci log 'gags\(^{210}\) pas| bdag la sogs {P283a} par lta
ba'i rgyu ma rig pa 'gag par 'gyur ro||

ma rig\(^{211}\) 'gags\(^{212}\) par gyur na ni||
'du byed {D225b} la sogs 'gag par 'gyur||
[MMK 23-22cd]

'du byed la sogs pa zhes bya bar tshig\(^{213}\) sbyar te| 'du
byed dang| rnam par shes pa dang| ming dang| gzugs dang|
skye mched drug dang| reg pa dang| tshor ba dang| sred pa
dang| len pa dang| srid pa dang| skye ba dang| rga shi la
sogs pa dag go\(^{214}\) de'i phyir\(^{215}\) de ltar\(^{216}\) ngo bo nyid
med pa nyid rtogs\(^{217}\) pa las\(^{218}\) nyon mongs pa nye bar zhi
ba 'grub po\(^{219}\)||

ngo bo nyid yod par smra ba'i phyogs 'di la nyon
mongs pa de dag yod par gyur pa'am\(^{220}\) med par gyur pa
zhig yin grang na| des cir 'gyur zhe na|

gal te la la'i nyon mongs pa||
gang dag ngo bo nyid yod na|| [MMK 23-23ab]

yod par gyur pa'i zhes ma smos kyang| skabs las shes par bya'o||

ji lta bur na spong bar 'gyur|| [MMK 23-23c]

ji ltar spong bar mi 'gyur zhe na|

yod pa su zhig spong bar byed|| [MMK 23-23d]

yod par gyur pa ni^221^ ngo^222^ bo nyid mi 'gyur ba'i phyir ro zhes bya bar dgongs so||

ji ste med par gyur pa^223^ ri bong gi rwa lta bu'am^224^ gcig la gcig^225^ med pa'i mtshan nyid lta bu yin na^226^ de lta na yang|

gal te la la'i nyon mongs pa||
gang dag ngo bo nyid med na|| [MMK 23-24ab]

'dir yang med par gyur pa zhes ma smos kyang| skabs las shes par bya'o||
ji lta bur na spong bar 'gyur| [MMK 23-24c]

ji ltar spong bar mi 'gyur zhe na|

med pa su zhig spong bar byed| [MMK 23-24d]

med par gyur pa'i med pa nyid ni spang du med pa'i phyir te| 'di ltar nam mkha'i me tog med pas\textsuperscript{227} med pa'i ngo bo nyid \{C226b\} spong bar mi byed la| rta ngo bo nyid med pas kyang| rta med pa'i ngo bo nyid spong bar mi byed do||

ji ste yang\textsuperscript{228} 'di snyam du nyon mongs pa yod par gyur pa rnams nyid gnyen po skyes pas| spong bar 'grub pa'i \{N258a\} phyir skyon med do snyam na| yod par gyur pa\textsuperscript{229} gang gi gnyen po skyes pas| \{P283b\} ji ltar spong ba'i don de bstan dka'o||

de la 'dir nyon mongs pa rnams yod par gyur pa dang| med par gyur par rtog pa la de dag spong ba mi 'thad pas| glags yod pas nyon mongs pa rnams kyi chos ni spang ba yin par bstan to|| de'i phyir rjes su dpag pa ni don dam par nyon mongs pa rnams ngo bo nyid med de| spang ba yin pa'i phyir dper na\textsuperscript{230} sgyu ma mkhan gyis\textsuperscript{231} sprul pa'i bud med dang| skyes pa dang| gzugs su byas pa'i na chung bzhin te| skyon rtogs\textsuperscript{232} pa la \{D226a\} de dag spong ba yod do||

de la 'dir rab tu byed pa'i don ni| pha rol pos
smras pa′i sgrub pa′i skyon brjod pa dang rang gisgrub pa kha na ma tho ba med pa bstan pas phyin ci logngo bo nyid med pa nyid du bstan pa yin no||
de′i phyir
ji ltar ngag ′di gzugs can min234||235
kun nas dmigs su med pa ltar||
de ltar nyon mongs gzugs can min||236
gtan du dmigs su yod ma yin||237
ji ltar ngag ′di238 yod pa min||
nang dang phyi na mi gnas ltar||
de ltar nyon mongs yod min pa||
nang dang phyi na gnas pa min||
zhes bya ba la sogs pa dang| de bzhin du

shā ra dwā239 ti′i bu kun nas nyon mongs pa′i yongs su shes pa gang yin pa de ni yang dag pa ji lta ba bzhin no|| de la ni kun nas nyon mongs pa ′ga240 yang med de|sems can phyin ci log tu gyur pa rnam ni kun nas nyon mongs par ′gyur ro|| phyin ci log gang yin pa de ni yod pa ma yin te| gang yod pa ma yin pa de la yod pa′i yongs su ′grub pa′am mtshan nyid med do||241 shā ra dwā242 ti′i bu de ltar yongs su shes pa gang yin pa de ni rnam par byang ba zhes bya′o
zhes bya ba la sogs pa dang| de bzhin du
de bzhin gshegs pas nyon mongs pa rnam {N258b} yod pa ma yin par mgon par {C227a} rdzogs243 par sansg rgyas shing bstan te| gzugs su mi snang yang kun tu {P284a}
mkhyen la| gnis su ma mdzad kyang| mnon sum du mdzad cing thob pa yang med do\textsuperscript{244} zhes bya ba la sogs pa gsungs pa de dag grub pa yin no|\textsuperscript{245} slob dpon legs ldan byed kyis nye bar sbyar ba| dbu ma`i rtsa ba`i `grel pa shes rab sgron\textsuperscript{246} ma las| phyin ci log`brtag pa zhes bya ba ste| rab tu byed pa nyi shu gsum pa`o|
Notes to Tibetan Text of Prajnāpradīpa,
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1N: de.
2C: mad.
3DC: kyi.
4D add | |
5PN add ||
6PNDC: de'i for de ni; Ava P259b-8, D216b-5: de ni.
7PN: bdag.
8PN: las.
9PN: kyi |
10DC: || |
11PN: |
12D: |
13DC: bsgrub.
14PNDC: dpes; Ava P260b-7, D217b-2: dper.
15PN: bltos pas |; DC: ltos nas |.
16C: gzungs.
17DC: kyis.
18DC: te |
19N: rten; DC: brtan.
20PN add ||
21PN omm. 'di.
22P: |
23PN: btag.
24P: ||.
25PN add ||.
26D: ba.
27PN omm. pa.
28P ad. ||; N ad. |.
29N: |.
30DC omm. |.
31PN add ||.
32DC add |.
33DC omm. |.
34PNC: po 'am for po'am.
35P om. ni.
36PN: pa.
37PN: |.
38DC add |; PNC: pa 'am for pa'am.
39P: rten; N: rtan.
40PN: cig, DC: gcig for ji zhig; Ava P263a-2,3, D219b-1: ji zhig.
41P: ||.
42PN add |.
43P: mi.
44DC add |.
45DC: rnams.
46DC add ||.
47DC: 'dra for dang 'dra ba.
48N om. |.
49N: lta; DC omm. ⊥.
50PN omm. ⊥.
51DC: ⊥.
52PN: bsreg.
53PN add nyon mong s pa.
54PN omm. ba'i phyir.
55DC: lnga'i.
56PN: sgrub.
57P om. kyi.
58PNDC: bsgrub; Ava P264a-7, D220b-3: sgrub.
59PN: bzlog.
60DC: ⊥.
61PN omm. zhig.
62DC: ⊥.
63PN omm. dang⊥; DC: ⊥.
64PN: gti mug ni chags par brtag for gti mug gir ni rnam par brtag⊥.
65PN: zhes.
66P: bas.
67P: de⊥.
68C: ⊥.
69C: ⊥.
70PN add ⊥.
71PNDC omm. ⊥; Ava P265b-1: ⊥; Ava D221b-3: ⊥.
72PNDC: ⊥; Ava loc. cit.: ⊥.
73P: ⊥.
74 DC add |.
75 DC omm. |.
76 PNDC, Ava P265b-6 omm. |; Ava D221b-7: |.
77 PN: rgyu.
78 PN omm. lta bu.
79 PNDC: |.
80 C omm. la.
81 PN: bltos.
82 PN omm. |.
83 P ad. ||; N ad. ||.
84 DC: mi.
85 PN omm. phyir.
86 DC add de.
87 P: |.
88 PN omm. mi sðug pa zhes bya bar 'gyur ba'ø| |; D: pa'ø for ba'ø.
89 PNDC: pa; Ava P266a-4, D222a-4: par.
90 DC: ltos.
91 PN: ni.
92 DC: ltos.
93 C: sðus.
94 D: ||.
95 DC: ltos.
96 PN add ||.
97 P: |.
98 P: dags.
99_{PN} add ||

100_{DC}: ltos.

