The Classification of People

Romanized Text Edition and English Translation of the sKyes bu rnam 'byed bshad pa gzhon nu'i mgul rgyan Attributed to Sa-skya Paṇḍita Kun-dga' rgyal-mtshan*

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The regent (sde-srid) Sangs-rgyas rgya-mtsho (1653-1705), in his Guidelines for Government Officials, written shortly after his appointment as regent in the year 1679, quotes on several occasions canonical and non-canonical Nītiśāstra and Subhāṣita literature, with the purpose of illustrating more clearly the attitude officials should display when occupying a government position. Among these texts the regent

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¹ Blang dor gsal bar ston pa'i drang thig dvangs shel me long nyer gcig pa. Several modern editions of this text, written in 1681, have appeared. A critical edition and annotated translation of it is available in Cüppers (forthcoming).

quoted are the well-known Prajñādaṇḍa (lugs kyi bstan bcos shes rab sdong bu) and the Cāṇakya Rājanītiśāstra (tsa na ka rgyal po lugs kyi bstan bcos) and, of course, the famous Sa-skya Legs-bshad, or, more properly, Legs par bshad pa rin po che'i gter (Skt. Subhāṣita-ratnanidhi), composed by Sa-skya Paṇḍita Kun-dga' rgyal-mtshan (1182-1251).

Among the remaining Nīti texts quoted in the Guidelines for Government Officials we find: a) sKyes bu'i rnam 'byed bshad pa gzhon nu'i mgul rgyan; b) Drang thig mthong ba 'dzum shor² and c) the verses composed by sKyid-shod zhabs-drung A-khu bKra-shis.³ A few years ago a learned Tibetan scholar from Lhasa, the late Sa-skya mkhan-po Tshul-khrims rgyal-mtshan, former head of the astrological section of the Medical Institute (sman rtsis khang) in Lhasa, collected and printed a set of three volumes with rare and unknown Sa-skya-pa texts not included in the earlier published Sa-skya bKa'-'bum.⁴ The third volume of this supplementary collection contains the text sKyes bu'i rnam 'byed bshad pa gzhon nu'i mgul rgyan.⁵ The colophon of this

 $^{^2}$ Except for these quotations found in the Guidelines nothing else of this text is known to me.

³ On sKyid-shod zhabs-drung A-khu bKra-shis (1531-1589) see *gDung dkar tshig mdzod chen mo*, p. 256. Up to now the text in question has not surfaced.

 $^{^4}$ Sa skya pa'i bka' 'bum, comp. Bsod-nams rgya-mtsho, 15 vols. (Tokyo: The Toyo Bunko, 1968-9).

⁵ Vol. 3, pp. 289-301, according to the margin in the offset print; altogether the text consists of seven folios. For this present Tibetan offset edition Sa-skya mkhan-po Tshul-khrims rgyal-mtshan used five different versions when collating this text. Davenport (2000), p. 309, n. 69, mentions that a copy of the Fifth Dalai Lama's Lugs zung dang 'brel ba'i bslab bya mu thi la'i 'phreng ba (Kalimpong: Tibet Mirror Press, 1960) contains in its second half (pp. 13-24) a text entitled Skyes bu'i rnam 'byed gzhon nu'i mgul rgyan.

text states that its author was Sa-skya Paṇḍita Kun-dga' rgyal-mtshan, even if the regent Sangs-rgyas rgya-mtsho does not mention him as such in any quotation. He does mention Sa-skya Paṇḍita but only when quoting from the *Legs par bshad pa rin po che'i gter*. Does this mean that the regent had doubts that the *gZhon nu'i mgul rgyan* was written by the learned man from Sa-skya? Or did he proceed so in order to distinguish between the two texts written by the same author?⁶

Regarding the composition of the gZhon nu'i mgul rgyan, it consists of five chapters to which five more ślokas are added, including the dedication verse. Altogether we find 346⁷ pādas, of which four - as usual - are combined into a verse or śloka. The first two pādas of chapter two form a unit by themselves. It seems that the author of the Legs bshad don 'grel combined the pādas of the fifth chapter differently, when deciding which four consecutive pādas to unite into a verse.

Sangs-rgyas rgya-mtsho's interest in this text with respect to the Guidelines for Government Officials was limited to the first two chapters. These two chapters are closely related, the second one being a more detailed description of the subjects mentioned in the first. The regent quotes in section 1.62. (the chapter on the duties of regents) the verses 2.24 and 2.25; in section 3.3. (the chapter on the duties of ministers) the pādas c and d from verse 1.7; in section 3.5. the verse 2.20; in section 3.9. the pādas a and b of verse 1.8; in section 8.1. (the chapter on

⁶ Other Tibetan scholars have also questioned the attribution of this text to Saskya Paṇḍita. See Jackson (1985), pp. 106-7 and 119-20; also Jackson (1991). Davenport (2000), p. 313, n. 110, follows Sa-skya mkhan-po Sangs-rgyas bstandzin, the author of the Legs bshad don 'grel, in attributing this text to Sa-paṇ. ⁷ Chapt. 1 contains 40 pādas, chap. 2 130, chap. 3 only 36, chap. 4 40, chap. 5 80,

⁷ Chapt. 1 contains 40 pādas, chap. 2 130, chap. 3 only 36, chap. 4 40, chap. 5 80, and the last chapter 20.

⁸ The numeration was done by me.

the duties of treasurers) the verse 2.29; in section 11.1. (the chapter on the duties of the magistrates and the storekeepers) the pādas c and d of verse 1.9 and also the whole of verse 2.28; in section 12.1. (the chapter on the duties of cooks, etc.) the pādas a und b of verse 1.10 and also the whole of verse 2.30; and in section 12.3. the verse 2.26.9

The composition and contents of the sKye bu'i rnam 'byed bshad pa are similar to other Subhāṣita or Nītiśāstra texts. The work deals with ethics and general wisdom; reference to the teaching of the Buddha is made, particularly the two introductory verses in chapter one and at the end of the work.¹⁰

The first chapter contains 10 verses setting out the difference between good and bad, devoting two pādas of a verse to each. The following chapter explains in its 33 verses the difference between good and bad in detail. Chapters three and four tell what one should practise and what should be rejected respectively. In both these chapters persons are compared to animals in terms of good or bad characteristics. The fifth and last chapter mentions the wise man and the fool in the way typical of such works. In this chapter the formal pattern of four pādas to a verse is not followed in two instances, namely verse 5.5 and verse 5.8, which I combined into six pādas each.

 $^{^{9}}$ The different readings of the *Guidelines* are given in the edition of the text below.

¹⁰ See ślokas 5.11 ff.

