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Dharmakirti on Compassion and Rebirth highlights the religious dimension of Buddhist logic and epistemology by way of individual studies on fundamental and controversial philosophical and religious issues in Dharmakīrti's notions of compassion, karma, rebirth, the objects of meditation, the reliability of the Buddha, the four noble truths, the path to enlightenment, and related topics. The book also presents the first attempt to translate large portions of Prajñākaragupta's commentarial masterpiece, the Pramāavārttikālakārabhāya. At the occasion of its second edition, the book has been supplemented with a new substantial study which addresses a remarkable theory developed by Prajñākaragupta and called "the doctrine of a future cause" (bhāvikāranavāda). This is a highly original theory of backward causation, or retrocausation, which Prajñākaragupta employs in his proof of rebirth, his explanation of the yogic perception of past and future objects, and his understanding of pervasion (vyāpti) as an essential feature of inference.

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