

Idealistic Thought Of India: Vedanta And Buddhism In The Light Of Western Idealism

IDEALISM AND YOGACARA BUDDHISM

Over the last several years, there has been a growing controversy about whether Yogacara Buddhism can be said to be idealist in some sense, as used to be commonly thought by earlier scholars. On one side of the debate, writers such as Jay Garfield, Jeffrey Hopkins, Paul Williams, and others maintain the idealism label, while on the other side, Stefan Anacker, Dan Lusthaus, Richard King, Thomas Kochumuttom, Alex Wayman, Janice Dean Willis, and others have argued that Yogacara is not idealist.¹

In this short essay, I shall first try to clarify the different senses of idealism that might be pertinent to the debate. I shall then focus on some of the works of Vasubandhu, limiting myself to his *Vimsatika*, *Trimsika*, and *Trisvabhavanirdesa*.² My attempt will be to try to suggest that classical Yogacara Buddhism, at least as found in these works of Vasubandhu, is closer to epistemic rather than metaphysical idealism or absolute idealism, as I understand these. However, there are undoubtedly some important differences between Vasubandhu's Yogacara and Western epistemic idealism that cast doubt on the idea that Yogacara is simply to be lumped together with Western epistemic idealism.

I. Different Senses of Idealism

One of the most striking things in the debate about whether Yogacara is in fact idealist is that few writers are clear about the different senses of idealism, and few agree about what sense of idealism is said by some to apply to Yogacara. As Mario D'Amato has recently pointed out,³ there is need to define idealism in this debate so that the terms of the debate will be clear.

I want to distinguish here very briefly between at least three senses of idealism: (i) metaphysical idealism; (ii) epistemic or epistemological idealism; and (iii) absolute idealism.

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