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ON THE DATES AND WORKS OF ŚANKARANANDANA

Professor Gnoli was the first and only expert not to date Śańkaranandana (in short: Ś.) on the basis of Tibetan tradition but to use textual sources. He was also the first to consider Ś.'s conversion from Buddhism to Śaivism¹. Since almost 40 years have passed since Gnoli's investigations, in the following I should like, on the basis of his results, to take into account more recent material and examine once again Ś.'s lifetime and the problem of his conversion, as well as to present a list of his works. To begin with, we must clarify the issue of his name – Śańkarānanda or Śańkaranandana.

Frauwallner (1933: 241) already pointed out that the form of the name 'Śaṅkaranandana', recorded in Vādidevasūri's *Syādvādaratnākara*² and in Abhinavagupta's *Īśvarapratyabhijñāvivṛtivimarśinī*³, is to be preferred to the alternative 'Śaṅkarānanda', found in the secondary literature⁴ and also in Tibetan texts⁵. Since the form of the name found in the SVR and in the ĪPVV is also to be found in the *Mālinīvijayavārttika* (see below, n. 58), in the *Tan*-

¹ See below, pp. Aff. 484

³ tathā hi <u>bhattaśankaranandanah</u> ... ĪPVV I 236,1; tena yad āha <u>bhattaśankaranandanah</u> ... ĪPVV II 16,10; see also below, note 25.

⁴ The form 'Śaṅkarānanda' can be found with variations in transliteration in, for instance, Vidyābhūṣaṇa 1920: 344f, 349; Obermiller 1932: 155; Stcherbatsky 1932: 42, 45f, 247; Gnoli 1960: xxiiiff; Naudou 1980: 14, 121-127, 180, 229, 231; and Kuijp 1983 (see below, note 35).

⁵ Cf. for instance the colophon of Ś.'s Anyāpohasiddhi: gźan sel ba grub pa dge bsñen dam pa I mkhas pa chen po śam ka rānandas mdzad pa rdzogs so II AAS 302a7. Likewise the colophon of the Sambandhaparīkṣānusāra reads: 'brel pa brtag pa'i 'grel pa bram ze śam ka rā nandas mdzad pa rdzogs so II SPA 35a3. In addition there are the alternatives śankananda, śam kar nan ta (see below, note 31).

In the Tibetan translation of the name, bDe byed dga' ba, dga' ba can translate both ānanda and nandana; see Frauwallner 1933: 241.

 $tr\bar{a}lokaviveka^6$, in the $Dravy\bar{a}lank\bar{a}rat\bar{\imath}k\bar{a}^7$ and in the colophon of Ś.'s $\bar{l}śvar\bar{a}-p\bar{a}karanasanksepa^8$, in other words since the form 'Śankarananadana' is the only form in all the Sanskrit sources, preference must be given to it.

In addition to the Tibetan translation of his name, bDe byed dga' ba, Ś. is often referred to as Bram ze or Bram ze chen po, the (great) Brahmin.

WORKS

Ś.'s works are described in Bühnemann 1980, in Much 1988: 16, 21, 27f and, in most detail, in Steinkellner and Much 1995: 80-84, who also take into account the previous findings on S. and his writings. For this reason, we can limit ourselves here to a list of his works and a few comments and additions. The sequence reflects the relative chronology as shown in the Table on [p. 508], whereby I assume that the commentaries were written at the same time as the basic texts. For reasons of clarity, I have listed together below larger (brhat) and smaller (sūksma) works that belong together, although their chronological classification is by no means certain. Although the kārikās of his miśraka works have also survived separately, I treat these texts as one work, since as yet there is no indication that S. wrote the basic texts and the corresponding commentaries separately. It should be noted beforehand that the works of which only the kārikās have survived may also have been miśraka texts. However, there can be no final certainty on this point until these are found or new fragments discovered:

- Prajñālankārakārikā
 Commentary on Prajñālankārakārikā
- 2. Dharmālankārakārikā Commentary on Dharmālankārakārikā
- 3. Bṛhatprāmāṇyakārikā
- 4. Madhyaprāmāņyakārikā
- 5. Sūkṣmaprāmāṇyakārikā
- 6. Anyāpohasiddhikārikā Commentary on Anyāpohasiddhikārikā
- śanikaranandana-sadyojyotir-devabala-kanabhugādimatam ..., TĀV Vol. IV 1884,5.
 śanikaranandanas tv āha, Dravyālankāratīkā 2nd chapter fol. 112 = Jambūvijaya 1981:
 śanikaranandanas tv āha, Dravyālankāratīkā 3rd chapter fol. 79 = Jambūvijaya 1981: 143.

⁸ <u>īśvarāpākaranasanksepah</u> sampūrņah krtir bhaṭṭa<u>śankaranandanasya</u>, ĪAS_{nis} 8,1f.

- 7. Pratibandhasiddhikārikā
 Commentary on Pratibandhasiddhikārikā
- 8. Laghupratibandhasiddhikārikā
- 9. *Īśvarāpākaraṇakārikā*Commentary on *Īśvarāpākaraṇakārikā*
- Sankşipteśvarāpākaraṇakārikā
 Īśvarāpākaraṇasankṣepa (Commentary on Sankṣipteśvarāpākaraṇakārikā; includes the kārikās)⁹
- 11. Commentary on Dharmakīrti's Vādanyāya
- 12. Sambandhaparīkṣānusāra (Commentary on Dharmakīrti's Sambandhaparīkṣā)
- 13. *Pramāṇavārttikaṭīkā* (incomplete commentary on Dharmakīrti's PV I and PVSV up to k. 130)
- 14. Sarvajñasiddhikārikā
 Commentary on Sarvajñasiddhikārikā
- 15. Svalpasarvajñasiddhikārikā Commentary on Svalpasarvajñasiddhikārikā
- Āgamasiddhikārikā
 Commentary on Āgamasiddhikārikā

This list includes a further four in addition to the 22 works¹⁰ enumerated to in Steinkellner and Much (1995: 80):

- 1. Commentary on Prajñālankārakārikā
- 2. Commentary on Dharmālankārakārikā
- 7. Commentary on Pratibandhasiddhikārikā
- 11. Commentary on Dharmakīrti's Vādanyāya
- On 1.) From the *Prajāālankāra*, prose quotations have survived that could only come from the commentary to *Prajāālankārakārikā*:

yat prajñālamkārah -

praroho 'syāḥ saṃvidaḥ paṭīyastvaṃ sa eva saṃskāro vācya iti ĪPVV I 234,12f¹¹

⁹ The two works mentioned separately in Steinkellner and Much (1995: 80) "17. Kommentar zur Sanksipteśvarāpākaraṇakārikā" and "18. Īśvarāpākaraṇasankṣepa" are no doubt a single work, if we do not wish to assume that Ś. wrote two Commentaries on the Sankṣipteśvarāpākaraṇakārikā.

