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Introduction

In 2013–2016, the Institute of Archaeology of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the Academia Turfanica conducted joint archaeological works for preservation and excavation of the ruined cave temples on the West Zone of the Tuyuq Grottoes. In some of the ruined caves we find ancient wall inscriptions. Among them, as well as Cave 10 (K10), Cave 26 (K26) is worthy of special mention: it has the anterior room (qianshi 前室) attached with six chambers (A–F), five of which (A, B, D, E, F) preserve many wall inscriptons in the Uyghur script.

Independently from the works by Tursunjan Imin and Fu Ma/Xia Lidong,⁴ we published an article dealing with the Old Uyghur wall inscriptions of Chambers A and B of Cave 26.⁵ This paper is the second part of our study, to present the inscriptions of the remaining three, Chambers D, E, and F (see Fig. 1 below).

From the paleographic point of view, the Old Uyghur inscriptions in Chambers D, E, and F may be generally classified as the Cursive or Semi-Cursive script; and no one is clearly decided as in the Semi-Square script. Therefore, most of the inscriptions would belong to the Mongol period of the 13th and 14th centuries, although we cannot find any further dating markers.

The three chambers preserve also several Brāhmī inscriptions, for which we are fortunate to have generous assistance of Dr. Ogihara Hirotoshi 荻原裕敏 and Dr. Kitsudō Kōichi 橘堂晃一.⁶

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CASS/AT/KRI 2012; CASS/AT 2019; CASS/AT 2020.

Yakup/Li 2019.

³ CASS/AT 2020: 444–447. Chamber C has no wall inscription.

⁴ Imin 2020; Fu/Xia 2021.

See Li/Zhang 2021. In Li/Zhang 2021, we mistakenly numbered this cave as Cave 10 (K10), and put "K10" at the beginning of signatures for the Old Uyghur inscriptions. These "K10" should be corrected to "K26" for Cave 26 (K26), although in the present paper, for readers convenience, we still refer to them under our previous signatures.

⁶ CASS/AT 2020: 446, generally describes these Brāhmī inscriptions as 吐火羅文題記 "Tocharian inscription(s)," though in fact none of them is in Tocharian language. See descriptions for each inscription below.

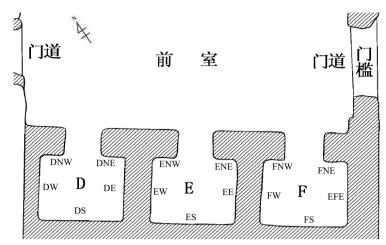


Fig. 1 Plan of Chambers D, E, F of Cave 26 (after CASS/AT 2020: fig. 12, with ammendments of designations of walls in the present paper)

1. Edition of Uyghur Inscription in Chamber D (Nos. 1-14)

Chamber D preserves fourteen inscriptions (Nos. 1–14), three of which are Brāhmī inscriptions.

No. 1 is on the south wall (DS), and No. 2 on the west wall (DW). In CASS/AT 2020: 446, Nos. 3–13 on the east wall (DE) are described collectively as 右壁中部十四行零散分布的回鶻文題記 "Old Uyghur inscriptions scattering in fourteen lines in the center of the right wall."

The Brāhmī inscriptions (Nos. 11–13) on the east wall are introduced as 四行吐火羅文題記 "four lines of Tocharian inscription(s)" by CASS/AT 2020: 446. In reality, however, these Brāhmī inscriptions are not in "Tocharian" but in Sanskrit (Nos. 11, 12) and Uyghur language (No. 13).

No. 14 on the north wall is not mentioned by CASS/AT 2020.

No. 1 K26-DS-Uyg01 [Fig. 2]

Reference: CASS/AT 2020: 446, 正壁左側墨書五行回鶻文題記 "five lines of the Uyghur inscriptions in black ink on the left of the main wall (*zhengbi*)."

Descriptions: The middle left of the south wall.

The following signs are used for the transliteration of Brāhmī inscriptions.

- /// textual loss at the left or right edge of a inscription
- × one single illegible akşara or illegible part of an akşara (vowel or consonant)
- [] part of an akṣara of which trace is completely lost
- ‡ || punctuation marks

Italic uncertain akṣara or part of an akṣara (vowel or consonant)

- Ch an aspirated consonant
- virāma stroke
- * dot used with virāma stroke which is attached to the akşara intended to indicate a word final consonant

- 1 ït yïl-ïn bešinč ay altï [o]d[uz-qa]
- 2 bilig-du apam küs[ü]šün bol[zun?]
- 3 män tölämiš šabi qy-a bo mänin y[azuq?]
- 4 [tï]yoq qïs[ïl]-ta qač käşig ky-ä [bitidim?]
- 5 tanuq naivasike-lar tep (biti)d(im)

₁In the Dog year, the fifth month, on the twenty-sixth day. ₂May my grandfather, Bilig-du's wish come true. ₃I, Tölämiš Šabi Qy-a, this is my sin(?) ₄(I wrote?) several lines in Tuyuq valley. ₅Witness are guardian deities (of the cave), thus saying, (I) wrote (this).

Commentary

1-1 *it yil-in*: Most probably the Dog year (*it yil*) of Inscription No. 2 should belong to the same year.

Here the ductus of the instrumental - \ddot{m} can be read otherwise as $y\ddot{a}n\ddot{a} \sim yana$. If this is the case, \ddot{u} $y\ddot{u}$ $y\ddot{a}n\ddot{a}$ $be\check{s}in\check{c}$ ay "the Dog year, the repeated (= intercalary) fifth month" would be identified to that of the ren-Dog (ren-xu 壬戌) year, the second of Zhizhi 至治 of the Yuan calendar, i.e., 1322 CE. Cf. Matsui 2014: 621.

1-2 *bilig-du*: Derives from Chin. *mi-le-nu* 彌勒奴 "slave of Maitreya." For details, see Shōgaito et al. 2015: 177, 190. So the form *bilekdu*, proposed by Wilkens 2021: 170, should be modified. Here *bilig-du* may be identical with the same named one in K10-A-2, see Li/Zhang 2021: 153.

1-5 naivasike: << Skt. naivāsika- "deity." Cf. Wilkens 2021: 484. Here it would refer to any "guardian deities (of the cave)." Cf. Uyg. naivasike > nai-wa-xi-ji 乃凹洗几 =



Fig. 2 No. 1 Chamber D, the south wall

Chin. shen 神 "deity" in Gaochang-guan zazi 高昌館雜字. Cf. Hu/Huang 1984: 80.

No. 2 K26-DW-Uyg02 [Fig. 3]

Reference: CASS/AT 2020: 446, 左壁中部墨書九行回鶻文題記 "nine lines of the Uyghur inscription in black ink in the center of the left wall."

Descriptions: The middle center of the west wall.

- 1 qutluγ ït yïl törtünč ay
- 2 tört ygrmikä suv yayïš kün ü[zä]
- 3 män naypo-tu tutun ken
- 4 bo tasï säŋräm-tä bir ay mončuq tar[tïp]
- 5 oloru tägintim tanuq tölämiš šabi [qy]-a

1–2The fortunate Dog year, the fourth month, on the fourteenth day, on the day of Buddha Bathing Festival. 3–4I, Naγpo-tu Tutuŋ, humbly stayed in this wide temple, drawing beads (i.e., conducting Buddhist practice) for one month. 5–8The witness,

- 6 bar ärti yänä tanuq toyïn ayaγ-q[a tägi]mlig
- 7 m-ä boltï satu bolup ür [keč tur]up
- 8 köz-ki kälmiš-tä körgü bolur ärk(i)[]
- 9 tep ilä tägintim iltim tägintim

Tölämiš Šabi Qy-a, was there. There was also, the witness, Toyïn the Venerable. When it becomes good, and (this writing) stays forever [and] comes to [future visitors'] eye, will it be seen [by the visitors]? ⁹Thus saying, I humbly put (this memorial writing).

Commentary

2-1 *it yil*: See the commentary 1-1 above.

2-2 suv yayīš kūn: yayīš originally means "flowing down together," and then means "a libation (to a deity)." After the Silk Road was opened, the earliest Buddhist culture came into China with the most active dissemination. Buddha Bathing Festival spread to China. Buddha bathing activities were held in the sinicized temples in central China during the period of Emperor Ling of Han. Except bathing and exhibiting the Buddha statues around a place, there were such activities as fasting, becoming a believer in Buddhism, and releasing live animals, see Han 2016: 56.

This kind of ceremony could also be attested, for example, as 用諸香水周遍訖已,復以淨水於上淋洗 "Sprinkle various perfumes over the (statue of) Buddha, and then rinse it with clean

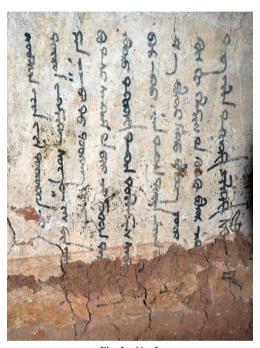


Fig. 3 No. 2 Chamber D, the east wall

water" in Foshuo yuxiang gongde jing 佛說浴像功德經 (Taisho Vol. 16, No. 697, 799b9–10). According to the meaning of Uyghur scripts suv yayiš kün and Uyghurs' belief in Buddhism, we boldly propose to argue that it might be corresponding to the ceremony of Indian Buddhism yu fo jie 浴佛節 or guan fo jie 灌佛節 "Buddha Bathing Festival." For details, see Ding 2011: 2943.

