

## 要 旨

# Discussing the Problem of Interdependence between the Chapters of Upāyakaūśalyaparivarta and Tathāgatāyusṣpramāṇaparivarta of the Lotus Sutra, and Formulating the Theory of Gradual Compilation In A Certain Period.

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In this paper, I examine former theories on the formation of the Lotus Sutra, and present my view on it. I discuss the following subjects:

- 1) What are academic features of former theories on the formation of the Lotus Sutra?
- 2) Thus I suggest possible point of view, method, subject, and purpose in a new study.
- 3) The outline of analysis on the point of view and method in a new study.
- 4) And then, what is the critical-analytical and synthetic-elucidative study as an *Anti-these* against the theories on the formation of the Lotus Sutra in the established Buddhist studies as a *These* like?
- 5) What is the logical positivistic and analytic-cum-synthetic study as a *Synthese* like?
- 6) It is necessary to synthetically apply a possible point of view and a possible method which are suggested in the theories of studying both in the East and the West in order to make an elucidative study of the original text.
- 7) Then, what are a possible subject and a possible purpose of study that these theories suggest?
- 8) As I criticize, synthesize, and summarize it.
- 9) That what got the subject and the purpose studied through the elucidative study of the original text.

- 10) And what is that the subject and the purpose of the study conclude?
- 11) Then, what is a Structural-Functional Analysis as a method of the elucidative study of the original text in Buddhist classical philology.
- 12) A case of the Structural-Functional Analysis as an elucidative study of the original text.
- 13) Is it possible that the above-mentioned point of view and method of an elucidative study of the original text elucidate the theory of the formation of the Lotus Sutra?
- 14) On the problem of interdependence between the chapters of Upāyakauśalyaparivarta and Tathāgatāyuspramāṇaparivarta, that is the most important problem in the formation of the Lotus Sutra.
- 15) The theory of the formation of the Lotus Sutra becomes to be concluded the theory of Gradual Compilation In A Certain Period.
- 16) A hypothesis of mine concerning the dating of the formation of the Lotus Sutra.
- 17) What is the conclusion of the point of view, method, subject, and purpose of a new study that I presented in this paper?