¹⁰ The larger number of works in Steinkellner and Much is a result of their counting kārikās and Commentaries separately.

¹¹ Cf. Gnoli 1960: xxiiif³; Bühnemann 1980: 196

vad uktam prajñālamkāre -

evam tarhi jagad ekasyaiva kasyacid anamsasya yathoktavidhinā rūpam astu kim nah ksīyate TĀV II 406, 8-10¹²

On 2.) Alongside the quotations from the *Dharmālankārakārikā* mentioned in Bühnemann (1980: 194), Jayaratha's commentary *Tantrālokaviveka* on Abhinavagupta's *Tantrāloka* contains two more quotations in prose:

yad dharmālamkārah -

tatra sāmarthyam hi tasya janakatvam, tac ca yadi tasmin sati na bhavati katham nāma tatsāmarthyam, atha bhavati katham sāmarthyam syād iti TĀV IV 1652,2-5

yad dharmālamkārah -

tad evam ayanı vastusvabhāva eva kāryakāranabhāvah, na tu vyavahāramātrasiddhir iti TĀV IV 1654,17-1655,3

Likewise, in the SVR Vādidevasūri adds to a stanza¹³ quoted from the *Dharmālankārakārikā* a further explanation concluded by *iti*, which we can without doubt regard as a commentary by Ś. to his *kārikās*. The text is preceded by a refutation in which Vādidevasūri shows that the fact of being caused is not a conclusive logical reason for the transience of things (... *ity anaikāntikam eva kṛtakatvam iti* SVR 787,11f). He then continues that this also refutes what was said in the previously (SVR 783,21f) mentioned *kārikā* by Ś. ¹⁴. The text now reads¹⁵:

yad api śankaranandana eva vyākaroti -

na hi svahetujo nāśo nāśinām naśvarātmatā l

nāśāyaiṣāṃ bhavantas te bhūtvaiva na bhavanti tat II nāśināṃ naśvarātmataiva nāśārthaḥ, na tu vināśahetujo vināśo nāśārthaḥ. tato yathā bhāvaviśeṣaḥ svahetor ghaṭātmako bhavan ghaṭa eva bhavati, ghaṭajanakād bhāvād aghaṭātmatāyā asaṃbhavāt, tathā vinaśvaro bhavan vinaśvara eva bhavati, bhūtvaiva samanantaraṃ nāśāt. nānyathā naśvaraḥ syāt. naśvarātmatayātmalābhasamanantara-nāśitaiva ksanikatvam iti. [tatrocyate ...] SVR 787,13-21

¹² Cf. Gnoli 1960: xxiiif³ and xxv³; by Bühnemann 1980: 196 identified in Ms 22a5-6.

below, p. 503.

On 11.) See below, note 36.

According to Bühnemann (1980: 192) the *Pratibandhasiddhikārikā* occupies the position of *fol.* 1b1-2a1 in the manuscript of the Bihar Research Society, Patna. In this, when counting the folios, wherever the folio reference is illegible she has used the sequence in the photos made by Rāhula Sāṅkṛtyāyana. Each photo shows 5 or more folio pages, *recto* or *verso*, in ascending sequence one beneath the other. Sāṅkṛtyāyana exchanged folio pages 2a and 2b, so that the sequence on the first photo is $1b \rightarrow 2a \rightarrow 3b \rightarrow 4b \rightarrow 5b$, and in the second photo $2b \rightarrow 3a \rightarrow 4a \rightarrow 5a \rightarrow 6a$. Consequently, the correct folio reference for the *Pratibandhasiddhikārikā* is 1b1-2b1. The manuscript also contains a numeric reference, which is, however, illegible. According to the Tibetan translation, there are 22 stanzas.

Accordingly, the folio references of the two following works in the manuscript must be changed. The *Laghupratibandhasiddhikārikā*, which directly follows the *Pratibandhasiddhikārikā*, does not start from 2a1-2a5, but from 2b1-2b5, and the *Sūkṣmaprāmāṇyakārikā* does not begin in 2a5, but in 2b5. The numeric reference for the *Sūkṣmaprāmāṇyakārikā* in the manuscript is 10.

Consequently, the entry for the first three works mentioned in Bühnemann (1980: 192) should read¹⁷:

Title	Numeric reference in the manuscript	Folio
1. Pratibandhasiddhikārikā (PSK) (= P 5755)	22 (?)	161-261
2. Laghupratibandhasiddhikārikā (LPSK)	8	2b1-2b5
3. Sūkṣmaprāmāṇyakārikā (SPK)	10	2b5-3a5

¹⁶ See Jackson 1987: 127 (references on p. 147³).

 $^{^{13}}$ Identified in Bühnemann 1980: 194. The following prose was not interpreted as being Ś.'s declaration.

¹⁴ etena <u>śankaranandano</u>ktakārikāyām yad (°kāyām yad conj.: °kām yāvad) uktam apāstam SVR 787,12. The text cannot be construed without correction.

¹⁵ On the translation, see above, p. 101

¹⁷ The details in Steinkellner and Much 1995: 80f must also be corrected accordingly.