2-3 naypo-tu: For Uyghur Buddhist names XX-du "slave (du < Chin. nu 奴) of XX," see Zieme 1994. Here, the ductus $N'X = nay \sim naq$ is rather clear (N and X are attached with the diacritical dot), but we cannot find the original Chinese term appropriate for it. In view of N/L substitution in Uyghur (e.g., 寧戎 > Nežung = Nezung = N

2-4 tasī sāŋrām: Previuosly we considered Uyg. tasī as transcription of Chinese duo-ci 多慈 "a lot of

Clauson 1972: 908.

mercy." Recently, Fu Ma and Xia Lidong proposed to regard *tasi* as the transcription of Chinese *ta-si* 塔寺 "stupa monastery." They dated this borrowing to Yuan times, based on that Uyg. *ta* for Chin. *ta* 塔 could reflect the Early Mandarin pronunciation. For details, see Fu/Xia 2021: 185.

2-4 mončuq tar[tip]: mončuq means "bead, bead necklace, jewel," see Clauson 1972: 349. The verb tart"to pull" used with mončuq means "to twist beads," in Chinese it is called nian fozhu 捻佛珠. According to the context mončuq tart- could be translated as xiu xing 修行 "to conduct Buddhist practice." This phrase is attested also in two other Tuyuq inscriptions.

2-7 *ür [keč tur]up*: At the bottom end of the photo, we find a round stroke which is reconstructed as *[tu]rup* (or *[tur]up*), otherwise *[t]u[rzun]* "May it remain!" from the context.

2-9: **二** stands for a special sign, which is found at the ending of several Old Uyghur Buddhist texts. T. Haneda, M. Shōgaito, and P. Zieme considered it as two Chinese characters *liao ye* 了也 written in a single stroke, ¹⁰ while Geng Shimin regarded it as a sign of "goodness." ¹¹

No. 3 K26-DE-Uyg03 [Fig. 4]

Descriptions: Lower left (= south) of the east wall.

- 1 tonuz yïl üčünč a(y) yeti otuz-qa m(ä)n
- 2 [] oloru(p) bitidim čin ol ya[mu]
- 3 yamu(?) män ol yamu tep bitidim
- 1The Boar year, the third month, on the twenty-seventh
- day, I, 2[....], stayed (and) wrote (this). It is true indeed.
- 3"Indeed (?), it is me," thus I wrote.

No. 4 K26-DE-Uyg04 [Fig. 4]

Descriptions: Lower left (= south) of the east wall.

1 m(ä)n taypidu šilavanti [bitidim (?)]

₁I, Taypidu šilavanti [wrote (this) (?)]

Commentary

4-1 *šilavanti*: Originates from Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit **śilava(n)ta*- through the intermediary of Tocharian B *śilavānde*, and this is a Buddhist title common to see in Uyghur. See Ogihara 2016: 138, 146; Matsui 2017: 117; Yakup 2019: 408.

No. 5 K26-DE-Uyg05 [Fig. 4]

Descriptions: Lower left (= south) of the east wall.

1 m(ä)n šikšabadre qy-a bitidim :::

₁I, Šikšabadre Qy-a wrote (this).

⁸ Li/Zhang 2021: 160.

Li/Zhang 2021: 161 (K10-B-Z5, line 2); Fu/Xia 2021: 189 (I-6, line 1).

Haneda 1958: 166–167; Shōgaito 1974: 044; Zieme 2009: 10–12.

Geng 2002: 79–80.

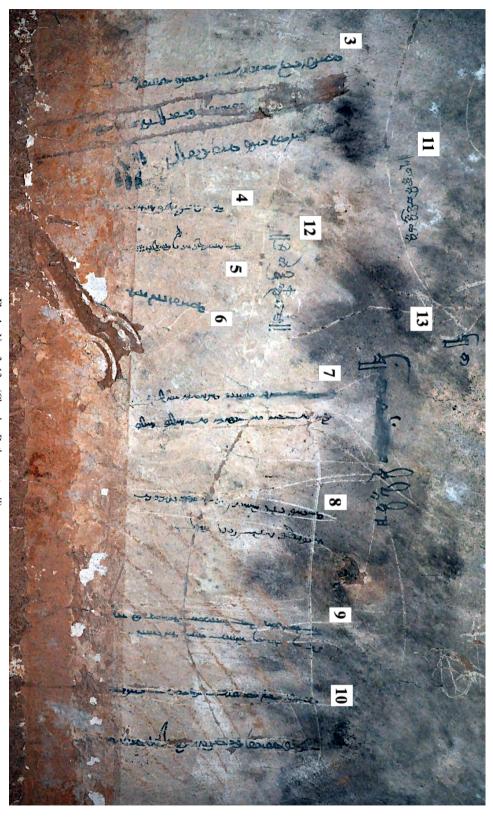


Fig. 4 Nos. 3–13 (Chamber D, the west wall)

5-1 $\check{s}ik\check{s}abadre\ qy$ -a: The ductus for $\check{s}ik\check{s}abadre$ is not so clear, as if it is $\check{S}Y(...)PDRY$. See commentary 22-1 below.

No. 6 K26-DE-Uyg06 [Fig. 4]

Descriptions: Lower center of the the east wall.

1 tonuz yïl iki[nti ay]

¹The Boar year, the second [month...]

No. 7 K26-DE-Uyg07 [Fig. 4]

Descriptions: Lower center of the the east wall.

1 (...)KY bitiyü tägintim ödig

₁I, (...)KY, wrote (this) humbly. May (this) be a

2 bolzun yazuq bolmazun sadu sadu

memory! 2May there be no sin! Sādhu! Sādhu!

No. 8 K26-DE-Uyg08 [Fig. 4]

Descriptions: Lower center of the the east wall.

1 taqïγu yïl altïnč ay beš {yaηï} ygrmi(kä) m(ä)n

₁The Rooster year, the sixth month, on the fifteenth

2 taypidu šila ky-ä bitidim

day. 2I, Taypidu Šila, wrote (this).

No. 9 K26-DE-Uvg09 [Fig. 4]

Descriptions: Lower right (= north) of the the east wall.

- 1 m(ä)n lükčüη-lüg toyïnčoy tutuŋ bo ïd[o]q [oron-ta? bir? iki? kün?]
- 2 ky-ä olorup altïn enä tägintim (.)[]

 $_{1-2}I$, Toyïnčo γ Tutu η , from Lükčü η , staying in this holy [place? for a couple of days?], $_2$ humbly descended down (from the Tuyuq).

Commentary

9-1 *lükčüŋ*: Derived from Chin. *Liu-zhong* 柳中, and was later corrupted into Lükčün, which is now transcribed as Lukeqin 魯克沁 in Chinese. For Old Uyghur inhabitants in the city of Lükčün, the Tuyuq Caves was the nearest Buddhist sanctuary to conduct frequent pilgrimages, as suggested by the Tuyuq inscriptions and the so-called Sivǐdu-Yaqšidu manuscripts. See Zieme 2020: 10–11; Matsui 2010: 703.

9-1 toyinčoy tutuŋ: He must be identical with the same named one appearing in Nos. 48 and 51, as well as in other inscriptions in Cave 26: Li/Zhang 2021: 156–157 (K10-B-Z1), 157–158 (K10-B-Z2), 161–162 (K10-B-Z6); Fu/Xia 2021: 188 (I-4).

9-1 [oron-ta? bir? iki? kün?]: In view of the front vocalic diminutive ky-ä at the beginning of line 2, we may restore a context like "staying for a couple of days in this sacred place."

No. 10 K26-DE-Uyg10 [Fig. 4]

Descriptions: Lower right (= north) of the the west wall.

1 toŋuz yïl üčünč ay üč yaŋï-qa 1The Boar year, the third month, on the third day.

2 erikip turup bitimiš boldum tep b[ti]d[im] 2"It became that I, staying in boredom, wrote (this),"

thus I wrote.

No. 11 K26-DE-Brh11 [Fig. 4]

Descriptions: Upper left (= south) of the west wall, above the Uyghur inscription No. 2. A one-line Sanskrit inscription in the Brāhmī script.

Transliteration Transcription

1 || a dā ttā nī şa dī ndrī yā ni - ādattāni şad indriyāni - 1Six sense organs were received

Commentary

11-1: *ādattāni* is the neuter pl. nom. of the past passive participle of Skt. *ā-dā-* "to accept, receive"; *ṣad indriyāni* "Six sense organs" corresponds to Chin. *liu gen* 六根.

No. 12 K26-DE-Brh12 [Fig. 4]

Descriptions: Middle center of the the west wall, above Nos. 3–5. A one-line Sanskrit inscription in the Brāhmī script.

Transliteration Transcription

1 || śri b^hā dri lk^hi ta-m* || śrībhadri l(i)khitam ₁₁Śrībhadra wrote.

Commentary

12-1: The scribe's name śrībhadri (not śrībhadra) suggests that it is a Uyghur form transmitted from Tocharian. Skt. *l(i)khitam* is the neuter sg. nom. of the past passive participle of Skt. *likh*- "to write." This Sanskrit text is grammatically incorrect, in view of the fact that the instrumental case form is required for the agent of the Sanskrit past tense of this type.

No. 13 K26-DE-Brh13 [Fig. 4]

Descriptions: Upper center of the west wall, above Nos. 6 and 7. Old Uyghur inscription in Brāhmī script.

Transliteration Transcription

1 myām nā ga sem × ca ki pti ti-m* män nagasen [....] bitidim ₁I, Nagasen-[....], wrote.

Commentary

13-1: A word following the personal name Uyg. $n\bar{a}gasem \sim nagasen$ (<< Skt. $n\bar{a}gasena$ -) would be any title or attribute: maybe (ka)caki < Uyg. $ki\check{c}igi < ki\check{c}ig$ "the minor"? Cf. commentary 83-1 below. The personal

name *nāgaseṃ* also appears in No. 80. The fact that the Fremdzeichen <ma> is used only in Nos. 13 and 80 may suggest that these two inscriptions were written by the same scribe.

No. 14 K26-DN-Uyg14 [Fig. 5]

Descriptions: The north wall. This inscription is not mentioned in CASS/AT 2020: 446.

m(ä)n šikš[aba]d(re)
 qy-a tä[gin](dim)
 čizt[ïm]
 jI, Šikš[aba]d(re)
 2Qya came here.
 3(I) depicted (this).

