

*hsia hu*, is used when the former is less than the latter, or there is no privately owned land to be compared. (Privately owned land was appropriated as “正田” *cheng t'ien* because Tun-huang was “狹鄉” *hsia hsiang*.)

“Refutation in verse against Taoists” by 'Phags-pa

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The controversy between Buddhists and Taoists held in the reign of Mönke-khan (1251–1259) is a well-known subject. But the former studies, mainly based on Chinese sources, make no confirmation as to the Tibetan personage who assisted there.

There is however a treatise in Tibetan which throws new light on this point. According to *Zin-ñin-gi ston-pa btul-pa'i chigs-bčad* “*Refutation in verse against Taoists*” composed by 'Phags-pa (*Sa-skya-pa'i bka'*-*'bum*, ed. the Toyo Bunko, vol. 7, no. 304, of which is given in this article the complete translation with notes), it is clear that 'Phags-pa was present at the third session (presided by Qubilai) of the controversy and played there an important role to bring the final victory to the Buddhists. This is also confirmed by his biography composed by Ye-ces rgyal-mchan.

This event must have led 'Phags-pa to gain the confidence of Qubilai who came afterwards to invest 'Phags-pa with full powers on Tibet.

The PLB and OB Sources of WrB -ac

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It is a notable fact that some WrB morphemes in -ac are rather consistently spelt with -at when the initials are, or are interpretable as, with medial -y-. Thus WrB hrac ‘eight’ is written in some early Pagan inscriptions as hyat (EM no. 41=pl. 134a/31) or het (EM no. 3=pl. 364a/2,3). Similarly, we find OB ñhat (EM no. 41=pl. 134a/4) for WrB hñac ‘to squeeze’. OB cat (EM no. 31=pl. 78a/33; EM no. 58=pl. 166a/46) for WrB cac ‘to examine, investigate’, OB khyat (EM no. 5=pl. 5/13–14 (name); EM no. 3=pl. 73/21) for WrB khyat ‘to love’ and OB mryat (Chitsagôn Votive Tablets pl. 43 in GHL II, p. 34, and probably EM no. 5=pl. 5/9–10 (name)). On the other hand, the majority of the WrB morphemes in -ac are more consistently spelt with -ac or -ec. To give only a few examples of these, OB phlac (EM no. 2=pl. 110/15; etc.) phlec (EM no. 1=