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**Calling Witness with a Hundred Prostrations**

*dpang skong phyag brgya pa*



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## SUMMARY

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*Calling Witness with a Hundred Prostrations* is widely known as the first sūtra to arrive in Tibet, long before Tibet became a Buddhist nation, during the reign of the Tibetan King Lha Thothori Nyentsen. Written to be recited for personal practice, it opens with a hundred and eight prostrations and praises to the many buddhas of the ten directions and three times, to the twelve categories of scripture contained in the Tripiṭaka, to the bodhisattvas of the ten directions, and to the arhat disciples of the Buddha. After making offerings to them, confessing and purifying nonvirtue, and making the aspiration to perform virtuous actions in every life, the text includes recitations of the vows of refuge in the Three Jewels, and of generating the thought of enlightenment. The text concludes with a passage rejoicing in the virtues of the holy ones, a request for the buddhas to bestow a prophecy to achieve enlightenment, and the aspiration to pass from this life in a state of pure Dharma.

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## INTRODUCTION

i.1

*Calling Witness with a Hundred Prostrations* is widely known and revered as one of the first Buddhist texts to come to Tibet, arriving during the third century according to the dating by traditional Tibetan historians, or during the fifth century, according to Western scholars such as Hugh Richardson and Erik Haarh.<sup>1</sup> In any case, this was long before the people of Tibet became Buddhist or had a written language. This history is substantiated by the text's own colophon, as well as Butön's seminal *History of Buddhism in India and Tibet*. As Butön (*bu ston*) relates in Obermiller's translation:

i.2

As the 26th of this line [beginning with the first Tibetan King Ña-thi-tsen-po], there appeared the King Tho-tho-ri-ñan-tsen. When the latter attained the age of 16 years and was abiding on the summit of the palace Yam-bu-la-gaṅ, a casket fell from the skies, and when its lid was opened, the *Kāraṇḍavyūha Sūtra*, the *100 Precepts Concerning Worship*<sup>2</sup> and a golden Caitya were found within. The casket received the name of the "Mysterious Helper" and was worshipped (by the king). The latter came to live 120 years and came to witness the dawn of the Highest Doctrine; up to that time, the kingdom had been ruled by the Bön. In a dream (which this king had) it was prophesied to him that on the 5th generation one would come to know the meaning of these (sacred texts which he had miraculously obtained).<sup>3</sup>

i.3

Although the text probably arrived in Tibet not later than the fifth century, it was not translated for several more, as there was not yet even a script for the Tibetan language. It was only translated in the mid-seventh century, almost immediately after Tibet's written language was developed. Thus, *Calling Witness with a Hundred Prostrations* may be not only the first Buddhist scripture to arrive in Tibet, it was also among the first to be translated and written in the new Tibetan script.

- i.4 Although the introduction of the text itself does not state from which language it was translated, and the colophon does not state who initially translated it, both Butön and Mangthö Ludrup Gyatso (*mang thos klu sgrub rgya mtsho*)<sup>4</sup> state that this text was first translated by Thönmi Sambhoṭa (*thon mi sambhoṭa*), the famous Tibetan scholar who is said to have developed the Tibetan alphabet and writing system circa 650 CE and who also translated several texts from Sanskrit. Thus it could well have been one of the first texts to be written in the newly developed Tibetan writing system.
- i.5 Thönmi is traditionally said to have been active as a scholar and translator during the time that the Potala palace and Jokhang temples were being built in Lhasa. Butön implies that this text may have been read or studied by the first great Tibetan Dharma King Songtsen Gampo (*srong btsan sgam po*). As Butön explains:
- i.6 [One of King Tho-tho-ri-ñan-tsen's descendents] was born in the year of the fire cow and received the name of Thi-de-sroñ-tsen [later becoming known as Sroñ-btsan-sgam-po].... [At] thirteen years of age he ascended the throne and brought under his power all the petty chiefs of the borderland who offered their presents and sent their messages (of submission).
- As at that time no writing existed in Tibet, the son of Anu of the Thonmi tribe [later becoming known as Thon-mi-sam-bhota] was sent with 16 companions (to India) in order to study the art of writing. After having studied with the Paṇḍit Devavidyāsīmha, they shaped, in conformity with the Tibetan language, (the alphabet) consisting of 30 consonants and 4 vowels. The form (of these letters) was given a resemblance with the Kashmirian characters. After (this alphabet) had been definitely formed at the Maru temple in Lhasa, (Thon-mi) composed 8 works on writing and grammar, and the king studied them 4 years abiding in seclusion. The *Kāraṇḍavyūha-sūtra*, the *100 Precepts*,<sup>5</sup> and the *Ratnamegha-sūtra* were then translated (into Tibetan).<sup>6</sup>
- i.7 Although its contents are not widely cited in scriptural references and there are no commentaries on it in the Tengyur, *Calling Witness with a Hundred Prostrations* is of very great historical and religious significance. Even today, keeping a copy of this text is said to bless the building in which it is kept with protection against obstacles. Due to its status as the first Buddhist text to come to Tibet, it has been revered for centuries as the auspicious beginning of the Dharma in Tibet.