Commentary

14-1–2 *šikš[aba]d(re) qy-a*: For this personal name, see commentary 22-1 below.



Fig. 5 No. 14 Chamber D, the north wall

2. Edition of Uyghur Inscription in Chamber E (Nos. 15–56)

There are forty-two inscriptions preserved in Chamber E, six of which (Nos. 39, 40, 52, 53, 54, 55) are in Brāhmī script.

Nos. 15–30 on the south wall (= zhengbi 正壁) are reported as 六處墨書回鶻文題記 "six Old Uyghur inscriptions in black ink" in CASS/AT 2020: 446. In the upper left corner above Nos. 15–17, we find a Brāhmī akṣara in red ink, which is reported as 一處朱書吐火羅文題記 "a Tocharian inscription in red ink" in CASS/AT 2020: 446. But in reality it is in Sanskrit and belongs to the end of No. 54 on the east wall. See descriptions on No. 54 below.

Nos. 31–40 on the west wall, are mentioned by CASS/AT 2020: 446, as 八處墨書回鶻文題記 "eight Old Uyghur inscriptions in black ink" and incorrectly as 五處朱書吐火羅文題記 "five Tocharian inscriptions in red ink." For a Chinese inscription *Bei-ting* 北庭 (= Uyg. Bešbalīq), see the descriptions for No. 31.

Nos. 41–51 are on the east wall (EE), mentioned collectively by CASS/AT 2020: 446, as 九處墨書回 鶻文題記 "nine Old Uyghur inscriptions in black ink." The Brāhmī inscriptions, Nos. 52, 53, and 54, are in fact in Sanskrit. CASS/AT 2020: 446, describes them as 二行朱書吐火羅文題記 "two lines of Tocharian inscription(s) in red ink."

Nos. 55 and 56 are written on the west (ENW) and east side of the north wall (ENE), respectively.

No. 15 K26-ES-Uyg01 [Fig. 6]

Edition: Imin 2020: Nos. 18-19.

Descriptions: Middle left (east) of the south wall.

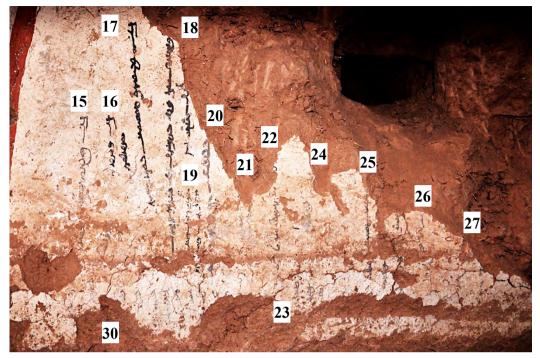


Fig. 6 Nos. 15–27, 30 (Chamber E, south wall, the left (east) side)

1 m(ä)n pintso (...) yükünür (..)

₁I, Pintso, worship.

Commentary

15-1: Imin overlooked the words follwing the personal name *pitnso* (< Chin. *bin zang* 斌藏). This scribe must be indetical with those of Nos. 16 and 17.

No. 16 K26-ES-Uyg02 [Fig. 6]

Edition: Imin 2020: Nos. 19-20.

Descriptions: Middle left (east) of the south wall. See also descriptions of No. 15.

1 m(ä)n pintso

ödig (...)

_{1–2}I, Pintso, worshipped

1Memory

2 yükündüm

Commentary

16-1: Imin mistook the personal name *pintso* for *bäküz*. Below it, *ödig* "memory" is written by another hand, with considerable space between.

No. 17 K26-ES-Uyg03 [Fig. 6]

Descriptions: Middle left (east) of the south wall. See also descriptions of No. 15.

1 m(ä)n pintso tutuŋ yükündüm (..)

₁I, Pintso Tutuŋ, worshipped.

No. 18 K26-ES-Uyg04 [Fig. 6]

Edition: Imin 2020: No. 21.

Descriptions: Middle left (east) of the south wall.

- 1 [] bešinč ay bir ygrmi-kä m(ä)n nomči bilgä [](..)
- 2 [ö]dig qïltïm

1[.... year], the fifth month, on the eleventh day. I, Nomči Bilgä [] 2[] made a memory.

Commentary

18-1 nomči: "Priest, master" is used as a personal name here. Imin's ögi should be revised.

No. 19 K26-ES-Uyg05 [Fig. 7]

Descriptions: Middle left (east) of the south wall, beneath line 2 of No. 18.

- 1 nomči bilgä šazin (...)
- 2 sambodu tu[t]un biti[dim] []YR (...)
 - ₁(I), Nomči Bilgä Šazïn (...)
 - 2(I), Sambodu Tutun, wrote (this). [.....]

Commentary

19-1 *sambodu*: < Chin. *san bao nu* 三寶奴. See Geng 2006: 136: Matsui 2004: 66.

19-2 *šazīn*: "Discipline (< TochA/B *śāsaṃ* < Skt. *śāsana-*)" is used as a personal name here.

No. 20 K26-ES-Uyg06 [Fig. 7]

Descriptions: Middle left (east) of the south wall.

1 [] yetinč ay beš y[aŋī]qa (.)[]

1[The year] the seventh month, on the fifth day [....]

No. 21 K26-ES-Uyg07 [Fig. 8]

Descriptions: Middle left (east) of the south wall.

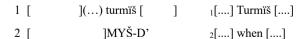




Fig. 7 Nos. 19, 20

21-1 *turmiš:* Here we consider it as a personal name, though it is possible to interpret it otherwise as "having stayed."

No. 22 K26-ES-Uyg08 [Fig. 8]

Descriptions: Middle left (east) of the south wall.

1 [](.) šikšabadre qy-a [tä]gintim

1[....] I, Šikšabadre Qy-a put (this) humbly.

Commentary

22-1 *šikšabadre qy-a*: The personal name *šikšabadre* shoud derive from Skt. *śikṣabhadra*- via TochB. This name appears also in Nos. 4, 14, 24, 27, 50, obviously referring to one and the same person. Furthermore, he is very probably identical to the scribe of the Brāhmī inscription No. 54.

No. 23 K26-ES-Uyg09 [Fig. 9]

Descriptions: Middle left (east) of the south wall.

1 toŋuz y[ïl] ₁The Boar year [....]

2 bid[idim] ₂[I] wrote [....]

3 (....)[

No. 24 K26-ES-Uyg10 [Fig. 9]

Descriptions: Middle left (east) of the south wall.

1 [] (š)ikšabadre ₁Šikšabadre

No. 25 K26-ES-Uyg11 [Fig. 6]

Descriptions: Center of the south wall.

1 [t]oyïncoγ tut[uη] [bo] ïdoq

2 [](..)[] körsär []

3 [] [k]üši []m k[]

1[.... T]oyïncoγ Tut[uŋ], in this holy 2[place?] if [....] see [this]

₃[....] incense [....]

No. 26 K26-ES-Uyg12 [Fig. 6]

Descriptions: Center of the south wall.



Fig. 8 Nos. 21, 22



Fig. 9 Nos. 23, 24

1 [] \ddot{o} dig bol[z]un $_{1}$ [....] May (this) be a memory!

No. 27 K26-ES-Uyg13 [Fig. 6]

Descriptions: Center of the south wall. In red ink.

1 [šikšaba]dre qy-a tägin[tim]

1(I), [Šikšapa]dre Qy-a put (this) humbly.

No. 28 K26-ES-Uyg14 [Fig. 10]

Descriptions: Middle right (west) of the south wall.

1 turup baru täg[intim](...)

1[....] stayed (here) and (I) humbly departed

No. 29 K26-ES-Uyg15 [Fig. 10]

Descriptions: Middle right (west) of the south wall.

1 arï γ 1 arï γ -Baš-Qïz-Tärim

2 baš qïz become Buddha!

3 tärim

4 bur[xan]

5 bolşun

Commentary

29-1–3 *arï* baš qïz tärim: Seemingly the name of a single noble female.

No. 30 K26-ES-Uyg16

Descriptions: Lower left (east) of the south wall, fifteen lines beneath Nos. 15–22. Unfortunately they are mostly damaged and became illegible, except for yükün[ürmän] (or yükün[düm]). See the facsimile.

No. 31 K26-EW-Uyg17 [Fig. 11]

Descriptions: Lower left (south) of the west wall. Above this inscription, there is an isolated Uyghur word *köz* "eye" which seems not related to this No. 31. On its right (= north) we find a Chinese scribble, read as *bei-ting* 北庭 by CASS/AT 2020: 446.

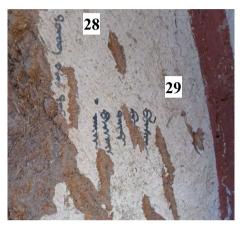


Fig. 10 Nos. 28 and 29 (Chamber E, the south wall)

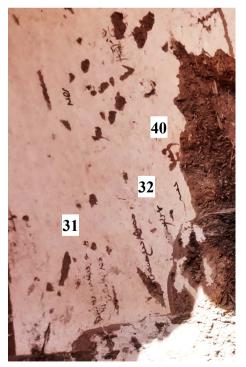


Fig. 11 Nos. 31, 32, 40 (Chamber E, the west wall)

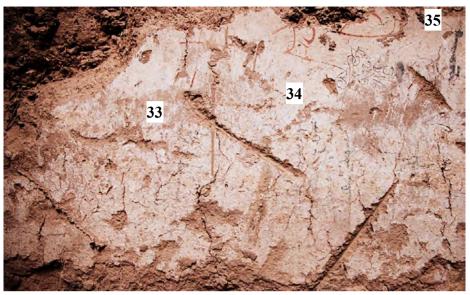


Fig. 12 Nos. 33, 34, 35 (Chamber E, the west wall, the lower center)

1 m(ä)n pintso bitidim
 2 yukündüm
 2 l worshipped.

