

Dignāga on *sambandha* (working title)

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Dignāga's *Pramāṇasamuccaya*, which is acclaimed as the foundational text of the Buddhist epistemological tradition and which, moreover, exerted considerable influence on the non-Buddhist philosophical schools, has unfortunately not yet been discovered in its Sanskrit original. Hitherto conducted studies on this important text have had to rely mainly on Tibetan materials and on fragments found in other Sanskrit works. On account of their style and quality, the two available Tibetan translations of the *Pramāṇasamuccaya* give only a rough impression of the text's original intention.

The fact that the Sanskrit original of Jinendrabuddhi's commentary on this text has become available – the first chapter was already published in 2005, chapters two and three are in preparation – improves this situation greatly. Jinendrabuddhi's text not only helps the scholar of Indian philosophy in contextualising many of Dignāga's statements, but furnishes the philologist a fair number of literal quotations from the *Pramāṇasamuccaya*.

The present author, who is working on a reconstruction of *Pramāṇasamuccaya*, chapter two, will try to take advantage of these new circumstances, and reconsider Dignāga's view on *sambandha* as can be derived from scattered discussions, above all those in the mentioned chapter.