

On the Description of the Second Pariṇāmana in the *Kyō-gyō-shin-shō*

In the beginning of the first Book of the *Kyō-gyō-shin-shō*, we find the following words; “when the reverential reflection is bestowed upon the True Religion of Pure Land, we become conscious that there are two kinds of pariṇāmana in it. One is the pariṇāmana of the going-forward aspect and the other that of the coming-back aspect.” These words testify that these two kinds of pariṇāmana are the two key-stones of the *Kyō-gyō-shin-shō*.

While this is so, it seems that the second pariṇāmana is not treated in it so fully as the first one. For it is commonly considered that, while the *Kyō-gyō-shin-shō* consists of six Books, the expounding of the second pariṇāmana is confined only in the latter part of the fourth Book.

The aim of the present thesis is to present a view that the expounding of the second pariṇāmana is not confined only in the latter part of the fourth Book, but it extends over the fifth and the sixth Books, though they have hitherto been considered to be related with the first pariṇāmana.

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