 $^{^{11}}$ At present I do not have the leisure to compare the sKyes bu rnam byed bshad pa with other Subhāṣita texts - either in Sanskrit or Tibetan - in order to find verse parallels, or perhaps eventually to find a text from which the author may have drawn his inspiration. This should be followed up in future. My main intention here is to introduce the text and provide a preliminary edition and translation of it with the hope that it may serve the needs of those interested in a deeper study. I am to some extent aware of the problems still to be solved.

Text and Translation

Skyes bu'i rnam 'byed bshad pa gzhon nu'i mgul rgyan zhes bya ba bzhugs so

An Explanation of the Classification of People, A Youth's Necklace

om sva sti siddham / / skyes bu'i rnam 'byed b
shad pa gzhon nu'i mgul rgyan zhes bya ba /

Om svasti siddham (Om, may it be auspicious)

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bla ma dang mgon po 'jam pa'i dbyangs la gus pas phyag 'tshal lo / To the teacher and protector Mañjuśrī I respectfully pay homage.

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/ gang la skyabs song bslu ba med /
/ thar med srid pa'i gzeb nas 'dren /
/ skye med dam pa'i don la sbyor /
/ thun mong ma yin skyabs la 'dud / 1.1
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1.1 He to whom I have taken refuge, who is unfailing, Who holds and guides the unliberated world And who acts in accordance with the noble and unborn truth -To that uncommon refuge I bow.

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/ 'byor med btsun pa blo gros can /
/ shākya'i rjes 'brangs brtul zhugs 'dzin /
/ kun dga'i ming can kho bo yis /
/ skyes bu'i rnam 'byed bshad par bya / 1.2
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1.2 Without belongings, faithful and sensible,

Following the Shākya [muni] and keeping the discipline, I, Ananda by name,

Will explain the classification of people.

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/ kun la snyoms pa dam pa ste /
/ rang don sgrub pa phal pa yin /
/ mkhas pa'i bya ba dgag sgrub ste /
/ shes bzhin spong ba don med yin / 1.3
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1.3 He is noble who is to all even-tempered, But he who pursues his own aims is a common person. Wise people's deeds are done or not done, Rejecting them purposefully does not make sense.

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/ yul 'khor skyong ba chen po ste /
/ bu smad 'tshog pa tha shal yin /
/ tshig don mthun pa drang po ste /
/ gzhan rgyud len pa g.yo can yin / 1.4
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1.4 He is a ruler who protects his subjects, But he who criticises his servants is a vulgar man. He who acts in accordance with his words is honest, But the one who beguiles the mind of others is dishonest.

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/ bzang la lan yod bzang po ste /
/ drin gzo med na ngan pa yin /
/ rtog dpyod ldan pa spyang po ste /
/ ldom col smra ba glen pa yin / 1.5
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1.5 A good person repays good [with good],

But if one is not grateful, [then] one is a bad person; He who is endowed with judgement is intelligent, But he who talks nonsense is a fool.

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/ khong du sbed pa zab mo ste /
/ kha ru 'byin pa klad med yin /
/ legs nyes shong ba yangs mo ste /
/ rang nyid 'ching ba dog mo yin / 1.6
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1.6 He who hides it in his heart is profound,
But he who lets it out from his mouth is without a brain;
He who is able to comprehend good and bad is broad-minded,
But the one who binds [himself] to it is narrow-minded.

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/ phyis 'byung dpyod pa zhib mo ste /
/ rtog dpyod med na ba glang yin /
/ shes rig ldan pa blon po ste /
/ rje la 'khu¹² ba¹³ 'gong po yin / 1.7
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1.7 He who thinks of the consequences [of his actions] is careful, But if he lacks discernment, then he is an ox;
He who is endowed with knowledge is a minister,
But who contends¹⁴ with the lord is a demon.¹⁵

¹² Dvangs 3.3.: 'khang

¹³ Dvangs 3.3.: na

¹⁴ According to Dvangs 3.3. one should read: [but] If he bears ill will to his lord, he is a demon.

¹⁵ 'gong-po are demons who are hostile to the kings of Tibet. See Nebesky-Wojkowitz (1956/1975), pp. 283ff.

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/ gsang gros thub pa grogs po<sup>16</sup> ste /
/ gzhan la 'chad na zang thal yin /
/ 'khor 'dabs skyong ba rje bo ste /
/ rtag tu 'tshe na dgra bo yin / 1.8
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1.8 He who is able to keep deliberations secret is a friend,
But when he tells them to others, then he is treacherous¹⁷;
He who protects his subjects is a ruler,
But if he constantly harms them, then he is [their] enemy.

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/ rje la bsam pa 'khor yin te /
/ sems ngan 'chang na gzhom rgyu yin /
/ gsog 'jog shes pa gnyer pa ste /
/ zhib tshags med na grva<sup>18</sup> pa<sup>19</sup> yin / 1.9
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1.9 He who thinks of his lord is a servant,

But if he bears bad thoughts [against him], then he should be subdued;

The one who knows how to collect and to preserve is a steward, But if he is careless, then he is a net.²⁰

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/ blo gsal ngag nyung nye gnas te /
/ phra ma 'jug na gtor<sup>21</sup> shing yin /
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¹⁶ Dvangs 3.9.: yin

¹⁷ zang-thal, Goldstein (2001): "going straight through something".

¹⁸ Dvangs 11.1.: dra

¹⁹ Dvangs 11.1.: ba

²⁰ Read: dra-ba, "net". Cf. Dvangs 11.1.

²¹ Dvangs 12.1. (and consequently bKa' khrims (109 b)) read: stor.

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/ bu khyo bkur ba chung ma ste /
/ grogs gzhan bsten pa 'dre mo yin / 1.10
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1.10 Having a bright mind and not speaking much, he is an attendant,
But if he engages in divisive talk, then he is a wedge.²²
[A woman] who respects her husband and children is a wife,
But when she clings to other friends, she is a demoness.

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/ skyes bu'i rnam 'byed b<br/>shad pa gzhon nu'i mgul rgyan las / / mdor bs<br/>dus pa'i le'u ste dang po'o //
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The first, abbreviated chapter of An Explanation of the Classification of People, A Youth's Necklace [is thus ended].

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// de dag smras pa sdom gyi tshig /
/ da ni de kun rgyas par bshad / 2.1
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2.1 What was said above, the abbreviated words, Will all now be extensively explained.