- i.8 This translation into English is based upon the Degé (*sde dge*) version of the Kangyur, with reference to the differences between various other versions of the Kangyur as found in the *dpe bsdur ma* comparative edition. The few small variations between the versions of the Kangyur change only a word or two of the English translation, and these variants have been noted.
- According to the *Tōhoku Catalogue of Buddhist Canons*,<sup>7</sup> no Sanskrit or Chinese version of this sūtra is known to exist.
- i.9 *Calling Witness with a Hundred Prostrations* incorporates the central Mahāyāna Buddhist practices of prostration, offering, confession, rejoicing, refuge, and the thought of enlightenment. It also incorporates the names of many of the most important buddhas, bodhisattvas, disciples of the Buddha, and types of scripture to be regarded as objects of prostration and offering.
- i.10 Written to be recited for personal practice, the text opens with 108 prostrations and praises to the many buddhas of the ten directions and three times, to the twelve categories of scripture contained in the Tripiṭaka, to the bodhisattvas of the ten directions, and to the arhat disciples of the Buddha. After making offerings to them, confessing and purifying nonvirtue, and making the aspiration to perform virtuous actions in every life, the text includes recitations of the vows of refuge in the Three Jewels, and of generating the thought of enlightenment. The text concludes with a passage rejoicing in the virtues of the holy ones, a request for the buddhas to bestow a prophecy to achieve enlightenment, and the aspiration to pass from this life in a state of pure Dharma.
- i.11 One of the difficult aspects of translating this text was the title itself, in Tibetan *dpang skong phyag brgya pa*. The translation adopted here, *Calling Witness with a Hundred Prostrations*, differs considerably from Obermiller's early loose translation of the title as *One Hundred Precepts Concerning Worship*, cited above. The phrase *dpang skong* means calling witness. It is the same word used to call a witness in a trial. In this context, it probably refers to inviting the buddhas and bodhisattvas of the ten directions to be a witness to one's practice of Dharma, particularly to the confession and purification of nonvirtue which is contained in this sūtra, as ideally such confession and purification is done in the presence of holy beings. Following the confession, the buddhas and bodhisattvas also serve as witnesses to the vows of refuge and the thought of enlightenment, and to the subsequent rejoicing and aspiration to virtuous deeds. As for the phrase *phyag brgya*, it means *one hundred prostrations* or *one hundred homages*.
- i.12 Another difficult aspect of translating this sūtra was translation of the many names of the buddhas, particularly those names that are composed of long compounds. We have rendered the buddhas' names from Tibetan back

into Sanskrit when possible following reliable glossaries and dictionaries such as, *inter alia*, the *Mahāvvyutpatti*, F. Edgerton's *Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit Dictionary* and J.S. Negi's *Tibetan Sanskrit Dictionary*.<sup>8</sup> Otherwise, we have rendered the Tibetan in English, following as closely as possible the grammar of the compound name as it appears in Tibetan.



## THE TRANSLATION

### Calling Witness with a Hundred Prostrations

- 1.1 [F.1.b] Devoted prostrations to every one of the myriad Three Jewels, and to the buddhas and bodhisattvas and their retinues, who appear and dwell in the infinite, endless worlds of existence of the ten directions and three times.  
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- 1.2 Prostrations to all the buddhas of the ten directions;  
Prostrations to the tathāgata Ratnākara, buddha of the east;  
Prostrations to the tathāgata Aśokaśrī, buddha of the south;  
Prostrations to the tathāgata Ratnārcis, buddha of the west;
- 1.3 Prostrations to the tathāgata Jinendra, buddha of the north;  
Prostrations to the tathāgata Samādhihastyuttaraśrī, buddha of the northeast; [F.2.a]  
Prostrations to the tathāgata Padmottaraśrī, buddha of the southeast;  
Prostrations to the tathāgata Sūryamaṇḍalapratibhāsottamaśrī, buddha of the southwest;
- 1.4 Prostrations to the tathāgata Chattrottamaśrī, buddha of the northwest;  
Prostrations to the tathāgata Padmaśrī, buddha of the nadir;  
Prostrations to the tathāgata Ānandaśrī, buddha of the zenith.
- 1.5 Again, prostrations to the tathāgata, buddha of the east, Akṣobhya;  
Prostrations to the tathāgata buddha of the south, Ratnasambhava;  
Prostrations to the tathāgata buddha of the west, Amitābha;  
Prostrations to the tathāgata buddha of the north, Amoghasiddhi;
- 1.6 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha “Joyous King Vīrasena;”<sup>10</sup>  
Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha Amitāyus;  
Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha Akṣobhya;  
Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha Bhaiṣajyaguruvaiḍūryaprabharāja;
- 1.7 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha Śālasaṃkusumitarājendra;  
Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha Śākyamuni;

- Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha Ratnaśrīrāja; [F.2.b]  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha Samantabhadra;
- 1.8 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha Vairocana;  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha “King whose Fragrance is that of a Blossoming Utpala;”<sup>11</sup>  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata in the “World of the Saffron-Colored Victory Banners,” Buddha “Well-Tamed by the Vajra Essence;”  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata in the “World in which the Wheel of No Regress has been Proclaimed,” Buddha “Whose Body is the Blossoming Lotus of Complete Absence of Doubt;”
- 1.9 Prostrations to the tathāgata in the “World Without Dust,” Buddha Siṃha;  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata in the “World of Supreme Illumination,” Buddha Ratnaśikhin;  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata in the “World of Noble Light,” Buddha Vairocana;  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata in the “World that is Difficult to Transcend,” Buddha “Whose Body is the Widely Spreading Light of the Dharma;”
- 1.10 Prostrations to the tathāgata in the “World that is Supremely Noble,” Buddha “King who is the Light of Intelligence that Understands All;”  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata in the “World where the Mirror-disk has been Proclaimed,” Buddha “Whose Mind is like the Moon;”  
 Prostrations to all the tathāgatas in the “World of the Glory of the Lotus,” the splendid noble buddhas.
- 1.11 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha Candraprabha;<sup>12</sup>  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha “Greatly Handsome”;  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha “King who is Lord of the World's Orb”;  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha “Joyful Eyes”;
- 1.12 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha Sāgaraśrī; [F.3.a]  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha “Golden Pillar”;  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha, “Light of Infinite Good Qualities”;  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha “King who is Extremely Exalted by the Precious Majesty Arising from All Aspirations”;
- 1.13 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha “King of Renowned Melodious Sounds”;  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha “Lord of the Ocean that is the Wisdom Vajra”;  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha Vipāśyin;  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha Śikhin;
- 1.14 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha Viśvabhū;<sup>13</sup>  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha Krakucchanda;  
 Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha Kanakamuni;

- Prostrations to the tathāgata Buddha Kāśyapa;
- 1.15 Prostrations to all past buddhas;  
Prostrations to all buddhas dwelling in the present;  
Prostrations to all future buddhas;  
Prostrations to the glory of the bodhisattvas,<sup>14</sup> all the great illuminators;<sup>15</sup>
- 1.16 Prostrations to the Buddha's infinite dharmakāya;  
Prostrations to all rupakāyas in infinite worlds;  
Prostrations to all relics;  
Prostrations to all stūpas.
- 1.17 Prostrations to the category of sūtras, the holy Dharma,<sup>16</sup>  
Prostrations to the category of melodic verses;  
Prostrations to the category of prophetic teachings;  
Prostrations to the category of metered verses;
- 1.18 Prostrations to the category of special accounts;  
Prostrations to the category of themes; [F.3.b]  
Prostrations to the category of illustrative accounts;  
Prostrations to the category of parables;<sup>17</sup>
- 1.19 Prostrations to the category of past life accounts;  
Prostrations to the category of extensive scriptures;  
Prostrations to the category of marvelous teachings;  
Prostrations to the category of finalized instructions;
- 1.20 Prostrations to the Bodhisattvapitaka, the entire treasure of the Mahāyāna;  
Prostrations to all scriptures of the ten directions and three times, and to every possible method of taming without exception;  
Prostrations to the dharmadhātu, indescribable ultimate perfection;  
Prostrations to every syllable of the holy Dharma, such as the mother of all tathāgatas, the Prajñāpāramitā.
- 1.21 Prostrations to the bodhisattvas, mahāsattvas, illuminators;  
Prostrations to the bodhisattva of the east, Samantaprabha;  
Prostrations to the bodhisattva of the southern direction, Aśokadatta;  
Prostrations to the bodhisattva of the west, "Intelligence in Conduct";
- 1.22 Prostrations to the bodhisattva of the north, Jayadatta;  
Prostrations to the bodhisattva of the northeast, Vijayavikrāmin;  
Prostrations to the bodhisattva of the southeast, Padmapāni;  
Prostrations to the bodhisattva of the southwest, Sūryaprabha;
- 1.23 Prostrations to the bodhisattva of the northwest, "Exalted Jewel";  
Prostrations to the bodhisattva of the nadir, Padmottara;  
Prostrations to the bodhisattva of the zenith, "Given by Joy";  
Prostrations to the bodhisattva Lord Avalokiteśvara;
- 1.24 Prostrations to the bodhisattva Maitreya;

- Prostrations to the bodhisattva Ākāśagarbha; [F.4.a]  
Prostrations to the bodhisattva Samantabhadra;  
Prostrations to the bodhisattva Vajrapāṇi;
- 1.25 Prostrations to the bodhisattva Mañjuśrī;  
Prostrations to the bodhisattva Sarvanīvaraṇaviṣkambhin;  
Prostrations to the bodhisattva Kṣitigarbha;  
Prostrations to the bodhisattva Vimalakīrti;  
Prostrations to the bodhisattva Mahāsthāmaprāpta;  
Prostrations to the all the bodhisattvas, mahāsattvas of the ten directions and three times.
- 1.26 Prostrations to noble Śāriputra, foremost in great wisdom;  
Prostrations to noble Maudgalyāyana, foremost in great miracles;  
Prostrations to noble Ānanda, foremost in having heard much;  
Prostrations to noble Kāśyapa, foremost in the good qualities of discipline;
- 1.27 Prostrations to noble Kauṇḍinya, foremost in devotion to the precepts;  
Prostrations to noble Upāli, foremost in holding the Vinaya;  
Prostrations to noble Aniruddha, foremost in possessing the miracle eye;  
Prostrations to noble Subhūti, foremost in questioning and answering;
- 1.28 Prostrations to the entire assembly of noble arhats;  
Prostrations to all pratyekabuddhas;  
Prostrations to all the saṅgha dwelling in the ten directions.
- 1.29 Through these prostrations with devotion to the Three Jewels,  
May all negativities be purified, accumulation of merit fully flourish,  
And may the special good qualities  
Arising from the sermons of each bhagavān be accomplished.
- 1.30 Prostrations to all the Three Jewels in the ten directions.  
I praise and glorify them, behold and discern them.
- 1.31 I constantly offer and venerate, unceasingly until the end of time, all of the Three Jewels that have not been, are not now, nor ever will be relinquished. I make Dharma offerings, as well as a variety of offerings comparable to the incomparable, that arise from the infinite merit of the bodhisattvas, and are exalted, foremost, holy, special, noble, supreme and unsurpassable, comparable to the incomparable, and that completely fill the entire world of the ten directions. [F.4.b] Having offered these, please accept them. I shall venerate, honor, respect and please you.
- 1.32 Not holding back even the most trifling, I avow and confess the sins and nonvirtuous actions that contradict all holy scripture and that I myself have committed in this life or while wandering in the three worlds through beginningless, endless births, or that I caused others to perform, or even that