TIME OF ACTIVITY

In his introduction to the text edition of Dharmakīrti's Pramānavārttikasvavrtti, Raniero Gnoli corrected the lifetime of Ś. claimed by Vidyābhūsana and Stcherbatsky as being "about 1050 AD." and "XIth century A. D."19 to "9th or 10th century"20. In justification of this subsequently generally accepted dating²¹. Gnoli notes that S. is frequently quoted by Abhinavagupta (950-ca.1020) and that he, according to Abhinavagupta, refuted Dharmottara (740–800)²², and thus must have been active between these two²³. In addition, Gnoli refers to a legend handed down by Tāranātha and dPag bsam lion bzan, according to which S., as he was about to write a refutation of Dharmakīrti's pramāna theories, received a vision of Mañjuśrī in a dream, who convinced him that Dharmakīrti's views were correct²⁴. As a result, Ś. did not write a criticism but rather a commentary on Dharmakīrti's Svavrtti. From this, and from the fact that S. is quoted with copious praise by Abhinavagupta and, on the other hand, wrote works obviously based on Buddhist systematic preconditions, such as his PVTī, Gnoli assumes that Ś. converted to Saivism. However, while the Tibetan tradition suggests that S. converted to Buddhism, Gnoli is of a different opinion: "Things may well have gone another way, however, and this is suggested by an eulogising epithet that Abhinavagupta gives to Śankarānanda, of whom he says that 'he recovered illumination thanks to the force of asceticism and to a constant exercise of thought on consciousness, owed to the maturation of his good actions carried out earlier'25." The rendition of pratilabdhonmesa26 by 'he recovered illumination' in the sense of a conversion from Buddhism to Śaivism is certainly an overinterpretation, since then the statement 'he recovered illumination' would imply that S. had previously already acquired illumination and had lost it by converting to Buddhism or in some other way. However, also Gnoli does not assume this, and there is no other indication that S. acquired illumination more than once, or changed faith more than once. Thus the point referred to by Gnoli cannot be used to clarify the direction of S.'s conversion and pratilabdhonmesa is better understood as 'he obtained illumination'.

Another of Gnoli's arguments is "that Sankarananda, among various other works of Buddhist nature, wrote at least one that wanders far from Buddhist orthodoxy or that is frankly contrary to the Buddhist logic and gnoseology commonly accepted. This work... is the Prajñālamkāra, which obviously is not included in the Tibetan canon. This work is held in high esteem by Abhinavagupta, who constantly gives Śankarānanda the title of bhatta and once even of guru, and recognises in him a true precursor of the doctrine of knowledge adopted by his school."27 Gnoli derives this from the fact that, when introducing a quotation from Ś.'s Prajñālankāra, Abhinavagupta refers to him as one who has acquired

flowers/blossoms'. By analogy, the two terms are connected in Saivism with the unfolding and dissolution of the empirical world. In the first stanza of Vasugupta's Spandakārikā the unfolding and dissolution of the world follow the opening and closing of the eyes of the highest godhead: "We laud that Sankara, who is the source of the power of the wheel of the energies, by whose opening and closing of the eyes there is the appearance and dissolution of the world: yasyonmesanimesābhyām jagatah pralayodayau" (Padoux 1992: 250⁷²). According to Abhinavagupta's Parātrimśikāvivarana unmesa is the state in which, when Siva's power of perception unfolds, all objects desired by him have unfolded (see Padoux 1992: 251 and note 75: "PTV, p. 168: unmisantī tu jñānaśaktir isyamānasakalabhāvonmesamayī u iti."). In addition, he equates unmesa with the highest level of consciousness (samvid), of which he says: "This consciousness which the Agamas celebrate under the name of insight (pratibhā), unfolding (unmesa), and so forth, abides in the interval between two dualistic cognitions, when one ceases and the other appears. It is undifferentiated [or devoid of thought-construct: avikalpakam]. It precedes as such all differentiated thoughtconstruct such as the notion of blue, and so forth, which are mutually exclusive [since linked to duality). As such it is inseparable from the infinite diversity of appearances [constituting the world]. That there is such an interval between two cognitions cannot be denied, because [cognitions] cannot but be different; and this interval is made of pure consciousness. ..." (Padoux 1992: 181f and 18239: "bhavati cedam astamitodesvadubhavavikalpajñānāntaralāvarty unmesapratibhādisabdāgamagītam nirvikalpakam sasamvādaviruddhābhimātanīlādivikalpapūrvabhāvi \ tasmāt tad anantāvabhāsāvibhāgamayam eveti \ ubhayos ca jāānayor antarālam anapahvanīyam jāānayor bhedād eva l tac ca samvidātmakam eva...").

¹⁸ Vidvābhūsana 1920: 344.

¹⁹ Stcherbatsky 1932: 45.

²⁰ Gnoli 1960: xxiiif.

²¹ E.g. Bühnemann 1980: 191, Tsukamoto et al. 1990: 458 and Steinkellner and Much 1995: 80.

²² On the dating see Krasser 1991.

²³ References can be found in Gnoli 1960: xxiiif³ and xxivf³.

²⁴ See the translation of Tāranātha by Schiefner 1869: 247f.

²⁵ Gnoli 1960: xxvi. The Sanskrit text reproduced by Gnoli in note 2 reads: prāktanakuśalavipākapravartitasamvitparāmarśābhyāsatapahprabhāvapratilabdhonmesena bhattaśankaranandanenāvi ... IPVV II 199.16-18. The quotation that follows (siddham siddhatayā rūpam nirūpyam na tathā tatah) comes from Ś.'s Prajňālankāra and is identified in Bühnemann 1980: 196.

²⁶ The basic meaning of *unmesa* is 'the opening of the eyes', 'the opening of the flowers/blossoms'. The correlate is nimesa, 'the closing of the eyes', 'the closing of the

²⁷ Gnoli 1960: xxiv.

illumination²⁸. Since Abhinavagupta himself quotes a stanza from the *Prajnālankāra* in his *Tantrāloka*, and interprets this as Buddhist doctrine (*uktam ca ... iti saugataih*; see below [p. 504 and note 59]), it is difficult to interpret the *Prajnālankāra* as a work that is entirely Śaivite and opposed to Buddhist doctrine²⁹.