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/ bslu med rgyu 'bras gtsor bzhag nas /
/ bya ba gang byed de dang bstun /
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²² In my translation I follow the reading stor-shing given in Dvangs 12.1. Tibetan informants paraphrased the word as dkrug-shing, meaning "instigator". The expression gtor-shing is explained by Tsering Lama as small sticks that are inserted into a freshly made gtor-ma in order to attach small slabs of butter to it. If one presses a stick too deeply into the dough, the gtor-ma may fall apart. Aris (1986), p. 147, translates: "As for the companion of clear intellect and few words, If slanders are committed they are like pieces of wood that have been misplaced."

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/ thabs la mkhas shing kun la snyoms /
/ de dag skyes bu dam pa yin / 2.2
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2.2 Regarding [the] infallible [law of] cause and effect as the highest, One does whatever needs to be done in accordance with it; Skilful in means and to all even-tempered, He is a noble man.²³

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/ rtag tu rang gi don la 'bad /
/ rtsol sgrub drag pos ha thang chad /
/ dgra la zhe sdang gnyen la chags /
/ de dag skyes bu phal pa yin / 2.3
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2.3 By constantly pursuing one's own goals With an intensity of effort, one becomes exhausted; Those who hate enemies and [only] like [their] friends Are common persons.

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/ chos dang chos min 'jug ldog yul /
/ sgrub dang dgag pa rim pa bzhin /
/ rjes 'jug blo ldan de la sbyor /
/ de dag skyes bu mkhas pa yin / 2.4
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2.4 Dharma and adharma are objects to keep or abandon -Respectively one should practise them and cast them off;

²³ Davenport (2000), p. 181, translates the first two lines of the Tibetan original (Don, p. 310) as:

Hold paramount the reliability of cause and effect: All that one does must be consistent with this.

Those who are mindful, enter upon this and apply themselves to it Are wise men.

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/ blang dor shes rig khyad du gsod /
/ rnyed pa don gnyer kha gsag mkhan /
/ cung zad 'khon na mthu yis sdigs /
/ de dag skyes bu khyi nag yin / 2.5
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2.5 Despising the knowledge²⁴ of what should be accepted and what rejected,

And knowing how to speak amicably when they want to get something,

But if one is of a slightly different opinion, then strongly threatening -

These persons are like black dogs.

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/ rang bzhin brling la shes rgya che /
/ nyi ma lta bu<sup>25</sup> kun la snyoms /
/ nye ring med par 'khor 'dabs<sup>26</sup> skyong /
/ de dag skyes bu chen po yin / 2.6
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²⁴ shes-rig. Note that this term does not occur in the Sa skya legs bshad. This fact could possibly be used as an indication that the author of the sKyes bu rnam 'byed bshad pa is not Sa-skya Paṇḍita. As far as I see, only the term shes-rab is used in the Sa skya legs bshad and other Nītiśastras such as Nāgārjuna's Prajñāśataka. Although of rare frequency in some - mostly Pramāṇa - texts found in the bsTan 'gyur, the term seems to be promoted by Tsong-kha-pa and his school. But this needs some further investigation.

²⁵ Don, p. 108: bur

²⁶ Don, p. 108: 'dab

2.6 Firm by nature and of great knowledge, Like the sun to all even-tempered And with an impartial mind protecting their subjects -These are great persons.²⁷

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/ rtag tu 'khon dang 'thab zla tshol /
/ grong mtha' bskor zhing 'o dod 'debs /
/ nyes med bu smad rgyun du brdung /
/ de dag skyes bu tha shal yin / 2.7
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2.7 Those who always are unsatisfied and look out for [new] opponents.

Whose lamentations are heard up to the end of the village, Who constantly beat their subjects, although these do nothing wrong,

Are the lowest persons.

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/ smras pa'i tshig dang bsam pa'i don /
/ sa bon dang ni myu gu bzhin /
/ bslu ba med par rjes su 'brang /
/ de dag skyes bu drang po yin / 2.8
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2.8 Those whose spoken words and mind's intent Are like seeds and sprouts,

²⁷ Davenport (2000), p. 66, translates this verse as: Persons of serene character and extensive wisdom Whose equanimity to all is like the rays of the sun, And who care for their subjects impartially: These are the truly great ones.

In following each other unfailingly, Are honest persons.²⁸

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/ drang po mi smra 'dzum gyis bsu /
/ smra na ngag 'jam phigs par smra /
/ rtag tu gzhan gyi nyams drod len /
/ de dag skyes bu g.yo can yin / 2.9
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2.9 Those who do not speak honestly, but betray with a smile, And when speaking criticise with a soft voice And constantly abuse the trust of others Are betrayers.²⁹

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/ byas pa shin tu drin du gzo /
/ pha ma la gus rang bzhin drang /
/ gzhan la mi gtser rang tshugs thub /
/ de dag skyes bu bzang po yin / 2.10
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2.10 Those who repay deeds with great kindness,

What they say and what they mean, Like seeds and sprouts respectively, Invariably follow one another-[Those people are the honest ones].

Those who deceive with lies and nice smiles, Who politely mislead with exhaustive explanation, And who always probe and examine others-They are the cunning and manipulative ones.

 $^{^{28}}$ Don, p. 322 quotes pādas a, b and c of this verse. Davenport (2000), p. 187, translates this verse as:

²⁹ Davenport (2000), p. 243, translates this verse as:

Respect their parents and are honest by nature,

Do not cause sorrow to others and know how to control themselves

Are good persons.

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/ phan btags lan du gnod pa bskyel /
/ byas pa chud gson<sup>30</sup> dman la sdang /
/ rang bzhin ngan pa phag lta bu /
/ de dag skyes bu ngan pa yin / 2.11
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2.11 Those who repay benefit by injury,

Let go to waste what is done and hate the lowly, Being as bad by nature as pigs, Are bad persons.³¹

re bad persons.

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/ gang gis tshig dang spyod lam las /
/ pha rol sems kyi rnam 'gyur go /
/ bzang ngan bya ba khong du chud /
/ de dag skyes bu spyang po yin / 2.12
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2.12 Those who understand from words and behaviour The changes in the mind of their opposites And have complete insight into what is good and bad Are intelligent persons.

³⁰ Don, p. 423: son

³¹ Davenport (2000), p. 249, translates this verse as: Those who return harm to the helpful, Belittle good deeds, and torment the lowly Are bad people of bad character, Indistinguishable from swine.

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/ legs nyes bya ba mi shes bzhin /
/ mang po'i mdun sar cal col smra /
/ gzhan gyis kha 'dru 'phya ba'i gnas /
/ de dag skyes bu ldom col yin / 2.13
(dpe la lar gtom chol zer ba snang)
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2.13 Those who are ignorant of good and bad deeds

And so speak nonsense in public -

Targets of laughter and censure by others -

Are idle prattlers.

