

An Inquiry into the Relationship between
Śikṣāsamuccaya and *Bodhi(sattva)caryāvatāra*
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Concerning the relationship of *Śikṣāsamuccaya* and *Bodhi(sattva)caryāvatāra*, the following three points have so far been clarified by a number of contemporary studies:

- (1) The *Bodhi(sattva)caryāvatāra* (BCA), Chapter V.105 refers to the *Śikṣāsamuccaya* (ŚS) and emphasizes the importance of its repeated reading since correct conduct is, it says, therein explained in some detail.
- (2) BCA and SS share almost the same introductory verses composed of three successive stanzas in which the author(s) made vows at the outset of writing.
- (3) Vibhūticandra (fl.c.1200), Bu-ston (1290-1364), Tāranātha (1575-1608) and Sum-pa mkhan-po (1704-1776?) unanimously ascribe the three works, SS, *Sūtrasamuccaya* and BCA, to Śāntideva.

However, the recent discovery of the early version of *Bodhisattvacaryāvatāra* (BSA), which has so far been identified only in the Tibetan manuscripts from Dūn-huáng, has rather dramatically changed the situation. Having discussed the above first and third points in a few of my preceding articles, I would like to confine myself in this presentation to dealing with the second one and related interaction between ŚS and BSA/BCA. The paper will also discuss the probable chronological order of BSA, ŚS, and BCA.