101_{N}: |.

102_{DC}: ltos.

103_{C}: |.

104_{DC}: ltos.

105_{PN} add ||.

106_{PN} omm. |.

107_{PN}: 'gyur.

108_{DC} add de dag brjod na skyon yod pa ma yin par grub na!.

109_{P}: ni.

110_{PN}: pa.

111_{DC} omm. kyi skyon.

112_{DC} omm. ||.

113_{NDC}: |.

114_{DC} omm.|.

115_{PN} add |

116_{D}: sđa.

117_{DC}: sgrub.

118_{P}: bsgrub; DC: grub.

119_{P}: |.

120_{D} om. med.

121_{N}: |.

122_{P} ad. ||; N ad. |

123_{PN} add ||.
124_{PNDC} omm. 1.
125_{PN} add 1.
126_{PN}: |.
127_{PN}: kyi.
128_{PN}: |.
129_{P}: |.
130_{PN}: |.
131_{PN}: kyi.
132_{PNDC} add ro| |; Ava P268a-1, D223b-6 omm. ro| |.
133_{DC}: ma.
134_{PN} add ||.
135_{PN} add |.
136_{PN} add ||.
137_{PN}: kyi.
138_{DC}: pa.
139_{P}: |.
140_{PN} omm. de yang phyin ci log nyid yin no.
141_{PN} add ||.
142_{D}: ||.
143_{N} ad. phyir.
144_{DC} add |.
145_{PN} add |.
146_{PN} omm. phyir|.
147_{PN}: kyi.
148_{D}: zha.
149_{PN}: mi.
150 PN add ||.
151 P: zhes.
152 PN: kyi.
153 DC: 'thob.
154 N: gnyan.
155 PN add ||.
156 PN omm. ||.
157 P: gyi.
158 PN add ||.
159 DC: no| | for te|.
160 C: ao|.
161 PN add ||.
162 PN: dang.
163 PN add ||.
164 PN add ||.
165 DC add ||.
166 N ad. ||.
167 P: da.
168 P: no.
169 DC: pa dag gis for gi.
170 DC omm. mi rtag pa la.
171 DC add ||.
172 DC omm. bdag dang| bde ba dang| sdug pa dag la.
173 DC add ||.
174 PN: bzung.
175 P om. ||.
175 PNDC omm. gzugs; Ava P272b-4, D227b-6: gzugs.
177 PN: gi.
178 P: |.
179 P: de′i.
180 N: po′a.
181 C: |.
182 PN omm. don dam par.
183 PN add |.
184 DC: na.
185 PN omm. phyin ci log gang la ltos nas.
186 PNDC omm. yod pa de dag; Ava P273b-6, D228b-6: yod pa de dag.
187 DC omm. ni.
188 PN: yin; D: ba bzhin, C: pa bzhin for bzhin.
189 PN omm. yin.
190 PN omm. de dag dang ldan pa la.
191 DC add ba.
192 DC add |.
193 DC add |.
194 PNDC: pa′i for pa de′i; Ava P274a-7, D229a-6: pa de′i.
195 D: ||.
196 N: ta.
197 P: |.
198 PNDC: de; Ava P274b-4, D229b-3: bde.
199 PNDC omm. zhes; Ava P274b-5, D229b-4: zhes.
200 P: |.
201 DC: brtsal.
202 DC: itos.
203 PN add ||.
204 PNDC: gyur; Ava P275a-1, D229b-7: 'gyur.
205 N: sdom; DC: sdang.
206 PNDC omm. ma; Ava P275a-5, D230a-3: ma.
207 PN: gyi.
208 DC add |.
209 PN: 'gag.
210 PN: 'gag.
211 PN add pa.
212 PN: 'gag.
213 C: tsiq.
214 D: ||.
215 PN add |.
216 PN add |.
217 PN: rtog.
218 C: la sas for pa las.
219 PN: bo.
220 PN: 'gyur ba 'am, C: gyur pa 'am for gyur pa'am.
221 DC omm. ni.
222 N: do.
223 DC add ni.
224 PNC: bu 'am for bu'am.
225 PN: cig la cig for gcig la gcig.
226_D om. |.
227_DC omm. med pas.
228_PN add |.
229_PNDC: pas; Ava P276a-2, D230b-6: pa.
230_P: ||.
231_PN: gyi.
232_PNDC: rto; Ava P276a-7, D231a-3: rto.
233_DC: bsgrub.
234_DC: yin.
235_NC: |.
236_C: |.
237_C: |.
238_PN: ni.
239_DC: sha ra dwa for shā ra dwā.
240_P: dga'.
241_DC: de|.
242_DC: sha ra dwa for shā ra dwā.
243_N: rdzags.
244_PN add ||.
245_N om. no||.
246_P: sgrol.
{P312b-2, N286a-3, D249a-2, C251a-2} da¹ ni de bzhin du stong pa nyid kyi mi mthun pa¹i phyogs kyi khyad par dgag pas tha snyad pa¹i rten cing ´brel par² byung ba³ bstan pa¹i don gyi dbang gis rab tu byed pa nyi shu drug pa brtsam mo]\|

dir smras pa| khyod kyis rab tu byed pa ´das ma thag par|
sangs rgyas gyis ni gang du yang]\|
su la´ang⁴ chos ´ga´ ma bstan to]\| [MMK 25-24cd] zhes smras pa ni| bcom ldan ´das kyis rten cing ´brel⁵ par byung ba mu stegs byed kyi ri dags kyi tshogs thams cad byer⁶ par byed pa| lta ba ngan pa¹i skyon nye bar zhi bar byed pa⁷ bka´ stsal pa⁸ de thugs su chud pas bcom ldan ´das ´jig rten na sangs rgyas zhes bya bar snyan par grags pa de¹i phyir khyod kyis de sun dbyung bar ´dod pas|
sangs rgyas gyis ni gang du yang]\|
su la´ang⁹ chos ´ga´ ma bstan to]\| [MMK 25-24cd] zhes smras pa yin pas de la khas blangs pas gnod par ´gyur ro]\|
de¹i phyir bshad¹⁰ pa| ma rig bsgrigs¹¹ pas yang srid phyir]\|
´du byed rnam pa gsum po dag|
mgon par 'du byed gang yin pa'i||
las de dag gis 'gro bar {N286b} 'gro|| [MMK 26-1]

