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Rare and Precious Dai Classics I

傣文珍稀典籍·

选编说明

傣族具有悠久的历史、灿烂的民族文化,主要分布在云南。据 2010 年第六次 全国人口普查统计,中国傣族人口有 126.13 万人。

傣族的族称有自称和他称之分。在不同的历史时期,他称的称法有所不同。 在汉晋时期史籍中称之为"滇越",也有史书称作"僚"或"鸠僚"。唐宋时期史 籍称之为"金齿""黑齿""绣脚""绣面""茫蛮""白衣"。元明时期仍称为"金 齿""白衣",到清代以后,则称为"摆夷""摆衣"。中华人民共和国成立以后, 按照傣族人民的意愿,依其自称「tai²」的读音,称之为傣族。

傣族与古代百越民族有很深的渊源关系。

傣族多信仰原始宗教和南传上座部佛教。南传上座部佛教属于小乘佛教,传 人我国傣族地区的时间大约在6~8世纪。由于小乘佛教提倡出家修行,过去部分 傣族地区男子在童年时代,都要过一段脱离家庭的僧侣生活。人们认为,只有入 寺当过和尚才能成为有教养的人。

傣语属于汉藏语系壮侗语族壮傣语支,中国的傣语分为西双版纳和德宏两种 方言。

傣族文字属于婆罗米字母体系,随佛教传入傣族地区。中国的傣文分傣泐文、 傣那文、傣绷文、金平傣文等 4 种。

在卷帙浩繁的傣文文献中,佛教文献与寺院密切相关,民间文学作品与傣族 民间歌手"赞哈"密切相关。

从载体形式分, 傣文古籍主要包括贝叶经文献和纸质文献。

在贝叶上刻写的经书通常称为贝叶经。贝叶是棕榈科贝叶棕的叶片。西双版纳及孟连等地流传有丰富的贝叶经。

贝叶经一般高为 5~6 厘米,长约 50 厘米,正反两面皆可刻写。以 10~12 页为一册,每册以钻孔穿线装订成册。一部经典由数册甚至 20 多册组成。然后裹以布包、棉布或席包进行保存。

在不同地区,傣文纸质文献的材质有所不同。德宏等地的文献用薄绵纸,这种绵纸以竹子为原料,色彩微黄,纸质虽薄,但有韧性。西双版纳等地的傣文文献多用构皮纸,色彩稍暗,纸质厚实,有韧性。

绵纸类文献版面宽大,一般高达 50 厘米,宽 30 厘米。构皮纸类文献版面略小,且大小悬殊,较大者版面高 37~40 厘米,宽 23~25 厘米,版面较小的文本只有豆腐块大,可随身携带。

泥金写本是在傣纸上涂一层紫色或浅蓝色颜料,然后用金粉或金黄色的颜料书写。在写就的文稿上再刷上一层薄薄的漆,以起到防潮、防蛀作用。泥金写本多为梵夹装的佛经,是傣文文献中制作成本最高的一种。

傣文文献内容大体可分为: 史书类、政治类、法律类、军事类、文化教育类、 语言文字类、文学类、艺术类、宗教类、天文历法类、医药类、农田水利类等。

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入选本汇编的傣文文献,有以下几方面的特点和价值。

首先,入选的版本具有代表性。贝叶经有《〈小部〉经要》《丘萨》等,构皮纸类文献有《历法书》《芒莱法典》等,梵夹装泥金写本有《羯磨说》。

其次,所选文献具有极高的学术价值。傣族有一套完整的历法体系,其内容与形式和中原地区的历法有较大的差异。本汇编收录的《历法书》是傣文历法中最具代表性的一种。傣族有本民族传统的法典,傣族法典对维护傣族封建领主制起到了重要作用。本汇编收录的《芒莱法典》是傣族法典中最具代表性的一种。傣族文身也是傣族文化的一种特殊表现,既反映了傣族人民的审美观,又表现了傣族的一种精神文化。本汇编收录了4种文身图谱,从图谱中可窥见傣族文化的博大精深。佛经在傣文文献中占有特别重要的地位。本汇编中收录的《〈小部〉经要》《丘萨》《羯磨说》《黄金粘果》是傣文佛经中最重要的几种文献。

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Introduction

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With a long history and splendid ethnic culture, the *Dai* people mainly live in Yunnan Province. According to the Sixth National Census in 2010, there are about 1.26 million *Dai* people in China.