No. 32 K26-EW-Uyg18 [Fig. 11]

Descriptions: Lower left (south) of the west wall.

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1 tonuz yïl üčünč [ay]
2 s(ä)kiz yägrmi[k](ä) (.) [ ]
3 QW
4 yenä
1 The Boar year, the third [month],
20n the eighteenth day. [....]
3(....)
4 Again
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No. 33 K26-EW-Uyg19 [Fig. 12]

Descriptions: Lower center of the west wall. The four lines of the Uigur script are mostly illegible.

No. 34 K26-EW-Uyg20 [Fig. 12]

Descriptions: Lower center of the west wall.

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      1 []Y köşli [](..)
      1[....] (with) eye [....]

      2 asanke-l(är)(?) []
      2periods of asamkhyeya [....]

      3 (...) P(...)
      3[....]

      4 (.) bidig(?) "DY[]
      4writing? [....]
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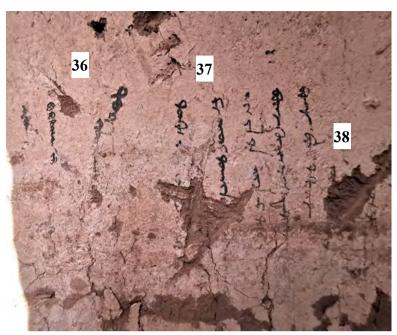


Fig. 13 Nos. 36–38 (Chamber E, west wall)

34-5 asanke-l(är)(?): Uyg. asanke < TochA asaṃkhe < Skt. asaṃkhyeya- "uncountable," corresponds to Chin. a-seng-qi 阿僧祇.

No. 35 K26-EW-Uyg21 [Fig. 12]

Descriptions: Lower center of the west wall.

1 taqïγu yïl ₁The Rooster year

No. 36 K26-EW-Uyg22 [Fig. 13]

Descriptions: Lower center of the west wall.

No. 37 K26-EW-Uyg23 [Fig. 14]

Edition & Facsimile: Imin 2020: No. 22 and Fig. 6. Descriptions: Lower right (north) of the west wall.



Fig. 14 Nos. 37, 39 (Chamber E, west wall)

3 qïzïl-ta üč ay tu[rup] 3I stayed the (Tuyuq) valley for three month

4 buyan küčin-tä käd toyïn 4through the merit power, Käd monk

5 burxan bolu täginäyin 5I shall become Buddha!

Commentary

37-2 *qitay toyril:* The personal name appears also in Nos. 45 and 56, and another inscription in Chamber B of Cave 26.¹² All the attestations should refer to one and the same person.

37-4 käd: Derived from Sog. k'dy "very, extremly," while in Buddhist texts it could be used as personal name, e.g. Käd Yägän Totoq. See Clauson 1972: 700.

No. 38 K26-EW-Uyg24 [Fig. 14]

Descriptions: Lower right (north) of the west wall. The three lines are mostly illegible.

No. 39 K26-EW-Brh25 [Fig. 14]

Descriptions: Middle right (north) of the west wall. Brāhmī script in red ink.

Transliteration	Transcription	
1 /// []× lsu ‡	/// [](po)lsu(m) ‡	₁ May [] be []!

Commentary

39-1: (po)lsu(m) would be a transcription of Uyg. bolzun ((imperative) < v. bol-).

No. 40 K26-EW-Brh26 [Fig. 14]

Descriptions: Middle left (south) of the west wall, above No. 32. Brāhmī script in red ink.

Transliteration	Transcription	
1 po ///	bo ///	1This(?)

Commentary

40-1 po: It can be a transcription of Uyg. bo "this," or the beginning of v. bo[l-] "to be."

No. 41 K26-EE-Uyg27 [Fig. 15]

Descriptions: Bottom center of the east wall. Twelve lines in the Uyghur script, though mostly illegible.

¹² Li/Zhang 2021: 154–155 (K10-B-Y2).

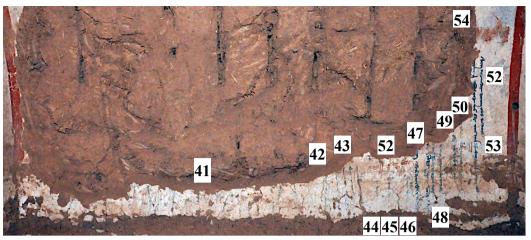


Fig. 15 Nos. 41–54 (Chamber E, east wall)

No. 42 K26-EE-Uyg28 [Fig. 16]

Descriptions: Bottom center of the east wall.

1 [bi]čin yïl üč[ünč] ay

1The Monkey year, the third month

No. 43 K26-EE-Uyg29 [Fig. 16]

Descriptions: Bottom center of the east wall. The handwriting seems similar to that of No. 42.

- 1 (...) yïl yetinč ay []
- 2 qutačoγ qy-a bitidim (...)
- 3 bolzun yazu-q bol[mazun]
- 4 ür keč [] (.....)

 $_1$ The [....] year, the seventh month, [....] $_2$ I, Qutačo γ Qy-a wrote (this). [....] $_3$ May [....] be! May there be no sin! $_4$ [May this writing remain] forever, [....]

Commentary

43-2 *qutačoy:* a personal name which is also found in other Uyghur Buddhist text. See Kasai 2008: 268.

No. 44 K26-EE-Uyg30 [Fig. 17]

Descriptions: Bottom right (= south) of the east wall.

1 m(ä)n tekuy š[äli] ₁I, Tekuy š[äli]



Fig. 16 Nos. 42, 43

44-1: The scribe *tekuy šäli* should be identical with the same named one in the inscription in Chamber B. See Li/Zhang 2021:155 (K10-B-Y2-5); cf. Imin 2020: 126, Nos. 43–44.

No. 45 K26-EE-Uyg31 [Fig. 17]

Descriptions: Bottom right (= south) of the east wall.

1 m(ä)n qïtay [toγrïl?] ₁I, Qïtay [Toγrïl?]

Commentary

45-1 *qïtay* [toyril?]: The lacuna following the personal name *qïtay* may be supplemented with toyril. See commentray 37-2 above.



Fig. 17 Nos. 44, 45

No. 46 K26-EE-Uyg32 [Fig. 18]

Edition & Facsimile: Imin 2020: No. 17 (line 1) and Fig. 5. Descriptions: Bottom right (= south) of the east wall. Imin edited this inscription together with Nos. 47–50 below as a single inscription of seven lines (Imin 2020: No. 17), but in fact it consists of five inscriptions written on different occasions.

1 toŋuz yïl P[] ₁The Boar year [] 2 ymä? ₂And?

Commentary

46-1: This line was overlooked in Imin 2020: No.17.

No. 47 K26-EE-Uyg33 [Fig. 18]

Edition & Facsimile: Imin 2020: No. 17 (lines 2–3) and Fig. 5.

Descriptions: Bottom right (= south) of the east wall. See also descriptions for No. 46.

	[to] together with [] all []
	1(I) walk around and worship. [] 2(I) came
2	[b]irlä kälip () tolp () []
l	L	kä]lip tägṣinip yükünürmän [

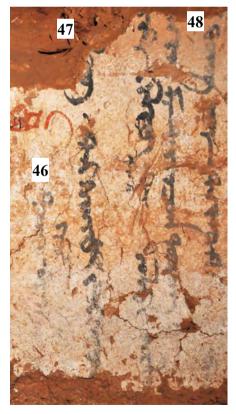


Fig. 18 Nos. 46-48

47-1: This line was overlooked in Imin 2020: No. 17.

No. 48 K26-EE-Uyg34 [Fig. 18]

Edition & Facsimile: Imin 2020: No. 17 (lines 4-5) and Fig. 5.

Descriptions: Bottom right (= south) of the east wall. See also descriptions for No. 46.

- 1 [ya]ŋïqa m(ä)n toyïnčoγ tu[tuŋ] $_1$ On the [] day. I, Toyïnčoγ Tu[tuŋ],
- 2 [](.) turup enä tägintim 2stayed (here) [....] and descended down (from this monastery).

Commentary

48-1 *toyïnčoγ:* Imin's *[toyä]nčuq* should be a typo. For his identification, see commentary 8-1 above.

No. 49 K26-EE-Uyg35 [Fig. 19]

Edition & Facsimile: Imin 2020: No. 17 (line 6) and Fig. 5

Descriptions: Bottom right (= south) of the east wall. See also descriptions for No. 46.

- 1 [](.) bir ay turu t[ägin]tim
 - [] I humbly stayed (here) for one month.

No. 50 K26-EE-Uyg36 [Fig. 19]

Edition & Facsimile: Imin 2020: No. 17 (line 7) and Fig. 5.

Descriptions: Bottom right (= south) of the east wall. See also descriptions for No. 47.

- 1 [] ygrmikä m(ä)n šikšabadre qy-a tägindim
 - 1[....] on the [....] day. I, Šikšabadre Qy-a, put it humbly.

Commentary

50-1: Imin noticed only *šikšabadre*, but mistook as *sikšapad(?)* with translation as *zhai-jie yue* 齋戒月 "month of commandment." Here *šikšabadre qy-a* should be a personal name. See commentary 22-1 above.

No. 51 K26-EE-Uyg37 [Fig. 19]

Edition: Imin 2020: No. 16.

Descriptions: Lower rightmost (= south) of the east wall.



Fig. 19 Nos. 49-51, 53

- 1 [ï]t yïl bešinč ay bir yaŋïqa m(ä)n toyïnčoγ tutuŋ bo v(i)x[ar-qa]
- 2 kälip qač kün turup baru tägintim 1The Dog year, the fifth month, on the first day. I, Toyïnčoγ Tutuŋ, came to this monastery and stayed for several days and departed.

