

Proto-MahAyAna and the KathAvatthu.

Abstract:

The disagreements of the KathAvatthu fall along lines which seems to prefigure the disagreements that produced the split between the MahAyAna and the rest of Buddhist tradition. Now that the beginning of MahAyAna literature have been pushed back at least a hundred years, the time span between the KathAvatthu and the beginning of the MahAyAna does not seem to be that great, and the paper will investigate whether it is possible to establish a continuity in the case.

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