The name Dai is a general term that refers to all the Dai people. In different historical periods, they were called differently by other groups. During the Han and Jin dynasties, they were referred to as "Dianyue", "Liao" or "Jiuliao" in some historical records. In the Tang and Song dynasties, they were known as "Golden Teeth", "Black Teeth", "Tattooed Feet", "Tattooed Faces", "Mangman" and "White Clothes". They were still referred to as "Golden Teeth" and "White Clothes" in the Yuan and Ming dynasties. Since the Qing Dynasty, they became known as "Baiyi (摆夷)" or "Baiyi (摆衣)". When the People's Republic of China was founded in 1949, the government respected the Dai people's wishes and officially named the group "Dai" according to the pronunciation of the term they call themselves.

The origin of the Dai can be traced back to the ancient Baiyue people.

The Dai people believe in Theravada Buddhism or primitive religions. Theravada Buddhism is a branch of Buddhism also known as Hinayana Buddhism (Lesser Vehicle). Theravada Buddhism was introduced to the Dai region in China from about the 6th to the 8th century. According to the doctrines of Theravada Buddhism, it was a common practice to send young boys to the temples as monks in the past. People believed this experience would help them to become more educated.

The language of the *Dai* belongs to the *Zhuang-Dai* branch of the *Zhuang-Dong* group of the Sino-Tibetan language family. The two main dialects of the *Dai*

are Xishuangbanna Dai and Dehong Dai.

The written system of the Dai, which was introduced to the Dai region with the spread of Buddhism, originates from the ancient India alphabet system of Brahmi. There are four different branches in this written system, namely the Daile, the Daina, the Daibeng and the Jinping Dai written systems.

The numerous *Dai* classics include Buddhist classics, which are closely related to temples, and folk literature, which is closely related to a *Dai* folk song singer called "*Zanha*".

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As far as the carrier is concerned, there are two forms of *Dai* classics: palm-leaf manuscripts and paper classics.

Palm-leaf manuscripts are written on the leaves of pattra, a kind of palm tree. Many palm-leaf manuscripts were found in Xishuangbanna and Menglian in China.

A typical palm-leaf manuscript is 5 to 6 centimeters high and 50 centimeters wide. Both sides can be used. Every 10 to 12 pages are stringed together into a volume with thread. A classic consists of several or even dozens of volumes. Palm-leaf manuscripts are wrapped up with cloth, cotton or mat for preservation.

The paper used for *Dai* classics varies from place to place. In Dehong area, the sutra is written on the tissue paper. Made of bamboo, it is yellowish in color, thin but tough. The *Dai* people in Xishuangbanna usually use the bark paper. It is darker, thicker and tougher.

Tissue paper classics have wide pages, usually 50 centimeters high and 30 centimeters wide. Bark paper classics, on the other hand, have smaller pages. The bigger ones can be 37 to 40 centimeters high and 23 to 25 centimeters wide, while the smaller ones are no bigger than a tofu and can be carried inside a pocket.

Illuminated manuscripts are written on ornate cardboards, which are varnished with a purple or light blue pigment and upon which the letters are written in silver or gold. Then people brush a thin layer of paint on the cardboards to prevent them from moisture or bookworms. Most illuminated manuscripts are Buddhist sutras in the Chinese pothi binding and the most costly among all *Dai* classics.

Dai classics cover the following subjects: history, politics, law, military, culture and education, language and script, literature, art, religion, astronomy and calendar, medicine, farming and irrigation.

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Dai classics collected in this collection are of high value.

On one hand, they are representative. The Abstract of Khuddaka Nikaya and Qiusa are important palm-leaf manuscripts. The Book of Calendar and The Laws of King Mangrai are bark paper classics. On Karma is an illuminated manuscript.

On the other hand, these classics are of high academic value. The Dai have their own calendar, which is quite different from the lunar calendar that people of the Central China use. The Book of Calendar is the most typical calendar of the Dai people. The Dai also have their own laws, which played an important role in maintaining the regime of the feudal lords. The Laws of King Mangrai is the most famous of all. Tattoo is another special art of the Dai culture, which reflects the aesthetics of the Dai people as well as their spiritual life. The collection has included 4 tattoo patterns to represent the broad and profound contents of the Dai culture. Buddhist sutras are very important classics. The Abstract of Khuddaka Nikaya, Qiusa, On Karma and Golden Fruits are some of the most important Buddhist sutras.

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