On the other hand, the notion of an abandonment of Śaivism and a move towards Buddhism is supported by the fact that Ś. plays a very major role in Tibetan tradition. This is reported not only by the legends passed on by Tāranātha and others³⁰, but also follows from statements in the texts by

... 'di'i [=bde byed dga' ba'i] giam ni | kha che gron khyer chen po dpe med du mu stegs kyi pandi ta chen po bram ze śańkananda ([A]; śam kar nan ta [B]) żes bya ba blo gros phun sum tshogs pa dan ldan pa byuń ste | de yań 'dod pa la sred pas chań 'tshoń ([B]: tshoń [A]) ma żig ([A]: gcig [B]) dań yid gcugs śiń | de'i gnas su yań yań 'gro ba żig yod pa de | de'i nań pa'i dge bsñen gcig ([B]: cig [A]) kyań de'i sar 'gro ba na | de'i dpe sańs rgyas bcom ldan 'das la tshańs pa dań dbań phyug la sogs pa las khyad par du 'phags par bstod pa | mtho btsun grub rjes mdzad pa yod pa de las nas | de śańkanandas ([A]; śam kar nan tas [B]) mthoń la de'i don bden par rtogs nas sańs rgyas la śin tu dad de | bram ze rnams kyis ([B]: kyi [A]) gus par bya ba'i tshańs skud kyis dge 'dun gyi mchil lhwam ([A]; lham [B]) 'gel ba'i srad bu byas nas sańs rgyas kyi bstan pa la żugs te | de nas rtog ge'i ([A]: ge [B]) tshad ma'i bstan bcos kyań brtsams ([B]: brtsam [A]) par bżed de | ... mKhas 'jug rnam bśad [A] 342,1-5 = [B] 507,3-508,2.

The legend about him [i.e. Śańkaranandana] is as follows: In the big Kashmiri town of Anupamamahāpura^a lived a great heretical scholar, a Brahmin by the name of Śańkananda, whose intellect was excellent. Since he craved (sred pa) love ('dod pa), he took pleasure (yid gcugs) in a spirits vendor (chañ 'tshon ma). He visited her again and again in her house (gnas). When also a Buddhist Upāsaka of that [town] came to her place (de'i sar) he left (las [pa = lus pa]) his book [called Viśeṣastava (Khyad par du phags)]^b there, which praised Buddha as particularly exulted ('phags pa) over Brahman and Īśvara and which was written by Udbhaṭasiddhasvāmin (mTho btsun grub rje). When Śańkananda then saw that [book] and recognised its contents (don) as true, he conceived an extremely devout trust in Buddha. After he had made a line (srad bu) of the Brahmin string (tshañs skud) highly revered by the Brahmins for hanging up ('gel ba) the monk's (dge 'dun) sandals (mchil lhwam), he entered the Buddhist doctrine. Thereupon he also wrote pramānaśāstras. [Thus] it is said (bźed).

Following this point, Glo bo mkhan chen reports a similar story as transmitted by Tāranātha, according to which Ś. was persuaded by Mañjuśri (see above, note 24).

the Tibetan authors themselves. As one of many instances originating from no less than Sa skya Pandita Kun dga' rgyal mtshan (1182–1251), the following extract from his commentary on *Tshad ma rigs pa'i gter* should be sufficient to illustrate this point. The explanations and translation are from Kuijp (1983: 5f):

The case in point is a passage that occurs in the ninth chapter where Sa-skya Pandita submits immediate referential awareness (yid-kyi mngon-sum, mānasapratyakṣa) to a fairly detailed analysis. Having given a survey of the opinions of Prajñākaragupta and Dharmottara, he closes his preliminary discussion by attributing a view to Śankarānanda (ca. 1000?) on the basis of oral transmission; in his words:

"Only this, the intent of Śaṅkarānanda which was obtained from our abbot, I perceive as correct."³¹

The 'abbot' of course refers to the Kashmiri Śākyaśrībhadra (1127-1225) who functioned as the abbot (*mkhan-po*) when Sa-skya Paṇḍita was ordained as monk in 1208 ... ³²

Ś.'s important position in the Tibetan epistemological tradition also follows from the fact that Sa skya Paṇḍita followed him in the line of transmission of the *Pramāṇavārttika* interpretation. Several texts report that Ś.'s pupil, whose name has been handed down as 'Vagindra Paṇḍita', 'Vaṅgu Paṇḍita' or 'Paṇ chen Mewaṅgu' was the teacher of the influential Śākyaśrībhadra³³, who in turn was Sa skya Paṇḍita's teacher³⁴. In addition, according to Go ram pa bSod nams sen ge, Sa skya Paṇḍita is said to have been involved in the translation of Ś.'s *Pramāṇavārttikatīkā*, the translators

²⁸ See above, note 25.

²⁹ See also Gnoli's own comment on the reference quoted from his introduction to PVSV: "The scanty fragments of this work hardly permit us to get an idea of its content." (Gnoli 1960: xxiv³)

³⁰ A further hagiography to which Kuijp (1994a: 381 ls) refers survives in Glo bo mkhan chen:

^a On Anupamamahāpura, also known as Anupamapura and Kaśmīrapura, see Naudou 1980: 208f.

^b The text has been recently published: Johannes Schneider, *Der Lobpreis der Vorzüglichkeit des Buddha. Udbhaṭasiddhasvāmins Viśeṣastava mit Prajñāvarmans Kommentar.* Bonn 1993.

³¹ Kuijp 1983: 258¹² quotes the following text: "See the TMRGRG fol. 110a/4: shang-kar-nan-ta'i dgongs-pa kho-bo'i mkhan-po-las rnyed-pa 'di kho-na 'thad-par mthong-ngo ll'"

³² 'Jam dbyańs bźad pa's summary of Ś.'s view on *mānasapratyakṣa* is translated in Stcherbatsky 1930: 324. On 'Jam dbyańs bźad pa's analysis thereof, see Stcherbatsky 1930: 327–330.

³³ On a biography of Śākyaśrībhadra, see Jackson 1990 and the detailed discussion thereof in Kuijp 1994b.