No. 52 K26-EE-Brh38 [Fig. 20]

Descriptions: Bottom right (= south) of the east wall, above Nos. 44–46. A one-line Sanskrit inscription in the Brāhmī script.

Transliteration	Transcription	
1 /// l k ^h i ta-m \bar{k} u-yñ yi $\underline{l}\underline{a}$	/// l(i)khitam kuyñ yilä	1[] (someone) wrote. Sheep year(?)

Commentary

52-1: For l(i)khitam, see commentary 12-1 above. The right side of the $vir\bar{a}ma$ stroke between $\langle \bar{k}u \rangle$ and $\langle y\bar{n}a \rangle$ is damaged, while no trace of $vir\bar{a}ma$ stroke is visible between $\langle yi \rangle$ and $\langle \underline{l}a \rangle$. Although the last $ak\bar{s}ara$ following $\langle yi \rangle$ looks like the numeral $\langle 1 \rangle$ of Brāhmī script, it could also be regarded as the Fremdzeichen



Fig. 20 No. 52

In addition, the first akṣara after daṇḍa <ku> suggests that it is an Old Uyghur inscription in Brāhmī script. Taking it into consideration, kuyñ yilä could be intended to indicate Old Uyghur qoyn yïl "sheep year."

No. 53 K26-EE-Brh39 [Fig. 19]

Descriptions: Lower rightmost (= south) of the east wall, overlapping Nos. 49–50. A one-line Sanskrit inscription in the Brāhmī script.

Transliteration	Transcription	
1 /// × t × 1 k ^h × ta- m *	///× t× l(i)khitam	₁ [] (someone) wrote. []

Commentary

53-1: The second *akṣara* can be also read as $n \times$. Based on other inscriptions (Nos. 11, 54, and 80), the word preceding *l(i)khitam* very probably expresses an agent of this sentence.

No. 54 K26-EE-Brh40 [Fig. 21]

Descriptions: Middle rightmost (= south) of the east wall, above No.52. It was written in red ink but intentionally erased to be illegible. The *akṣara* < lk^hī> is written on the south wall.



Fig. 21 No. 54 (Chamber E, the east to south walls)

Transliteration Transcription

 $1 \ /\!/\!/ \times kṣa b^h \bar{a} \ dra \ lk^h \bar{\imath} \ /\!/\!/ \qquad /\!/\!/ \ (śi)kṣabhadra \ l(i)khi(tam) \ /\!/\!/ \qquad _1[....] \ \acute{S}ikṣabhadra \ wrote \ [....]$

Commentary

54-1: No diacritic vowel sign is seen above <dra>. Based on Nos. 11 and 80, the subject is the nominative form. However, the expected ending for Classical Sanskrit *a*-stem nouns is -*o* as the *sandhi* form induced by the following word. For the identification of this scribe, see commentary 22-1 above.

No. 55 K26-ENW-Brh41 [Fig. 22]

Descriptions: Center of the west (= left) side of the north wall (北壁西). Two personal names in the Brāhmī script in red ink.

 $\begin{array}{lll} & Transliteration & Transcription \\ 1 & ku \; mu \; da \; b^h \bar{a} \; \times \bar{\imath} & kumudabha(dr)i \\ 2 & ha \; rṣa \; b^h \bar{a} \; \times \bar{\imath} & harṣabha(dr)i \\ \end{array}$

1Kumudabhadra 2Harşabhadra

Commentary

55-1–2: These two lines give two proper names based on Sanskrit words. Their ending -i suggests that they were transmitted from Tocharian: kumudabhadri << Skt. kumudabhadra- "lotus-auspicious"; harşabhadri << Skt. harşabhadra- "happiness-auspicious."

No. 56 K26-ENE-Uyg42 [Fig. 23]

Reference: CASS/AT 2020: 446, 墨書回鶻文題記一處 "an Old Uyghur inscription in black ink."

Descriptions: Center of the east (= right) side of the north wall. Right side of a Chinese inscription of two lines, which is mentioned by CASS/AT 2020: 446 as 我口口……"I,"



Fig. 22 No. 55 (Chamber E, west side of the north wall)



Fig. 23 No. 56 (Chamber E, east side of the north wall)

1 toŋuz yïl bešinč [ay]	₁ The Boar year, the fifth [month],
2 yigrmikä qulutï qïtay [toγrïl]	$_{2} \text{on the} \ []$ day. [I], the servant (of Buddha), Qïtay
3 qy-a erikip olorup üč [käzig? bitidim?]	[Toγrïl, and] ₃ Qy-a, staying in boredom, [wrote?]
4 TW(.)[]	three [lines?] 4[]

Commentary

56-2 qïtay [toyril]: See commentray 37-2 above.

3. Edition of Uyghur Inscription in Chamber F (Nos. 57-91)

There are thirty-five inscriptions in Chamber F, seven of which (Nos. 63, 64, 79–83) are in the Brāhmī script.

Many mistakes are found in information of the inscriptions presented by CASS/AT 2020: 446: they mention about the north wall (= qianbi 前壁) as 右側殘存八處墨書回鶻文題記 "in the right side remain eight Old Uyghur inscriptions" and 墨書八行漢文題記 "a Chinese inscription of eight lines in black ink." But in reality we find only two Uyghur inscriptions (Nos. 90, 91) as well as the Chinese one on the right (= east) side of the wall; the left (= west) side with the corridor between has six Uyghur inscriptions (Nos. 84–89).

CASS/AT 2020: 446, does not mention Nos. 57–64 on the west wall, ¹³ two of which (Nos. 63, 64) are in the Brāhmī script.

Our Nos. 65–83 on the east wall should correspond to what were mentioned as 十六處墨書回鶻文題記, 三處朱書吐火羅文題記. 其中二處回鶻文題記叠压于吐火羅文題記之上 "sixteen Old Uyghur inscriptions in black ink, and three Tocharian inscriptions in red ink. Among them, two Uyghur inscriptions are stacked above the Tocharian inscriptions" on the "right" wall (*youbi* 右壁) in CASS/AT 2020: 446. The Brāhmī inscriptions (Nos. 79–83) are in black ink, and should be counted as five for the time being: three of them (Nos. 79–81) are in Sanskrit, and two (Nos. 82, 83) are in Uyghur language. Cf. descriptions for each inscription.

No. 57 K26-FW-Uyg01 [Fig. 24]

Descriptions: Middle of the west wall.

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1 [ ]KW(....)[ ] 1[....]
2 [ uγrïn]ta(?) kšan-ï [ ] 2[sometimes (?)] a moment [....]
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Commentary

57-2 kšan: derives from Skt. kṣaṇa- via TochA/B kṣaṃ (~ TochB kṣāṃ) from Sogd. kšn. See Wilkens 2021: 416.

No. 58 K26-FW-Uyg02 [Fig. 24]

Descriptions: Middle of the west wall. Seemingly the two lines were written at a single occasion, but manybe by different scribes.

¹³ According to CASS/AT 2020: 446, *zuo-bi* 左壁 (= the west wall) is 中部大幅壁面被切割 "heavily damaged in the center."

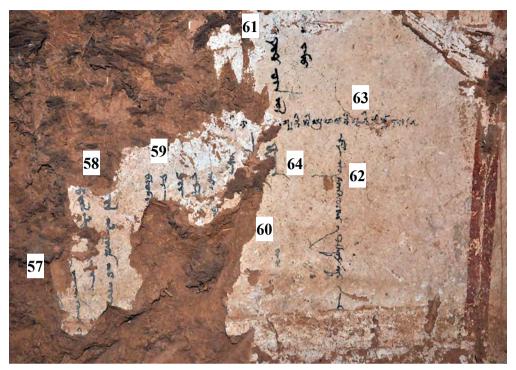


Fig. 24 Nos. 57–64 (Chamber F, the west wall)

58-2 [] yil: If one of these two lines is a repetition of another, the line 2 could be of the same Rooster year ([taqiyu] yil).

No. 59 K26-FW-Uyg03 [Fig. 24]

Descriptions: Middle right (= north) of the west wall.

1 bitid[im(?)]	₁ (I) wrote(?) []
2 m(ä)n []	₂ I []
3 čïn []	₃ true []
4 yamu []	4It is indeed []
5 qy-a bar[u?]	5Qy-a went(?)[]

No. 60 K26-FW-Uyg04 [Fig. 24]

Descriptions: Located in the middle of west wall (西壁) of Chamber F and written with semi-cursive script.

1 tonuz ₁The Boar (year)

No. 61 K26-FW-Uyg05 [Fig. 24]

Edition & Facsimile: Imin 2020: No. 8 and Fig. 3.

Descriptions: Upper right (= north) of the west wall.

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1 [tä]gintim čin ol 1(I) arrived here. It is true 2indeed.
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2 (.) yamu

No. 62 K26-FW-Uyg06 [Fig. 24]

Edition & Facsimile: Imin 2020: No. 9 and Fig. 4.

Descriptions: Middle rightmost (= north) of the west wall.

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1 m(ä)n alp sïŋqur qy-a täg(i)ndim ärdi ay <sub>1</sub>I, Alp Sïŋqur Qy-a arrived (here). Ah!
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No. 63 K26-FW-Brh07 [Fig. 24]

Descriptions: Middle right (= north) of the west wall, above No. 62. A Brāhmī-Sanskrit inscription.

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Transliteration 1 /// ×i ta [ca. 2 akṣaras] × ṣya ti śi gʰra ya tʰ\bar{a} ti ṣṭʰa ti ×\bar{a} ×\bar{a} ta-m ‡ 1

Transcription /// ×i ta [ca. 2 akṣaras] × ṣyati śīghra(m) yathā tiṣṭhati ×ā ×ā tam ‡ 1
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1[....] will (do something) at once, as it stands. (Something) was done.

