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THE GENEALOGY AND SUCCESSORS OF SIVACHARYA

SUPPRESSION OF THE GREAT SACERDOTAL FAMILIES BY SÜRYAVARMAN I

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The early kings of Cambodia were served by members of great sacerdotal families which had been granted hereditary — sometimes exclusive — rights to furnish certain functionaries. Thus, the family of Sivakaivalya had the exclusive right of furnishing purohitas of the Devarāja. The family of Pranavātman had the hereditary right to furnish royal hotars. The family of Haripūrā seems to have acquired a hereditary charge as priests of Jalangeśa and Kapāleśa (1) and of inspectors of qualities and defects (2) on Hemaśringagiri (Phǐmānākās).

The Identity of the Śivāchāryas of the Inscriptions of Sdŏk Kăk Thom, Vat Thǐpdĕi B and Tà Kèv B.

Four inscriptions mention one or more functionaries named Śivāchārya who in one or another of these charges served various kings from Išānavarman II (924-928) to Sūryavarman I (1002-1050). The inscription of Sdök Kak Thom (3) (about 1052 A. D.) tells of a priest of that name, of the family of Śivakaivalya, who served as purohita under Jayavarman V (968-1001) and Sūryavarman I and perhaps also

BEFEO, XLVI-1.

⁽¹⁾ Kapāleśa means «Lord of the Skulls» = Śiva, who is often pictured with a necklace of skulls. Barth thinks Jalāngeśa is a local name of Śiva (ISC, p. 112, p. 113)

Barth thinks Jalangesa is a local name of Siva (ISC, p. 112, n. 11).

(2) The Inspector of Qualities and Defects seems to have presided at cremation ceremonies, in representation of Dharmaraja, Judge of the Dead. This ceremony was at first held at the Phimanakas; later, apparently, on what is now called the "Terrace of the Lever King".

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(3) Louis Finot, "Notes d'Épigraphie: 16. L'inscription de Sdok Kak Thom", Bulletin de l'École française d'Extrême-Orient (hereafter cited as BEFEO), 1915, p. 53-106; G. Cœdès et P. Dupont "Les stèles de Sdok Kak Thom, etc.", BEFEO, 1943, p. 57-134.

under Udayādityavarman I (1001-1002) and Jayavīravarman (1002-1010)(1). The inscription of Vat Thipdei B, whose last date is 1005, but which must have been carved a few years later (2), mentions a Sivacharya, of the family of Pranavatman, who served as royal hotar under Jayavarman V and Süryavarman I. An inscription of Ta Kev (B) (3), whose last date is 1007, says a Sivacharya, of the house of Haripūrā, served as priest and judge under Jayavarman V and Süryavarman I. And the inscription of Bantay Kděi (4) (apparently of the reign of Rajendravarman II) mentions a Šivāchārya who served as hotar under Išānavarman II, Jayavarman IV (921-942),

Harshavarman II (942-944) and Rajendravarman II (944-968).

Georges Codes, who translated and edited the inscription of Vat Thipdei thought he could identify the Sivāchārya of that inscription with that of Sdok Kak Thom. The Śivāchārya of Sdok Kak Thom was grand nephew of Atmasiva, his predecessor as purohita (5); that of Vat Thipdei was the nephew of the brothers Sangkara and Nārāyana, who had served as hotar for Rājendravarman II and Jayavarman V, respectively. According to the inscription of Vat Thipdei, Sivacharya succeeded Nārāyana some time during the reign of Jayavarman V. Cædès has shown that, if the matrilineal descent is uterine, the corresponding members of the two families will be the same persons and he demonstrates the identity of the individuals by charting and numbering them. Variation from this rule of identity would be possible only in the case in which one of the lines recognized descent by consanguinean relationship. Assuming that the line of Vat Thipdei B recognized consanguinean relationship, Prof. Codès connects the two tables to show what seems to be the only possible way that two matrilineal lines (one consanguinean) can merge into one descendant. This table shows not only that Sivacharya was the son of a daughter (x^2) of a sister (x^3) of Atmasiva of the inscription of Sdok Kak Thom but also the son of a sister (x^2) (consanguinean) of Sangkara of the inscription of Vat Thipděi B (5). This is in accordance with the statements of those two inscriptions, if we accept the system of consanguinean relationship for the inscription of Vat Thipdei. The mother (x^2) would be the same in both cases; but the grandmothers x^3 and x^3 are two wives of the same husband. Above these $(x^3 \text{ and } x^3)$ the two lines

