

The Refutation of the Permanence (Nityatva) of Atoms (Paramāṇu) in Dharmapāla's *Guang bai lun shi lun* (A Commentary on the *Catuhśataka*)

This paper aims at investigating Dharmapāla's refutation of the permanence (nityatva) of atoms in Chapter One of Dharmapāla's *Guang bai lun shi lun* (A Commentary on the *Catuhśataka*; henceforth abbreviated as GBLSL). The Sub-commentary on the GBLSL (T2800) by Wengui (ca. 7<sup>th</sup> century CE) on this chapter will be closely consulted throughout this paper. I have two major concerns while examining Dharmapāla's arguments: (1) How do Dharmapāla's arguments differ from those of Vasubandhu in his *Viṃśikā* and those of Dignāga in his *Ālambanaparīkṣā*? (2) Why does Dharmapāla seem to refute the theory of atoms twice—first in Chapter One and then in Chapter Five?

As an appendix, an annotated English translation will be provided of the section on atoms from Chapter One of the GBLSL.