(In some versions the word gtom chol is used)

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/ legs nyes bya ba gang brtsam yang /
/ ma grub bar du khar mi 'byin /
/ grub kyang zur ngom mi byed pa /
/ de dag skyes bu zab mo yin / 2.14
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2.14 Those who plan a good or bad deed

But do not speak about it as long as it has not been accomplished,

And after it has been do not boast,

Are deep persons.

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/ bya ba gang dang gang rtsom yang /
/ bsgrub kyi sta gon yul na med /
/ gang dang 'phrad pa de la smra /
/ de dag skyes bu yang mo yin / 2.15
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2.15 Whatever work they intend to do -

Though preparations have not been made -

Are told to everyone they meet;

These are weak persons.

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/ ha cang phan la ha cang gnod /
/ gang dang gang gi ci mchis pa /
/ mi brjed sems kyi gru na 'chang /
/ de dag skyes bu yangs mo yin / 2.16
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2.16 Excessive benefit [can also cause] excessive damage -

Whatever was done by whom and to whom -

Is, [if] not forgotten, kept [sealed up] it in a corner of their mind; Those are broad-minded persons.

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/ legs nyes bya ba phra mo yang /
/ blo ngor mi shong kun la 'dri /
/ dal bar mi sdod sngags su bgrangs /
/ de dag skyes bu dog mo yin / 2.17
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2.17 The good or bad deeds may be very trifling,

But they have no place in their mind, and they must ask everybody [again];

They cannot keep quiet, but repeat them like spells -

These are narrow-minded persons.

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/ gang zhig bya ba rtsom pa na /
/ phyis 'byung skyon dang yon tan rtsi /
/ legs par gtan la phab<sup>32</sup> nas 'jug /
/ de dag skyes bu zhib po yin / 2.18
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³² Don, p. 344: phabs

2.18 Persons who, of whatever deed they intend to do, Consider the consequences, whether advantageous or disadvantageous,

And then undertake them after proper preparations, Are circumspect persons.³³

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/ legs nyes bya ba blos mi 'byed /
/ bcol yang mi shes 'du shes blun /
/ rgyu mtshan med par rtul por 'jug /
/ de dag skyes bu ba glang yin / 2.19
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2.19 Those who cannot distinguish in their mind good and bad deeds, Do not know how to act and come up with foolish ideas, And further start without reason and like a fool, Are oxenlike persons.

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/ dran pa gsal zhing thabs la mkhas /
/ rje la snying nye ngang gis brling /
/ rang bzhin drang po mda' lta bu /
/ blon por 'os pa'i skyes bu yin / 2.20
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2.20 He who has a clear memory and is skilled in [all] means, Who is loyal to his master and firm in his character, Who is of an honest nature, straight like an arrow -

³³ Davenport (2000), p. 200, translates this verse as: Whoever embarks on a task Having first drawn good conclusions About future advantages and disadvantages, Is one who can investigate things.

He is a person worthy to become a minister.

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/ gros kyi gtso bo zur la 'jog /
/ rang gi 'dod pa phugs su rdzong /
/ do gal che na rje la 'khu /
/ 'gong po lta bu'i skyes bu yin / 2.21
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2.21 He who neglects the main point of deliberations, Who finally follows his own ends, And who, in matters of importance, scolds his master Is a person like a demon ('gong po).

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/ gzhung bzang brtan la phyi thag ring /
/ gsang gros mi smra bslu sems med /
/ dgos dus zas nor lhug par gtong /
/ grogs por 'os pa'i skyes bu yin / 2.22
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2.22 Being honest, firm and enduring,

Keeping secret counsel and having no deceptive mind, In times of need giving immediately food and [other] goods -He is a person worthy to be a friend.³⁴

A suitable friend is someone who has Long studied the excellent scriptures,

Does not reveal secrets, is not deceptive,

And gives abundant food and wealth in time of need.

The translation "Long studied the excellent scriptures" for the expression gzhung bzang brtan la is erroneous. gZhung bzang means "of good character," as was correctly understood by Davenport in his translation of the Sa-skya legs-

³⁴ Davenport (2000), p. 167, translates this verse as:

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/ bdag cag de dang mdza' 'o³⁵ zhes /
/ gang dang phebs par smra ba'i gtam /
/ bzung³⁶ bcad med par khrom du 'chad /
/ de dag³⁷ bug ba³⁶ zang thal yin / 2.23

2.23 They say: "We are your friends" -
Wherever they go that is their speech,
Carelessly uttered publicly;
They are like gaping holes.³९

/ 'khor 'dabs⁴⁰ cung zad nyes⁴¹ na yang /
/ ngag tu mi 'don⁴² khog tu skyems⁴³ /
/ bzang ngam ngan rung⁴⁴ bdag gi zhes⁴⁵ /
/ byams pas skyong ba rie bo⁴⁶ yin / 2.24
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bshad, verses 350 and 368.

We say, "We are friends with them,"

And tell them all our secrets.

Carelessly speaking of such matters publicly Is like putting mercury in a leaky container.

³⁵ Don, p. 399, reads: bo

³⁶ Don, p. 399, reads: bzur

³⁷ Don, p. 399, reads: dang

³⁸ Don, p. 399, reads: pa

³⁹ Davenport (2000), p. 234, translates this verse as:

⁴⁰ Dyangs 1.62, and Don, p. 214 read 'dab

⁴¹ Dvangs 1.62.: bsten

⁴² Dyangs 1.62.: 'byin

⁴³ Dvangs 1.62.: bskyil

⁴⁴ Dvangs 1.62.: nam

⁴⁵ Dvangs 1.62.: shes

⁴⁶ Dyangs 1.62.: dpon

2.24 Although his retinue may have made small mistakes,

He does not speak about it, but keeps it to himself;

"What is regarded as good or bad is [merely] my [judgement]" -

Ruling with mildness, he is a [true] ruler.47

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/ cung zad tsam la chad pas<sup>48</sup> gcod /
/ mi snyan tshig gi char pa 'bebs /
/ phan med gnod pa 'ba' zhig byed /
/ rie ngan 'khor gyi dgra bo yin / 2.25
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2.25 One who punishes severely, although only a little wrong was done,

