



AMṚTAPRABHADHĀRAṆĪ

AMṚTAPRABHADHĀRAṆĪ, name given by H. W. Bailey to a fifty-line text in Late Khotanese (transcribed in Bailey, *Khotanese Texts V*, Cambridge, 1963, pp. 61-64). The name occurs in line 30, and a *dhāraṇī* (Skt. “spell, sacred formula”) begins with the word *amritta-prrabhe* in line 32. The as yet untranslated text is devoted to veneration of the Buddha Amitāyus, here mentioned in the Late Khotanese form Armyāya (lines 17, 23); Amṛta is another name for Amitāyus in esoteric Buddhism. The work, which refers to itself several times as a sutra, is unusual in that it contains a date inserted into the body of the text (1.12).

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