 $^{^{34}}$ Cf. Kuijp 1983: 6 and 258f 12 ; also Mejor 1991: 176 (where the name reads 'Waṃku Pandita').

of which are not mentioned in bsTan 'gyur ³⁵. Likewise, he is alleged to have translated a commentary written by Ś. on Dharmakīrti's *Vādanyāya*, which, however, has survived neither in the original nor in translation³⁶.

These reasons are without doubt sufficient to establish Ś.'s significance for the Tibetan tradition. It is therefore clear that Ś. was not only according to legend fully integrated in the tradition, but was also thus in practice, and was regarded by Sa skya Paṇḍita and other Tibetans as one of their own. For there can be no doubt that Sa skya Paṇḍita would not have adopted the doctrines of a predecessor who himself dismissed these doctrines as false.

A further indication that Ś. irrevocably turned his back on Śaivism can be seen in the bitterness expressed in the final stanza of his IAS:

What could one experienced in the countless (*viparyāsu*), widely disseminated (*prarūdhāsu*) [and] immeasurable doctrines (*dṛṣṭiṣu*), even if he is well prepared (*prayato 'pi*), do for a world of little understanding³⁷?

That Ś. is referring to himself as experienced in countless, widely disseminated and immeasurable doctrines indicates that he had already pursued a career with a variety of doctrinal traditions and was at an advanced age.

A further indication can be found in the Tibetan colophon to his *Pratibandhasiddhikārikā*. This colophon may be a translation of an addition marked in the margin of the Sanskrit manuscript. The addition is made to the first word in line 1 of *fol.* 2b³⁸ (*siddhikārikās* II), and indicated by the writer as belonging to the latter by means of a *kākapada*, a small apostrophe above the two *daṇḍas*. The text, which is inserted above the

35 See Kuijp 1983: 104: "He [=Sa-skya Paṇḍita] also embarked on the translation of the Pramāṇavārttikaṭīkā by Śaṅkarāṇanda in which he collaborated with Saṃghaśrībhadra, a member of Śākyaśrī's entourage." The relevant text, to which van der Kuijp, p. 303²⁹² refers, reads: ... bram ze'i 'grel ba dan bcas pa gsan nas bsgyur | (Go ram pa bSod nams sen ge, Tshad ma rigs pa'i gter gyi dka' ba'i gnas rnam par bśad pa sde bdun rab gsal, in The Complete Works of Go ram bSod nams seng ge, compiled by bSod nams rgya mtsho. [The Complete Works of the Great Masters of the Sa skya Sect of the Tibetan Buddhism 12] Tokyo 1969: fol. 5b4).

³⁶ Cf. Jackson 1987: 113 and Much 1991, Part I, p. xxvii²⁴.

line in a script smaller than that of the manuscript and extends beyond the end of the line, is illegible due to the poor quality of the photograph, but probably corresponds roughly in length with the Tibetan translation. This colophon states inter alia that Ś. highly appreciated the doctrines of the Sugata:

'brel pa grub pa slob dpon mkhas pa chen po bram ze'i rigs su sku 'khruns pa chos kyi grag pa gñis pa źes 'jig rten na gtam (D: gtan Q) du grags śin rtog ge pa phal pa'i gźun 'jig pa dan II thogs pa med pa don gyi de kho na rnam par 'jog (Q: 'jig D) pa'i blo'i mthu stobs kyis (Q: kyi D) 'gran zla dan bral pa II bde bar gśegs pa'i bstan pa la gces spras (D: spas Q) su 'dzin pas legs par bśad pa'i ro myan ba la sems rtse (rtse D; lacks Q) gcig tu gźol ba dge bsñen dam pa śanka rā nandas (Q; śanka rānan das D) mdzad pa rdzogs so II PrSi D 303a5-7 = Q 326a6-8.

The Pratibandhasiddhi written by the teacher (slob dpon, *ācārya), the great scholar (mkhas pa chen po, *mahāpaṇḍita), the honourable (dam pa) Upāsaka Śankarānanda has been completed. [Namely by the teacher Śankarānanda], born to the Brahmin caste (and) celebrated by the people ('jig rten na gtam du) as a "second Dharmakīrti", who destroyed the doctrines (gźun) of the ordinary logicians, who is invincible ('gran zla med pa, *asapatna) thanks to his unmatched (thogs pa med pa) spirit, which recognises how things really are (don gyi de kho na, *arthatattva), and who, since he highly appreciates (gces spras su 'dzin pa) the teachings of the Sugata, persists with his spirit (sems) in concentration on the enjoyment (ro myan ba, *āsvāda) of [his] exquisite utterances.

That the author of the colophon felt it necessary to add extra emphasis to the circumstance that Ś. was born to a Brahmin family and highly appreciated the teachings of the Buddha etc., can only be explained by the fact that as one born to a Brahmin family and educated in the Śaiva tradition, he flirted with the Buddhist doctrines. For there would be no particular need to mention that someone who had always been a Buddhist appreciated the teachings of Buddha.

It follows from the arguments put forward that Ś. was first a Śaiva, and had appreciated Buddhist teachings from the very beginning, and that he later abandoned Śaivism, for there must have been a breach with Śaivism, since the teaching of the non-existence of God contained in the *Īśvarāpākaraṇakārikā* together with its commentary, in the *Īśvarāpākaraṇa*

 $^{^{37}}$ viparyāsu prarūdhāsu kim apārāsu drstisu i jagaty alpamatau kuryāt prayato 'pi visāradah II 10 II [AS $_{\rm ms}$ 7,19f. A critical edition together with a translation is in preparation.