And rains down harsh words

Without any benefit, but causing only damage,

He is a bad ruler and the enemy of his retinue.

```
/ blo dang nus pa mi 'khu zhing /
/ 'byor dang rang don mthong tshol med /
/ sgo gsum bya ba thams cad kyis /
/ rje la bsam pa 'khor yin no /49 2.26
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Kings who rule the land benevolently say,

"Even if my subjects have committed some errors,

Yet say nothing and hide their misdeeds,

Whatever happens, good or bad, is my responsibility."

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/ blo dang nus pa mi chung zhing /
/ nor dang rang 'dod 'chol ba med /
/ sgo gsum bya ba ci byed kyang /
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⁴⁷ Davenport (2000), p. 123, translates this verse as:

⁴⁸ Dvangs 1.62.: pa

 $^{^{49}}$ Dvangs 12.3 contains several variants and is therefore given here in its entirety:

2.26 He whose intellect and skills are not [used] offensively,

Who keeps the wealth [of his master] and his own interests separate,

And who in all the deeds of his "three doors" Thinks of his master is a [true] servant.

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/ bza' dang bgo bas legs bskyangs kyang /
/ rtag tu 'khang zhing rgyun du rku /
/ rje la mi sems bsam ngan 'chang /
/ 'khor ngan de dag gzhom rgyu yin / 2.27
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2.27 Although well taken care of with food and clothing,

They are constantly unsatisfied and steal regularly,

They do not think of their master, but harbour mean thoughts [towards him];

Such bad servants give good cause to be suppressed.

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/ ya rabs dam<sup>51</sup> pa'i<sup>52</sup> 'jug ngogs mthong /
/ zhib tig che la bag dang ldan /
/ so nam brtson zhing 'khor skyong mkhas /
/ gsog 'jog shes pa gnyer pa ste<sup>53</sup> / 2.28
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In whatever he does in body, speech or mind (i.e. the three doors)

He thinks of his master: he is a good servant.

[/] dpon la sems pa 'khor bzang yin /

His intellect and skills are not small,

And he does not mix the possessions [of his master] with his own wishes;

⁵⁰ I.e. Body, speech and mind

⁵¹ Dvangs 11.1.: sa

⁵² Dvangs 11.1.: yi

⁵³ Dyangs 11.1.: yin

2.28 Such is regarded as the entrance to the rank of nobleman:

He whose care is great and who is endowed with attentiveness, He who engages in agriculture and is skilled in the protection of subjects

And knows how to lay by - he is a [true] administrator.

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/ bya ba mi mkhas spyod pa rtsing /
/ shes rig mi gsal chang la dga'<sup>54</sup> /
/ sang gi bya ba gnangs su<sup>55</sup> lus<sup>56</sup> /
/ zhib tshags med pa grva<sup>57</sup> pa<sup>58</sup> yin / 2.29
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2.29 He who is not skilful in his duties, who is ill mannered,

Who is not intelligent but addicted to beer,

Who leaves tomorrow's work for the day after,

And who does not carefully lay by is a net.

```
/ bag yod sos dal spyod lam mdzes /
/ sgyu med sems brtan rje la bsam /<sup>59</sup>
/ yig rtsis la sogs rig byed mkhas /<sup>60</sup>
/ blo gsal ngag nyung nye gnas te<sup>61</sup> / 2.30
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⁵⁴ Dvangs 8.1.: rtsi

⁵⁵ Dvangs 8.1.: la

⁵⁶ Dvangs 8.1.: skyel

⁵⁷ Dvangs 8.1.: dra

⁵⁸ Dvangs 8.1.: ba

⁵⁹ Dvangs 12.1. reads this pāda as: / rku med bsam ldan bla ma sems /

 $^{^{60}\,\}mathrm{Dvangs}$ 12.1.: changes the order of pādas b and c

⁶¹ Dvangs 12.1.: vin

2.30 He who is deliberate, unhurried and well mannered, Undeceptive, firm in mind and thoughtful towards his master, Skilled in writing, calculations and such knowledge, Clear in mind and of few words is an initmate friend.

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/ yig rtsis mi shes ngang gi blun /
/ phyi nang mi shes smra ba mang /
/ rje yi drung du shab shib 'chad /
/ de 'dra 'khor gyi gtor shing yin / 2.31
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2.31 But he who cannot write or calculate and is of a foolish disposition, Who cannot distinguish between private and public [affairs], speaks too much,

And who whispers in the presence of his master [to others about him] -

Such a one is like an intriguer. 62

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/ khog yangs bag yod 'du shes grung /
/ gnyen dang nye du'i sems 'dzin shes /
/ so nam brtson zhing bkal thags mkhas /
/ bu khyo bkur ba chung ma ste / 2.32
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2.32 She who is warm-hearted and careful, makes plans with wisdom,

Keeps close and distant relatives in mind,

Is industrious in farming and experienced in spinning and weaving,

And respects her husband and children is a [true] spouse,

⁶² See verse 1.10 above.

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/ so nam mi brtson za la dga' /
/ shes med gdong la byi dor rem /
/ rtag tu khyo min grogs gzhan 'tshol /
/ de kun 'dre mo mgon sum yin / 2.33
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2.33 But those who are not industrious in farming, take pleasure in eating,

Lack knowledge, but zealously decorate their faces,

And constantly meet friends other than their husband -

All these are manifest demonesses.

/ skyes bu'i rnam 'byed bshad pa gzhon nu'i mgul rgyan las / rgyas par bshad pa'i le'u ste gnyis pa'o //

From An Explanation of the Classification of People, A Youth's Necklace, the second, extended chapter.

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// de ltar bshad pa de dag la /
/ blo gros ldan pa'i skyes bu yin /
/ bar ma rnams ni btang snyoms bzhag /
/ bzang ngan gnyis la blang dor bya / 3.1
```

3.1 To whom such was spoken

Are persons of sense;

Average people lose their temper -

[Therefore,] strive for the good and abandon the bad.

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/ blo gros gsal zhing thabs la mkhas /
/ gzhan la gzhan phan 'od zer 'gyed /
/ nyi ma lta bu'i skyes bu de /
/ btang snyoms mi bzhag dang du blang / 3.2
```

3.2 Clear in mind and skilful in means. And radiating light rays of benefit for others -Such is a sunlike person: Strive for this by not losing your temper. / zol spyod sprin gyis ma bsgribs shing / / drang brtan gnyis kyi ri bong 'dzin / / zla ba lta bu'i skyes bu de / / btang snyoms mi bzhag dang du blang / 3.3 3.3 Not obscured by the cloud of fraud, But holding fast the hare of both honesty and steadiness -Such is a moonlike person: Strive for this by not losing your temper. / dbyen dang phra mas mi 'gul zhing / / ngo bstod rlung gis mi bskyod pa / / lhun po lta bu'i skyes bu de / / btang snyoms mi bzhag dang du blang / 3.4 3.4 Solitary and not agitated by small matters, And not moved by the wind of flattery -Such is a person who is like Mount Meru: Strive for this by not losing your temper. / gzhan gyis rang bzhin gting dpag dka' /

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/ gzhan gyıs rang bzhın gtıng dpag dka' /
/ blo dang rig pa'i rlabs dang ldan /
/ rgya mtsho lta bu'i skyes bu de /
/ btang snyoms mi bzhag dang du blang / 3.5
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3.5 The depth of his being is difficult to fathom for others;
And endowed with the waves of mind and knowledge Such is an oceanlike person:

Strive for this by not losing your temper.

```
/ phan 'dod 'bras bu'i khur dang ldan /
/ tsha gdung sel ba'i bsil grib can /
/ ljon shing lta bu'i skyes bu de /
/ btang snyoms mi bzhag dang du blang / 3.6
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3.6 Endowed with a weight of fruits of wishing well to others

And with shade that removes heat -

Such is a treelike person:

Strive for this by not losing your temper.