zhes bya ba la sogs pa ste| de la ma rig pa zhes bya ba
ni| rig\(^{12}\) pa'i mi mthun pa'i phyogs su gyur pa'i chos
sam\(^{13}\) rten cing 'brel\(^{14}\) par 'byung ba'i yan lag bcu
gnyis po bdag med pa| gYo ba med pa skad cig ma dag mi
shes pa'i phyir ma rig pa'o\(^{15}\)|| des bsgribs pas zhes bya
ba\(^{16}\) ni khebs pas\(^{17}\) so|| 'dir ma rig pas bsgribs\(^{18}\) pa
kho nas 'du byed rnams mgon par 'du {P313a} byed kyi\(^{20}\)
ma bsgribs\(^{21}\) pas ni mi byed do zhes nges par gzung\(^{22}\) bar
bya'i| ma rig pas bsgribs pas 'du byed rnams kho na
{C251b} zhes ni nges par gzung\(^{23}\) bar mi bya ste| rnam par
shes pa la sogs pa yan lag lhag ma rnams la yang rgyu de
yod pa'i phyir ro||

ma rig pa kho nas {D249b} bsgribs pas zhes\(^{24}\) kyang
nges par gzung\(^{25}\) bar mi bya ste| de las gzhan pa'i nyon
mongs pa rnams kyang yod pa'i phyir ro|| 'du byed rnams
kyi rgyu nyid ni 'dod chags la sogs pa nyon mongs pa
rnams kyang\(^{26}\) yin na ma rig pa gzung\(^{27}\) ba ni gtso bo nyid
yin pa'i phyir te| dper na rgyal po rgyal ba dang dung gi
ma 'gro ba bzhin no||

ci ste yang la la 'di snyam du mi dge ba'i 'du byed
rnams ma rig pa'i rgyu las byung ngo zhes bya ba de ni
gti mug mi dge ba yin pa'i phyir rigs na dge ba'i 'du
byed rnams ji ltar snyam na| ma rig pa dang bcas pa lha'i
pho brang na ihā mo dang rtsen pa'i bde ba nyams su myong bar28 ḍod pas dge ba spyod pa bzhin du ma rig pa yang brgyud pas29 rgyu nyid yin pa'i phyir dang| khor ba ni don dam pa'i mi dge ba yin pas der gtogs30 pa'i dge ba yang mi dge ba yin pa'i phyir ma rig pa ni de mgon par ḍu byed pa'i rgyu yin pa'i phyir skyon med do||

yang srid ces bya ba ni yod pa rgyu dang ḍbras bu'i rgyun ḍrel pas yang srid par 'gyur ba ste| yang skye ba zhes bya ba'i tha tshig go31 yang srid pa'i phyir zhes bya ba ni yang srid pa'i don du'o|| {N287a} ḍu byed ces bya ba ni ḍu byed rnams mgon par ḍu byed pa'o|| rnam pa gsum po dag ces bya ba ni bsod nams dang| bsod nams ma yin pa dang| mi gYo ba'i bye32 brag gis sam| lus dang ngag dang yid kyi ḍu byed kyi bye brag gis so|| mgon par ḍu byed pa33 gang yin pa zhes bya ba ni bsod nams {P313b} la sogs pa'i34 chung ngu dang| ḍbring dang chen po'i bye brag dag35 go36

las de dag gis ḍgro bar ḍgro||37 [MMK 26-1d] zhes bya ba ni bsod nams su nye bar ḍgro ba dang| bsod nams ma yin par nye bar ḍgro ba dang| mi gYo ba'i nye38 bar ḍgro ba'i ḍgro bar ro||

'ṭu byed rkyen can39 rnam par shes|| ḍgro ba rnams su 'jug par 'gyur|| [MMK 26-2ab] zhes bya ba la40 ḍu byed rkyen can zhes bya ba ni
gang la 'du byed kyi rkyen yod pa de ni 'du byed kyi rkyen can te rnam par shes pa'o||41  rnam par shes pa zhes bya ba ni dngos po so sor rnam par rig pa'o|| 'gro ba rnams su zhes bya ba ni lha la sogs pa'i rigs su 'gro ba'i42 'gro ba rnams su'o|| 'jug par 'gyur zhes bya ba ni skye bar 'gyur ba'o||

'dir ni 'du byed kyi rkyen can gyi rnam par shes pa kho na 'jug par 'gyur ro43 zhes kyang nges par gzung44 mi bya {D250a} la| 'du byed kyi rkyen can kho na'i rnam par shes pa 'jug par 'gyur ro45 zhes kyang nges par gzung46 bar mi bya| 'du byed kho na'i rkyen can gyi rnam par shes pa 'jug par 'gyur ro47 zhes kyang nges par gzung48 bar mi bya ste| sems las byung ba rnams kyang 'jug par 'gyur ba'i phyir dang|49 dgra bcom pa 'du byed yod kyang yang50 srid par nying mtshams mi sbyor ba'i phyir dang| srid pa la sogs pa dag gi51 rkyen yang yod pa'i phyir ro52 zhes nges par mi gzung53 ba'i dgos pa go rims bzhin du brjod par bya'o||

'dir slob dpon rnams kyi blo gros {N287b} dag tha dad par gyur te| kha cig na re bar ma do'i srid pa zhes bya ba'i ming54 dang| gzugs kyi rgyun gyis55 'gro ba'i yul 'thob po56 zhes zer ro|| gzhan dag na re rnam par shes pa 'du byed kyi rkyen can57 'gro bar skye ba nyid kyis 'gro ba 'thob po58 zhes zer ro|||

de la snga ma pa dag na re sems can gzugs can gang du 'gags59 pa {P314a} rnams kyi60 gzugs kyi rgyun skye ba
ni rgyun chags su yul gzhan du skye bas yul gzhan thob
par 'dod de| gzugs can yin na 'gro ba'i rgyun rjes su
'jug pa'i phyir61 dper na mar me bzhin no| yang na
gzugs la brten62 pa'i ming dang gzugs kyi rgyun gyis 'chi
ba'i yul nas 'gro ba'i yul gzhan du skye ba'i phyir dper
na gson po'i63 gnas skabs bzhin no zhes zer ro| |

phyi ma pa dag na re gzugs can gyi khams su 'chi ba
dang| skye ba'i srid pa dag ni srid pa {C252b} gzhan gyis
bar bu ma chod de|64 zag pa dang bcas pa'i phyir dper na
gzugs med par 'chi ba dang| skye ba'i srid pa dag bzhin
no||

yang na lus can rnams kyi 'chi ba'i srid pa'i mjug
thogs su lus gang65 skye ba de ni bar ma do'i66 srid pa'i
lus ma yin pa'i phyir te| rnam par smin pa yin pa'i phyir
dang| sdu gsngal gyi bden67 par gtogs pa'i phyir dper na
nye bar 'spyod pa'i lus bzhin no||

gzhan yang yid las byung ba'i lus yul gzhan 'thob
pas 'gro ba'i rgyun rjes su 'jug pa'i phyir des gtan
tshigs ma nges pa'i phyir bar ma do'i srid pa mi 'grub
ste| bar ma do'i srid pa med par yang kha ton68 dang|69
mar me dang|70 rgya dang| me long dang| skad dang| me
shel dang| sa bon dang| skyur71 dag gis phung po'i nying
mtshams sbyor ba mi 'pho bar mkhas pa rnams kyis rtogs
par {D250b} bya'o zhes zer ro||

gzhan ma yin pa na re72 gzugs can yin na 'gro ba'i
rgyun rjes su 'jug pa'i phyir zhes gtan tshigs khyad
(N288a) par can yin paʾi phyir snga ma dag la skyon de med do zhes zer ro||

rnam par shes pa zhugs gyur na|| ming dang gzugs ni chags par ʿgyur|| [MMK 26-2cd]

zhes bya ba la| ming zhes bya ba ni ʿgro ba rnames su73 gzhol baʾam74| nyon mongs pa rnames {P314b} kyis75 gzhol bar bya ba ste| phung po gzugs can ma yin pa bzhi po dag go76 gzugs zhes bya ba ni gzugs su rung ba ste| ʿbyung ba chen po bzhi dang ni77 rgyur byas paʾi gzugs rnames so||

yang ʿdir rnam par shes pa kho naʾi rkyen can gyi ming dang gzugs zhes kyang nges par gzung78 bar mi bya ste| ma79 rig pa la sog pa dag kyang deʾi rkyen yin paʾi phyir ro|| rnam par shes paʾi rkyen can gyi ming dang80 gzugs kho na zhes kyang nges par gzung bar mi bya ste| rdzus te skye ba rnames kyi skye mched drug gi rkyen81 kyang rnam par shes pa yin paʾi phyir dang| gzugs med paʾi ming gi rkyen kyang rnam par shes pa yin paʾi phyir ro|| rnam par shes paʾi rkyen can kho naʾi ming dang gzugs zhes kyang nges par gzung82 bar mi bya ste| ʿdra bcom paʾi tha maʾi sems rkyen ma yin paʾi phyir ro||

