



SENSUAL PLEASURE (PAÑCAKĀMA) REFLECTED IN GUHYASAMĀJATANTRA AND ITS PROFOUND CLARIFICATION

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Guhyasamājatantra is a foremost text of *Tantrayāna* Buddhist tradition and it was a major cause for the development of *Tantrayāna*. It should be noted that the superficial nature of the teachings of *Guhyasamājatantra* is not matching with early Buddhism. Nevertheless, an in-depth examination draws conclusion that this teaching has taken a new method to obtain the supreme attainments reflected in early Buddhism. The record on Sensual Pleasure (*pañcakāma*) exposed in *Guhyasamājatantra* can be recognized in the same manner as mentioned above.

Pleasing sensual organs related to the worldly life, is a specific fact of this *tantra*. Furthermore, it emphasizes that engaging in *pañcakāma* is the best way to liberation and an individual should associate it to obtain *Nirvāna*. This practice advocates killing as one's own will, telling lies, stealing other's property, engaging in sexual misconduct, etc. In this text and engagement in sensual pleasure is accepted as a good conduct and on the other hand it is considered as an honour to the Buddha. Then, he attain Buddhahood immediately. Moreover, it approves that eating human- flesh, elephant- flesh, horse- flesh, dog- horse, etc. for the obtaining of *Tivajra* and *Pancābhinna* and it is a qualification to become a *vidyādhara*. Therefore, the prime endeavor of this paper is to examine the exact purpose of *Guhyasamājatantra* and its objectives which represent symbolically with reference to the concept of *Pañcakāma* and also to reveal any hidden message to refrain from unwholesome deeds as reflected in early Buddhism.

Finally it can come to a conclusion, this research answers to the dilemma that “engaging in sensual pleasure (*pañcakāma*) is the best way to liberation, and is this really implied in *Guhyasamājatantra*?”. On the other hand, although a conclusion can be drawn according to this text that all the persons in the world who are engaged in unwholesome sensual misconducts are qualified to enter the path of liberation, it should be noted here that ‘the true hidden meaning of this doctrine lies as an absolute secret.’

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