```
/ nyes spyod 'joms pa'i mche sder can /
/ bag yod g.yu yi ral pa 'dzin /
/ seng ge lta bu'i skyes bu de /
/ btang snyoms mi bzhag dang du blang / 3.7
```

3.7 Endowed with teeth and claws that suppress bad behaviour, Attentive and displaying a turquoise-coloured mane -Such is a lionlike person: Strive for this by not losing your temper.

```
/ bslab gsum gser gyi drva bas g.yogs /
/ yon tan nor bu'i mgul rgyan can /
/ glang po lta bu'i skyes bu de /
/ btang snyoms mi bzhag dang du blang / 3.8
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3.8 Tied to the golden net of the three fields of learning

And endowed with a jewel necklace of good qualities -

Such is an elephantlike person:

Strive for this by not losing your temper.

```
/ nang du shes rig dran pa gsal /
/ phyi na blang dor ri mo bkra /
/ stag mo lta bu'i skyes bu de /
/ btang snyoms mi bzhag dang du blang / 3.9
```

3.9 Having knowledge and a clear memory within,

And spotted with the patterns of precepts and commandments without.

Such is a tigerlike person:

Strive for this by not losing your temper.

/ skyes bu'i rnam 'byed b
shad pa gzhon nu'i mgul rgyan las / / blang bya'i skyes bu b
stan pa'i le'u ste gsum pa'o //

From An Explanation of the Classification of People, A Youth's Necklace, the third chapter, containing instructions on what a person should strive for

```
// gang dang cung zad 'khon pa na /
/ mi smra sems kyi dkyil du bzhag /
/ skabs su bab na rdul du rlog /
/ dug sbrul lta bu'i skyes bu spang / 4.1
```

4.1 Having been scolded only a little,

One harbours it silently in one's heart;

Then, when there is a chance, one crushes [the opponent] to dust: Reject [being] a person who is like a poisonous snake.

```
/ rang bzhin mi bzad rtsub 'gyur che /
/ rtag tu gnod sems 'ba' zhig 'chang /
/ ngan gyi gtong sa phyi nang med /
/ btsan dug lta bu'i skyes bu spang / 4.2
```

4.2 Intolerant by nature and of great crudeness, And constantly nurturing none but harmful thoughts -In a place to do evil, there is no inside or out: Reject [being] a person who is like a virulent poison.

```
/ snyan par smra zhing zhi dul che /
/ spyod pa bzang po'i tshul bzung nas /
/ dus la bab na rtsub 'gyur ston /
/ byi la lta bu'i skyes bu spang / 4.3
```

4.3 Pleasantly speaking and of great gentleness, And maintaining the ways of good behaviour -But if there is a chance, then being crude: Reject [being] a person who is like a cat.

```
/ phyi nang mi shes kun la rgol /
/ bza' btung tsam gyis 'brid par sla /
/ gtsang btsog med pa'i brtul zhugs 'dzin /
/ khyi rgan lta bu'i skyes bu spang / 4.4
```

4.4 Being hostile to all without knowing who belongs to the house and who not,

Easy to trick just by food and drink,

And displaying moral conduct with no distinction between cleanliness or dirt:

Reject [being] a person who is like an old dog.

```
/ 'khos med rtag tu rgyu 'grul mang /
/ snying med gzhan la nyams drod skyel /
/ klad med kha zas rtag tu 'tshol /
/ va skyes lta bu'i skyes bu spang / 4.5
```

4.5 Being poor and constantly roaming,

Having no heart and harming the self-confidence in others, Having no brain and searching constantly for food:

Reject [being] a person who is like a fox.

```
/ tshod chung drod^{63} med phyi thag thung / rang mtshang ngan pa^{64} gzhan la bsku^{65} / mdog ngan ston pa'i skad ngan can / khva ta lta bu'i skyes^{66} bu^{67} spang / 4.6
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4.6 Of little self-control, cold-hearted and of a short future life, Committing oneself a fault, but putting the blame on others, Showing an unpleasant visage and having an unpleasant voice:

⁶³ Don, p. 390: gros

⁶⁴ Don, p. 391: pas

⁶⁵ Don, p. 391: rgol

⁶⁶ Don, p. 391: skye

⁶⁷ Don, p. 391: bo

Reject [being] a person who is like a crow. 68

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/ gzhan gyis mi brtsi rang gis brtsi /
/ 'byor med gos sogs 'phyor la dga' /
/ khang kha bskor zhing glu chung len /
/ khyim bya lta bu'i skyes bu spang / 4.7
```

4.7 Not considered (important) by others, only by oneself, Being poor, but enjoying elegant clothes and so on, Roaming around the house and whistling a little song: Reject [being] a person who is like a chicken.

```
/ rtag tu dman pa'i las spyod cing /
/ rgyu mtshan med par 'o dod 'debs /
/ bag med spyod pa'i rtol col can /
/ bong bu lta bu'i skyes bu spang / 4.8
```

4.8 Constantly engaging in base behaviour,Moaning without any reason,Heedless and foolish in one's behaviour:Reject [being] a person who is like a donkey.

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/ las su sdig spyod gzhan la rku /
/ sems ngan spyod ngan rang bzhin ngan /
/ rnam thar ngan pa gzhan la bsgo /
```

⁶⁸ Davenport (2000), p. 229 translates this verse as: Careless, fickle, and having poor judgement, Mean, fault-finding people quarrel with others. Abandon them; they are similar to crows With their coarse language and unpleasant visage.

/ rims nad lta bu'i skyes bu spang / 4.9

4.9 Committing crimes at work and stealing from others,

Of bad mind, bad behaviour and bad nature,

Ordering others to lead a bad life:

Reject [being] a person who is like someone with an infectious disease.

