

The Injunctive in Khotanese

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1. It appears that the claim of the survival of the injunctive in Middle Iranian languages was first made by Paul Tedesco in 1923. In an article remarkably penetrating in many respects,¹ Tedesco proposed to see (p. 289ff.) the “Präsensstamm-Präteritum”, that is, the present stem with the secondary ending in two Khotanese forms (1sg. *parsu* and 3sg. *nāsta*), in which earlier Ernst Leumann wanted to see alternative subjunctive (Konjunktiv) forms.² This is remarkable because at that time, the only published Old Khotanese text in which these “injunctive forms” exclusively occur was the Maitreya chapter of the Book of Zambasta (Z 22; Leumann’s³ E XXIII), and these forms are not included there. Tedesco apparently picked them up, without knowing the contexts, from the “Glossar” in Leumann’s 1912 book (n. 2), which offers words with some grammatical discussion from published and unpublished materials. He then compared them to the Christian Sogdian form *ḡbrw* “I give” in the phrase *qt sn’m ḡbrw pr’p* “that I give baptism with water” (Jo 1.33).⁴ Tedesco calls this “einen auffallenden Rest injunktivischer Verwendung”.

Nine years later, in the first systematic grammatical survey of the Khotanese language, published in his *Saka Studies* (1932), Sten Konow remarked (p. 54) that:

The old past tense has ceased to denote the past. As in Sogdian, however, we have a tense with secondary terminations, which might be characterized as an imperfect. In Saka it is used as an imperative and as a future, and I shall call this tense injunctive.

He then goes on to set up a section “Injunctive” on pp. 56-7 following those on “Conjunctive” (i.e. subjunctive) and “Optative”. There he states as follows:

The form which I call injunctive is, as already remarked, used as an imperative, or as a future, generally with the implication of intention.

¹ It is here that the Sogdian “rhythmic law” was first mentioned.

² Leumann (1912) 120 (there *nāsta* is grouped together with *nāsāte* under Konj. 3sg.) and 122.

³ Leumann (1919).

⁴ Müller (1912) 61. The Greek original has (ὁ πέμψας) με βαπτίζειν ἐν ὕδατι, but the Syriac, from which the Sogdian version was made, has *d-’a’med b-mayā* “that I baptize with water”.

In the sing. we have 1 *parsu*, I will be released, let me be released; *pulsu*, I will ask; *biṣṭ-ū*, *biṣṭ-ūm*, I will be a pupil; *haurūmä*, I will give; *hvāñūm*, I will say, &c.; 2 *dijsi*, take; *ma khiji*, don't be wearied, &c; 3 *birāta* ', will split, with active; *hautta*, will know, *nāsta*, will take, &c., with middle termination. No certain plural forms have been recorded, but *parsāma*, we may be released, mentioned above as a conjunctive, is perhaps more properly an injunctive.

Actually, in the Glossary of the book, which covers all the published materials at that time, some more verb forms are assigned to the injunctive (altogether 11 forms for the 1sg. act., 7 forms for the 2sg. act., 10 forms for the 3sg. act. and mid.).

When a complete edition by Ernst Leumann (1859-1931) of the longest and most important Khotanese text (his manuscript E; later to be called the Book of Zambasta by H. W. Bailey) was published by Manu Leumann in three parts (1933, 1934 and 1936),⁵ Konow wrote two review articles⁶ and was able to add some more “injunctive” forms to his collection.

In 1941, when Konow published *Khotansakische Grammatik*, he has a section on the Injunktiv after the Konjunktiv and the Optativ and before the Imperativ, as follows:

77. Die Form, die hier Injunktiv genannt wird, wird mit Sekundäreendungen gebildet, und gebraucht von einer beabsichtigten Handlung, als ein milder Imperativ mit und ohne Negation, und als erzählendes Tempus. Belegt sind bloß Singularformen und die 1. Pers. Plur. Vgl. *pulsu* ‘ich möchte fragen’; *pajāysä* ‘empfang’, *ma khiji* ‘werde nicht müde’; *drāha* ‘er möge befestigen’, *yana* ‘will machen’; *nāsta* ‘wird nehmen’, *haraysda* ‘streckte sich aus’; *yanāma* ‘wir mögen machen’.

His posthumously published *Primer of Khotanese Saka*,⁷ which is a revised English version of the *Khotansakische Grammatik*, has essentially the same passage with some examples removed and some others added:

⁵ The first part (up to p. 193) has the first half of the text with translation, the second part (up to p. 359) the rest of the text, and the final part (up to p. 530) has “Einleitung” (pp. VII-XXXIX), some Appendices and a complete glossary prepared by Manu Leumann. All three parts were reprinted in a single volume in 1966 by Kraus Reprint Limited.

⁶ Konow (1934) for parts 1 and 2 and (1939) for part 3.

⁷ Also separately as a book (Oslo 1949).

77. The form I here call injunctive consists of the present base with secondary terminations. It denotes an intended action and is used as a polite imperative and also as an imperfect; thus *pulsu*, “I intend to ask”; *vahīysu*, “I intend to descend”; *ma khiji*, “don’t worry”; *drāha*, “he may strengthen”; *haraysda*, “he prostrated himself”; *yanāma*, “we may make”. The last-mentioned form can also be considered as a conjunctive.