I rejoiced in when performed by others. They are: the ten nonvirtues of body, speech, and mind that were committed under the influence of desire, anger, and ignorance; the five heinous crimes and so forth. I purify and dispel<sup>18</sup> them, examine them and cast them out. I shall not hide, shall not conceal, and shall not fail to acknowledge them. Then, at that time, all negativities will be purified, and all merit will be completely accomplished.

1.33 From this time until the essence of enlightenment is reached,<sup>19</sup> in every future life, may I never fall into inferior hindering births, such as birth in the three lower realms, excepting only emanations for the benefit of others. May I never lean toward nor perform wrong, nonvirtuous actions. May I never lean toward nor accumulate the causes of karma and defilements. After being completely freed from results, such as suffering and a contemptible body, may I never again experience them.

1.34 From this time until the essence of enlightenment is reached, may the virtues of my body, speech, and mind continue as unceasingly as a stream. [F.5.a] In whatever life I might be born, may I possess magnificent happiness and joy, and attain the ability and power to work for the benefit of all sentient beings. That Dharma which is understood only by the tathāgatas, that suchness which without doubt causes unsurpassable enlightenment—may I fully understand it without mistake, meditate upon it, teach it to others without mistake, and guide them.

1.35 From this time until the essence of enlightenment is reached, I take refuge in the Three Jewels. I offer them my body; may each of the greatly compassionate ones forever accept it. The buddhas and bodhisattvas of the three times, who are free of all<sup>20</sup> things, who are comparable to selfless dharmas not comprised within the aggregates (*skandha*), domains (*dhātu*)<sup>21</sup> or bases of cognition (*āyatana*),<sup>22</sup> and who are unborn since beginningless time, generated the thought of enlightenment because of their nature of emptiness. So likewise, I whose name is ..., do also generate the thought of enlightenment from this time until the essence of enlightenment is reached. May I never lose or disregard the thought of enlightenment, and never be separated from noble spiritual masters.

1.36 Just as the buddhas of the three times rejoiced in unsurpassable merit, I whose name is... also rejoice in all worldly and beyond-worldly merit. When the time of death is certain, may I directly behold the holy faces of all those buddhas and bodhisattvas, and when they extend their golden right hands and place them upon my head, may I receive a prophecy. And may I die with my mind undeluded by defilements, with aspirations that accord with the selfless dharmas, and with limitless thought of enlightenment. [F.5.b]

1.37 In short:

After purifying all habitual tendencies without exception,  
I will completely accomplish the two accumulations of merit and wisdom.  
For the purpose of liberating all beings without exception,  
May I swiftly reach perfect enlightenment.

c.

#### Colophon

c.1

This completes *Calling Witness with a Hundred Prostrations*.

As an omen of the arising of the holy Dharma in Tibet, during the reign of King Lha Thothori Nyanshal (*lha tho tho ri snyan shal*), this text descended from the sky into the palace Yumbu Lhakhar (*yum bu bla mkhar*). The king dreamed that after five generations it would be possible to understand the meaning of this text. Thus the holy Dharma began.

ab.

## ABBREVIATIONS

*C* Coné Kangyur

*D* Degé Kangyur

*H* Lhasa Kangyur

*J* Lithang Kangyur

*N* Narthang Kangyur

*Q* Peking Kangyur

*Y* Yunglo Kangyur

n.

