

1_002_02_Ar_sher snying rgya 'grel

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1. Titles

Editorial title:

shes rab kyi pha rol du phyin pa'i mdo rgya cher 'grel pa

Short title:

sher snying rgya 'grel

Title in *KDSB dkar chag*:

- shes rab kyi pha rol tu phyin pa'i mdo'i rgya cher 'grel (Introduction, p. 14)
- shes rab kyi pha rol tu phyin pa'i mdo'i rgya cher 'grel ba zhes pa shes rab snying po'i 'grel pa (Introduction, p. 53)

Text name as attested in the exemplar:

- 'phags pa shes rab kyi pha rol du phyin pa'i mdo' rgya cher 'grel pa (f. 6b3, colophon)
- sher snying gi rgya cher 'grel (f. 1a, addition on top of the folio)

English title:

Extensive commentary on the *Prajñāpāramitāhṛdaya* (the “Heart Sūtra”)

2. Author

Identification:

Ar Byang chub ye shes (b. 11th c.)⁷

BDRC ID author:

P2552

As attested in the exemplar:

shag kya'i dge slong byang chub ye shes (f. 6b3, colophon)

3. Work description

Affiliation:

bKa' gdams pa

Addressee of the invocation:

yum shes rab kyi pha rol du phyin pa

Genre:

Commentary

Base text:

Bhagavatī-prajñāpāramitā-hṛdaya (Tib. *bcom ldan 'das ma shes rab kyi pha rol tu phyin pa'i snying po*) (D21)

Topic:

Prajñāpāramitā, *Prajñāpāramitāhṛdaya*

⁷ Harter 2015: 25, n. 70: “Since Ar was invited as a *dge bshes* to a monastery in 1076, it is hard to believe that he was not at least 20 years old, which would put his birth-date at least in 1056. The last trace of his existence is in 1144 when he took over the head of rgyal lha khang.”

General text description:

Commentary on the *Prajñāpāramitāhrdaya* (D21). Based on the commentary (only referred to as “’grel pa”) by someone referred to as “Jo bo” (maybe Atiśa?), composed in “*bsam yangs*” (for bSam yas?). With references to the interpretation by 'Brom ston and other Tibetan scholars (referred to as “dags po,” and “khyung po”). Contains a number of Sanskrit expressions transcribed in Tibetan (e.g., 'bu dha, bo de sa dha, lo ga).

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- Incipit (1a1)
- Body of the text (1a1–6b3)
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 - 2. don brgyad gyis ston (1a6–6b3)
 - 21. spyi don (1a7–1b9)
 - 22. [detailed discussion] (1b9–6b3)
- Colophon (6b3)

4. Exemplar

4.1 Source

In KDSB:

Set 1, vol. 2, pp. 65–76

BDRC ID:

W1PD89051

Origin:

'Bras spungs gNas bcu lha khang (*KDSB dkar chag* 1, Introduction, p. 53)

Indigenous catalogue marking(s):

la 588 (above the first line on f. 1a)

Remarks:

The signature is mistakenly reported as “Phyi La 558” in *KDSB dkar chag* 1, Introduction, p. 53. There is no text with the signature Phyi La 588 in the 'Bras spungs dkar chag. This text could correspond to the entry No. 01294 (vol. 1, p. 915) reported with the signature Phyi Ma 586, which also has 6 folios and is ascribed to Śākya'i dge slong Byang chub ye shes (sher snying gi rgya cher 'grel bzhugs so; shAkya'i dge slong byang chub ye shes kyis; 'bru tsha; 6 f.; 64.5x10.5 cm).

4.2 Extent

Number of folio (in KDSB/in the original):

6/6

Extent (first and last folio):

1a–6b

Lines per folio:

9, 3 on f. 6b

Remarks:

Text on 1a1–6b3

Numbering in letters on the recto

No number (visible) on f. 1 and 4

Folio number on last folio: *drug bzhug**

4.3 Manuscript particularities

Type:

Handwritten (possibly another hand for f. 1a)

Script:

dbu med

Orthography:

- *bindu* for *m*
- *da drags* (6b3: *pha rol du phyind pa'i*)
- palatalization of *ma*
- abbreviations (for *thams cad*, *bcu gcig*, *yon tan*, etc.)
- *na* for *med*
- sanskritized words ('*bu' ta* for *sangs rgyas*)
- numerals used for numbers
- additional prefix *b-* (e.g., *bsgom pa*)
- superabundant '*a rjes 'jug* (e.g., '*di*')
- vertical ligature for *d+ng* (looking like *rng*)
- expected *ba/bo* often written like *pa/po*

Annotations:

Numerous interlinear annotations (some of which corrections) and marginal annotations

Symbols:

3 *siddham* signs at the beginning of the text on f. 1a; 2 *siddham* signs at the beginning of the line on the recto of the other folios.

Other:

Important ink fading on 1a and 6b. Some lines on f. 1a (and a few characters elsewhere, e.g., 2b8) appear to be by a different hand (written over faded or deleted text?).

5. Literature

5.1 Text and edition(s)

(a) Exemplar

- KDSB 1, vol. 2, pp. 65–76 (facsimile)
- BDRC **O1PD89051C2O0034** (PDF copy of the KDSB images)

(b) Other exemplar(s)

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(c) Edition(s)

- *Ar chos skor* 4–25 (*dbu can* typeset edition)

5.2 Translations and studies

- Harter 2015: 26 (short note on Ar's life and works)