{C253a} ming dang gzugs ni chags gyur na|| skye mched drug ni ʿbyung bar ʿgyur|| [MMK 26-3ab]
zhes bya ba la skye mched ces bya ba la ni rnam par shes pa skye ba'i sgo 'byed par byed pa'o || drug ces bya ba nang gi skye mched kyi dbang du byas pa'i phyir te\textsuperscript{83} | de dag ni mig dang|\textsuperscript{84} rna ba dang| sna dang| lce dang| lus dang| yid ces bya ba dag yin par 'dod do|| mig gi skye mched ni yul kha dog dang| gzugs dang ba dang| mig gi rnam par shes pa'i gnas dang ldan pa'o|| rna ba la sogs pa lus kyi bar gyi skye mched dag kyang yul sgra la sogs pa dang| gzugs dang ba dang|\textsuperscript{85} rna ba la sogs pa'i {N288b} rnam par shes pa dag gi gnas dang ldan pa'o|| yid kyi skye mched ni rnam par shes pa'i tshogs drug po dag 'gags ma thag pa'o||

'dir yang ming dang gzugs kho na'i rkyen can gyi skye mched drug ces kyang nges par gzung bar mi bya ste| 'du\textsuperscript{86} byed\textsuperscript{87} la {P315a} sogs pa dag kyang de'i rkyen yin pa'i phyir dang| rdzus te skye ba rnam s kyi skye mched drug gi rkyen ming 'ba' zhig kyang yin pa'i phyir ro|| {D251a} ming dang gzugs kyi rkyen can gyi skye mched drug kho na zhes kyang nges par gzung bar mi bya ste| reg\textsuperscript{88} pa la sogs pa dag gi rkyen kyang ming dang gzugs yin pa'i phyir ro|| ming dang gzugs kyi rkyen can kho na'i skye mched drug ces kyang nges par gzung bar mi bya ste| dgra bcom pa'i tha ma'i ming dang gzugs rkyen ma yin pa'i phyir ro||
skye mched drug la brten nas ni||
de las reg pa ʰbyung bar ʰgyur|| [MMK 26-3cd]

zhes bya ba la brten nas zhes bya ba ni gnas thob nas so|| de las zhes bya ba ni skye mched drug las so||
reg pa zhes bya ba ni phrad pa ste bde ba dang| sduk bsngal dang| sduk bsngal ba yang ma yin bde ba yang ma
yin pa myong bar ʰgyur ba ste| mtshan nyid ʰog nas ston
to||

mig⁹⁰ dang gzugs dang dran byed la||
brten nas skye ba kho na yin|| [MMK 26-4ab]

zhes bya ba la⁹¹ dran byed ces bya ba ni yid la byed
paʰo||

de ltar ming dang gzugs⁹² brten nas||⁹³
rnam {C253b} par shes pa skye bar ʰgyur||⁹⁴
[MMK 26-4cd]

ʰjug paʰi dus na ste| ji ltar mig dang gzugs la
brten nas gzugs la dmigs paʰi rnam par shes pa skye ba de
bzhin du rna ba dang| sgra la brten pa dang| yid dang
chos rnam kyī bər la brten nas yid kyī rnam par shes pa
skye bar⁹⁵ brjod par bya ste| skye mched drug gi ʰbras bu
skye ba brjod par ʰdod paʰi phyir ro||
\texttt{\texttt{'o na reg pa de gang zhe na|}}
\texttt{mig dang gzugs dang rnam par shes| 96}
\texttt{\{N289a\} gsum po 'dus pa gang yin pa|}
\texttt{de ni reg pa [MMK 26-5ab,c1]}

\texttt{zhes bya ba yin te| gsum po zhes bya ba ni dbang po}
\texttt{dang 97 yul dang 98 rnam par shes pa rnams so| 'dus pa}
\texttt{zhes bya ba ni gcig tu tshogs pa \{P315b\} ste| de ni reg}
\texttt{pa yin no| mig la sogs pa smos pa ni khyad par bstan}
\texttt{pa'i phyir te| de dag gi dbang gis reg pa brtag sla ba'i}
\texttt{phyir ro|}

\texttt{reg pa de 99 las 100}
\texttt{tshor ba kun tu 'byung bar 'gyur| 101 [MMK 26-5c2,d]}

\texttt{zhes bya ba la 102 tshor ba zhes bya ba ni so sor rig pa'i}
\texttt{don gyis te| rnam pa gsum myong ba'o| kun tu 'byung bar}
\texttt{'gyur zhes bya ba ni mngon par 'byung bar 'gyur ba ste|}
\texttt{reg pa'i rkyen can gyi 103 tshor ba 104 'byung ngo zhes bya}
\texttt{ba'i tha tshig go 105}

\texttt{tshor ba'i rkyen gyis sred pa ste|}
\texttt{tshor ba'i don la sred par 'gyur| [MMK 26-6ab]}

\texttt{zhes bya ba la 106 sred pa zhes bya ba ni 'dod pa'i mtshan}
nyid do||

tshor ba'i don la sred par 'gyur||107  [MMK 26-6b] zhes bya ba ni| byis pa thos pa dang mi ldan pa ral gri'i so la {D251b} sbrang rtsi'i108 thigs pas skus pa109 mngar ba'i ro yun thung ba lta bu'i 'gyur ba'i110 sdu g bsngal mnog chung la nyes dmigs che ba ma rtogs pa rnam slde la sred par 'gyur ro||

ci ste 'di snyam du bde ba'i tshor ba ni phan 'dogs pa yin pas nyams su myong ba na yang dang yang du de 'dod pas111 de la sred par 'gyur bar rigs na sdu g bsngal gyi tshor ba ni snyams su myong ba na112 gnod par 'gyur ba yin pas de113 'dod par mi 'gyur ba yin na ji ltar de'i rkyen gyis sred par 'gyur zhe na| sdu g bsngal gyi tshor ba nyams su myong ba114 na de dang 'bral bar 'dod pa'i sred pa skye bas skyon med do||

sred115 par gyur pa nye bar len||
rnam pa bzhi po nyr116 {C254a} len 'gyur||

[MMK 26-6cd]

zhes bya la117 nye bar len pa zhes bya ba ni nye bar blang ba yin pas nye bar len pa'o|| kha cig na re| srid pa {N289b} 'phel ba nyid nye bar len pa'o zhes118 zer ro|| gzhan dag na re| langs sypod rnam sloh bar bya ba'i phyir 'ba di pa'o zhe'o|| rnam pa bzhi po zhes bya ba ni 'dod pa dang| lta ba dang| tshul khrims dang119 brtul
zhugs mchog {P316a} tu `dzin pa dang| bdag tu smra ba nye bar len pa`i msthon nyid dag go|^{120}

nyer len yod na^{121} len pa po`i^{122}||

srid pa rab tu `byung bar `gyur|| [MMK 26-7ab]

zhes bya ba la| srid pa zhes bya ba ni la` kyi srid pa zhes bya ba ste| srid par byed pas srid pa`o|| yang na srid pa ni `byung ba ste| `byung ba dang^{123} skye ba zhes bya ba dag ni rnam grangs so|| srid pa`i rgyu`i las gang yin pa de srid pa ste| `bras bu la rgyu nye bar btags pa`i phyir dper na sangs rgyas rnam `byung ba bde`o^{124} zhes bya ba bzhin no||