³⁸ The *Pratibandhasiddhikārikā* starts in the manuscript from *fol.* 1b1-2b1; cf. above, 4p. 4921. 6. 493.

sankṣepa and in the Pramāṇavārttikatīkā³9 is incompatible with Śaivism. From this it then follows that it was only after the completion of Abhinavagupta's ĪPVV, which according to an oral communication by Prof. Raffaele Torella (November 18, 1994) was probably his last philosophical work⁴0, and which gives the year 1014/15 in the colophon as the time of completion, that he must have made the break with Śaivism and written a number of works setting out his Buddhist point of view. It cannot be stated with certainty which of his works are to be located in the period after his renunciation of Śaivism. For, as the example of the Anyāpohasiddhi shows, neither the title nor the fact that a work was translated into Tibetan are conclusive criteria for determining the time of writing. Nevertheless, his works refuting the proof of God and his Pramānavārttikatīkā can certainly be placed in the time after the completion of the ĪPVV as can probably be his commentary on Dharmakīrti's Sam-

³⁹ Cf. Ś.'s explanation of arthānartha° (PVSV 1,8): don ni don dam par yod pa'i no bo'o || don ma yin pa ni de las bzlog pa ste | gzugs la sogs pa kun rdzob tu yod pa'am | gtso bo dan dban phyug dan ri bon gi rwa la sogs pa med pa ñid do || PVŢī 4a5f = "artha is the absolutely really existing thing. Anartha is what is different from that. It is either the conventionally existing such as material (*rūpa) or it is something completely (*eva) non-existing such as primordial matter (*pradhāna), God (*īśvara) or a hare's horn." In addition: ... 'gro ba mtha' dag byed pa po'i dban phyug gcig ni mi srid do || PVŢī 95b6 = "... a unique God, who is the creator of all being, is not possible."

^a The identification of artha and anartha with paramārtha and saṃvṛti was already known to Karnakagomin, who considered this interpretation as the last of six possibilities: yadvārthaḥ paramārthasatyam anarthaḥ saṃvṛtisatyam ... (PVSVŢ 7,27f). The various possibilities of interpretation are dealt with in the translation of the logical sections in Dharmakīrti's PVSV, prepared by Ernst Steinkellner (note on artha and anartha).

⁴⁰ In any event the ĪPVV is the last of the works containing references to Ś.; these include also the *Tantrāloka*^a and the *Mālinīvijayavārttika* (see Gnoli 1960: xxiiif³; Bühnemann 1980). For the *Īśvarapratyabhijāāvimarśinī* contains a reference to the *Tantrāloka* (yathokte mayeva ... tantrāloke ĪPVV I 33,23), while the latter knows the *Mālinīvijayavārttika* (... mālinīślokavārttike TĀ 37th chapter k. 30 in TĀV VIII 3691,17; Pandey 1963: 30 refers to this passage).

^a The *Tantrāloka* contains no direct references to Ś., but for instance TĀ, 2nd chapter, k. 54, according to Jayaratha's Commentary, presupposes statements of the *Prajñālankārakārikā*:

nijadharmāprahānena pararūpānukāritā l pratibimbātmatā soktā khangādarśatalādovat II

iti praiñālamkārakārikārthagarbhīkāreņa lakṣaṇam āha [... k. 54] TĀV II 414,13-15 (cf. Gnoli 1960: xxiiif³; Bühnemann 1980: 196).

bandhaparīksā and Vādanyāya⁴¹. The last three were translated into Tibetan, although the Commentary to the Vādanyāya, as already mentioned, has not survived. Of the other two works available in Tibetan translation, the Anyāpohasiddhi must be assigned to the period before Abhinavagupta's ĪPVV, since the latter cites it. The same applies to the placing of the Pratibandhasiddhikārikā, if we follow the above-mentioned (p. §) colophon. Likewise, the Laghupratibandhasiddhikārikā is also probably to be assigned to this period. With the exception of the Brhatprāmānyaparīkṣā and the Prajñālankārakārikā, both quoted by Abhinavagupta⁴², and the Dharmālankārakārikā and commentary, which according to Jayaratha's commentary Tantrālokaviveka is presupposed by Abhinavagupta in his Tantrāloka⁴³, his other known works cannot be ascribed to either of the two periods.

A further fact that must be taken into account when narrowing down Ś.'s period of activity is that according to the testimony of Abhinavagupta, Utpaladeva, in his *Īśvarapratyabhijñāvivṛti*, criticises a statement made by Ś. The reference in the *ĪPVV*, the source of which is not identified⁴⁴, reads:

kāryaucityāt prāk svasamvidasamvitsmaranāntare l iti l etan na sahate tadetad iti ĪPVV II 369,12-14⁴⁵

The relative chronology of the works of Utpaladeva, Abhinavagupta and Ś. determined in the above discussion is set out in the Table on p. 15 for greater clarity. Concerning Ś.'s period of activity, it follows that at least one of his works must have been written before Utpaladeva's *Īśvarapratyabhijāāvivṛti*, and that several were written after Abhinavagupta's *ĪPVV* (completed in 1014/15). The year in which the *Īśvarapratyabhijāāvivṛti* was written is not known. However, it is certainly a late work by Utpaladeva, whose dates are given as 900/25–950/75⁴⁶. According to Torella (1994:

yad āha bhattah

⁴¹ His commentaries on these works by Dharmakīrti cannot be ascribed with certainty since Ś. could have written these before his final break with Śaivism. For the *Anyāpohasiddhi* is also a Buddhist work. In addition, other cases are known in which non-Buddhists have written commentaries to Buddhist works (see Funayama 1994: 372f).

⁴² See Gnoli 1960: xxiiif³ and Bühnemann 1980: 193f.

⁴³ Cf. below, note 60: ... yad dharmālamkārah... ity āśankhyāha...

⁴⁴ Since the earliest of Ś.'s works quoted by Abhinavagupta is the *Prajñālankārakārikā*, this must also be assumed to be the source of the passage against which the Utpaladeva is directed. However, the quotation cannot be identified in the manuscript of the *Prajñālankāra* as a result of illegibility.

⁴⁵ See Gnoli 1960: xxiiif³ and Bühnemann 1980: 197.