```
/ don du bza' btung 'ba' zhig gnyer /
/ gang la brten pa de la gnod /
/ spyod pa mi gzo ba<sup>69</sup> 'gro la dga' /
/ khyi shig lta bu'i skyes bu spang<sup>70</sup> / 4.10
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4.10 Taking as meaningful eating and drinking only,

Harming those on whom one relies,

Not clean in one's behaviour and enjoying roaming:

Reject [being] a person who is like a dog flea.⁷¹

/ skyes bu'i rnam 'byed bshad pa gzhon nu'i mgul rgyan las / spang bya'i skyes bu bshad pa'i le u ste bzhi pa'o //

From An Explanation of the Classification of People, A Youth's Necklace, the fourth chapter, containing instructions on what a person should reject.

⁶⁹ Don, p. 315 om. ba

⁷⁰ Don, p. 315: spangs

⁷¹ Davenport (2000), p. 183, translates this verse as:

Those preoccupied with food and drink
Trouble anyone who relies on them and
Enjoy going around engaging in mischief;
Such people are like fleas and must be avoided.

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// de ltar skyes bu'i rnam 'byed dang /
/ de la blang dor bshad mod kyang /
/ blo gros ldan pas shes mod kyi /
/ blun po rnams kyis de ltar min / 5.1
```

5.1 In this way people have been classified,

And although what to do and not to do have been explained to them,

The wise may understand them,

But fools do not similarly do so.

```
/ mig sogs skyon dang bral ba yis /
/ gzugs rnams dbye ba so sor 'byed /
/ don la ji ltar gnas pa bzhin /
/ nang du de yi rnam par 'char / 5.2
```

5.2. With faultless [organs], such as eyes and so on,

One distinguishes the different forms;

As they exist in reality,

So does their form appear inside (i.e. in one's mind).

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/ mig sogs skyon dang bcas pa dang /
/ phyi rol yul la log par 'jug /
/ zla ba gcig la gnyis 'dzin bzhin /
/ rnam pa phyin ci log tu 'char / 5.3
```

5.3 If the organs - the eyes and so on - have faults, One perceives the outer objects in a wrong way; As one takes one moon for two, So appear the forms in a wrong way.

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/ gang gis de der 'jog pa yi /
/ rgyu mtshan mthong na mkhas pa 'jug /
/ ljon shing yal ga chur lhung bas /
/ blun po cal gyi rjes su 'brangs / 5.4
```

5.4 If someone sees the reason

Behind this or that, he enters [the ranks of the] wise; When the branches of a tree fall down into the water, The fool follows [only] the noise.

```
/ mkhas pa mkhas pa la dga' ste /
/ blun po blun po nyid la dga' /
/ padma yid 'ong nyi mas skyong /
/ zla ba'i zer gyis ku mud 'byed /
/ mi gtsang dri la srin bu 'khor /
/ rul ba'i dri la sha sbrang 'khor / 5.5
```

5.5 The wise like the wise,

Fools like only fools;

The beautiful lotos flowers are protected by the sun,
[And] the rays of the moonlight open the white lotos flower,
[But] in a fetid smell live (intestinal) worms,
In a rotten smell live maggots.

```
/ kye ma sa phyogs ma dag par /
/ shin tu skye bo ma dag dga' /
/ yan lag brgyad ldan chu bo spong<sup>72</sup> /
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⁷² Don, p. 376: spongs

/ bshes su khyi yi chu ngan len / 5.6

5.6 Alas! Those unclean places are
 Much liked by imperfect people.
 The filthy water dogs have drunk from is favoured
 Over water with the eight⁷³ special qualities.⁷⁴

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/ blo rmongs gzu bor mi gnas shing /
/ sdug gsog<sup>75</sup> byas pa'i 'byor pa<sup>76</sup> can /
/ legs nyes dpyod pa'i shes med po /
/ deng sang blun po'i kun spyod mtshar<sup>77</sup> / 5.7
```

5.7 Those who are thoroughly steeped In ignorance, dishonesty, and misery Are unable to distinguish right from wrong: These days the habits of fools prevail.⁷⁸

Alas! In those imperfect places Much fancied by imperfect people, The filthy water dogs drink is favored To water with eight special qualities.

⁷³ chu yan lag brgyad ldan are the eight qualities of good water: 1) cool (bsil ba), light, refreshing (yang ba), 3) sweet, tasty (zhim pa), 4) smooth ('jam pa), 5) clear (dvangs pa), 6) free of bad odour (dri nga ba med pa), 7) soothing to the throat when drinking ('thung na mgrin pa la bde ba), 8) harmless to the stomach ('thung na lto ba la bde ba). See Tsepak Rigzin (1993) s.v. chu yan lag brgyad ldan.

⁷⁴ Davenport (2000), p. 220:

⁷⁵ Don, p. 383: sog

⁷⁶ Don, p. 383: ba

⁷⁷ Don, p. 383: 'tshal

⁷⁸ This is the translation of Davenport (2000), p. 224.

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/ nor gyis nor 'tshol tshong pa la /
/ g.yo sgyu che zhes smod par snang /
/ brdzun<sup>79</sup> gyis nor 'tshol zog po la /
/ ngo mtshar che zhes gtsug na mchod /
/ drang por smras na 'khyog por 'dzin /
/ g.yon can bla ma rin chen lo / 5.8
```

5.8 It appears that merchants who seek wealth from wealth Are castigated and called deceptive,

But the fraudulent who seek wealth from dishonesty

Are called marvellous and greatly honoured. 80

If one speaks honestly, one is taken to be crooked,

The cunning one is taken for the precious Guru.

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/ rtog dpyod ldan pa'i skyes bu yis /
/ yon tan mchog dang ldan pa len /
/ yid 'ong padma'i rdzing bu la /
/ 'dab chags ngang pa ngang gis 'phyo / 5.9
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5.9 Persons who are endowed with the power of judgement Prefer those with the highest qualities;In a pond with beautiful lotosesGeese by nature float.

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/ shes rig med pa'i blun po rnams /
/ g.yo sgyu'i tshul ltar chos la dad /
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⁷⁹ Don, p. 396: rdzun

 $^{^{80}}$ Don, p. 396, quotes this verse. The order is again different. The translation of this verse is that of Davenport (2000), p. 232.

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/ 'bad de btsal yang khyi rgan gyis /
/ lham krad las gzhan ci zhig rnyed / 5.10
```

5.10 The fools without mental capabilities

Believe in the Dharma as if it were some kind of fraud;

Although it tries hard, what else

Does an old dog get than the sole of a shoe.

