



AMITĀYUS

AMITĀYUS, Sanskrit name of one of the transcendental Buddhas, the so-called Dhyāni-Buddhas, of later Buddhism. He became associated with Sukhāvātī, the Pure Land or paradise of the west. Of a Late Khotanese poem in praise of Amitāyus (in Late Khotanese, Armyāya) thirty-six out of an original total of sixty verses are extant (published in transcription by H. W. Bailey in *Khotanese Texts IV*, Cambridge, 1961, pp. 36-37; tr. and commentary, pp. 129-35).

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