The H nay na Fallacy

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Abstract

In what follows I examine the function of the term H nay na as a referent to an institutional entity in the academic study of the history of Buddhism. I begin by surveying the use of the term by Chinese pilgrims travelling in India, followed by taking up to the Tarkajvl’s depiction of the controversy between adherents of the H nay na and the Mah y na. I then turn to the use of the term in the West, in particular its promotion by the Japanese delegates at the World’s Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893. I conclude that the current academic use of the term as a referent to a Buddhist school or Buddhist schools is misleading.

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