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zu einem Vortrag von

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über

Opening the Vinayasūtra
— atha niryāṇavṛttam

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Guṇaprabha opens his *Vinayasūtra* with *atha niryāṇavṛttam*, which, according to the auto-commentary, is aimed to set the tone of the work and to be applied to all the following *sūtras* in this work. As a treatise summarizing the entire Vinayapiṭaka, Guṇaprabha's *Vinayasūtra*, arguably, the only Buddhist text written in a non-Buddhist genre, had executed significant influence in India and Tibet. Four Indian commentaries on the *Vinayasūtra* are included in the Tanjur, and there has developed over time a literature of para-canonical commentaries written by Tibetan luminaries. We shall examine a few points in the explanations of the opening aphorism given by the commentators and showcase the transmission and the transmutation of this unique Vinaya text.