Commentary

63-1 ta: This akṣara can be also read as <na>. If the reading <ta> is correct, Skt. $tath\bar{a}$ "in that manner, so, thus" can be restored as a correlative of Skt. $yath\bar{a}$ in the following part.

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63-1 yathā: is Sanskrit "like." See FHDCD, 507.
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63-1 tisthati: 3sg. prs. active, the root of this word is sthā- "stand up, stay." See FHDCD, 1207.

No. 64 K26-FW-Brh08 [Fig. 24]

Descriptions: Middle right (= north) of the west wall, beneath the Brāhmī inscription No. 63.

H. Ogihara and K. Kitsudō suggested us that the remaining *akṣaras* can be read as *rtrā lka* a, The second *akṣara* can be also read as l[]u. However, these *akṣaras* do not provide graspable phrases. The starting points of these *akṣaras* are different each other, and therefore we may suppose that no graspable phrase was not intended.

No. 65 K26-FE-Uyg09 [Fig. 26]

Edition & Facsimile: Imin 2020: No. 9 and Fig. 4.

Descriptions: Top center of the east wall, overlapped by the Brāhmī inscription No. 80.

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1 ud yïl besinč ay <sub>1</sub>The Ox year, the fifth month
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Commentary

65-1 ud yïl besinč ay: This date may belong to the same month of in No. 67 below.

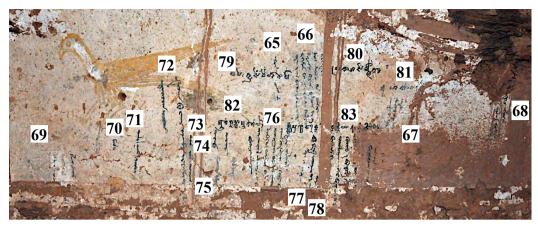


Fig. 25 Nos. 65–83 (Chamber F, the east wall)

No. 66 K26-FE-Uyg10 [Fig. 26]

Edition & Facsimile: Imin 2020: No. 5 and Fig. 2. Descriptions: Top center of the east wall, on the right (south) of No. 65.

- 1 ud yïl bešinč ay yedi
- 2 ygrmi-kä yaγïš-qa kälip
- 3 kenki körgü bolşun tep
- 4 män som-a qač käşig
- 5 bitidim

₁₋₂The Ox year, the fifth month, on the seventeenth day. ₂(I) came for the Buddhist ceremony and, ₃saying "May (this writing) be a memory that the posterities see!", ₄₋₅I, Soma, wrote several lines.



Fig. 26 Nos. 65, 66

Commentary

66-2 yayıs: Probably it is an abbreviation of suv yayıs kün. See commentary 2-2 above.

66-4 *som-a*: Imin's reading *sümä* (< Mong. *süme*) "temple" should be modified to *som-a* ~ *soma* (< Skt. *soma-* "moon") as a personal name, which is also attested in SUK Sa26.

No. 67 K26-FE-Uyg11 [Fig. 27]

Descriptions: Top right (= south) of the east wall, beneath the Brāhmī inscription (No. 81). Apparently a part of an alliterative verse text.



Fig. 27 Nos. 67, 81



Fig. 29 No. 69

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Fig. 28 No. 68
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      1 aγdïnïp T(..)[
      ]
      1Climbing [....]

      2 amrïlïp (.....)[
      ]
      2Taking rest [....]

      3 adïrt[lïq?]
      3Distinctly [....]
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No. 68 K26-FE-Uyg12 [Fig. 28]

Descriptions: Top rightmost (= south) of the east wall.

No. 69 K26-FE-Uyg13 [Fig. 29]

Descriptions: Lower left (= north) of the east wall.

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1 bo taγ? terim?(..)

2 turup(?)TM(...)[ ](..)

3 k(ä)lip turur-t(a) (i)l[t](im)?

1 This mountain? The temple? [....]

2 staying(?) [....]

3 came, and, in staying (here), I attached (this).
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Commentary

69-1 terim?: See commentary 85-1a below.

No. 70 K26-FE-Uyg14 [Fig. 30]

Descriptions: Lower left (= north) of the east wall.

 $1 \hspace{.1in} \text{m\"{a}} \text{n} \hspace{.1in} T[\hspace{.1in}] \hspace{1.1in} _1 I, T[....]$

No. 71 K26-FE-Uyg15 [Fig. 30]

Edition: Imin 2020: No. 1.

Descriptions: Lower left (= north) of the east wall. Cf. No. 77 below.

1 tay-ta vxar terim-ta IIn the mountain, in this temple

Commentary

71-1 $v\ddot{x}ar$: It should be an abbreviation of virhar (<< Sogd. $\beta r\gamma$ 'r< Skt. $vih\bar{a}ra$ -, see Wilkens 2021: 846).

71-1 *terim-tä: turmiš* by Imin should be modified. See commentary 86-1 below.



Fig. 30 Nos. 70, 71

No. 72 K26-FE-Uyg16 [Fig. 31]

Edition: Imin 2020: No. 2 (lines 1-2).

Descriptions: Middle left (= north) of the east wall. Nos. 72 and 73 are incorrectly regarded as a single inscription by Imin.

- 1 adïnčïy adruq
- 2 ïduq bo vrxar-qa m(ä)n yïγmïš-a kši

₁₋₂To this very marvelous and holy temple, I, Master Yïymïš [....]

Commentary

72-2 *kši:* < TochA *käṣṣi* "teacher, master" (See Wilkens 2021: 359). Imin overlooked it.

No. 73 K26-FE-Uvg17 [Fig. 31]

Edition: Imin 2020: No. 2 (line 3).

Descriptions: Lower left (= north) of the east wall. See descriptions of No. 73.

1 taqïγu yïl törtünč [ay] ₁₋₂The Rooster year, the fourth [month]

Commentary

73-1 *törtünč*: Imin adopted *toquşunč* "ninth," but noting the possibility of *törtünč* "fourth." Now we may fix the latter reading.



Fig. 31 Nos. 72, 73

No. 74 K26-FE-Uyg18 [Fig. 32]

Edition: Imin 2020: No. 3.

Descriptions: Lower center of the east wall, beneath the Brāhmī inscription No. 82.

1	taqïγu	¹ The Rooster (year)
2	taqïγu	₂ The Rooster (year)

No. 75 K26-FE-Uyg19 [Fig. 32]

Descriptions: Lower center of the east wall, beneath No. 74.

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1 män 'S(.)[ ] <sub>1</sub>I, 'S(.)[....]
2 bišindu [ ] <sub>2</sub>Bišindu [....]
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Commentary

75-2 bišindu: The ductus may well be read as PYŠYNDW = bišindu as a personal name, which should derive from any Buddhist Chinese name, consist of a two-character Buddshit term and nu 奴 "slave." See Zieme 1994; Matsui 2010: 697–698. For the time being, however, we cannot reconstruct the original Chinese appropriate for Uyg. PYSYN-=bišin (~ bisin).



Fig. 32 Nos. 74–75

No. 76 K26-FE-Uyg20 [Fig. 33]

Edition & Facsimile: Imin 2020: No. 4 and Fig. 1.

Descriptions: Lower center of the east wall, on the right of Nos. 74 and 75.

1	bulunč alinč	₁ Findings
2	ït yïl altïnč ay b[eš?]	₂ The Dog year, the sixth month, [on the day]
3	likuy tu tiso [tu(?)] birlä ()[$_{3\!-\!4}Likuy\text{-tu}$ and Tiso-[tu(?)] together [$$] climbed up
4	oron-qa nom tutγalï(?) aγït(ï)[nïp]	to (this) place in order to cleave to the buddha-dharma,
5	erikip turur-ta kenki kö[rgü bolzun tep]	and $_5$ during stayin in boredom, [saying "May it be]
6	ödig qïltïm	seen by posterities!," $_{6}I$ made (this) record.

Commentary

76-1 bulunč alinč: Imin's reading as bulunč tutunč should be slightly modified. These two words should compose a hendiadys meaning "findings, profit." Cf. Wilkens 2021: 199.

76-3 *likuy tu:* Imin's *čiguy* (< Chin. *Zhi-hui* 智惠 "wisdom") can be modified to *likuy* < *Lü-hui* 律惠, for we find the hook for the initial *-L-* clearly. The following *tu* is an abbreviation of the Buddhist title *tutuŋ* < Chin. *du-tong* 都統.

76-3 tiso [tu(?)]: tiso < Chin. Di-zang 地藏 "Kṣitigarbha." We would supplement the title tu (< tutuŋ) in the following lacuna. Cf. also commentary 85-1b below.

76-4 nom tutyali: For nom tut- "to cleave to the buddha-dharma," see Wilkens 2021:496.

No. 77 K26-FE-Uyg21 [Fig. 33]

Descriptions: Lower center of the east wall, on the right of No. 76.



Fig. 33 Nos. 76-78

1 taγ-ta terim-tä

1 In the chamber in the mountain

Commentary

77-1 terim: See commentary 85-1a below.

No. 78 K26-FE-Uyg22 [Fig. 33]

Descriptions: Located at the bottom of the east wall (東壁) of Chamber F and written in cursive script, beneath the Brāhmī inscription No. 83.

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1 bo ädgü oron-qa [
                           ]
                                             <sub>1</sub>To (this) good place [....]
 2 [
              ]-qa
                                             <sub>2</sub>To [....]
 3 körsär? män? [
                       ](..)
                                             3If I? see? [....]
 4 qutluγ-lar bidimiš m(ä)[n?]
                                             4the fortunate persons have written. I? [....]
 5 körüp biditim [
                                             <sub>5</sub>I saw and wrote.
 6 (....) [ ]
                                             6[....]
 7 (.....)[
                                             7[....]
 8 (....) [
                                             8[....]
 9 tägintim []
                                             9I put (this) humbly [....]
10 [ ](..)[ ]
                                             10[....]
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No. 79 K26-FE-Brh22 [Fig. 34]

Descriptions: Top center of the east wall, overlapping No. 66.