```
/ blo ldan mkhas pas gzhan la phan /
/ bsil drod sman gyis tsha grang sel /
/ blo dman<sup>81</sup> skye bos gzhan la gnod /
/ sdong dum skam po 'tshig pa'i rgyu / 5.11
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5.11 The wise and the skilled benefit others,

As a cooling medicine removes fever, But evil-minded persons do harm to others, Like a spark that ignites a dry log.⁸²

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/ kye ma 'dzam gling byang phyogs 'dir /
/ spang bya 'ga' yang ma spang shing /
/ rtogs bya 'ga' yang ma rtogs pas /
/ kun mkhyen thob pa'i dus mi snang / 5.12
```

5.12 Alas! In this northern region of the world

Some of the things which should be given up are not given up,

⁸¹ Don, p. 332: ngan

⁸² Davenport (2000), p. 193, translates the last two pādas of the verse as: The harm that the evil-minded inflict on others Is the spark that ignites the dry tree trunk.

And some of the things which should be understood are not understood;

Thus the time to attain omniscience has not come.

```
/ ya mtshan che mod thub pa'i bka' /
/ dri med 'bad pas legs rtog la /
/ rgyu 'bras gnyis la yid ches pa'i /
/ mkhas pas bka' bzhin nyams su longs / 5.13
```

5.13 The wonder may be great with regard to the word of the Muni; With faultless effort they will understand it well,
And having great faith in the law of both cause and effect,
The wise take it to heart in accordance with the words [of the Muni].

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/ snyigs dus skye bo mi srun pa /
/ yin lugs smras na 'khon 'dzin skye /
/ btang snyoms bzhag na bstan la gnod /
/ des na 'di la 'ji ltar bgyi / 5.14
```

5.14 People of [this] degenerated time are not protected:

If they say what's what, they create resentment; If they abandon composure, they harm the doctrine -Therefore, what can we do in this case?

```
/ kyi hud deng sang thub pa'i bstan /
/ nub kyi ri mgor lhung ba yi /
/ 'od zer stong ldan nyi ma bzhin /
/ ring por mi thogs nub par 'gyur / 5.15
```

5.15 Ah! Nowadays the teaching of the Muni Is declining at the western mountain top, But like the sun with its thousand rays It will set in a not too distant time.

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/ lha dang bcas pa'i 'jig rten 'di /
/ smag rum mun pa nyid du 'gyur /
/ de bas blo ldan mkhas pa'i tshogs /
/ yud tsam bdag la dgongs su gsol / 5.16
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5.16 This world including its celestical beings
Will fall into deep darkness;

Therefore, you aggregation of wise and intelligent ones, Please listen to me for a short while!

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/ sangs rgyas bstan pa'i khur 'dzin pa'i /
/ khe rnyed 'du 'dzi'i rtsol ba dor /
/ gsung rab 'o ma'i mtsho bsrubs la /
/ thos bsam mar gyi snying po longs / 5.17
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5.17 The caretakers of the Buddha's teachings -Their profit is the abandoning of the search for distractions; In churning the scriptures, an ocean of milk, One obtains the essence, the butter of learning.

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/ rang don sgrub pa'i blo dor la /
/ gzhan phan nyi ma'i 'od zer khye /
/ shes bzhin dran pa'i gos gyon la /
/ rin chen bstan pa'i rgyal mtshan zung / 5.18
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5.18 In giving up the thought of realising one's own goals

For the sun's rays of benefitting others,

And donning the clothes of remembrance according to one's knowledge,

One obtains the jewel-banner of the doctrine.

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/ 'di skad smras pa'i btsun pa ngas /
/ khyad par gsum ldan bla ma bsten /
/ byed pa gnyis ldan gsung rab mnyan /
/ blang dor tshul la blo mig 'byed / 5.19
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5.19 I, the monk who has said this,

Rely on three particular gurus;

I have heard the teachings endowed with the two deeds,

Have opened the eye of my mind to the method of accepting and rejecting.

/ skyes bu'i rnam 'byed bshad pa gzhon nu'i mgul rgyan las / mkhas rmongs kyi khyad par dang / mkhas pa cung zad bskul ba'i le'u ste lnga pa'o //

From An Explanation of the Classification of People, A Youth's Necklace, the fifth chapter, containing particulars of the wise and the disturbed and a small stimulation to the wise.

```
// bdag gis 'di skad smras pa'i gtam /
/ 'ga' yi rna bar lhung ba na /
/ bzhin ras padma'i nags tshal dag /
/ zla ba'i 'od kyis phog pa 'dra / 6.1
```

6.1 These words spoken by me,

If they fall on the ears of someone, Will lighten his face like the touch of moon rays On a forest of lotoses.

```
/ drang por smras pa'i ngag gi mda' /
/ ma 'da' ched du brgyab pa 'dra /
/ gang la phog pa de yi mtshang /
/ rang nor bzhin du ngos len byas / 6.2
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6.2 The arrows of my honest speechAre like hits that do not violate:On whom they fall - his secret faultsAre accepted as his wealth.

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/ mkhas pa'i blo gros gter chen las /
/ skyes bu'i rnam 'byed bshad pa gang /
/ blo gsal kun dga'i ming can gyis /
/ gzur gnas drang po'i bsam pas sbyar / 6.3
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6.3 What has been explained as a classification of people From the great mine of a wise man's wisdom Was composed by the impartial, straightforward mind Of one with a clear mind who bears the name Kun dga'.

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/ de ltar gzhon nu'i mgul rgyan mchog /
/ mchog 'di legs bshad snang ba'i dpal /
/ dpal ldan rgyal ba'i gsung rab kun /
/ kun nas rgya cher rgyas gyur cig / 6.4
(sho lo ka 'di dpe la lar mi snang)
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6.4 Thus the most excellent necklace for youth -

This most excellent one - is the glory that appears in these wise sayings;

May all teachings of the glorious Jina

Be spread in all ways.

(This verse does not appear in some of the versions.)

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/ de las byung ba'i dge ba dang /
/ gzhan yang dge ba ma lus pa /
/ 'khor gsum yongs su dag pa'i blos /
/ bla med byang chub chen por bsngo / 6.5
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6.5 The virtue arising from this book

And all further virtue

With a completely pure mind of devotion⁸³

Is dedicated to the great highest Bodhi.

/ skyes bu'i rnam 'byed bshad pa gzhon nu'i mgul rgyan zhes bya ba / sha'kya dge slong rigs pa smra ba kun dga' rgyal mtshan dpal bzang pos dpal ldan sa skya'i gtsug lag khang du sbyar ba rdzogs so // // (dpe lnga la bsdur nas zhus //)

An Explanation of the Classification of People, A Youth's Necklace, was composed by the Buddhist monk Kun dga' rgyal mtshan dpal bzang po, a speaker of reason, at the glorious Sa skya temple.

[This copy was made] by using five books.

⁸³ 'khor gsum yongs su dag pa refers to the smon lam 'khor gsum or to 'khor gsum rnam dag, the "three spheres" of perfect purity [of subject, object and self].

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