## NOTES

- 1 See Richardson 2003, p. 159, Haarh 1969, p. 126-127.
- 2 Obermiller very loosely translated *dpang skong phyag brgya pa* as *100 Precepts concerning Worship*. We have translated it *Calling Witness With a Hundred Prostrations*.
- 3 Obermiller 1999, p. 182. The transliteration and punctuation are those of Obermiller.
- 4 Mangthö Ludrup Gyatso 2008, p. 385.
- 5 Here translated as *Calling Witness With a Hundred Prostrations*.
- 6 Obermiller 1999, p. 183-4.
- 7 Ui 1934, p 52.
- 8 We have also made use of Lokesh Chandra 1987 and 1976.
- 9 H N have the additional, opening homage *dkon mchog gsum la phyag 'tshal lo* (prostrations to the Triple Gem) before the title.
- 10 One of the thirty-five buddhas of confession. See Python 1973, p. 99, and Lokesh Chandra 1987, #2300-2334.
- 11 *D bsung* (fragrance): H N add *tog gi* (crown ornament).
- 12 *D zla 'od*: J C *pad mo dpal gyi* (Glorious Lotus).
- 13 The Tibetan reads *ma lus pa'i dbang po* “Lord of All”, which is not the usual rendition of Viśvabhū, i.e. *kun skyobs*. However the context clearly indicates that the sūtra is presenting the traditional list of the six tathāgatas who preceded Śākyamuni, from Vipāśyin to Kāśyapa. In that list Viśvabhū follows Śikhin.
- 14 *D dpal*: Y *dpa' ba'i dpal* (brave glory); J Q C *dpa'* (courageous).
- 15 *rnam par snang mdzad* – also the name of the Buddha Vairocana.
- 16 The “category of sūtras” (*mdo'i sde*) is the first of the twelve branches of scripture (*gsung rab kyī yan lag bcu gnyis*) which are



enumerated here.

- 17 The Tibetan reads *'das pa brjod pa'i sde*. Mahāvvyutpatti 1274, however, gives *de lta bu byung ba'i sde* for the category *itivṛttaka* (parables, stories), and this seems to be the more usual equivalence.
- 18 D S N *bsal*: J Q C *bslad* (express).
- 19 The Tibetan *byang chub kyi snying po* (literally: “essence of enlightenment”) generally renders the Sanskrit *bodhimaṇḍa* (“seat of enlightenment”) in these types of expressions. “Essence” has been chosen for reasons of readability.
- 20 Y J Q C add *yod pa* (possession of).
- 21 D *kham*s: Y J N C *dngos po dang sems* (matter and mind).
- 22 These three classifications of elements (*dharma*) are, following the Abhidharma, ways to describe the impersonal constituents that go to make up a person. The five aggregates collect all conditioned elements, while the eighteen domains are comprised of the six types of objects, the six corresponding faculties—five sensory and one mental—and the six consciousnesses. The twelve bases are the six objects and the six corresponding faculties that serve as sources of cognition.

b.

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## GLOSSARY

g.

g.1

**Akṣobhya**

*mi bskyod pa*

མི་བསྐྱེད་པ།

*Akṣobhya*

A buddha of the east.

g.2

**Amitābha**

*'od dpag med*

འོད་དཔག་མེད།

*Amitābha*

A buddha of the west; buddha of the Sukhāvati buddhafiield.

g.3

**Amitāyus**

*tshe dpag med*

ཚེ་དཔག་མེད།

*Amitāyus*

The name of a buddha.

g.4

**Amoghasiddhi**

*don yod grub pa*

དོན་ཡོད་གྲུབ་པ།

*Amoghasiddhi*

A buddha of the north.

g.5

**Aśokadatta**

*mya ngan med pas byin*

མྱ་ངན་མེད་པས་བྱིན།

*Aśokadatta*

A bodhisattva of the south.

g.6

**Aśokaśrī**

*mya ngan med pa*

མྱ་ངན་མེད་པ།

*Aśokaśrī*

A buddha of the south.

- g.7**      **Avalokiteśvara**  
*spyān ras gzigs*  
སྤྱན་རས་གཟིགས།  
*Avalokiteśvara*  
Bodhisattva of compassion.
- g.8**      **Bhagavān**  
*bcom ldan 'das*  
བཙེན་ལྷན་འདས།  
*bhagavān*  
Honorific address for a buddha.
- g.9**      **Bhaiṣajyaguruvaiḍūryaprabharāja**  
*smān gyi bla bai du rya'i 'od kyi rgyal po*  
སྤྱན་གྱི་བླ་བེ་དུ་བྱེད་འོད་གྱི་རྒྱལ་པོ།  
*Bhaiṣajyaguruvaiḍūryaprabharāja*  
The buddha of medicine.
- g.10**     **Candraprabha**  
*zla 'od*  
ལྷ་འོད།  
*Candraprabha*  
A buddha.
- g.11**     **Chattrottamaśrī**  
*gdugs dam pa'i dpal*  
གདུགས་དམ་པའི་དཔལ།  
*Chattrottamaśrī*  
A buddha of the northwest.
- g.12**     **Exalted Jewel**  
*rin chen mchog*  
རིན་ཆེན་མཚོག།  
*No Sanskrit equivalent*  
Bodhisattva of the northwest.
- g.13**     **Extensive scriptures**  
*shin tu rgyas pa'i sde*  
ཤིན་ཏུ་རྒྱས་པའི་སྡེ།  
*vaipulya*
- g.14**     **Finalized instructions**  
*chos rtogs pa bstan pa'i sde*  
ཚོས་རྟོགས་པ་བསྐྱུན་པའི་སྡེ།  
*upadeśa*
- g.15**     **Given by Joy**  
*dga' bas byin*

དགའ་བས་བྱིན།

*No Sanskrit equivalent*

Bodhisattva of the zenith.

**g.16 Golden Pillar**

*gser gyi gzu ba*

གསེར་གྱི་གཟུ་བ།

*No Sanskrit equivalent*

A buddha.

**g.17 Greatly Handsome**

*mdzes chen*

མཛེས་ཆེན།

*No Sanskrit equivalent*

A buddha.