Neither of the above-named inscriptions mentions Sivacharya's father. inscription of Ta Kev B, which is not matrilineal like the other two, says Sivacharya was the grandson of Paramāchārya (7). Paramāchārya's son must have married Ātmasiva's niece (x^2) , for the inscription of Sdok Kak Thom says that Sivāchārya was son of a daughter of the sister of Atmasiva (8). There seems to be no doubt of the identity of the Sivāchāryas of these three inscriptions. The accompanying table shows the merger of these three lines into Sivacharya in the reign of Jayavarman V.

⁽¹⁾ George Cædès, «Les deux inscriptions de Vat Thipdein, Mélanges d'indianisme offert par

ses élèves à M. Sylvain Lévi, 1912, p. 213-229.

(2) The inscription of Vat Thipdei B praises Sūryavarman. Until late in 1006, that region was in the hands of Jayavīravarman. The inscription says that in 1005 some one—apparently Kritindrapandita - erected a high linga, formerly erected by Sikhasiva. The inscription was evidently carved later, after the region had come into the hands of Suryavarman I.

⁽⁵⁾ Auguste Barth, "Inscriptions sanscrites du Cambodge" (hereafter ISC): 15. Prea Kèv, Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres : Notices et Extraits de Manuscrits, p. 97-117; G. Cædès, «La date de Tà Kèv: III. Epigraphie», BEFEO, 1934, p. 417-427

⁽⁴⁾ Louis Finot, "Inscriptions d'Angkor: 6. Bantay Kdein, BEFEO, 1925, p. 354-363.

⁽⁵⁾ Finot, «Inscription de SKT», p. 91.
(6) See accompanying chart. Also Cædès, op. cit., p. 217.

^(*) Barth, op. cit., B, st. 5-6.
(*) Finot, «SKT», p. 91.

The Isolation of Śivāchārya of the Inscription of Bantãy Kděi.

Louis Finot, who edited the inscription of Bantay Kdei, questioned the identity of the Sivacharyas of Vat Thipdei and Sdok Kak Thom. The inscription of Bantay Kděi says the Šivāchārya of that inscription was hotar of Isanavarman (II), Jayavarman (IV), Harshavarman (II), and Rajendravarman (II) (1) and that his guru (2) (who was apparently his predecessor) served under Indravarman and Yasovarman. Finot identified this guru with Sikhāsiva of the family of Pranāvatman. This is very satisfactory; for the inscription of Vat Thipdei B says that Sikhāsiva had served Indravarman (I) and had been hotar for Yasovarman (I) and does not mention another hotar of this family until the reign of Rajendravarman (II) (3) Finot thought the Sivacharya of Bantay Kdei was revidently the same as that of the temple of Vat Thipdein (4) and that he therefore belonged to the family of Pranavatman. He thought the Sivacharya of Vat Thipdei could not have been identical with that of Sdők Kăk Thom, because that would have made him hotar of kings from Isanavarman II to Sūryavarman I, and would have given him a life of about 100 years (5). In his recent work, Codès seems to have accepted this view of the matter and to have reversed his earlier opinion (6). The writer thinks Professor Cædès's former opinion is the correct one.