It is to be kept in mind that, although Konow apparently had partial access to the unpublished manuscripts at the India Office Library late in his life (see occasional mentions in the articles of 1934-1939), it was impossible for him to get an adequate picture of the development of the Khotanese language. It was only in 1949 that H. W. Bailey, who by that time had gone through all the materials of the British and French collections, made it clear that there are (at least) two distinct stages, each with a more or less coherent grammatical system, of Older and Later Khotanese.⁸ With this recognition many of Konow’s “injunctives”, which belong to Late Khotanese, came to be explained otherwise (thus, all the 1sg. act. forms in *-ūṃ* belong to Late Khotanese and are to be explained as Ir **-āmi* > **-ami* > O.Kh. *-īmā* > *-ūmā* > L.Kh. *-ūṃ*; some forms in *-u* are to be seen as the 2sg. imper. mid. < **-ahya*; all the 2sg. forms are identical with opt. and to be seen as such, etc.).

When in the 1960s most of the major collections⁹ of the Khotanese manuscripts became available through the efforts of H. W. Bailey, his student R. E. Emmerick undertook a systematic description of the nominal and verbal morphologies of Khotanese as a doctoral dissertation at Cambridge. On pp. 210-1 of *Saka Grammatical Studies*,¹⁰ he describes the Injunctive as follows:

INJUNCTIVE

Active	Middle
1. sg. <i>-u</i>	1. sg.
3. sg. <i>-(ā)ta</i>	3. sg. <i>-(ā)ta</i>

⁸ Bailey (1949) 138f.

⁹ The Hoernle and Stein collections in London, the Pelliot collection in Paris and the Hedin collection in Stockholm, but not the Russian (Petrovsky and Malov) collections, which became available *in toto* outside Russia only in the 1990s. At that time only the Book of Zambasta and a few other texts in the Russian collections, on which Ernst Leumann had worked, were known in the West.

¹⁰ Emmerick (1968a); hereafter *SGS*.

1. First person singular active

-u < O.Ir. *-am, cf. Av. -əm, O.Ind. -am. Cf. Chr. B. Sogd. -w I.G., *GMS*, § 688, p. 108.

One certain example, O.Kh.: *parsu Z 24.435*. In the case of present stems already palatalized, it is not possible to distinguish inj. from opt. (v. p. 207, I (b)).

2. Third person singular active

-ta must be from the mid. -ta generalized.

A. -āta, -ita. O.Kh. -āta: *kūsāta Z 14.98*; -ita: *māñita Z 22.278* (v. S. Konow, *NTS*, vii, 1934, 16-7).

B. -ta: *tsūta Suv K. 32r5 KT 5.110*; -da (after -n): *jinda Z 22.278* (v. S. Konow, *NTS*, vii, 1934, 16-7). Act. or mid.: *paysānda Suv K. 34r3 KT 5.112*; *yanda Z 2.180*; 5.48; 14.86; 22.22; 22.278.

3. Third person singular middle

-ta < O.Ir. *-(a)ta, cf. Av., O.Ind. -(a)ta.

A. O.Kh. -āta: *hāmāta Suv K. 35r6 KT 5.113*.

B. O.Kh. -ta: *nāsta Z 3.149*; 24.387; Kha. 1.13. 145r5 *KBT 7*; *SS 36v1 KT 5.337*; *butta Z 2.25*, 117; 8.36; *hautta Z 24.437*.

After -š O.Kh. has -ḍa: *nijsaḥḍa Z 14.96*; *pyūḥḍa Z 5.25*; 8.35; *Suv K. 34r5 KT 5.112* tr. *śṅṅuyād*; *hamḥsaḥḍa Z 13.147*; *Suv K. 32r6 KT 5.110* tr. *°kāmo bhavet*.

After -ys O.Kh. has -da: *pachīysda Z 11.4*; *haraysda Z 5.88*, 106. -va is found in O.Kh.: *darrauva H 147 NS 109 41v3 KT 5.73*.

In a grammatical survey “Khotanese and Tumshuqese” (1989), Emmerick only briefly refers to the Injunctive (p. 222):

Injunctive. One instance only of the first person sing. has been found: *parsu Z 24.435*. The third pers. sing. act. and middle end in -(i)ta: *māñita*, *butta*.

In a forthcoming article on the Khotanese language in the *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, P. O. Skjærvø is expected to give an example from the *Suvarṇabhāsa-sūtra* where the subjunctive, optative and injunctive are used indiscriminately in different manuscripts of the same passage in Old and Middle Khotanese.

So far the most detailed description of the Khotanese injunctive is given by Emmerick in *SGS* above. So this will be the starting point of our discussion (with some corrections and additions as necessary (see **Appendix**)).