`dir yang reg^{125} pa la sog`s pa dag ni gnyi ga ltar yang nges^{126} par gzung bar mi bya ste| rkyen nyid kyis de dag rkyen can yin pa`i phyir dang| de dag gzhan dag gi rkyen kyang yin pa`i phyir ro|| rnam par shes pa la sog`s pa da ltar gyi dus su gtogs pa dag ni ma rig pa dang `du byed ces bya ba dag gi rgyu las byung ba yin^{127} no||

de la gal te dge ba`i bshes gnyen la brten pa dang| dam pa`i chos nyan pa dang| tshul bzhin yid la byed pas `du byed rnam sdu g bsgal ba la sog`s pa`i rnam pa dag gis `du byed kyi sdu g bsgal nyid dam| ngo bo nyid stong pas ma skyes par mthong ba de`i tshe na de kho na shes pa skyes pas sred^{128} par mi `gyur zhi| sred^{129} pa med na nye bar {D252a} len par mi byed pas|
gal te nye bar len med na|| \(130\)
grol bar 'gyur te srid mi 'gyur|| [MMK 26-7cd]

rten cing 'brel par\(^{131}\) 'byung ba phung po gsum pa la yang
da ltar yod pa 'jig na 'bras bu nye bar ston pa yin la
yod pa 'jig pa'i sbyor ba yang da ltar gyi dus kho na'i
sbyor ba yin pa'i phyir ro||

nye bar len {C254b} pa yod {N290a} na srid pa zhes
gsungs pa de'i mtshan nyid kyang gang zhe na|

srid pa de yang phung po lnga|| \(132\) [MMK 26-8a]

'dir {P316b} yang phung po lnga'i rgyu\(^{133}\) la phung
po lnga zhes tha snyad btags te| phung po lnga ni srid pa
kho na'o zhes nges par gzung bar\(^{134}\) bya'i| phung po lnga
kho na srid pa'o zhes ni nges par gzung bar mi bya ste|
gzugs med pa'i khams kyi srid pa ni phung po bzhi po\(^{135}\)
yin pa'i phyir ro||

srid pa las ni skye ba 'byung|| \(136\) [MMK 26-8b]

zhes bya ba la\(^{137}\) skye ba zhes bya ba ni skye bas na skye
ba ste| phung po rnam's ma byung ba las 'byung ba'o||

rga shi dang ni mya ngan dang|| [MMK 26-8c]
zhes bya ba la⁴³⁸ rga shi zhes bya ba⁴³⁹ ni yongs 'gyur ba dang| 'jig pa'i rgyu dag go|⁴⁴⁰ mya ngan zhes bya ba ni sduk pa dang bral bas bskyed⁴⁴¹ pa ste| nang gi yong su gdung ba'i mtshan nyid do||

smre sngags 'don bcas sduk bsngal dang||⁴⁴²

[MMK 26-8d]

zhes bya ba la| smre sngags 'don pa zhes bya ba ni skye bo snying du sduk pa chud zos pa'i yon tan kun tu⁴⁴³ brjod pa la brten pa'i tshig brjod pa ste| yongs su smre⁴⁴⁴ zhirg smre sngags 'don pa'o|| sduk bsngal zhes bya ba ni lus kyi mi bde ba tshor ba'o||

yid mi bde⁴⁴⁵ dang 'khrug pa rnams||⁴⁴⁶ [MMK 26-9a]

zhes bya ba la| yid mi bde dang zhes bya ba ni sms kyi mi bde ba tshor ba'o|| 'khrug pa rnams zhes bya ba ni lus dang sms 'khrug pas 'khrug pa rnams so||

de dag skye⁴⁴⁷ las rab tu byung||⁴⁴⁸ [MMK 26-9b]

zhes bya ba ni de ltar rga shi la sogs pa ji skad bstan pa de dag skye ba las rab tu 'byung bar 'gyur ba'o||
de ltar sāug bsngal phung po ni||
'ba' zhih pa 'di149 'byung bar150 'gyur||

[MMK 26-9cd]

zhes bya ba la| sāug bsngal phung po zhes bya ba ni sāug
bsngal gyi tshogs zhes bya ba'i tha tshig go151 'ba'
zhig pa zhes bya ba ni bde ba dang ma 'dres pa zhes bya
ba'i tha tshig go152 'di 'byung bar 'gyur zhes bya ba
ni skye bar {N290b} 'gyur ba'o|| tha snyad kyi bden par
gtogs pa'i phung po de 'byung ba de ni153 tha snyad pa'i
rten cing {P317a} brel par 'byung ba yin no|| don dam
par ni skye ba med pa'i rab tu byed par ji skad bstan
{C255a} pa'i tshul {D252b} gysis yod pa ma yin pas khas
blangs pa la gnod pa med do||

de ltar skye ba'i rgyun 'jug pa de ji ltar ldog pa
'gyur zhe na| de'i phyir bshad pa| gang gi phyir mi mkhas
pa rnams kyis mgon par 'du byas pa|

de phyir mkhas rnams 'khor ba ni||

rtsa ba'i 'du byed 'du mi byed|| [MMK 26-10ab]

'du byed kyi skyon mthong ba rnams yang dag pa154 ji
lta ba bzhin du mthong ba nyid kyis155 de mgon par 'du
mi byed pa'i phyir ro|| mi mkhas pa rnams ni 'du byed
sgyu ma dang| smig rgyu lta bu thog ma med pa'i rkyen
bgrgyud pa156 las157 byung158 ba dag la de dag gi skyon ma
mthong ba'i phyir yang dang yang du bde ba nyams su myong
bar 'dod pas mngon par 'du byed pas|  

de¹⁵⁹ phyir mi mkhas byed pa yin| |  

mkhas min de nyid mthong phyir ro| | [MMK 26-10cd]  
gnyen po skyes pa'i phyir dang| nyon mongs pa dang| shes
bya'i sgrib pa'i ngo bo nyid kyi ma rig pa spangs pa'i
phyir ro| |  

ma rig 'gags par gyur na ni| |  
'du byed rnams kyang 'byung mi 'gyur| |  
[MMK 26-11ab]  

rkyen med pa'i phyir sa bon med pas¹⁶⁰ myu gu bzhin no| |  

ma rig pa 'gag¹⁶¹ pa de yang|  

ma rig 'gag¹⁶² par 'gyur ba¹⁶³ ni| |  

shes pa de nyid bsgoms pas so| | [MMK 26-11cd]  

chos bdag med pa nyid kyi yul can stong pa nyid shes pa
rten cing 'brel par 'byung ba la dmigs pa de nyid ji skad
bstan pa'i tshul gyis dngos po'i ngo bo nyid ma lus par
dgag¹⁶⁴ pas bsgom zhung goms par bya bas so| |  

de dang de ni 'gags gyur pas¹⁶⁵| |
de dang de ni mgon mi 'byung | [MMK 26-12ab]