The writer believes there were two brahmans named Sivächärya mentioned in the inscriptions of this period. One was hotar (Vat Thipdei B), priest and judge (Tà Kèv B) and purohita (Sdök Kăk Thom) of kings from Jayavarman V to Süryavarman I, as shown in the accompanying chart. The other, who served as hotar for kings from Isānavarman II to Rājendravarman II (Bantāy Kdĕi) can be completely dissociated not only from the Sivāchārya of the other three inscriptions but also from the family of Pranavātman (Vat Thǐpděi). The reasons are as follows: 1. There seems to this writer to be no bar to the identity of the Sivāchāryas of Vat Thipdei B and Sdok Kak Thom. Those inscriptions say they served under the same kings. The objection on the ground of length of reign arises only when an attempt is made to identify the Sivacharya of Bantay Kdei with any of the other three. 2. No inscription of which the writer has knowledge connects the Sivāchārya of Bantāy Kděi with the house of Pranavātman. The inscription of Bantāy Kdĕi says he was hotar of Isanavarman, Jayavarman, Harshavarman and Rajendravarman and praises his guru, who seems to have been his predecessor. Finot thought this guru was Sikhāśiva of the house of Pranavātman, who the inscription of Vat Thipdei B says was hotar of Indravarman (I) and Yasovarman (I). This is very probable, but Finot says on two occasions that this Sivāchārya was the grandnephew of Sikhāsiva (7), and for this statement this writer finds no justification.

⁽¹⁾ Finot, «Bantãy Kděi», st. 34.

⁽²⁾ Ibid., st. 41, 42.
(3) Cædès, «Vat Thǐpděi», st. 11-12.

⁽⁴⁾ Finot, "Bantay Kděi", p. 354.

⁽⁵⁾ *Ibid.*, p. 353.

⁽⁶⁾ Cardès, Histoire ancienne des États hindouisés d'Extrême-Orient (Hanoi, 1944), p. 148, n. 4. This note refers to *BEFEO*, 1925, p. 365 (sic, p. 355). *Ibid.*, p. 354, n. 3, refers to *BEFEO*, 1915, p. 54-55. Here Finot explains that the hypothesis of consanguinean relationship is not necessary to show the relationship given by the two different vamias. The author of this article is unable to follow M. Finot's explanation.

⁽⁷⁾ Finot, «Bantay Kděi», p. 355.

The family of Pranavātman had the hereditary right to furnish royal hotars, but it does not seem that this right was exclusive. 3. The inscription of Bantay Kděi says the Sivacharya mentioned in that inscription was issue of a pure Vishnuite family which bore the name of Hrishikesa and, consequently, not of the family of Pranavātman. He was a disciple of Sikhāsiva, but there seems to be no indication that they were related. 4. According to the inscription of Vat Thipdei B, Sikhasiva's successors of the line of Pranavātman were his grand-nephews, Sangkara and Nārāyana, who served respectively, under Rājendravarman II and Jayavarman V(1). 5. While not a member of the family of Pranavātman, the Sivāchārya of the inscription of Bantay Kdei seems to have filled a gap in that family between the Sikhāsiva of that inscription and that brahman's grand-nephews. This gap may have been due to the minority of these nephews, but, as will be seen presently, there may have been another reason for it. The successor of Nārāyana in the Pranavātman line, according to this inscription (2), was his nephew Śivāchārya, who was hotar to Jayavarman V and Süryavarman I and who was succeeded as hotar of this family by his nephew, Kirtindrapandita, during the reign of the last-named monarch (3). 6. If Finot's hypothesis of the identity of the Sivacharyas of the inscriptions of Bantay Kdei and Bat Thipdei were true, Sivacharya would have been the predecessor of the brothers Sangkara and Nārāyana and, after a lapse of apparently 50 or 60 years, their successor.