2. The injunctive can formally be defined as an augmentless finite verb form with the secondary ending.¹¹ The history of studies of the injunctive in the Rigveda is presented in an exemplary way in the Einleitung of Karl Hoffmann's classic book.¹² In Old Iranian, the situation in Avestan is rather complicated, since the augment is not only relatively rare but also difficult to identify (in most cases indistinguishable from the preverb \bar{a} -),¹³ while in Old Persian the injunctive is limited to the prohibitive sentence as in Classical Sanskrit.¹⁴

In Middle Iranian, apart from Khotanese, the injunctive is recognized in Sogdian and Khwarezmian. Ilya Gershevitch's *Grammar of Manichean Sogdian* (= *GMS*), which is still the standard reference work, registers some 1sg. forms¹⁵ as injunctive, but no mention is made of its functions. In 1996 in an article entitled "On the Historic Present and Injunctive in Sogdian and Choresmian" N. Sims-Williams was able to demonstrate that a peculiar phenomenon in Khwarezmian syntax first pointed out by Henning (n. 11 above), namely, in negative clauses the past tense is not expressed by means of the imperfect (as in positive clauses) but by means of the present indicative or injunctive accompanied by the particle f' , holds true in the case of Sogdian, too, except for very late texts, and here (in Sogdian) with or without the optional particle $\beta(y)$. It appears that in these languages the tense opposition is neutralized under negation allowing only the unmarked member (non-past forms) to stand,¹⁶ although Sims-

¹¹ A similar, strictly formal, definition is given by W. B. Henning (1958) 118f.: "unter 'Injunktiv' verstehen wir eine Form, die vom Imperfekt nur dadurch verschieden ist, dass ihr das Argument bzw. seine Vertretung fehlt". No Middle Iranian language preserves the Old Iranian aorist, and there is practically no trace of the Old Iranian perfect.

¹² Hoffmann (1967).

¹³ Kellens (1984) 245. The above applies mostly to Young Avestan. It is difficult to evaluate the situation in Gāthic, given both the limited corpus and questions of syntactic ambiguity. It may prove to be closer to Rigvedic rather than to Young Avestan. Cf. Kuryłowicz (1927), where, 40 years before K. Hoffmann's book, the tense (past, present, future) and modal (order, desire) functions of the injunctive are seen as secondary, resulting from the context.

¹⁴ Kent (1953) §§ 224, 281. All the forms recorded there are the inj. pres. (i.e. augmentless imperfect), with no inj. aorist found (a single example of $m\bar{a}$ + opt. exists according to Kellens, *Verbe* 244, n. 3). Contrary to this, in Classical Sanskrit, the inj. aor. is much more frequent than the inj. pres. in prohibitive sentences; Renou (1961) §§ 294, 315.

¹⁵ Since the word-initial (i.e. without preverb) augment is lost in Sogdian, the injunctive cannot be identified as distinct from the imperfect in such verbs (cf. *GMS* 610ff.). Sims-Williams (1996) 179, n.18 considers some 2pl. and 3pl. forms as injunctive although formally they are not distinct from subjunctive.

¹⁶ Cf. Renou's explanation for a somewhat similar situation, in Vedic narrative, as to why with the negative $n\bar{a}$ the present predominates and the imperfect, aorist or perfect is rare; Renou (1947) 46.

Williams prefers traditional terms and speaks about “the historic present” and the “historic use” of the negative injunctive (p. 183). In addition to the “historic” use of the injunctive, Sims-Williams proposes to see some other functions such as “a polite request” in the 2sg. (“Would you not ...?”) or “a deferential nuance” in the 1sg. (“I would not ...”) (p. 182). Although these meanings seem to work in context, they are essentially the result of assigning a “modal” sense to the injunctive form. With the limited number of examples adduced there, we still cannot say that they do not reflect merely an occasional or marginal function of the Sogdian injunctive. After all, almost all the “modal” injunctives in the Rigveda as traditionally held could not be maintained after the strict analysis of Hoffmann (*op. cit.* 236-64), although in individual cases the “modal” translation mostly works.

In any case, Sogdian and Khwarezmian are the two languages in Middle Iranian in which the imperfect of Old Iranian not only has survived, but has also been analogically expanded. It is only natural to suppose that the survival of part of the Old Iranian augmented form (with the aorist completely lost) greatly assisted the survival of the unaugmented form. In this respect the situation in Khotanese is rather different.

3. We might pose two separate questions in regard to the (so-called) Khotanese injunctive. First, are these forms the remnant of at least part of the injunctive in Old Iranian (or Indo-Iranian), or are they something else, an innovation within Khotanese? Second, what is the function of these forms?

Let us address the first question. We have a single example of the 1sg. act. form (*pars-* always takes active endings) and the rest are all the 3sg. in *-ta*. *SGS* considers that the middle ending is generalized here, although the general tendency in the Khotanese verb is that the active is expanding at the cost of the middle. The vowel notation of the endings in OKh. is not perfectly consistent. Thus it is not rare even in *Z* that in the 3sg. middle for the expected *-te* the active ending *-tä, -ti* is written (*SGS* 199). However, the form without vowel sign *-ta* for the 3sg is only found in LKh. manuscripts. Apart from *yan-* “to do, make” and a few other verbs, which take both active and middle endings, most verbs take either the active (*-tä/-ti* in the 3sg. pres.) or middle (*-te* in the 3sg. pres.) endings, and the *-ta* form is neither. It could only be the reflex of O.Ir. 3sg. mid. *-ta*. The fact that a type B verb with clear palatalization in the 3sg. pres. act. (e.g. *paysān-* “to recognize”, 3sg. pres. act. *paysendä*) shows a non-palatalized form *paysānda* (**Appendix #6**) suggests that the latter form is a genuine one rather than a lapsus in the manuscript.

