

## SANSKRIT LESSON #100

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## श्रुत्वा च मनसिकरिष्यति एकरात्रँ वा द्विरात्रँ वा त्रिरात्रँ वा चतुरात्रँ वा पञ्चरात्रँ वा षड्रात्रँ वा सप्तरात्रँ वाविक्षिप्तचित्तो मनसिकरिष्यतिः

ärutvÁ ca manasikariçyati ekarÁtra× vÁ dvirÁtra× vÁ trirÁtra× vÁ caturÁtra× vÁ pañcarÁtra× vÁ çaÉrÁtra× vÁ saptarÁtra× vÁvikçiptacitto manasikariçyati... ....and, having heard, is mindful for one day or two days or three days or four days or five days or six days or seven days, being mindful with one heart unconfused...

執持名號,若一日,若二日,若三日,若四日,若五日,若六日,若七日, 一心不亂。

上一課是以「若有善男子善女人聞說阿 彌陀佛」的句子開始。現在接著說 ca 「而;又;且又;然」ärutvÁ「聞已」(字 根 $\sqrt{a}ru$ -「聽;聽聞」的動名詞), manasikariçyati「他/她念;心念」。動 詞在字面上是未來主動直陳式,第三人 稱、單數:「他/她會執持於心。」這是 條件句的一部份。以未來式不定主詞作爲 條件來表示。定動詞是由字根 $\sqrt{k} \hat{a}$ -「行 爲;作」加上名詞「意;心」的處格、單 數形式。上一課已解釋過未來式的形成。 以下是一系列由名詞 rÁtra,字面上是 「夜」,但指的是一晝夜,對格、單數(時 段的受格)所組成的複合詞。這是複合詞 的形式。僅僅名詞是陰性形式 rÁtri。它與 數字的複合形式組合:eka「一」, dvi 「二」, tri「三」, catu (r- 只留下 一個r)「四」,pañca「五」,çaÉ The previous lesson began the sentence, If any good man or good woman hears the name of that World Honored One, the Thus Come One Limitless Life, and now continues ca and,  $\ddot{a}rutv \dot{A}$  having heard, (gerund from root  $\forall \ddot{a}ru$ - hear) manasikariçyati (he/she) is mindful. The verb literally is future active indicative, third person singular: (he/she) will be mindful/keep (his/her) mind (on it). But this is part of a conditional statement, expressed by the future tense with an indefinite subject in the condition. The finite verb is formed from root  $\forall k\dot{a}$ - do/make, + the locative singular form of the noun manas mind. The formation of the future tense was explained in the previous lesson.

Next follows a series of compounds formed from the accusative singular (accusative of duration of time) of the noun rAtra literally **night**, but standing for a full day and night period. It is the form used in compounds, the noun alone being the feminine form rAtri. It is combined with the compounded forms for the numbers: eka one, dvi two, tri three, catu (r—only one r is retained) four, pañca five, cate = catu (cate = catu = catu) four, cate = catu = catu

「六」及 sapta「七」。這相當於舉行 爲期七天的密集念誦法會。 V Á 意爲 「若;又;然」。它出現在名詞之後,卻 翻譯在其前,是個附屬字。

如果有人能夠做到這一點,「會念;心念」(manasikaricyati,再次的,梵文字面上是他/她會念,心念,譯作條件子句)。avikciptacitto「一心不亂」。注意前面的vA與這個複合形容詞的最初的a- 連聲組合。A- 意爲「不」,「非」;-ta是完成式被動過去分詞的概心,字根是 $\sqrt{k}$ cip-「散亂」。由前綴vi-加強。過去分詞修飾名詞citta「思;加強。過去分詞修飾名詞citta「思;心」,在此由兩個詞組成的複合字指的是善男子(或女人,但語法上的性別是男性);字面上是一心不亂。是主格、單數,因此結尾是-o。

如果這個持戒的男子或女人能持念阿彌陀 佛至整七日的話,其所得到的感應將如同 下一課所描述。

更正本刊第 445 期六月號梵文第 98 課 18頁:英文課文  $ku\ddot{a}lam\ddot{u}len\dot{A}mit\dot{A}yuças$  的字根是長  $u(\bar{u})$ 。同樣的中文第一段第四行,第二段第四行、第六行;英文第一段第八行,第三段的第三、第四行都是  $\bar{u}$ 。謹此致歉!

tion session. VA means **or**, and occurs after the noun before which it is translated, being an enclitic.

If someone can do that by being mindful (manasikariçyati, literally again in Sanskrit (he/she) will be mindful but translated as a conditional clause) avikçiptacitto with one heart unconfused... Note that preceding vA combined in sound with the initial a- of this compound adjective. A- means un-, and – ta is the sign of the perfect passive participle. The root is  $\sqrt{k}$ cipscatter/confuse, which the prefix vi- intensifies. The participle modifies the noun citta mind/heart/thought, and here the two words form a compound referring to the good man (or woman, but the grammatical gender is masculine), literally (being one with) heart unconfused. It is nominative singular, and so ends in -a.

If a precept-holding man or woman can be mindful of Amita Buddha for a full seven days, the response will be as next lesson describes.

**Correction** for Sanskrit Lesson #98 in June 2007 VBS issue # 445, page 18:

In the word  $ku\ddot{a}alam\bar{u}len\acute{A}mit\acute{A}yuças$  in the main lesson text, the first vowel in the word for root should be long u  $(\bar{u})$ . The same should be corrected in the explanation: In the Chinese, first paragraph, on the 4th line; the second paragraph, on the 4th and 6th lines. In the English, first paragraph, on the eighth line; third paragraph, on the 3rd and 4th lines.

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