Fig. 34 Nos. 79, 80

Transliteration Transcription

1 ma he ndra sem vai bhš-ṣ mā mahendrasem vaibhāṣ mā ¡Mahendrasena, Vaibhāṣa(?) [....]

No. 80 K26-FE-Brh23 [Fig. 34]

Descriptions: Top right (= south) of the east wall, on the right of No. 66.

Transliteration Transcription

1 a ha nā ga sem lkhi ta-m* aha(m) nāgasem l(i)khitam ₁I, Nāgasena, wrote.

Commentary

80-1 l(i)khitam: See commetnary 12-1 above, for grammatical problem of the this type of construction.

No. 81 K26-FE-Brh24 [Fig. 27]

Descriptions: Top right (= south) of the east wall, on the right of No. 80 and above No. 67. See Fig. 14 above.

Transliteration Transcription

1 a haṃ gu ṇa ra []ī ahaṃ guṇara(kṣ)ī ₁I, Guṇarakṣin

Commentary

81-1 gunara(ks)ī: ⁰-ra(ks)ī can be m.sg.nom. of Skt. raksin- "guarding against, avoiding, keeping off."

No. 82 K26-FE-Brh25 [Fig. 35]

Descriptions: Middle center of the east wall, above Nos. 74–76. Uyghur in Brāhmī script.

Transliteration Transcription

1 ā-m* rā-hk ā tā-ś* lā-r* amraq adaš-lar ₁Beloved friends

Commentary

82-1: The diacritic vowel sign <e> above <ta> looks like <ā> attached to <n̄a> or <n̄a>. However, this variant is used sporadically, cf. <bā> attested in lines 2 and 7 of the right side on the plate published by Konow 1942.

No. 83 K26-FE-Brh26 [Fig. 35]

Descriptions: Middle center of the east wall, above No.79. Uyghur in Brāhmī script.

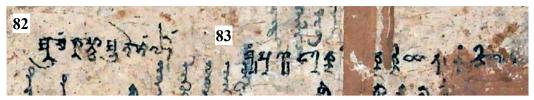


Fig. 35 Nos. 82, 83

Transliteration 1 myam pu nya da-z $\bar{k}a \times \bar{k}a \bar{k}i$ ya tya kyam ti-m

Transcription män punyadaz k[....]k kiyä tä[gi]ntim

₁I, Puṇyadāsa [....] came (here)

Commentary

83-1: Obviously pu nya da-z derives from Skt. punyadāsa-.

The following k[...]k might be a transcription of Uyg. $k[i\check{c}i]g$ "small, minor," which composes a diminutive hendiadys with the following ki ya < Uyg. $kiy\ddot{a}$. Cf. commentary 13-1 above. Uyg. $t\ddot{a}gintim = tya$ kyam ti-m "I came" frequently apprears in Old Uyghur pilgrimage inscriptions. E.g., Matsui 2017, Nos. 41, 42, 202, 211, 260.

No. 84 K26-FNW-Uyg27 [Fig. 36]

Descriptions: West side of the north wall. Lines 1–2 are heavily damaged and illegible.

- 1 (..)
- 2 (...)
- 3 [taqï]γu yïl oron(?) täg

1[....] 2[....]

3The [Rooster] year, like (this) place

No. 85 K26-FNW-Uyg28 [Fig. 37]

Edition: Imin 2020: No. 12. Reference: Fu/Xia 2021, 198.

Descriptions: West side of north wall.

1 bo terim-tä m(ä)n tiso



Fig. 36 No. 84 (Chamber F, west side of the north wall)

¹In this sanctuary, I, Tiso.

Commentary

85-1a *terim*: The face of letters is $TYRYM = terim \sim tirim$. This word is attested also in Nos. 69, 71, 77, and two other inscriptions in Chamber A and B of Cave 26.¹⁴ Imin related these attestations of *tirim* ($\sim terim$)

Li/Zhang 2021: 153 (K10-A-2), 154 (K10-B-Y2); cf. Imin 2020: 126 (Nos. 43–44); Fu/Xia 2021: III-3.

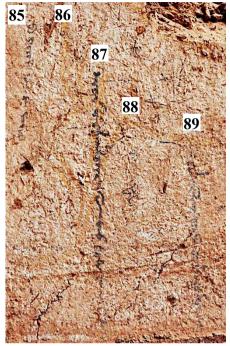


Fig. 37 Nos. 85–89 (Chamber F, west side of the north wall)



Fig. 38 Nos. 90, 91 (Chamber F, east side of the north wall)

with Modern Turkish *dirim* "life," though speculating its meaning as "cave temple" or "gorge, valley" from the context. Contemporanaously but independently of him, we posited a similar interpretation. Contrarily, Fu/Xia proposed the reading as $TYYYM \sim tiyim < Chin. di-yin$ 地容 "underground cellar," which is not so likely, since chambers of Cave 26 are never physically "underground cellars." Now we would propose to relate $terim \sim tirim$ here with West Old Turkic terem "hall, chamber, great room."

85-1b tiso: Maybe identical with tiso tu in No. 76.

No. 86 K26-FNW-Uyg29 [Fig. 37]

Descriptions: West side of north wall, on the right of No. 85.

1 b(o) t ₁This (temple?)

¹⁵ Imin 2020: 121, 126, 127.

Li/Zhang 2021: 153.

¹⁷ Fu/Xia 2021: 198.

Róna-Tas 2011: 901–903.

86-1: The text seems *bo t[erim]* "this sanctuary" interrupted with any reason.

No. 87 K26-FNW-Uyg30 [Fig. 37]

Edition: Imin 2020: No. 13.

Descriptions: West side of north wall, beneath No. 86.

1 ït yïl altïnč ay beš y[anï-qa]

¹The Dog year, the six month, on the fifth day.

Commentary

87-1 altinč: We can safely modify Imin's säkiz[inč] "eight."

No. 88 K26-FNW-Uyg31 [Fig. 37]

Descriptions: West side of north wall, on the right of No. 87.

1 ädgü ädgü

1Good, good!

No. 89 K26-FNW-Uyg32 [Fig. 37]

Descriptions: West side of north wall, on the right of No. 88.

1 ït yïl ikinti ay (.....)

¹The Dog year, the second month, [....]

No. 90 K26-FNE-Uyg33 [Fig. 38]

Descriptions: East side of north wall. It overlaps the fourth line of the Chinese wall inscription. ¹⁹

1 bo tasï

1This Tasï

Commentary

90-1 tasi: See commentary 2-4 above.

No. 91 K26-FNE-Uyg33 [Fig. 38]

Descriptions: East side of north wall, beneath No. 90 with considerable space between.

1 altïnč ay ygrmikä (..) (...)

The sixth month, on the twentieth day. [....]

2 kertü tägindi ärdi ay?

2(they) have got the truth. Ah!(?)

4. Index of Old Uyghur

[Bracket] = Attestation as a suggested restoration (BU) = Old Uyghur form in the Brāhmī script

adaš	friend (BU) \bar{a} $t\bar{a}$ - s $l\bar{a}$ - r = $adas$ - lar 82-1	bo	this b. 1-3, 2-4, 9-1, 25-1,36-3, 51-1, 69-1,
adïnčïγ	especially, very a. 72-1		72-2, 78-1, 85-1, 86-1, 90-1; (BU) po = bo? 40-
adïrt	distinct alïq 67-3		1
adruq	different a. 72-1	bol-	to be, to become bdum 10-2; bmazun 7-2,
aγḍïn-	to climb aip 67-1		43-3 ; btï 2-7 ; bu 37-5 ; bup 2-7 ; bur 2-
alïnč	findings, profit a. 76-1		8; bzun (= bşun) 1-2, 26-1, 29-5, 66-3, 68-2,
alp	PN a. siŋqur qy-a 62-1		[76-5]; (BU) $[po]lsu[m] = bolzun$? 39-1
altï	six a. oḍuz-qa 1-1	bulunč	finding <i>b</i> . 76-1
altïn	below <i>a</i> . 9-2	burxan	Buddha b. 29-4, 37-5
altïnč	sixth a. 8-1, 58-2, 76-2, 87-1, 91-1	buyan	merit (<< Skt. puṇya-) b. 37-4
amraq	dear, intimate (BU) \bar{a} - $m \ r\bar{a}$ - $h\underline{k}$ = $amraq$ 82-1	čïn	truth (< Chin. zhen 真) č. 3-2, 59-3, 61-1
amrïl-	to rest <i>aip</i> 67-2	čïz-	to depict čtim 14-3
anï	that (acc. of ol) a. 36-2	en-	to desend <i>eä</i> 9-2, 48-2
apam	grandfather a. 1-2	erik-	to be bored <i>eip</i> 10-2, 56-3, 76-5
arïγ	pure <i>a.</i> 29-1	ïduq	holy <i>ï</i> . 72-2
asanke	innumerable (<< Skt. asamkhyeya-) alär	ït	dog <i>i</i> . 1-1, 2-1, 51-1, 76-2
	34-2	iki	two <i>i.</i> [9-1?]
ay	month a. 1-1, 2-1, 2-4, 3-1, [6-1], 8-1, 10-1,	ikinti	second i. 6-1, 89-1
	20-1, [32-1], 37-3, 42-1, 43-1, 49-1, 51-1, [56-	il-	to attach iä 2-9; itim 2-9
	1], 58-1, 58-2, 65-1, 66-1, [68-1], [73-1], 76-1,	käd	PN k. 37-4
	87-1, 89-1, 91-1	käl-	to come kip 47-2, 51-2, 66-2; kmištä 2-8
ay	"Ah!" (exclamation) a. 62-1, 91-2	käši	→ kši
ayaγ	honor, respect ; cf. ayaγ-qa tägimlig "reverend,	käṣig, käz	rig line k. 1-4, [56-3], 66-4
	honorable (a title for a Buddhist monk) aqa	keč	late k. [2-7], 43-4
	tägimlig 2-6	kenki	late. later; posterity k. 66-3, 76-5
ädgü	good <i>ä.</i> 78-1, 88-1	keŋ	wide k. 2-3
är-	to be \(\bar{a}.\text{-}di\) 62-1, 91-2; \(\bar{a}.\text{-}ti\) 2-6	kertü	truth k. 91-2
ärki	a particle used in questions ä. 2-8	kiyä	→ ky-ä
bar	existent, extant b. 2-6	kör-	to see kgü 2-8, 36-4, 66-3, 78-3; ksär 25-
bar-	to go bu 28-1, 51-2, 59-5		2 ; küp 78-5
baš	PN b. 29-2	köz	eye (cf. No. 31, Descriptions) kki 2-8
beš	five b. 8-1, 20-1, 87-1	kšan	moment (< Skt. <i>kṣaṇa-</i>) <i>ki</i> 57-2
bešinč	fifth b. 1-1, 18-1, 51-1, 56-1, 66-1	kši	teacher, master (< TochA käṣṣi) k. 72-2
bičin	monkey b. 42-1	küč	power kintä 37-4
bilgä	PN nomči b. 18-1; nomči b. šazin 19-1	kün	day k. 2-2, [9-1?], 51-2
bilig-du	PN b. 1-2	küsüš-	to wish ksün 1-2
bir	one b. 2-4, [9-1?], 49-1, 51-1; b. ygrmi-kä	küši	incense k. 25-3
	18-1 ; b. ygrminč 68-1	ky-ä	(diminutive) k . 1-4, 8-2, 9-2; (BU) $ki \ ya =$
birlä	together b. 76-3		kiyä 83-1
bišindu	PN b. 75-2	likuy	PN (< Chin. Lü-hui 律惠) l. 76-3
biti-	to write bdim [1-4], 1-5, 3-2, 3-3, 4-1, 5-1,	lükčüŋ	Lükchün (a city name) llüg 9-1
	8-2, 13-1, 19-2, 31-1, 43-2, [56-3], 59-1,66-5;	m-ä	also, too m. 2-7
	bmiš 10-2; byü 7-1; (BU) pti ti-m* = bitidim	män	I m. 1-3, 2-3, 3-3, 13-1, 66-4, 70-1, 75-1, 78-
	13-1		$3 ; (BU) my\bar{a}m = m\ddot{a}n 83-1$
bidig, biti		mäniŋ	my <i>m</i> . 1-3
. 8, -14	6	mončuq	jewel <i>m</i> . 2-4