The construction with *ko va ...* (something like “if only..., if indeed ...”) (**Appendix #1**) is found in a number of passages in the Book of Zambasta (Z 1.84, 86; 4.90; 8.14, 18; 11.8; 15.40; 22.212; 23.173; 24.5), and where the context is preserved, the verb is always a subjunctive or an optative (in 24.5 the verb seems to be omitted). Elsewhere we have only one example in the Khotanese version of the Bhaiṣajyaguru-sūtra (SI P 65.3r1), where, although the middle part of the clause is lost, we have the verb *āya* (3sg. subj. “be”).¹⁷ In any case no subjunctive¹⁸ or optative form, active or middle, in Old Iranian can yield the ending *-u* in Khotanese. *parsu* must contain the ending O.Ir. *-am*.

If these forms attest to the survival of the injunctive of Old Iranian, we are faced with a number of unsolved mysteries. In order to obtain an idea of how remarkable (or unlikely) an event this survival would have been, we have only to see what is lost. Khotanese has lost all the non-present indicative forms. As in all the other Middle Iranian languages, Khotanese developed the past (perfect) system based on the verbal adjective in O.Ir. *-ta*, which necessarily entailed a dichotomy between the intransitive and the transitive. The perfect intransitive is formed, as in most other Middle Iranian languages, with the addition of enclitic forms of the copula **ah-* “to be”, conjugating in person, number and gender. On the other hand, Khotanese developed no split ergativity in the perfect transitive as in Western Middle Iranian languages and early Sogdian, but a unique formation whose history is still obscure.¹⁹ The loss of the aorist, imperfect and perfect simplified the subjunctive and optative as well as the indicative. In the indicative we have only the present system, which is well on the way to the establishment of the transitive/intransitive dichotomy by a variety of means, among which the opposition of the old *aya*-causative and *s*-inchoative from the same base is prominent. In the subjunctive not only is the distinction between present and aorist lost, but also that between active and middle is threatened (see n. 18 above). In the history of Khotanese it is increasingly used as a simple future, while the optative, which is morphologically more clearly marked, seems to have retained its modal function even in Late Khotanese.

¹⁷ Unfortunately the Skt. does not seem to match (Dutt (1939) 17.3; Chinese *T* vol. 14, 406c7).

¹⁸ In the Khotanese subjunctive the opposition of active and middle is about to collapse (or has already collapsed). The 2sg. and 3sg. active are extremely rare (only one example each according to *SGS*), and the 1sg. ending is much easier to explain as opt. There is practically no distinction between active and middle in the plural. Apparently the more distinct middle endings are gaining ground here.

¹⁹ For the latest attempt at explanation together with criticisms of earlier studies see Tremblay (2005).

We now come to the injunctive. With the loss of the aorist injunctive, which is so prominent in Gāthic Avestan (and of course in Rigvedic), a great part of its role is gone. Furthermore, its use with the prohibitive *mā* does not seem to have survived in Khotanese (see n. 25 below). Under such circumstances the claim that the so-called “modal” injunctive, which one would expect to have disappeared before all else, has survived in a Middle Iranian language, defies chronology. Yet the forms we have can only be explained as formed with secondary endings.

Our second question concerns the function of these forms. Looking at the examples of the translated texts (as a rule not literal ones), we notice that the Sanskrit optative (## 6, 15, 16, 24, 26, 30) and future (## 3, 5) are translated by means of the Khotanese injunctive. This has been used implicitly as evidence for its “modal” function (e.g. in *SGS*). On the other hand, passages such as ## 9, 22, 28 and 29 are rather plain descriptions of past events. We could call them mythical narratives if the Buddha’s life-story is comparable to mythology. In such cases mechanical insertion of “would” in translation will stretch the English too much. Passages such as ## 12 and 18 can be seen as referring to general truth, where the auxiliary is not necessary in translation. In # 12 Emmerick gave a translation with “should” for the injunctive and was forced to do the same for the following present indicative which is clearly parallel. In ## 31 and 32 also the injunctive forms occur in a parallel sequence together with the present indicative. The translator hesitatingly put “would” sometimes for the latter and sometimes not, producing rather an awkward translation.²⁰

Now we can see that this situation is surprisingly similar to that of the Rigveda as analyzed by Karl Hoffmann. It would rather be premature, however, to jump to the conclusion at this stage that Khotanese has preserved the Indo-Iranian usage intact. We simply do not know what could have happened in between. We could at least maintain, after Hoffmann, that it would not be justified to take the Khotanese injunctive as “modal” when it seems appropriate, and as “non-modal” when it is not. Its primary function must be something that allows it to be used as a translation of the Sanskrit optative as well as on other occasions. In this respect the Sogdian (and Khwarezmian) usage mentioned above seems to lend support to the possibility that the injunctive in Khotanese goes back to the same source, in which case their common function would be described as “tenselessness”.