⁴⁶ Torella 1994: xx.

xli), Utpaladeva wrote the *Īśvarapratyabhijāākārikā* and the *Vrtti* at the same time, and then wrote the *Vivrti* or *Tīkā* on both of these later⁴⁷. A considerable period of time must have passed between the writing of the first two works and the *Vivrti*, for "In the *tīkā*, that was composed later on, we already find multiple interpretations of the same stanza, all considered equally possible but evidently being the outcome of further reflections" (Torella 1994: xlii). If we assume the later dates for Utpaladeva, i.e. 925–975, and assume that the work presupposed by the *Īśvarapratyabhijāāvivrti* was a work from Ś.'s youth, we arrive at a period of activity of approx. 970–1020/30. I should therefore like to propose as a working hypothesis a lifetime of approx. 940/50–1020/30⁴⁸.

From the data obtained so far, it follows that Ś. must have been very strongly under Buddhist influence even in his youth. Thus in the *Anyā-pohasiddhi* he dedicated the introductory stanza of reverence to the all-knowing⁴⁹, and that in the *Pratibandhasiddhi* to the Sugata⁵⁰. In addition to the śloka of reverence of the latter, he refers to the Sugata (bde bar gśegs pa) as one who has eliminated either the matter (don) or the misery (nan) of the heretics (mu stegs can)⁵¹. And Gnoli (1960: xxv³) already pointed out that

⁴⁷ Cf. also Torella 1988: 137–142.

de ñid ses tshul don des mnon sum mtshan la de lam rjes zugs kyis II mu stegs can don (don Q; nan D) bsal bas rgyal phyir gan gi rgyal rna rgyal chen nam II dam pa'i tshul lugs brjod pa'i bdag 'di gnod med nes par rab bsgrags pa II bde bar gsegs pa de la rtag tu rtse gcig blos ni phyag 'tshal lo II PrSi Q 325a8-325b2 = D 302b1-2.

according to Abhinavagupta in the *Prajñālankāra* and other works not mentioned by name, he adopted a position similar to that of Vasubandhu and Dignāga with respect to the reality of the external world⁵². That the *Dharmālankāra* also contains Buddhist ideas is shown by the reference quoted from the SVR, where Ś., like Dharmakīrti, argues that things are transient by virtue of their nature and that their transience is not due to causes⁵³:

For the perishing of transient things does not arise from a cause. For their perishing, they are of a transient nature. If they are, they are no more as soon as they come into existence. That [is momentariness] ⁵⁴. The meaning of 'perishing' is only that transient things are of a transient nature. It is not, however, the meaning of 'perishing' that perishing arises from a cause for the perishing. Just as a particular thing, if it arises as having the nature of a pot from its cause, is simply a pot, since the [characteristic] of not being of the nature of a pot is not possible from a thing that creates a pot, likewise, something that arises as transient is simply transient, since immediately after its arising it perishes. Otherwise it would not be transient. It is precisely this perishing immediately after coming into existence (ātmalābha) as of a transient nature that is momentariness.

In the *Bṛhaṭprāmāṇyakārikā*⁵⁵ cited by Abhinavagupta, Ś. also attests reverence to the Buddha⁵⁶.

This however means that all Ś.'s works cited by or preceding Abhinavagupta already contain strong Buddhist tendencies or exclusively Buddhist ideas, and that Abhinavagupta did not know any purely Śaivite works by him to which he could have referred in his writings. That he nevertheless mentions Ś. with such praise (see above, p. 494 with note 25),

⁴⁸ The Tibetan tradition according to which Ś.'s pupil 'Vagindra Paṇḍita', 'Vaṅgu Paṇḍita' or 'Paṇ chen Mewaṅgu' (see above, [p-7]) was the teacher of Śākyaśrībhadra, agrees neither with Gnoli's earlier dating nor with that proposed here. It is assumed that Śākyaśrībhadra lived from 1127 or approx. 1140 to 1225 (see Jackson 1990: Introd. p. 1 and 18¹). Even according to Ś.'s later dating, 'Vagindra Paṇḍita' would have had to have lived from approx. 1000 to 1140/60. Perhaps the different names also conceal two different persons, which may have given rise to the confusion of the names (for another possible explanation cf. Kuijp 1983: 213¹²).

⁴⁹ kun mkhyen 'khrul bral dus gsum gnas pa yi || don rnams ji bźin gzigs pa la btud de || AAS 281 a6f = "I bow before the all-knowing, before the one free of error, the one who sees things in all three times as they [really] are." That Ś. was referring to Buddha and not Śiva with the word "all-knowing" is shown by the fact that he also uses this epithet in his Sambandhaparīksānusāra (kun mkhyen de la phyag 'tshal lo || SPA 21b5).

⁵⁰ bde bar gsegs pa de la ... phyag 'tshal lo II PrSi D 302b2 = "Reverence to the Sugata".

⁵¹ Since I do not entirely understand the stanza of reverence, I shall not attempt to translate it. The passage to which I refer, mu stegs can don/nan bsal bas, reads don in the Peking edition and nan in the Derge edition, with both alternatives being possible:

⁵² Gnoli refers to IPVV II 144,11-13: <u>ālambanaparīksādau dainnāge</u>, <u>vijñaptimātrādisiddhau vāsubandhavyām</u> (conj.: °siddhāvāsabandhanyām), <u>prajñālamkārādisu bhāṭtadar</u>śanesu tatra tatra cānyatra vitatyāyam artha ukta iti l

⁵³ On the Sanskrit text, see above, [p.4]. p.442

⁵⁴ tat cannot be construed within the stanza. Perhaps it should be read with the following stanza. According to the final sentence in the commentary, it could mean momentariness.

⁵⁵ Cf. yai punah prāmānyaparīkṣāyai <u>bhaitena</u> uktam – vyaktah prakāśah svārthārtham samskārapratibodhakah l nānyathā syād vikalpe 'pi tatpravṛttir apīṣyatām !!

iti IPVV II 221,4–7 (see Gnoli 1960: xxiiif³; identified in Bühnemann 1980: 193 in manuscript 5b1 [she also indicates textual alternatives]).

⁵⁶ buddham... pranamya... Ms 4alf.

can in my opinion only be explained by the fact that the two were contemporaries who knew each other, and that S. was integrated as a respected personality in the Saivite community in Kashmir⁵⁷. It is also probably due to Ś.'s influence that Abhinavagupta integrated Dharmakīrti's logic, as far as compatible with his system, in his IPVV.