'du byed la sogs pa srid pa'i yan lag snga ma de
dang de gnyen po skyes pas 'gags par gyur pas rnam par
shes {N29a} pa la sogs pa srid pa'i yan lag phyi ma de {P317b}
dang de mgon par 'byung bar mi 'gyur te | 'du byed 'gags
pas rnam par shes pa 'gag ces bya ba nas | skye ba 'gags
pas rga shi 'gag ces bya ba'i bar du mgon par 'byung bar
mi 'gyur ro| |

sdug bsngal phung po 'ba' zhig pa||
de ni de ltar yang dag 'gag | [MMK 26-12cd]

tha snyad kyi bden pa yongs su gzung166 ba las so||
don dam par ni ma rig pa la sogs {C255b} pa rten cing
'obre par 'byung ba'i yan lag ma skyes pa rnam s la skye
ba med pa'i phyir 'gag pa yang med do| | bcom ldan 'das
kyis don167 dam par rnam par byang ba'i rten cing
'obre168 par 'byung ba bka' stsal par khas ma blangs pa'i
phyir khas blangs pa la gnod169 pa'i skabs med de| de la
{D253a} 'dir rab tu byed pa'i don ni pha rol pos rab tu
byed pa'i dang por dam bcas pa'i skyon bstan pa'i lan
btab pas tha snyad pa'i rten cing 'obre par 'byung ba
bstan pa yin no||

de'i phyir bcom ldan 'das kyis rten cing 'obre170
par 'byung ba ni skye ba med pa171 de'i phyir rten cing
ｂｒｅｌ ｂａｒ ｂｙｕｎｇ ｂａ ｚｈｅｓ ｂｙａ ｓｔｅ| ｇａｎｇ ｂａ ｓｋｙｅ ｂａ ｍｅｄ ｐａ ｄｅ ｌａ ｇａɡ ｂａ ｇａ ｌａ ｙｏｄ₁７２ ｄｅ| ｇａｇ ｂａ ｍｅｄ ｂａｒ ｒｔｏｇ ｂａｓ₁７３ ｒｔｅｎ ｃｉｎｇ ｂｒｅｌ ｂａｒ ｂｙｕｎｇ ｂａ ｒｔｏｇ ｓｏ₁７４ ｚｈｅｓ ｂｙａ ｂａ ｌａ ｓｏｇš₁７５ ｐａ ｊｉ ｓｋａｄ ｇｓｕｎｇｓ ｐａ ｄｅ ｄａｇ ｇｒｕｂ ｐａ ｙｉｎ ｎｏ||

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Notes to Tibetan Text of Prajñāpradīpa.
Chapter Twenty-six

1DC: de.
2PN: pa.
3C: nga.
4C: la 'ang.
5C: 'dres.
6C: 'byed.
7DC add |
8DC omm. |
9C: la 'ang.
10C: ba shad for bshad.
11PN: sgribs; C: bsgri bas.
12C: rigs.
13DC omm. |
14N: bral.
15N: pa'a.
16PN: bas.
17C: pa sa for pas.
18PN: sgribs.
19PNDC add mi byed do (N: da) zhes (DC: ces for do zhes) nges par gzung (PN: bzung) ba; Ava P363b-5, D306b-4 omm. mi byed do zhes nges par gzung ba.
20DC omm. |
21PN: sgribs.
22PN: bzung.
23PN: bzung.
24DC: shes.
25PN: bzung.
26PN omm. kyang.
27PN: bzung.
28PN: bas.
29DC: rgyud las for brgyud pas.
30PN: btags; DC: brtags; Ava P364a-8, D307a-4:
gtogs.
31DC: ||.
32C: bya.
33PN omm. pa.
34DC: pa.
35PN omm. dag.
36D: ||.
37PN omm. ||.
38C: nya.
39N: dang.
40DC add |.
41C: |.
42DC: pa`i.
43PN add ||.
44PN: bzung.
45PN add ||.
46PN: bzung.
47 PN add 1.
48 PN: bzung.
49 DC omm. 1.
50 PN omm. yang.
51 PN: gis.
52 PN add 1.
53 PN: bzung.
54 D: zhes ba’i ming, C: zhes bya’i mi for zhes bya ba’i ming.
55 PN omm. rgyun gyis.
56 PN: bo.
57 PNDC add nye bar; Ava P365b-6, D308a-6 omm. nye bar.
58 PN: bo.
59 PN: ’gag.
60 PNDC: kyis; Ava P366a-6, D308b-4: kyi.
61 PN add 1.
62 N: rten.
63 D: pa’i.
64 PN: do!1.
65 PNDC: dag; Ava P367a-8, D309b-3: gang.
66 C: mdo’i for ma do’i.
67 P: bdan.
68 PN: dog; DC: don; Ava P368a-3, D310a-4: ton.
69 DC omm. 1.
70 PN omm. 1.
71 P: sgyar.
72 PN add |.
73 P: kyi.
74 PN: ba 'am.
75 P: su; N: kyi.
76 DC: ||.
77 DC omm. ni.
78 C: da zug for gzung.
79 P: mi.
80 DC add |.
81 DC add rnams.
82 P: bzung.
83 N: ta.
84 DC omm. |.
85 PN: dang 1dan pa'o | for dang|.
86 P: 'di.
87 N: byad.
88 N: rag.
89 P: nas | for gnas so|.
90 PNDC: ming; Ava P370a-3: ming, D311b-7: mig.
91 DC add |.
92 PNDC add 1a.
93 PNDC: |.
94 PNC: |.
95 PN: ba.
96 PN: |.
PN add
PN omm.
P: da.
PN omm. ||
PN omm. ||
DC add |
PN: gyis.
DC add kun.
DC: ||
DC add |
PN omm. ||
PN: rtsi.
PNDC add dang; Ava P371b-2, D313a-4 omm. dang.
PNDC: bur gyur pa (P: ba) ni for bu'i 'gyur ba'i;
Ava P371b-2, D313a-4: bu'i 'gyur ba'i.
DC add |
P: ni.
DC: des.
DC: bas.
PN: srid.
P: nye.
DC add |
C: zhas.
PN add |
DC: ||
DC: pa.
122C: pa'i.

123DC: add | |
124PN: add |||
125C: rog.
126N: ngas.

127PNDC: bzhin; Ava P372b-1, D313b-7: yin.

128PN: srid.
129PN: srid.

130P: | |
131P: bar.
132P: | |

133PNDC: rgyun; Ava P373a-8: rgyu, D314b-5: rgyun.

Following commentary in Ava supports rgyu.

134PN: add mi.
135PN: pa.
136PN: omm. |||

137DC: add | |
138DC: add | |

139DC: pa for bya ba.
140DC: |||
141DC: skyed.
142PN: omm. |||

143C: du.
144DC: smra.
145PN: add ba.
146PN: omm. |||
147 PN add ba.
148 PN omm. ||.
149 DC: ni.
150 N: par.
151 DC: ||.
152 D: ||.
153 N om. |.
154 PN: par.
155 PN: kyi.
156 P: ba.
157 C: la.
158 N: byung.
159 PN: de' i.
160 DC: pa'i.
161 DC: 'gags.
162 DC: 'gags.
163 PND: gyur na for 'gyur ba; Ava P374b-8, D316a-2:

'gyur ba.
164 PN: 'gag.
165 PND: 'gyur bas, C: 'gyur pas for gyur pas; Ava P375a-2, D316a-3: gyur pas.
166 PN: bzung.
167 N: dan.
168 N: 'bral.
169 N: gnad.
170 N: 'bral.
171 \text{DC}: \text{pas.}

172 \text{N}: \text{yad.}

173 \text{PC add} \ |

174 \text{PN add} \ |

175 \text{N}: \text{sags.}
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Appendix A: Sanskrit Text of MMK for Chapters of BPP

