

# DEMON WOMEN, TALKING ANIMALS, AND MUTE ANDROIDS: NARRATIVES CANDRAKĪRTI TELLS AND WHY



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The great Indian Buddhist philosopher, Candrakīrti (c. 570-650 CE), wrote commentaries that influenced the development of Madhyamaka thought in India and in Tibet. Though known for his philosophically sophisticated texts, Candrakīrti includes vivid narratives in his commentary on Āryadeva's Four Hundred Verses (Catuḥśataka). This talk will explore how and why Candrakīrti selects particular narratives to support his arguments for Mahāyāna Buddhist ethics and its teachings of compassion and emptiness.



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