²⁰ The syntactic feature of apparent tense/mood mixture as found here is no doubt the same as what is called “conjunction reduction” by Kiparsky (1968). See also Kiparsky (2005) for a revised version of his view.

Appendix

Translations are by R. E. Emmerick for Z (= the Book of Zambasta²¹) and the *Śūraṅgamasamādhī-sūtra* (= *Śgs*),²² by P. O. Skjærvø for the *Suvarṇabhāsa-sūtra* (= *Suv.*), by Giotto Canevascini for the *Sanḅhāṭa-sūtra* (= *Sgh.*),²³ and by Mauro Maggi for ## 31-32. These last two as well as ## 7, 16 are not in *SGS*. In the following the injunctive forms with their translations are in **boldface**, all the other verbal forms (finite verbs, infinitives and participles) are in *italics*.

1. Z 24.435 **parsu** (*pars-/parrāta-* “to escape”; inchoative < **pari-raik-*)
thu ma *ttrāya* vaysña. narī stauru *puvai* ’mā. ttu mā *ggīhu*. ko va biśyau karmyau
parsu.

“*Deliver* (2sg. imper. act.) me now. I *fear* (1sg. pres. act.) hell greatly. *Help* (2sg. imper. mid.) me in this. Would that I **may escape** from all karmas”.

2. Z 14.98 **kūsāta** (*kūs-/kūysda-* “to seek”; < **kauzaya-*?)
kye rru buḅaru ttatvatu balysāna *kṣamīyā* vāstarna hota hāvāñe ṣṣadde jsa *pyūṣṭe*
varī ttāto sūtruvo’ samu **kūsāta** jsei’ṇu

“Anyone whom the Buddha-power *should* in fact *please* (3sg. opt.) because of his own faith *to hear* (inf.) yet more minutely **should** merely **seek** it out in detail, at once, in those sūtras ...” (translation altered in view of *Studies* II, 45²⁴).

3, 4, 5. Z 22.278 **māñita** (*māñ-/mānda-* “to remain”; < **mānaya-*), **jinda** (*jin-/jāta-* “destroy”; cf. Av. *jinā-*), **yanda** (*yan-/yāḅa-* “to make, do”; < **kṛn-?/kṛta-*)
ce mara tte śśāsiña balysā abitandi **māñita** vaysña **jinda** puṣṣo harbiśśā ysamṭha
dukhānu pāṣkalu **yanda**

“One who now **remains** here in the Śāsana of this Buddha free from doubt **will remove** completely all births, **will make** an end of woes”.

yo hy asmiṃ dharmavinaye tv apramatto **bhaviṣyati prahāya** jātisamṣāraṃ
duḅkhasyāntaṃ sa **yāsyati** (*Uv* Bernhard, iv 38)

6, 7. *Suv* K. 34r3 **paysānda** (*paysān-/paysānda-* “to recognize”; cf. Av. *paṭti-zāna-*), **yanda** (Skjærvø 62.68)

śuru ṇu vātā *yanā* hvāṣṭa nā **paysānda** āysda nā **yanda** u pajsamu nā *yanā*

“(He who) *may serve* (3sg. opt.) them, **revere** them, **watch over** them and *honour* (3sg. opt.) them, ...”

sat-kāraṃ **kuryād** guru-kāraṃ mānanāṃ pūjanaṃ

²¹ Emmerick (1968b).

²² Emmerick (1970).

²³ Canevascini (1993).

²⁴ Emmerick and Skjærvø (1987).

8. Z 2.180 *yanda*

ša ju māta *nāstā* kye pūru śsau-ysātu tterā brī **yanda** crrāmu tvī balysa hamaṅgu biśśā sarvasatva uysnora

“The mother *does not exist* (3sg. pres. act.) who **feels** her only-born son as beloved as are all beings equally to you, Buddha”.

9. Z 5.48 *yanda*

rre jsaunāte ṣṭānye balysu vara dasta aṅjalu **yanda** nasu mā *yana* nei’ nau pūra cu thu *bustī* hastamu dātu

“The king, bowed, **put** his hands in the aṅjali-position before the Buddha: *Give* (2sg. imper. act.) me the portion of nectar, son, since you *have realized* (2sg. pf. intr. m.) the best Law”.

10. Z 20.22 *yanda*

āysda nā **yanda** sarvaṃñi balysā thatau mulśde jsa trāmu kho ju māta pūru briyu

“Through compassion, the all-knowing Buddha **would** quickly **protect** them as a mother her beloved son”.

11. *Suv K.* 35r6 *hāmāta* (Skjærvø 63.6) (*hām-/hāmāta-* “to be, become”; < ?)

u mūysaṃth[iye] jsīñe u anaṃkhāṣṭāna iśvarīṇa u huṣṣāmata *kṣamāyā* u anaṃkhāṣṭāna ro rrvīyāna ttīśāna uspurā **hāmāta**

“And (whom) it *may please* (3sg. opt.) (to obtain) growth for his life in this birth and (that) with immeasurable mastership, and (who) **is** complete with immeasurable royal splendour, ...”