**g.18 Śikhin**

*gtsug tor can*

གཟུག་རྟོར་ཅན།

*Śikhin*

The second of the “seven previous buddhas.”

**g.19 Illustrative accounts**

*rtogs pa brjod pa'i sde*

རྟོགས་པ་བརྗོད་པའི་སྡེ།

*avadāna*

**g.20 Intelligence in Conduct**

*spyod pa'i blo gros*

སྤྱད་པའི་བློ་གྲོས།

*No Sanskrit equivalent*

Bodhisattva of the west.

**g.21 Jayadatta**

*rgyal bas byin*

རྒྱལ་བས་བྱིན།

*Jayadatta*

A bodhisattva of the north.

**g.22 Jinendra**

*rgyal ba'i dbang po*

རྒྱལ་བའི་དབང་པོ།

*Jinendra*

A buddha of the north.

**g.23 Joyful Eyes**

*dga' ba'i spyan*

- དགའ་བའི་སྤྱན།  
*No Sanskrit equivalent*  
 A buddha.
- g.24 **Ākāśagarbha**  
*nam mkha'i snying po*  
 ནམ་མཁའི་སྤྱིང་པོ།  
*Ākāśagarbha*  
 A bodhisattva.
- g.25 **Kanakamuni**  
*gser thub*  
 གསེར་ཐུབ།  
*Kanakamuni*  
 The fifth of the “seven previous buddhas.”
- g.26 **King of Renowned Melodious Sounds**  
*grags pa'i sgra dbyangs kyi rgyal po*  
 གྲགས་པའི་སྒྲ་དབྱངས་ཀྱི་རྒྱལ་པོ།  
*No Sanskrit equivalent*  
 A buddha.
- g.27 **King who is Extremely Exalted by the Precious Majesty Arising from All Aspirations**  
*smon lam thams cad las 'byung ba'i rin po che'i gzi brjid shin tu 'phags pa'i rgyal po*  
 མྱོན་ལམ་ཐམས་ཅད་ལས་འབྱུང་བའི་རིན་པོ་ཆའི་གཟི་བརྒྱན་ལྷ་འཕགས་པའི་རྒྱལ་པོ།  
*No Sanskrit equivalent*  
 A buddha.
- g.28 **King who is Lord of the World's Orb**  
*'jig rten gyi dkyil 'khor dbang po'i rgyal po*  
 འཛིག་རྟེན་གྱི་དཀྱིལ་འཁོར་དབང་པོའི་རྒྱལ་པོ།  
*No Sanskrit equivalent*  
 A buddha.
- g.29 **King who is the Light of Intelligence that Understands All**  
*thams cad mkhyen pa'i blo gros 'od zer gyi rgyal po*  
 ཐམས་ཅད་མཁྱེན་པའི་བློ་གྲོས་འོད་ཟེར་གྱི་རྒྱལ་པོ།  
*No Sanskrit equivalent*  
 A buddha.
- g.30 **King whose Fragrance is that of a Blossoming Utpala**  
*ut pa la rgyas pa bsung gi rgyal po*  
 ལུང་པ་ལ་རྒྱས་པ་བསུང་གི་རྒྱལ་པོ།  
*No Sanskrit equivalent*  
 A buddha.
- g.31 **Kṣitigarbha**

*sa'i snying po*

སའི་སྙིང་པོ།

*Kṣitigarbha*

A bodhisattva.

**g.32 Krakucchanda**

*log par dad sel*

ལོག་པར་དད་སེལ།

*Krakucchanda*

The fourth of the “seven previous buddhas.”

**g.33 Śākyamuni**

*shA kya thub pa*

ལྷ་ཀྱ་ཐུབ་པ།

*Śākyamuni*

The buddha of this eon and world.

**g.34 Kāśyapa**

*'od srung*

འོད་སྲུང།

*Kāśyapa*

The sixth of the “seven previous buddhas.”

**g.35 Śālasamkusumitarājendra**

*sa la'i me tog kun tu rgyas pa'i dbang po'i rgyal po*

ས་ལའི་མེ་ཏོག་ཀུན་ཏུ་རྒྱས་པའི་དབང་བོའི་རྒྱལ་པོ།

*Śālasamkusumitarājendra*

A buddha.

**g.36 Light of Infinite Good Qualities**

*mtha' yas pa'i yon tan gyi 'od zer*

མཐའ་ཡས་པའི་ཡོན་ཏན་གྱི་འོད་ཟེང།

*No Sanskrit equivalent*

A buddha.

**g.37 Lord of the Ocean that is the Wisdom Vajra**

*ye shes rdo rje'i rgya mtsho*

ཡེ་ཤེས་རྡོ་རྗེའི་རྒྱལ་མཚོ།

*No Sanskrit equivalent*

A buddha.

**g.38 Mahāsthāmaprāpta**

*mthu chen thob pa*

མཐུ་ཆེན་ཐོབ་པ།

*Mahāsthāmaprāpta*

A bodhisattva.

**g.39 Maitreya**



*byams pa*

བྱམས་པ།

*Maitreya*

Bodhisattva of loving kindness; the next buddha to follow Śākyamuni.