It has been noted that there was a gap in the line of Pranavātman and it has been suggested that this may have been due to the minority of Sikhāsiv's grand-nephews, Sangkara and Nārāyana. There may have been another reason. This gap extended from the reign of Isanavarman II (925-928) to that of Rajendravarman II (944-968). It thus corresponded to the period when the usurper, Jayavarman IV and his son Harshavarman II, were reigning at Chok Gargyar. Perhaps the family of Pranavatman did not wish to serve under the usurper and his son. Thus the civil war of this period may have had a deeper significance than has generally been The family of Sivakaivalya, on the other hand, seem to have favored Jayavarman IV. Kūmarasvāmi, nephew of Vāmasiva, served Harshavarman I and Īsānavarman II. Īsānamūrti, who served Jayavarman IV, was called grand-nephew of Vāmasiva, and not nephew of Kūmārasvami, by the inscription of Sdok Kak Thom (4) and his successors trace their filiations through Isanamurti rather than through Kümārasvami. Jayavarman IV's claim to the throne was that he married a sister of Yasovarman I. He succeeded in securing the succession for his young son, Harshavarman II, who reigned only two yeards. Rajendravarman II, son of an elder sister of Yasovarman I, seems to have had a better right to the throne, which he finally secured apparently as a result of civil war. The early demise of Harshavarman II may not have been due to natural causes. When Rajendravarman II came to the throne, he moved the capital back to Yasodharapura and restored the family of Pranavātman to its privilege of furnishing hotars to the Crown by replacing the Sivacharya of the inscription of Bantay Kdei by Sangkara, grandnephew of Sikhāsiva and no known relation to this Sivāchārya, who seems to have been an interloper filling the gap during the reign of the usurper and his son.

⁽¹⁾ Cœdès, «Vat Thǐpděi B», st. 12-13.

⁽²⁾ Ibid., st. 14.
(3) Ibid., st. 9, 15.

⁽⁴⁾ Finot, «Sodk Kak Thom», st. 54. Of course, they may simply have been son and grandson of different sisters of Atmasiva; but other reasons cannot be excluded.

The Nature of the Devarāja and of its Service under Sūryavarman I.

Sivāchārya, in whom the functions of the three great hereditary sacerdotal families centered in the last years of the reign of Jayavarman V, probably exercised those functions during the reign of Udayadityavarman I and the early part of the reign of Jayavīravarman, until Sūryavarman I got possession of the capital late in 1006. The purchitas, hotars and other priests and functionaries of the great hereditary sacerdotal families seem to have held their positions for life and to have served the Devarāja under whatever king happened to be on the throne, regardless of the nature of his accession. (The possible exception, so far, seems to have been the case of Jayavarman IV, who ruled at Chok Gargyar, while the sons of Yasovarman I were ruling at Yasodharapura. In that case, Jayavarman IV's purohita was a member of the same family as that of the sons of Yasovarman I, while his hotar seems to have been a disciple of the preceding hotar of the regular line, but not related to him.) So, in the absence of reasons to the contrary, it seems permissible to think that the hereditary purchitas, hotars and other functionaries of Jayavarman V continued under Udayadityavarman I and Jayaviravarman, both of whom seem to have acceded regularly and without trouble at the capital.

What has just been said probably did not apply, however, to Süryavarman I, who was an alien of a new religious faith, and an ill-disguised usurper. At first his functionaries must have been aliens and a few partisans, until the Cambodians went over to him as he conquered the country. When he first invaded Kambujadesa and invited his partisans to join his standard of revolt against what appears to have been the regularly-constituted government, he doubtless found his rivals in possession of the regular hereditary functionares and hierarchichal officials and this is probably true even of the minor officials. It has been noted, for instance, that Suryavarman's lapidists lacked the skill and grace of his rivals (1).

Early in the reign of Süryavarman I — apparently as soon as that king acquired possession of the capital, probably in 1006 - Sivāchārya, who seems to have been serving at the capital under Jayavīravarman, began to serve under Sūryavarman I, in some at least of his many sacerdotal functions. When Süryavarman I established the division of the castes, Sivāchārya was placed at the head of his caste (2). He died early in this reign (3). Then, or perhaps partly before his death — during the reign of Jayavīravarman — the functions performed by him were again separated and distributed among his heirs.

In spite of the fact that Sivacharya performed some of his functions for a few years under Süryavarman I and that his nephew Sadāṣiva succeeded him as purohita under that monarch, it appears that the family of Sivakaivalya did not enjoy the fullest confidence of that monarch (4), who seems to have deprived this family of

⁽¹⁾ Cædès, «La date de Tà Kèv: III. Épigraphie», BEFEO, 1934, p. 425-426.