naγpo-tu	PN n. 2-3	tart-	to draw tip 2-4
nagasen	PN (<< Skt. Nāgasena-) (BU) nā ga sem =	tasï	a name of monastery (< Chin. Duo-ci 多慈) t.
_	nagasen 13-1, 80-1		90-1 ; t. säŋräm 2-4
naivasike	guardian deities (of the cave) (<< Skt.	tavïšγan	hare t. 36-3
	naivāsika-), nlar 1-5	taypidu	PN (< Chin. Da-bei-nu 大悲奴) t.4-1, 8-2
nom	dharma, teaching n. 76-4	tägimlig	worhty; cf. ayaγ-qa tägimlig "reverend,
nomčï	PN n. bilgä 18-1 ; n. bilgä šazīn 19-1		honorable (a title for a Buddhist monk) ayaγ-
ol	that o. 3-2, 3-3		qa t. 2-6
olor-	to sit, to stay ou 2-5; oup 3-2, 9-2, 56-3	tägin-	to reach, attain; to receive; to venture, humbly
oron	place oqa 76-4, 78-1; ota [9-1?]		täyin 37-5; tdi 91-2; tdim 14-2, 50-1; ttim
oḍuz, otuz	thirty alti oqa 1-1; yeti oqa 3-1		2-5, 2-9, 7-1, 9-2, 27-1, 48-2, 51-2, 78-9; (BU)
ödig	record, memory ö. 7-1, 16-1, 18-2, 26-1, 76-		tya [kya]m ti[-m] = tägintim 83-1
	6	tägṣin-	to travel around tip 47-1
pintso	PN (< Chin. Bin-zang 斌藏) p. 15-1, 16-1,	tärim	noble <i>t.</i> 29-3
	17-1, 31-1	te-	to say tp 1-5, 2-9, 3-3, 10-2, 66-3, 76-5
punyadaz	PN (<< Skt. Puṇyadāsa-) (BU) pu ṇya da-z =	tekuy	PN (< Chin. Ding-hui 定慧) t. 44-1
	punyadaz 83-1	terim	hall, chamber, great room t. 69-1; ttä 71-1,
qač	how many; several q. 1-4, 51-2, 66-4		77-1, 85-1
qïl-	to make qtim 18-2, 76-6	tïyoq	Tuyuq (< Chin. Ding-yu 丁谷) t. 1-4
qïsïl, qïẓïl	valley, gorge qta 1-4, 37-3	tiso	PN (< Chin. Di-zang 地藏) t. 76-3, 85-1
qïtay	PN q. toyril 37-2, 45-1, 56-2	toγrïl	PN <i>qitay t.</i> 37-2, [45-1], [56-2]
qïz	PN ("girl") q. 29-2	tolp	all t. 47-2
qoyn	sheep (BU) $ku-y\tilde{n} = qoyn 52-1$	toŋuz	boar t. 3-1, 6-1, 10-1, 23-1, 32-1, 37-1, 46-1,
qulut	slave, servant (modest word for "I, we") qï		56-1, 60-1
	56-2	toyïn	PN ("Buddhist monk") t. 2-6, 37-4
qutačoγ	PN q. 43-2	toyïnčoγ	PN t. 9-1, 48-1, 51-1
qutluγ	fortunate q. 2-1; qlar 78-4	tölämiš	PN t. šabi qy-a 1-3, 2-5
qy-a	PN; diminutive alp siŋqur q. 62-1; qutačoγ q.	tört	four t. 36-4 ; t. ygrmikä 2-2
	43-2; sikšabadre q. 5-1, 14-2, 22-1, 27-1, 50-	törtünč	fourth t. 2-1, 73-1
	1 ; tölämiš šabi q. 1-3, 2-5 ; q. 56-3, 59-5	tu	Abbreaviation of the title tutun (cf. tutun) t.
sadu, sațu	good (< Skt. <i>sādhu</i>) s. 2-7, 7-2		76-3, [76-3]
sambodu	PN (< Chin. San-bao-nu 三寶奴) s. 19-2	tur-	to stay tmiš PN 21-1; tu 49-1; tup 2-7,
säkiz	eight s. ygirmi-kä 32-2		10-2, 28-1, 48-2, 51-2, 69-2; <i>tur-ta</i> 69-3, 76-
säŋräm	monastery tasi s. 2-4		5
sïŋqur	PN alp s. qy-a 62-1	tutuŋ	a title for a Buddhist monk (< Chin. du-tong 都
soma	PN s. 66-4		統) t. 2-3, 9-1, 17-1, 19-2, 51-1
suv	water s. 2-2	ud	ox u. 65-1, 66-1
šabi	PN ("novice") tölämiš š. qy-a 1-3, 2-5	üč	three <i>ü</i> . 10-1, 37-3, 42-1, 56-3
šazïn	PN (<< Skt. Śāsana-) nomčī bilgä š. 19-1	üčünč	third <i>ü</i> . 3-1, 10-1, 32-1
šäli	a title for a Buddhist monk (< Chin. she-li 閣	ür	a long time; cf. <i>ür keč</i> "forever" <i>ü</i> . 2-7, 43-4
	梨) š. 42-1	vixar	temple, monastery <i>vqa</i> 51-1, 72-2
šikšabadre	e PN (<< Skt. Śikṣabhadra-) š. 24-1 ; š. qy-a 5-	yaγïš	libation; rain y. 2-2; yqa 66-2
	1, 14-1, 22-1, 50-1	yamu	exactly (affirmative modal particle) y. 3-2, 3-
šila	PN š. 8-2		3, 59-4, 61-2
šilavanti	a Buddhist title (< TochB śilavānde "well	yaŋï	new (referring to one of the first ten days of a
	disposed (monk); monk") š. 4-1		month) y. 8-1; yqa 10-1, 51-1
taγ	mountain t. 69-1; tta 71-1, 77-1	yazuq	sin y. 7-2
tanuq	witness t. 1-5, 2-5, 2-6	yänä	again (cf. yenä) y. 2-6
taqïγu	rooster t. 8-1, 35-1, 58-1, 73-1, 74-1, 74-2,	yenä	again (cf. yänä) y. 32-4
	84-3	yeti, yedi	seven y. otuz-qa 3-1 ; y. ygrmi-kä 66-1

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seventh v. 20-1, 43-1
                                                                           87-1, 89-1; v.-\ddot{i}n 1-1, 68-1; (BU) vi la = v\ddot{i}l 52-
yetinč
           twenty v.-kä 50-1, 91-1; beš v.-kä 8-1; bir v.-
vgrmi
           kä 18-1; tört v.-kä 2-2; vedi v.-kä 66-1
                                                               yïymïš-a PN v. 72-2
ygrminč
          twentieth bir v. 68-1
                                                               ymä
                                                                           and, again v. 46-2
vïl
           year y. 2-1, 3-1, 6-1, 8-1, 10-1, 23-1, 32-1,
                                                               yükün-
                                                                           to venerate y.-düm 16-2, 17-1; y.-ür 15-1; y.-
           35-1, 36-3, 37-1, 42-1, 43-1, 46-1, 51-1, 56-1,
                                                                           ür-män 47-1
           58-1, 58-2, 65-1, 66-1, 68-1, 73-1, 76-2, 84-3,
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