**g.40 Mañjuśrī**

*'jam dpal*

འཇམ་དཔལ།

*Mañjuśrī*

Bodhisattva of wisdom.

**g.41 Marvelous teachings**

*rmad du byung ba'i sde*

མདུ་བྱུང་བའི་སྡེ།

*adbhutadharma*

**g.42 Melodic verses**

*dbyangs kyis bsnyad pa'i sde*

དབྱངས་ཀྱིས་བསྟན་པའི་སྡེ།

*geya*

**g.43 Metered verses**

*tshigs su bcad pa'i sde*

ཚིགས་སུ་བཅད་པའི་སྡེ།

*gāthā*

**g.44 Ānandaśrī**

*dga' ba'i dpal*

དགའ་བའི་དཔལ།

*Ānandaśrī*

A buddha of the zenith.

**g.45 Padmapāṇi**

*lag na pad mo*

ལག་ན་པད་མོ།

*Padmapāṇi*

A bodhisattva of the southeast.

**g.46 Padmaśrī**

*pad mo'i dpal*

པད་མོའི་དཔལ།

*Padmaśrī*

A buddha of the nadir.

**g.47 Padmottara**

*pad mo dam pa*

པད་མོ་དམ་པ།

*Padmottara*

A bodhisattva of the nadir.

g.48

**Padmottaraśrī**

*pad mo dam pa'i dpal*

པད་མོ་དམ་པའི་དཔལ།

*Padmottaraśrī*

A buddha of the southeast.

g.49

**Parables**

*'das pa brjod pa'i sde · de lta bu byung ba'i sde*

འདས་པ་བརྗོད་པའི་སྡེ། · དེ་ལྟ་བུ་བྱུང་བའི་སྡེ།

*itivr̥ttaka*

g.50

**Past life accounts**

*skyes pa rabs kyi sde*

སྐྱེས་པ་རབས་ཀྱི་སྡེ།

*jātaka*

g.51

**Prophetic teachings**

*lung bstan pa'i sde*

ལུང་བསྟན་པའི་སྡེ།

*vyākaraṇa*

g.52

**Ratnaśikhin**

*rin po che'i gtsug phud*

རིན་པོ་ཆའི་གཙུག་ཕུད།

*Ratnaśikhin*

A buddha.

g.53

**Ratnaśrīrāja**

*rin po che'i dpal gyi rgyal po*

རིན་པོ་ཆའི་དཔལ་གྱི་རྒྱལ་པོ།

*Ratnaśrīrāja*

A buddha.

g.54

**Ratnasambhava**

*rin chen 'byung ldan*

རིན་ཆེན་འབྱུང་ལྗན།

*Ratnasambhava*

A buddha of the south.

g.55

**Ratnākara**

*rin chen 'byung gnas*

རིན་ཆེན་འབྱུང་གནས།

*Ratnākara*

A buddha of the east.

- g.56 **Ratnārcis**  
*rin chen 'od 'phrod*  
 རིན་ཆེན་འོད་འཕྲོད།  
*Ratnārcis*  
 A buddha of the west.
- g.57 **Samantabhadra**  
*kun tu bzang po*  
 ཀུན་ཏུ་བཟང་པོ།  
*Samantabhadra*  
 A bodhisattva.
- g.58 **Samantaprabha**  
*'od zer kun nas 'byung ba*  
 འོད་ཟེར་ཀུན་ནས་འབྱུང་བ།  
*Samantaprabha*  
 A bodhisattva of the east.
- g.59 **Samādhihastyuttaraśrī**  
*ting nge 'dzin gyi glang po dam pa'i dpal*  
 ཏིང་ངེ་འཛིན་གྱི་གླང་པོ་དམ་པའི་དཔལ།  
*Samādhihastyuttaraśrī*  
 A buddha of the northeast.
- g.60 **Sarvanīvaraṇaviṣkambhin**  
*sgrib pa thams cad rnam par sel ba*  
 སླིབ་པ་ཐམས་ཅད་རྣམ་པར་སེལ་བ།  
*Sarvanīvaraṇaviṣkambhin*  
 A bodhisattva.
- g.61 **Sāgaraśrī**  
*rgya mtsho'i dpal*  
 རྒྱ་མཚོའི་དཔལ།  
*Sāgaraśrī*  
 A buddha.
- g.62 **Simha**  
*seng ge*  
 སེང་གེ།  
*Simha*  
 A past and future buddha.
- g.63 **Special accounts**  
*ched du brjod pa'i sde*  
 ཆེད་དུ་བརྗོད་པའི་སྡེ།  
*udāna*
- Sūryamaṇḍalapratibhāsottamaśrī**