Chapter Three

darśanaṁ śravaṇaṁ ghrāṇaṁ rasanaṁ sparśanaṁ manaḥ|
indriyāni śaḥ eteśāṁ draṣṭavyādīni gocaraḥ|| 1

svam ātmānaṁ darśanaṁ hi tat tam eva na paśyati|
na paśyati yad ātmānaṁ katham draṃṣyati tat parān|| 2

na paryāpto 'gniḍrṣtānto darśanasya prasiddhaye|
sadarśanaḥ sa pratyukto gamyamānaṇatāgataiḥ|| 3

nāpaśyamānaṁ bhavāci yadā kim cana darśanaṁ|
darśanaṁ paśyatīty evaṁ katham etat tu yujyate|| 4

paśyati darśanaṁ naiva naiva paśaty adarśanaṁ|
vyākhyāto darśanenaiva draṣṭā cāpy avagamytāṁ|| 5

draṣṭā nāsty atiraskṛtya tiraskṛtya ca darśanaṁ|
draṣṭavyaṁ darśanaṁ caiva draṣṭary adati te kutaḥ|| 6

pratītya mātapitarau yathoktaḥ putrasamabhavah|
Chapter Four

rupakaraṇanirmuktaṁ na rūpaṁ upalabhyaṁ|
rūpeṇaṁpi na nirmuktaṁ dṛśyate rūpakaraṇaṁ|| 1

rupakaraṇanirmukte rūpe rūpaṁ prasajyate|
āhetukaṁ na cāsty arthaḥ kaścid āhetukaḥ kvacit|| 2

rūpeṇa tu vinirmuktaṁ yadi syād rūpakaraṇaṁ|
akāryakaṁ kāraṇaṁ syān nāsty akāryaṁ ca kāraṇaṁ|| 3

rūpe saty eva rūpasya kāraṇaṁ nopapadyate|
rūpe 'saty eva rūpasya kāraṇaṁ nopapadyate|| 4

niṣkāraṇaṁ punā rūpaṁ naiva naivopapadyate|
tasmād rūpagaratāṁ kāṁscin na vikalpāṁ vikalpayet|| 5
na kāraṇasya sādṛśaṁ kāryam ity upapadyate|
na kāraṇasyāsādṛśaṁ kāryam ity upapadyate||

vedanācittasaṁjñānaṁ saṁskāraṁ ca sarvasaḥ|
sarvesaṁ eva bhāvanāṁ rupeṇaiva samaḥ kramaḥ||

vigrahe yaḥ pariharaṁ kṛte śūnyatayā vadet|
sarvaṁ tasyāparehṛtaṁ sāmāṁ sādhyena jāyate||

vyākhyāne ya upālambhaṁ kṛte śūnyatayā vadet|
sarvaṁ tasyānupālabdhāṁ sāmāṁ sādhyena jāyate||

Chapter Five

nākāśaṁ vidyate kimcit pūrvam ākāśalakṣaṇaḥ|
alakṣaṇaṁ prasajyeta syāt pūrvam yadi lakṣaṇaḥ||

alakṣaṇo na kaścic ca bhāvaḥ saṁvidyate kvacit|
asaty alakṣaṇe bhāve kramatāṁ kuha lakṣaṇaṁ||

nālakṣaṇe lakṣaṇasya pravṛttir na salakṣaṇe|
salakṣaṇālakṣaṇābhyaṁ nāpy anyatra pravartate||

lakṣaṇaṁ saṁpravṛtttau ca na lakṣyaṁ upapadyate|
lakṣasyānupapattau ca lakṣaṇasyāpy asambhavaḥ||
tasmān na vidyate lakṣyām lakṣaṇām naiva vidyate
taksayalakṣaṇanirmukto naiva bhāvo 'pi vidyate
avidyamāne bhāve ca kasyābhāvo bhaviṣyati
bhāvabhāvavidharmā ca bhāvābhāvāv avaiti kaḥ
tasmān na bhāvo nābhāvo na lakṣyām nāpi lakṣaṇām
ākāśam ākāśasamā dhātavaḥ paṇca ye 'pare
estitvam ye tu paśyanti nästitvam cālpabuddhayah
bhāvānām te na paśyanti draṣṭavyopāsaṇām śivam

Chapter Seventeen

ātmasamyamakām cetaḥ parānugrāhakām ca yat
maitraṁ sa dharmas tad bījam phalasya pretya ceha ca
cetanā cetayitvā ca karmoktaṁ paramarśinā
tasyānekaavidho bhedaḥ karmanāḥ parikīrtitāḥ
tatra yac cetanety uktam karma tan mānasam smṛtam
cetayitvā ca yat tūktam tat tu kāyikavācikaṁ
vāg vispando 'viratayo yāś cāvijñaptisamjñitāḥ
avijñaptaya evānyāḥ smṛtā viratayās tathā|

paribhogānvayaṃ puṇyaṃ apuṇyaṃ ca tathāvidhaṃ|
cetanā ceti saptātae dharmāṅ karmāṅjanāḥ smṛtāḥ|

tiṣṭhāty āpākakālāc cet karma tan nityatāṃ iyāt|
niruddham cēn niruddham sat kim phalaṃ janayiṣyati|

yo ākuraprabhṛtīr bijāt saṃtāno ’bhipravartate|
tataḥ phalaṃ ṛte bijāt sa ca nābhīpravartate|

bijāc ca yasmāt saṃtānaḥ saṃtānāc ca phalodbhavah|
bijapūrvaṃ phalaṃ tasmān nocchinnam nāpi śāśvataṃ|

yas tasmāc cittasaṃtānas cetasa ’bhipravartate|
tataḥ phalaṃ ṛte cittāt sa ca nābhīpravartate|

cittāc ca yasmāt saṃtānaḥ saṃtānāc ca phalodbhavah|
karmapūrvaṃ phalaṃ tasmān nocchinnam nāpi śāśvataṃ|

dharmasya sādhanopāyāḥ śuklāḥ karmapathā daśa|
phalaṃ kāmagunāḥ paṃca dharmasya pretya cēha ca|

bahavaś ca mahāntaś ca doṣāḥ syur yadi kalpanā|
syād eṣā tena naivaiṣā kalpanātropapadyate
imāṃ punaḥ pravākṣyāmi kalpaṇāṃ yātra yojyate|
buddhaiḥ pratyekabuddhaiś ca śrāvakaiś ca nnuvarṇitāṃ|

pattram yathā vipraṇāśas tatharṇam iva karma ca|
caturvidho dhātutāḥ sa prakṛtyā vyākṛtaś ca saḥ|

prahāṇato na praheyo bhāvanāheya eva vai|
tasmād avipraṇāśena jāyate karmaṇāṃ phalam|

prahāṇataḥ praheyaḥ syāt karmaṇaḥ samkrameṇa vai|
yadi dosāḥ prasajyeraṃs tatra karmavadhādayah|

sarvesām visabhāgāṇāṃ sabhāgāṇāṃ ca karmanām|
pratisamdhau sadhātunāṃ eka upathyate tu saḥ|

karmaṇaḥ karmeṇa drṣṭe dharmah upathyate tu saḥ|
dviprakārasya sarvasya vipakve ṇpi ca tiṣṭhati|

phalavyatikramād vā sa maraṇād vā nirudhyate|
anāsraṇaḥ sāsraṇaḥ ca vibhāgaḥ tatra ikṣayet|

