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Abi 阿鼻 Sk. *avīci*; also *muken* 無間 ‘incessant’; the lowest part of hell where sinners suffer interminable pain. [S. I-3; Tai. 10, 12, 20.]

~-goku --獄 ‘Avīci hell.’ [S. II-6.]

Abidatsuma-kusha-ron 阿毘達磨俱舍論 ‘The Discourse on the Repository of Abhidharma Discussions’; Sk. *Abhidharma-kośa-bhāṣya*, written by Vasubandhu (Seshin*); 30 fasc., tr. by Hsüan-chuang (Genjō*) [TT. 29, No. 1558]; a comprehensive treatise discussing the doctrines of Hinayana.

Abidatsumazō 阿毘達磨藏 Sk. *abhidharma-piṭaka*, ‘collection of abhidharma literature’; discourses explaining the Buddha’s teaching. One of the three or five divisions of Buddhist scriptures. Cf. *gozō* and *sanzō*.

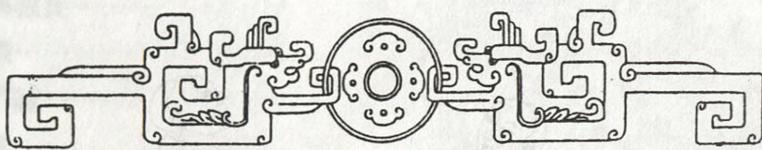
Abō rasetsu 阿防羅刹 See next entry. [S. III-2.]

Abō rasetsu 阿傍羅刹 ‘Abō rākṣasa’; also 阿坊 and 阿旁羅刹; *abō* is a type of guardian of hell, distinguished by having the head and legs of an ox and human hands. The fact that he is as fearsome as a *rākṣasa* (*rasetsu**) gives rise to the term ‘abō rasetsu’.

Abudatsuma 阿浮達磨 Sk. *adbhuta-dharma* ‘a miraculous thing’; translated as *mizou-hō** 未曾有法; one of the nine and twelve kinds of scriptures (*kubu-kyō** and *jūnibu-kyō**); an account of miracles performed by the Buddha or other deity.

Agon 阿含 Sk. *āgama*, lit. ‘coming’; a traditional doctrine. I. Generally, in India, a traditional teaching; a sacred scripture. II. A Buddhist scripture; the Buddha’s teaching. III. Hinayana sutras; see *Agon-gyō**.

~-gyō --經 ‘Āgama sutras’; in the Chinese collection of



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