- g.64 *nyi ma'i dkyil 'khor snang ba dam pa'i dpal*  
 ཉིམ་འདི་དཀྱིལ་འཁོར་སྣང་བ་དམ་པའི་དཔལ།  
*Sūryamaṇḍalapratibhāsottamaśrī*  
 A buddha of the southwest.
- g.65 **Sūryaprabha**  
*nyi ma rab tu snang ba*  
 ཉིམ་རབ་ཏུ་སྣང་བ།  
*Sūryaprabha*  
 A bodhisattva of the southwest.
- g.66 **Tathāgata**  
*de bzhin gshegs pa*  
 དེ་བཞིན་གཤེགས་པ།  
*tathāgata*  
 An epithet of the buddhas.
- g.67 **Themes**  
*gleng gzhi'i sde*  
 གླེང་གཞིའི་སྡེ།  
*nidāna*
- g.68 **Twelve categories of scripture**  
*gsung rab kyi yan lag bcu gnyis*  
 གསུང་རབ་ཀྱི་ཡན་ལག་བརྒྱ་གཉིས།  
*dvādaśakadharmapravacana*
- g.69 **Vairocana**  
*rnam par snang mdzad*  
 རྣམ་པར་སྣང་མཛད།  
*Vairocana*  
 Chief of one of the five families of buddhas.
- g.70 **Vajrapāṇi**  
*phyag na rdo rje*  
 ཕྱག་ནོན་ཇེ།  
*Vajrapāṇi*  
 A bodhisattva.
- g.71 **Vijayavikrāmin**  
*rnam par rgyal bas rnam par gnon pa*  
 རྣམ་པར་རྒྱལ་བས་རྣམ་པར་གཞོན་པ།  
*Vijayavikrāmin*  
 A bodhisattva of the northeast.
- g.72 **Vimalakīrti**  
*dri ma med pa*

འི་མ་མེད་པ།  
*Vimalakīrti*  
A bodhisattva.

**g.73**      **Vipaśyin**  
*rnam par gzigs*  
ནམ་པར་གཟིགས།  
*Vipaśyin*  
The first of of the “seven previous buddhas.”

**g.74**      **Vīrasena**  
*dpa' brtan pa'i sde dga' ba'i rgyal po*  
དཔལ་བརྟན་པའི་སྡེ་དགའ་བའི་རྒྱལ་པོ།  
*Vīrasena*  
One of the 35 buddhas of confession.

**g.75**      **Well-tamed by the Vajra Essence**  
*rdo rje snying pos rab tu 'dul ba*  
རྫོ་རྩེ་སྟིང་པོས་རབ་ཏུ་འདུལ་བ།  
*No Sanskrit equivalent*  
A buddha.

**g.76**      **Whose Body is the Blossoming Lotus of Complete Absence of Doubt**  
*rab tu gdon mi za ba pad mo rgyas pa'i sku*  
རབ་ཏུ་གདོན་མི་ཟ་བ་པད་མོ་རྒྱས་པའི་སྐུ།  
*No Sanskrit equivalent*  
A buddha.

**g.77**      **Whose Body is the Widely Spreading Light of the Dharma**  
*chos kyi 'od zer rab tu rgyas pa'i sku*  
ཚོས་ཀྱི་འོད་ཟེར་རབ་ཏུ་རྒྱས་པའི་སྐུ།  
*No Sanskrit equivalent*  
A buddha.

**g.78**      **Whose Mind is Like the Moon**  
*zla ba'i thugs*  
ཟླ་བའི་ཐུགས།  
*No Sanskrit equivalent*  
A buddha.

**g.79**      **World in which the Wheel of No Regress has been Proclaimed**  
*phyir mi ldog pa'i 'khor lo bsgrags pa'i 'jig rten*  
ཕྱིར་མི་ལྷོག་པའི་འཁོར་ལོ་བསྐྱེགས་པའི་འཇིག་རྟེན།  
*No Sanskrit equivalent*  
Realm of a tathāgata.

**g.80**      **World of Noble Light**  
*'od bzang po'i 'jig rten*

འོད་བཟང་པོའི་འཛིག་རྟེན།

*No Sanskrit equivalent*

Realm of a tathāgata.

**g.81 World of Supreme Illumination**

*rab tu snang ba'i jig rten*

རབ་ཏུ་སྒྲུང་བའི་འཛིག་རྟེན།

*No Sanskrit equivalent*

Realm of a tathāgata.

**g.82 World of the Glory of the Lotus**

*pad mo dpal gyi jig rten*

པད་མོ་དཔལ་གྱི་འཛིག་རྟེན།

*No Sanskrit equivalent*

Realm of tathāgatas.

**g.83 World of the Saffron-Colored Victory Banners**

*ngur smrig gi rgyal mtshan gyi jig rten*

ངུར་སྐྱིག་གི་རྒྱལ་མཚན་གྱི་འཛིག་རྟེན།

*No Sanskrit equivalent*

Realm of a tathāgata.

**g.84 World that is Difficult to Transcend**

*'da' bar dka' ba'i jig rten*

འདའ་བར་དཀའ་བའི་འཛིག་རྟེན།

*No Sanskrit equivalent*

Realm of a tathāgata.

**g.85 World that is Supremely Noble**

*rab tu bzang po'i jig rten*

རབ་ཏུ་བཟང་པོའི་འཛིག་རྟེན།

*No Sanskrit equivalent*

Realm of a tathāgata.

**g.86 World where the Mirror-disk has been Proclaimed**

*me long gi dkyil 'khor bsgrags pa'i jig rten*

མེ་ལོང་གི་དཀྱིལ་འཁོར་བསྐྱུགས་པའི་འཛིག་རྟེན།

*No Sanskrit equivalent*

Realm of a tathāgata.

**g.87 World without Dust**

*rdul med pa'i jig rten*

རུལ་མེད་པའི་འཛིག་རྟེན།

*No Sanskrit equivalent*

Realm of a tathāgata.