(Skt. deest)

12. Z 3.149 *nāsta* (*nās-/nāta-* “to take”; cf. Av. *nāsa-* “erlangen”)

cu ne rro kye **nāsta** ttai rro *bāysdaiyā* biśśu ne *hvatā hāmāre* śsau kalpu vaṣṭa pūña

“How much more for one who **should accept**, *should so observe* (3sg. pres.!) act.) it all, his merits *cannot be told* (3pl. pres. mid.) in one kalpa”.

13. Z 24.387 *nāsta*

ttathāgatta-ggarbhā trāmu *vaṣṭāte* pūlstā kho ye ratanu **nāsta** u dī śsandau *prīhā*

“The tathāgatagarbha *is* (3sg. pres. act.) hidden as one who **would obtain** a jewel and *conceal* (3sg. opt.) it under the earth”.

14. *Kha. I.* 13. 147r5 *nāsta* (Śgs § 3.14)

ttīye balysāni dāti ṣā ūgama hatcasta-hamo hve’ hamatā kyerī *kṣamātā* tterā *hvīdā* u puṣo *jsāte*. ne hotanā *stā* ko ju varā **nāsta**. cu handarye kīro *jsāte*. ttrāma harbiśi ṣāvā prracī[ya-saṃ]buddha dyāña darra-hamau, gyasta balysa, hve’.

“This is an illustration of this Buddha-Law. The man with the broken vessel

eats (3sg. pres. act.) so much as *pleases* (3sg. pres.) him and *goes* (3sg. pres. mid.) off. He *is* (3sg. pres. act.) not capable of **taking** any away there so that he *should go* (3sg. pres.! act.) for the sake of another. All the Śrāvakas (and) Pratyekabuddhas are to be viewed as such as the man with a broken vessel, deva Buddha”.

15, 16. *Sgh* 36v1 *nāsta, hāmāta* (Canevascini § 96.5)

pyū’ sarvaśūra pātco te ttādikā tīye sūtrā buljse hvāñīmā. kau ju sarvaśūra šā hve’ hāmāta kye balysāna cīya hatcañā. u balysūñāvūysau satvo samāhānāna usthamjā. u balysūšte jsa uysnorā byanu yanā. u merā pīrā jīvātu nāsta. u ustamu šā uysnorā ākṣū banānā u kāṣco yaṃdi u ttai hāmāte sā panaṣṭāmā aysu ttātena ttarandarna. u panaṣṭāmā haṃdarña ysīntha kalpu vaṣṭa aysu panaṣṭāmā.

“*Listen* (2sg. imper. mid.) Sarvaśūra, I *will tell* (1sg. pres. act.) you again a few (more) benefits of this sūtra: if there **were** now, Sarvaśūra, that man who *would break* (3sg. opt.) up Buddha shrines, and (who) *would pull* (3sg. opt.) out an enlightenment-seeking being from (his) trance, and (who) *would put* (3sg. opt.) an obstacle in front of enlightenment for a being, and (who) **would take** the life of (his) mother (and his) father, and finally that being *begins* (3sg. pres. act.) *to lament* (pres. pt. mid.) and *is* (3sg. pres. mid.) in anguish; and it *occurs* (3sg. pres. mid.) to him thus: I *have become lost* (1sg. pf. intr. m.) with this body and I *have become lost* in another birth; I *have become lost* for a kalpa”.

śṛṇu sarvaśūra punar aparaṃ guṇaṃ āmantrayāmi: tadyathāpi-nāma kaścic satvo bhaved yaḥ stūpa-bhedaṃ kārayet, saṃgha-bhedaṃ ca, bodhisatvaṃ samādher uccālayet, buddha-jñānasyāntarāyaṃ kuryet, mātā-pitaraṃ jīvitād vyavaropayed; atha sa satvaḥ paścāt paridevati, śocati: naṣṭo ‘ham anena kāyena, naṣṭaṃ me paralokam iti, kalpam evāhaṃ naṣṭaḥ.

17. Z 2.25 *butta* (*bud-/busta-* “to perceive, know”; < IIr **bud(h)-*)

ṣṣai ttā biśśu ne *busta* īndi ysurrā brīyo ni *jātu yiḍāndi* cu va ne ko ṣāte biśśu **butta** tte klaiśa biśśu *jita āro*

“Even they *did not know* (3pl. pf. intr. m.) everything. They *could not remove* (3pl. pf. tr. m.) anger, passion. How much less **should** he **know** all, *should* his kleśas *be utterly removed* (3pl. subj. act.)”.

18. Z 2.117 *butta*

niśtā avyūṣṭā adāte avaysāndā kari abustā balysānu cu va ne butta biśśu

“There *is* (3sg. pres. act.) *nothing* at all unheard, unseen, unrecognized, unknown for Buddhas. Nay rather, he **would know** all”.

19. Z 8.36 **butta**

haysge buśśaṇi vīri ysuyaṇi vīrā biśā varju nā *byode* ce va ju ttāte **butta** hāra
 “(So) the nostrils with regard to smells, the tongue with regard to tastes.
 There *does not exist* (3sg. pres. mid.) there that which **would perceive** these
 things”.