⁽²⁾ Cœdès, «Vat Thǐpděi B», st. 8.

⁽³⁾ Finot, «Sdok Kak Thom», st. 40-43. The date of Śivāchārya's death may be ascertained approximately from the inscription. It says that Süryavarman had been reigning two years, when Śivāchārya restored the sanctuaries which had been destroyed when Sūryavarman invaded this region and that, before he finished his task, he (Sivacharya) died. If this means that the death occurred after Süryavarman had reigned two years at the capital, it would have occurred after 1008. If it meant — as Dupont seems to think («S. D. K.», BEFEO, 1943) — two years after some inscriptions of his reign say the reign began (i. e. 1002), he would have died after

⁽⁴⁾ This, despite the statement of the inscription. He was in high favor with the king as a brother-in-law and loyal guru and chief of works and not as a member of the house of Sivakaivalya.

the exclusive privilege of furnishing the purohita of the Devarāja and to have named a purohita of the family of Saptadevakula to which the mother of Sūryavarman I The inscription of Lovek says Sangkara was the purchita of three kings, one of whom must have been Sūryavarman, I (1). The king's preference for this family may have been due to the fact that Sivacharya had served his rivals; or it may have been that Süryavarman I, introducing a new religion, found Sivāchārya and his family too closely identified with the statecult of the Devaraja.

On the other hand, Sūryavarman I chose Sivāchārya's nephew, Sadāsiva, who seems to have had an elder brother (2), drew him out of the religious life, made him head of the family of Sivakaivalya with the title of Jayendrapandita and made him Chief of Works of the First Class, thus putting him in charge of the great building program which was to carry out during the latter part of Sūryavarman's reign; but no until he had insured his personal loyalty by marrying him to a younger sister of the queen (3). The Usurper-King, who originated the Oath of Allegiance still used at Cambodia, seems not to have taken any chances, even with the oldest and most distinguished of the hereditary sacerdotal families, whose members had served the

kings of Kambujadesa faithfully for more than two centuries.

It is possible that some members of the family of Sivakaivalya continued to exercise the functions of purohita of the Devaraja, which continued to be the stateworship, and that Sangkarapandita was purohita of a sort of Buddharāja, private idol of the king. Indeed, the inscription of Sdok Kak Thom, which was probably indited by Jayendrapandita (Sadāśiva) says Sadāśiva was purohita of the Devarāja under Süryavarman and that his family served the Devaraja to the exclusion of all others (4); but later it says that king took him out of the religious life, made him enter the secular life and gave him for a wife the sister of Queen Vīralakshmī (5). From that time, no member of this family seems to have been specifically mentioned as purohita or specifically charged with the service of the Devarāja. When Udayādityavarman II restored the Devarāja, Jayendrapandita continued as guru of the new king and busied himself with the public works (6); while Sangkarapandita alone is mentioned as purohita. And when Udayadityavarman II built his new central temple - the Baphūon - and installed therein his Devarāja, the famous golden linga, it seems to have been Sangkarapandita who officiated as purohita (7).

What was the nature of the Devaraja or other deity which Sivacharya, Sadāśiva and Sangkarapandita served under the reign of Süryavarman I? It seems clear that it could not have been a Sivalinga like those of previous kings or like that of his successor - the material symbol of the "subtle me of the king", under the king's name combined with that of Siva - for Sūryavarman was a Buddhist and no inscription yet published mentions a Suryeśvara. It seems possible that there may have been two royal deities during this reign: the first an impersonal Sivalinga, symbolizing the essence of royalty, presided over by the purchita, and the other, symbolizing the personal essence of Sūryavarman combined with Buddha - a forc-

shadowing of the later Buddharāja of Jayavarman VII.

⁽¹⁾ Barth, ISC, «N° 17, Lovêk», B, st. 32.

⁽²⁾ Cædès, «Vat Thǐpděi», B, st. 21.