It remains to be noted that S.'s ambivalent relationship to Saivism from the very beginning is also reflected in Abhinavagupta's works. In the MVV he refers to him by name and calls him a guru in the introduction to a quotation from the Prajñālankāra⁵⁸. In contrast, he no longer mentions him by name in the Tantrāloka, but quotes a stanza from the Prajñālankāra and expressly refers to the opinion it contains as Buddhist: uktam ca... iti saugatair⁵⁹. The IPVV, as already noted (see above, [p-5] with note 25), p. 494 speaks very highly of S. In his Tantrālokaviveka, Jayaratha also clearly reveals that S. wrote Buddhist works as a Saiva. According to Jayaratha, TĀ IX k. 11 presupposes a Buddhist objection in which the Buddhist refers to a section in S.'s Dharmālankāra to reinforce his own position⁶⁰.

tasmāt saty api bāhye 'rthe dhīr ekānekavedanāt I anekasadrśākārā nānekaiva (PAK, TĀV II: nānekeva TĀV III) prasajyate II iti TĀV II 416,6-9.

Gnoli 1960: xxiiif³ refers to the passage; identified in Bühnemann 1980: 196 in manuscript PAK 22a5-6. The stanza from PAK is also quoted in TAV III 1308,4-5 with the introduction vad āhuh.

60 nanu... iti sthita eva bijankuradau bhave bhavatma karyakaranabhava iti yad dharmālamkārah -

bhāva eva parasyeha kārvatābhāva ... 1*

svabhāvo janako 'rthānām abhūtākārabhāvakah 11*

iti ca. na ca syabhāyam utsriya bhāyānām anyat kimcid apeksanīyam iti kim atra cetanānupravešanenety āśańkyāha ... [followed by TĀ IX k.11] TĀV IV 1648,13-1649,6 = "[Buddhist:] ... Hence it is certain that with things (bhāva) such as seed and shoot there is the fact of an effect and a cause, that is in the nature [of these] things. As (vad) the Dharmālankāra [says]:

'Only the being (bhāva) of the later is here [in this case/in our system] the being [of this later] that exists in being the effect'

and

'The creative nature of the things produces something that is of the nature that it previously did not exist'.

However, this is only possible if S. is a Saiva. For a reference to a Buddhist is hardly likely to be of much effect in a dispute with a Śaiva. However, in the same context of discussion, Jayaratha presents Ś. as a Buddhist when he says that the Buddhist would, under certain circumstances, undermine his own tenets (svasiddhānta), relying for this tenet on a quotation from Ś.'s Dharmālankāra⁶¹.

Thus in summary it can be said that Śankaranandana originated from a Kashmiri Brahmin family, lived in Anupamamahāpura and grew up in the Śaiva tradition. However, from the very beginning he was attracted not only by the Saiva tradition but also, as an Upāsaka, to a great extent by the Buddhist tradition. After Abhinavagupta's IPVV (completed in 1014/15) he abandoned Saivism entirely and wrote a number of further works in which he denies the existence of God. From this, and from the fact that one of his works was already known to Utpaladeva, we can conclude a period of activity from approx. 970-1020/30 and a lifetime from approx. 940/50-1020/30.

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And nothing else should be taken into account while abandoning the nature of the things. Why in such a case do we need to seek for a conscious being (cetana) [namely God as author]? Fearing [this Abhinavagupta] says ..."

- * The quotations are identified in Bühnemann 1980: 194 in DAK Ms 14b4 and 14b6.
- ^a eva TĀV: evā DAK. ^b eva ca to be complemented with DAK.
- 61 vyavahāramātrasiddhatve vā tasya kāryakāranabhāvo 'pi evam syād iti svasiddhāntabhangah – kāryakāranabhāvasya vastusvabhāvatvenābhyupagamāt, yad dharmālamkārah tad evam ayam vastusvabhāva eva kāryakāranabhāvo na tu vyavahāramātrasiddhah l

iti TĀV IV 1654,15-1655,3 = "Or if this [being previous etc.] is only proven according to everyday use, [then] the being an effect and cause is also thus. [And] this [would be] the ruin of your own teaching, because you assume the being an effect and cause to be the nature of the thing. As (yad) the Dharmalankara [teaches]:

Thus in this way the being an effect and cause is indeed the nature of the things, it is not merely proved according to everyday use".

⁵⁷ According to the hagiography recorded in Glo bo mkhan chen, Ś. was born in the Kashmiri town of Anupamamahāpura; cf. above, note 30.

^{58 ...} tathā cāha guruh <u>śankaranandanah</u> -

na mānatvāt tato 'nyatvān na bādhād asthiteh sthitih II MVV I 431

⁵⁹ TĀ chapter III k.55; uktam ca – sati bāhve 'pi dhīr ekānekavedanāt | anekasadrśākārā na tv aneketi saugataih. Jayaratha comments: uktam iti praiñālamkārādau, tad

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Before <i>Īšvarapratyabhijñāvivṛti</i>	Before MVV	Before TĀ	Before IPVV	After IPVV	
yad āha <u>bhaṇah</u> kāryaucityāi prāk svasam- vidasamvitsmaraṇāntare iti quoted in IPVV II 369,12-14; Source unknown	Prajñālaṅkāra- kārikā	Dharmālaṅkāra- kārikā with commentary	Brhatprāmānya- kārikā ? Sūkşmaprāmānya- kārikā ? Madhyaprāmānya- kārikā Anyāpohasiddhi- kārikā with commentary Pratibandhasiddhi- kārikā ? Laghupratibandhasiddhi-	Īśvarāpākaraṇasaṅ- kṣepa (includes Saṅkṣipteśva- rāpākaraṇakārikā) Īśvarāpākaraṇa- kārikā with commentary Vādanyāya Commentary Sambandhaparī- kṣāṇusāra Pramāṇavārttikaṭīkā	Sarvajāasiddhi- kārikā with commentary Svalpasarvajāasiddhi kārikā with commentary Āgamasiddhi- kārikā with commentary

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