śūnyataḥ ca na cocchedaḥ saṃsāraś ca na śāśvataṃ|
karmaṇo vipraṇāśaś ca dharma buddhena deśitaḥ|

karma notpadyate kasmāṃ niḥsvabhāvaṃ yatas tataḥ|
yasmāc ca taḥ anutpannaṃ na tasmād vipraṇāśyati|
karma svabhāvata ś cet syāc chaśvataṁ syād asaṁśayaṁ
d 22
akṛtam ca bhavet karma kriyate na hi ṣaśvataṁ

akṛtābhyaśgamabhayaṁ syāt karmākṛtakaṁ yadi|
abrahmacaryavāsaś ca dosas tatra prasajyate|
23
vyavahārā virudhyante sarva eva na sāṁśayaḥ
puṇyapāpakṛtor naiva pravibhāgaś ca yujyate|
24
tadvipakvavipākaṁ ca punar eva vipakṣyati|
karma vyavasthitam yasmāt tasmāt svābhāvikaṁ yadi|
25
ekarma kleśātmakam cedam te ca kleśa na tattvataḥ
na cet te tattvataḥ kleśāḥ karma syāt tattvataḥ kathā|
26

karma kleśāś ca dehānāṁ pratyayāḥ samudāhṛtāḥ
karma kleśāś ca te śūnyā yadi deheṣu kā kathā|
27
avidyānirṛto jantus tṛṣṇāsaṁyojanaś ca saḥ|
sa bhoktā sa ca na kartur anyo na ca sa eva saḥ|
28
na pratyayasamutpannaṁ nāpratyayasamutthitaṁ
asti yasmād idaṁ karma tasmāt kartāpi nāsty atah|
29
karma cen nāsti kartā ca kutaḥ syāt karmajaṃ phalaṃ| 30
asaty atha phale bhoktā kuta eva bhaviṣyati||
yathā nirmitakaṃ śāstā nirmimītardhīsampadā| 31
nirmiṭo nirmimītānāṃ sa ca nirmitakaḥ punaḥ||
tathā nirmitakākāraḥ kartā yat karma tatkṛttaṃ| 32
tadyathā nirmitenānyo nirmiṭo nirmitas tathā||
klesāḥ karmaṇi dehas ca kartārasa ca phalaṇi ca|
gandharvanagarākārā marīcispnapnasamnībhāḥ|| 33

Chapter Twenty-three

saṃkalpaprabhavo rāgo dveṣo mohas ca kathyate|
śubhāśubhaviparyāsān saṃbhavanti pratītya hi|| 1
śubhāśubhaviparyāsān saṃbhavanti pratītya ye|
te svabhāvān na vidyante tasmāt klesā na tattvataḥ|| 2
ātmano ‘stitvanāstitve na kathamīc ca sidhyataḥ|
tamo ‘stitvanāstitve klesānāṃ sidhyataḥ katham|| 3
kasyacid dhi bhavantīme klesāḥ sa ca na sidhyati|
kaścid āho vinā kaṃcīt santi klesā na kasyacit|| 4
svakāyadrśṭivat kleśāḥ klīṣte santi na pañcadhāḥ
svakāyadrśṭivat klīṣṭam kleśeśv api na pañcadhāḥ|| 5

svabhāvato na vidyante śubhāśubhāvīparīyayāḥ||
pratītya katamān kleśāḥ śubhāśubhāvīparīyayān|| 6

rūpaśabdarasarpāsā gandhā dharmāś ca śaḍvidham||
vastu rāgasya dosasya mohasya ca vikalpyate|| 7

rūpaśabdarasarpāsā gandhā dharmāś ca kevalāḥ||
gandharvanāgarākārā marīcīsvapnaṃsamanibhāḥ|| 8

aśubham vā śubham vāpi kutas teṣu bhaviṣyati||
māyāpurūṣakalpeṣu pratibimbasameṣu ca|| 9

anapekṣya śubham nāasty aśubham prajñapayemahi||
yat pratītya śubham tasmāc chubham naivopapadyate|| 10

anapekṣyāśubham nāsti śubham prajñapayemahi||
yat pratītyāśubham tasmād aśubham naiva vidyate|| 11

avidyamāne ca śubhe kuto rāgo bhaviṣyati||
āśubhe 'vidyamāne ca kuto dveṣo bhaviṣyati|| 12

anitye nityam ity evam yadi grāho viparyayāḥ||
nānityam  vidyate śūnye kuto grāho viparyayah

anitye nityam ity evaṁ yadi grāho viparyayah
anityam ity api grāhaḥ śūnye kim na viparyayah

yena grhrnāti yo grāho grahiṭā yac ca grhyate
upasāntāni sarvāṇi tasmād grāho na vidyate

avidyamāne grāhe ca mithyā vā samyaṇa eva vā
bhaved viparyayah kasya bhavet kasyaṁ viparyayah

na cāpi viparītasya saṁbhavanti viparyayah
na cāpy aviparītasya saṁbhavanti viparyayah

na viparyasyamānasya saṁbhavanti viparyayah
vimṛṣasva svayaṁ kasya saṁbhavanti viparyayah

anutpannāḥ kathāṁ nāma bhaviṣyanti viparyayah
viparyayeṣv ajāteṣu viparyayagataḥ kutah

na svato jāyate bhāvah parato naiva jāyate
na svataḥ parataḥ ceti viparyayagataḥ kutah

ātmā ca śuci nityaṁ ca sukhaṁ ca yadi vidyate
ātmā ca śuci nityaṁ ca sukhaṁ ca na viparyayah
nātmā ca śuci nityam ca sukham ca yadi vidyate|
anātmā śucya anityam ca naiva duḥkham ca vidyate| 22

evam nirudhyate vidyā viparyayanirodhanāt|
avidyāyām niruddhāyam saṃskārādyam nirudhyate| 23

yadi bhūtāḥ svabhāvena klesāḥ kecid dhi kasyacit|
kathāṃ nāma prahīyeraṃ kaḥ svabhāvaṃ prahāsyati|| 24

yady abhūtāḥ svabhāvena klesāḥ kecid dhi kasyacit|
kathāṃ nāma prahīyeraṃ ko ‘sadbhāvaṃ prahāsyati|| 25

Chapter Twenty-six

punarbhavāya saṃskārān avidyānivṛtas tridhā|
abhisāmskurute yāms tair gatim gacchati karmabhiḥ|| 1

viṃśānum samniviśate saṃskārapratyayaṃ gatau|
samniviṣṭe 'tha viṃśe nāmarūpam niṣicyate|| 2

niṣikte nāmarūpe tu śaḍāyatanasambhavāḥ|
śaḍāyatanam āgamyā saṃsparśāḥ sampravartate|| 3

cakṣuḥ pratītya rūpaṃ ca samanvāhāram eva ca|
nāmarūpam pratītyaivaṃ viṃśe sampravartate|| 4
saṃnipātas trayāṇāṁ yo rūpavijñānacakṣuṣāṁ
sparśah sa tasmāt sparśāc ca vedanā sampravartate|| 5

vedanāpratayā trṣṇā vedanārtham hi trṣyate|
trṣyamāna upādānam upādatte caturvidham|| 6

upādāne sati bhava upādātuḥ pravartate|
syād dhi yady anupādāno mucyeta na bhaved bhavah|| 7

pañca skandhāḥ sa ca bhavo bhavaj jātiḥ pravartate|
jarāmaranaḍuḥkhādi sokaḥ saparidevanāḥ|| 8

daurnanasyam upāyāsā jāter etat pravartate|
kevalasyaivam etasya duḥkhaskandhasya sambhavaḥ|| 9

saṃsāramūlaṁ saṃskārān avidvān saṃskaroty atah|
avidvān kārakas tasmān na vidvāṁs tattvadarśanāt|| 10

avidyāyāṁ niruddhāyāṁ saṃskārāṇāṁ asambhavaḥ|
avidyāyā nirodhas tu jñānasyasyaiva bhāvanāt|| 11

tasya tasya nirodhena tat tan nābhipravartate|
duḥkhaskandhaḥ kevalo 'yam evaṁ samyag nirudhyate|| 12
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