⁽³⁾ Finot, «Sdok Kak Thom», B, st. 74.
(4) G. Cædès et P. Dupont, «Les stèles de Sdok Kak Thom, etc.», BEFEO, 1943, st. 61-63.

⁽⁵⁾ Ibid., st. 74; D, st. 42-45. (6) Finot, «Sdok Kak Thom», D, st. 64, p. 93.

⁽⁷⁾ At least, he is the only one mentioned as purohita during this period. Barth, «Lovêk», B, st. 32.

Redistribution of Sacerdotal Functions under Sūryavarman I.

As has been seen, at the beginning of Suryavarman's reign the functions of the three great hereditary sacerdotal families centered in Sivāchārya. Perhaps before the death of that ecclesiastic, which seems to have occurred after 1008 (see above), the functions of purchita as head of the family of Sivakaivalya seem to have fallen to his nephew, Sadāsiva, who was taken out of the religious life, married to the queen's sister, given the titles of rajapurohita and Jayendrapandita, became Vrah Guru and was put in charge of the Public Works. He remained at the head of the family and indited the inscription of Sdok Kak Thom, in 1052; but the functionof purohita of the Devarāja seem to have passed to Sangkarapandita of another

family.

The family of Pranayatman, as has been seen, furnished hereditary hotars to the kings of Cambodia. Sivāchārya's successor as head of this family was his nephew. Kirtīndrapandita, possibly an elder brother of Sadāsiva (1), possibly son of another sister. Suryavarman appointed him upadestar (hotar?). The pillar-inscription of Vat Thipdei B, near Siemrap, which he probably indited, praises him for his wisdom and charity. It says that, in 1005, Kirtindrapandita reerected a high linga at Vat Thipdei which had previously been erected by Sikhāsiva of the same family (2), who was hotar of Yasovarman (see above). The re-erection of this linga seems to have been the occasion of the inscription mentioned above. It shows that Kirtīndrapaņdita served under Jayavīravarman, for that king was reigning over this region at that time. It also shows that the inscription was carved at a later date than the erection of the linga, for the inscription praises Sūryavarman.

The family of Hyang Pavitra, as has been noted, was not matrilineal like the other Sivāchārya's successor as head of this family was his grandson, Sivavindu. who became hereditary priest of Kapālesa and Jalāngesa and Inspector of Qualities and Defects on Hemaśringagiri. He became a great minister of Sūryavarman I, erected many monasteries, images and lingas and dug many ponds. In 1707, according to the inscription of Ta Kèv B, he erected a linga and several images at Tà Kèv (3), which seems to have been the occasion of that inscription, which seems to have been indited by Sivavindu probably some time afterward. Thus, this redistribution of functions, like the others, seems to have taken place chiefly before

the death of Sīvāchārya, some of it under Jayavīravarman.

The Disappearance of the Great Hereditary Sacerdotal Families.

A fact which may be noted here is that all these great hereditary sacerdotal families, which had furnished priests, chaplains and ministers to previous kings, seem to have terminated these connections early in the reign of Suryavarman I or shortly after its close, which seems to have been part of a significant religious administrative reform during the reign of that king. The line of Bhās-svāmanī, after 1003

⁽¹⁾ Cædès, «Vat Thǐpdĕi», B, st. 21.

⁽²⁾ Ibid., B, st. 20.

⁽³⁾ Barth, ISC: "Prea Kèv", B, st. 16, 20-28.

(Prea Kèv A), that of Pranavātman, after 1005 (Vat Thǐpdĕi B), of Jayendrādasa, after 1006 (Trapāň Run), Hyang Pavitrā, after 1007 (Prea Kèv B) and Śivaśakti, in 1047 (Praḥ Vihār I) — one by one carved their swan-songs and disappeared from history. A representative of the house of Śivakaivalya survived until 1052 (Sdồk Kặk Thoṃ), but only after he had been safely attached by marriage to the house of Lovêk (Śaptadevakula) and then in another capacity.

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