20. Z 24.437 **hautta** (*hot-/hosta-* “to be able”; < **fra-vat-*)

vāna balysi *nāstā* kye biśśo baśdau **hautta** vāstarna *hvīyā* kye śśau *jsīndā*
 uysno[ru]
 “Apart from the Buddha, there *is* (3sg. pres. act.) *no one* who **could tell** (inf.)
 the whole evil in detail of one who kills (3sg. pres. act.) a single being”.

21. Z 14.96 **nijaśṣa** (*nijaśṣ-/nājsaśṣa-* “to show”; < **ni-čaśa-*)

haṃtsa ysurrā brīyai gyaḍā trāmai irdā gyastānu kāḍāna ttedārā hotu *nājsaśṣe* cu
 ne rru vā balysā kye ttārā hota u mulysdā satvānu kāḍāna u ni irdi *nijaśṣa*
 “(If) one has passion together with anger, a fool, (yet) such are his ṛddhis,
 such power *does he exhibit* (3sg. pres. mid.) for the sake of the gods, how
 much more would the Buddha (have power)! Who would have such power
 and compassion for the sake of beings and yet **would not exhibit** his
 ṛddhis?”

22. Z 5.25 **pyūśṣa** (*pyūś-/pyūśṣa-* “to hear”; < **pati-gauśa-*)

śśāra-śśūko *hvīye baysāre* śśāya śśūjīye biśśālsto tterā ku rre *pyūśṣa* u rriṇe
 andīvārā harbiśśā kṣīrā
 “The Śākyas *ride* (3pl. pres. mid.) to one another’s house *to tell* (inf.) the
 good news, so that the king **heard** it and the queens, the harem, the whole
 land”.

23. Z 8.35 **pyūśṣa**

gguvyo’ bajāśṣa tvī padī *nistā* gguvo’ kye jsa ju **pyūśṣa** o hamatā **pyūśṣa**
 gguva’
 “Sounds are due to the ears. In this way, there *does not exist* (3sg. pres. act.)
 in the ear that by which one **would hear** nor does the ear **hear** of itself”.

24. *Suv* K. 34r5 **pyūśṣa** (Skjærvø 62.70)

anukampemate kāḍāna hama-raṣṭu auṣku vātā ttū suvarṇabhāysūttamu sūtrānu
 rruṃdānu rruṃdu **pyūśṣa**
 “By reason of sympathy **may** continuously and always **listen** to this
 Suvarṇabhāśottama, king of kings of sūtras”.
 anukampārthāya satatasamitaṃ cemaṃ suvarṇabhāśottamaṃ sūtrendra-
 rājānaṃ **śṛṇuyād**

25. Z 13.147 **hamjsaṣḍa** (*hamjsaṣ-/hamjsaṣṭa-* “to be about to, intend to”; < **ham-čaṣa-*)

anāggattāvattāro mudru vīrā tta vara vāśana *hīstā* kau ye dryau bāryau **hamjsaṣḍa** ttū lova-dhātu *na[rīnde]* śye ju pasā bārai āya śye hastā bārai āya śśau j[u] rrah[u] ba[ḍḍe] u purra *bāyā* [.....]

“So in the Aniyatāvātāramudrā, the statement *occurs* (3sg. pres. act.) there: If one **should intend to leave** (inf.) this world-sphere by means of three vehicles (and) for one vehicle there *should be* (3sg. subj.) a goat, for one vehicle there *should be* an elephant (and) one (vehicle) one rides a chariot and the moon *would guide* (3sg. opt.)....”

26. *Suv* K. 32r6 **hamjsaṣḍa** (Skjærvø 62.36a)

hamṭsa tcūr-ysanye hīñe jsa u hā ju **hamjsaṣḍa** *barāñā*

“With the fourfold army and **maybe about to ride** (pres. pt. mid.) thither,”

sārdham catur-aṅga-bala-kāyena tatra viṣaye upasaṃkramitu-**kāmo bhavet**

27. Z 11.4 **pachīysda** (*pachīys-/*— “to be called, considered”; < **pati-xaiz-*)

kye śā ce marā hvam’duvo ysātā kvī mulysdā aysmya *niṣti* ṣṣai ne hve’ *hvīndi* ma *pulsa* ko bodhisatvā **pachīysda**

“Anyone who has been born among men who *has no* (3s. pres. act.) compassion in his mind *is not called* (3sg. pres. mid.) even a man. Do not *ask* (2sg. imper. act.) whether he **should be considered** a Bodhisattva!”

28. Z 5.88 **haraysda** (*harays-/haraṣṭa-* “to extend”; < **fra-raz-*)

samu ne rre pātcu **haraysda** balysi pvo’ brīka māḍamgya na-ro ju *vāte* handarā pūrā kye va tta *yanā* pīrā kho maṃ thu

“No sooner **had** the king **stretched out** before the Buddha’s feet: Beloved, gracious One, there *has never been* (3sg. pf. tr. m.) another son who *would so act* (3sg. opt.) for his father as you for me”.

29. Z 5.106 **haraysda**

trāmu hā ggopya **haraysda** kho ye banhyu *bīrāte* śśando nāvūñi mā jīvātā balysa tterā *harāte* ko rro *dātāmā*

“Gopikā **prostrated herself** before him as one *saws* (3sg. pres.) a tree to the ground: Not without merit is my life, Buddha, since so much *has been left* (3sg. pf. tr. m.) that I *have seen* (1sg. pf. tr. f.) you”.

30. H 147 NS 109 41v3 (*Sgh* Canevascini § 91; Skjærvø, *Catalogue* 325 (IOL. Khot. 143/1)) **darrauva** (*darrv-/darruta-* “to dare”; < **dṛṣ-*nu-**)

tta cu te *saittā* sarvaśūra se *hotāre* jaḍa prahujana uysnaura ttu saṃghātu dātu

pyūvā'ṇa. ṣṣai khu nāma pyūvā're ne nā hā praysātā hāmāte. pyū' sarvaśūra aśtā kye hanā jaḍā hve' prahujanā kye va **darrauva** mahāsamudro vahīysānā. sarvaśūrā bodhisatvā tta hvate se ne gyasta balysa.

“What do you *think* (3sg. pres. act.; (lit.) “what seems to you?”) then, Sarvaśūra? *Are* the foolish, ordinary beings *able* (3pl. pres. mid.) to hear the Saṅghāṭa Law? Even if they *hear* (3pl. pres. mid.) its name they *will have* (3pl. pres. mid.) no faith in it. *Listen* (2sg. imper. mid.), Sarvaśūra, *is* (3sg. pres. act.) there any foolish, ordinary man who **would dare to descend** (pres. pt. mid.) into the great ocean?’ The Bodhisattva Sarvaśūra *spoke* (3sg. pf. tr. m.) thus: (Certainly) not, Lord Buddha!”

tat kiṃ manyase sarvaśūra? śakyam idaṃ sūtram bāla-prthagjanaiḥ śrotum? ye ca śroṣyanti na ca prasādam utpādayiṣyanti. śṛṇu sarvaśūra, santi kecit sarvaśūra bāla-prthagjanāḥ satvāḥ ye śaknuyur mahā-samudre gādham labdhum? āha: no hīdam bhagavan!

31, 32. N 50.22-25 (Kāśyapa-fragment)²⁵ **panamāta** (*panam-/panata-* “to rise”; < **pati-namaya-*), **bīrāta** (*bīr-/---* “to throw”; < ?)

pātcu kāśyapa ko ju hve' **panamāta** ce trāmo hoto nājsaṣḍe ku sumīru garu nāste nānerra tcabaljātā pārāñātā uysvāñātā o vā śiṇe uysāṇe jsa handarña lovadhato **bīrāta** tta cu tā saittā kāśyapa duṣkaru ṣā hve' ttu kīru yīndā

“Then, Kāśyapa, if a man **should rise**, who *shows* (3sg. pres. mid.) such strength that he *would take* (3sg. pres. mid.) Mount Sumeru in the palm of (his) hand, *break up* (3sg. pres.), *scatter* (3sg. pres.) (and) *throw* (3sg. pres.) (it) *up*, or (that) he **would throw** (it) into another world by one breath, thus — what *does it seem* (3sg. pres. act.) to you, Kāśyapa — (is it) extraordinary (if) that man *does* (3sg. pres. act.) that deed?”

The following form is a reconstruction by E. Leumann. The second akṣara is totally rubbed off in the manuscript. The particle *ma* “not” in Khotanese may be followed by a verb in the imperative, subjunctive, optative, or even indicative.²⁶ In fact the only example of the injunctive with *ma* in OKh. quoted by Emmerick, *op. cit.* is this one. It could have been reconstructed as *ya[nā]* (opt. 3sg. as in Z 5.88 and ## 6, 7 above). A slight trace of the left-hand dot over the missing akṣara can still be seen on the facsimile plate.²⁷

²⁵ Text published by Leumann (1920); See Mauro Maggi in Emmerick and Skjærvø ed. (1997) 28 s.v. uysanā.

²⁶ Emmerick (1990).

²⁷ Konow (1914). The passage is on folio 269 verso (reproduced as 369b on plate XXXV).

Z 14.86 **ya[nda]*

ma ju ye ttuto śśāndo karā bitamo **ya[nda]** ttāna tta *hvate* sūtro hamatā sarvañi balysā

“So that no one on this earth **should have** any doubt at all, for this reason the all-knowing Buddha himself *spoke* (3sg. pf. tr. m.) thus in a sūtra: ...”

The following form listed as injunctive in *SGS* is 2pl. imper. according to Skjærvø.

Suv K. 32r5 *tsūta* (Skjærvø 62.34)

śātā māḍāna gyasta balysa balysanī sānā rre tcūr-ysanyo hīno *uthepāte āya se tsūta* uholañā haṃdarñā kṣīra gyau u hīvīna kṣīrna [x] *naltsutā āya*

“(Then) o gracious Lord Buddha, this enemy neighbouring king *may have raised* a fourfold army, saying: ‘**Go!** Elsewhere, in another land there is fighting!’ and *may have gone* out of his own land”.

sa ca bhadanta bhagavan sāmantakaḥ pratiśatru-rājā catur-aṅginīm senām joyajitvā paracakra-**gamanāya** sva-viṣayān niṣkrānto bhavet

Another example of *tsūta* (30v5; Skjærvø 62.4) also listed as injunctive by Konow (1935) is 2pl. pres. according to Skjærvø.

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