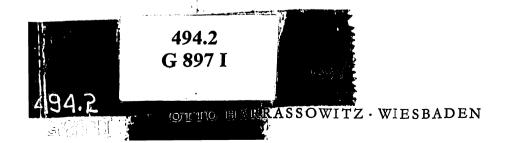
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#### Preface

The present work proposes to afford a brief and practical introduction to classical and literary Mongolian, paying special heed to the requirements of those who may pursue their study otherwise unaided. For the student of contemporary Mongolia, there is a special section on the important Khalkha dialect, outlining the transition to the modern language in the light of the classical forms.

The plan of the work is as follows. The progressive exposition of the grammatical structure is paralleled by Mongolian reading selections, which incorporate the new features illustrated in the lesson. Since the grammar is drawn from the reading material, exceptions, minor variations and little used forms are dealt with not at all, or only slightly. Since this is not a work for the specialist, references to parallel features in Turkic and other languages, as well as comments on the origin and development of grammatical forms, have been kept to a minimum or omitted altogether. These features are left to the many more specialized works in other languages, to which this book can only be a stepping stone. Use of the Mongolian script is deferred until the student is prepared with a knowledge of the grammar and has a stock of basic words at his command.

A brief introduction of very general character has been added. It gives broad outlines of Mongolian history, life, institutions and customs, and some political, economic and social data on Mongolia past and present. There is also a list of books suggested for further reading. The choice has been restricted as far as possible to publications in the English language.

The selection of texts has been restricted to fables and easy narratives. Any later edition of the present work will contain additional texts of various kinds, or Professor Grønbech's forthcoming Anthology of Mongolian Literature may serve as companion volume to the present work. For the chapter on Mongolian chronology K. G. is alone responsible. Notices of corrections, such as typographical errors and omissions from the vocabularies, will be received with thanks.

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# I. Introduction

# Historical Background

At the beginning of the 13th century, mediæval Europe was relatively complacent except for the shifting fortunes of the Crusaders, who in 1204 had taken and sacked Constantinople. Political and religious controversy such as the sporadic armed conflict between the Moslem and Christian spheres and the internal dissensions between the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox branches of the Christian church served both to weaken Europe within and to distract attention from events in the world without.

Then, with little or no warning, catastrophe fell.

Arising from the barren plateau of Mongolia, fierce armies of nomadic horsemen swept across the broad plains and steppes of Central Asia, sacking and laying cities waste, putting whole populations to the sword and in general crushing civilizations and destroying cultures in their path. In the brief span of 30 years (1211-1241), the roving Mongol hordes of Genghis Khan and his successors overran most of Europe and Asia, and made themselves masters of a vast empire which ranged from the Yellow Sea in the Far East and drove a wedge into the heart of Central Eastern Europe, the Hungarian alföld (lower plain). Europe trembled before the dreadful calamity doubtless about to be imposed by these all-engulfing conquerors who devastated everyone who dared oppose them. Had the Mongol barbarian ravages gone unchecked, the dissolute governments would surely have toppled before the onslaught of these warlike invaders already battering at the gates. This would have spelled the doom of Western civilization, and it is doubtful if it would have recovered for many centuries.

As it was, though, on the eve of certain victory, the Mongol tribesmen turned back from the threshold of Europe as mysteriously and quickly as they had come. Internal affairs of state arising from the death of Genghis Khan's son and successor, Ögedei, recalled the Mongol princes to Mongolia to vie with each other in being elected the new Khan. In any event, they were more interested in the riches of China or even in uniting the Turco-Mongol peoples than enslaving all of Europe, but no Mongol leader after Ögedei could muster sufficient strength and unity among the loosely knit clans to return to Europe. Because they withdrew of their own accord, European statesmen were never quite certain for centuries when a new scourge from the East would descend on them to cleanse and chastise their decadent monarchies.

The moment of Mongol glory had come and gone. But in spite of carnage and slaughter on a scale the world had never known, the Mongols freed the long overland trade route from China to the West, and paved the way for introduction of Eastern arts, crafts, inventions and discoveries, such as gunpowder and printing.

But who were these Mongols? Where did they come from and why? How can it be that they almost conquered the then known world? The Mongols were certain tribes of Eastern Asia, whose leader Temüjin (1167?—1227) united his loosely bound nomad clansmen, supplemented by some Turco-Tatar peoples, into a supreme fighting force. He was crowned Emperor in 1206 and given the name *Chinggis* (variously transcribed, mainly through Persian sources, as Jingis, Genghis, etc.) and the title *Qagan* (transcribed as Khan, Khagan, etc.).

It was not, as many once supposed, desiccation of tribal pasture lands that gave rise to the imperialistic eruption of the Mongols in the 13th century. The Mongol advance was merely the last great wave in a cycle of westward expansion of nomadic groups, much like their predecessors, the Huns, under Attila. Although the efficacy of their military methods cannot be disputed, the Mongol cycle was in the upward swing of strength, while that of the conquered peoples was in the downward swing of decline.

Their remarkable success in warfare can be attributed not only to their superb organization, discipline and leadership, but also to their unbelievably hardy men and sturdy horses, who travelled great distances with a minimum of food and rest, and then overcame by skill numerically superior foes. At the height of their conquests, a nation of about a million subjugated other nations with a total population of over a hundred million. Without doubt, the Mongol invaders left their mark on European history.

# The Mongolia of today

Mongolia is now purely a geographical location; linguistically and politically there are several Mongolias. In historical times, the nomads ranged far and wide across the steppes and deserts, but now with the formation of political boundaries not freely passable, the tribes are more or less established in specific areas.

The largest and most significant Mongol state is the Mongolian People's Republic (bügüde nairamdaqu mongyol arad ulus), which before 1924 was known as Outer Mongolia, because of its greater distance from Peking (Peiping), seat of the Manchu dynasty in China. It occupies an area of 606,000 sq. miles (some three times the size of France and as large as the USA east of the Mississippi river), and is located somewhat northwest of China, south of Siberia and west of Manchuria. Its capital Ulān Bātur (ulayan bayatur, red hero), which was formerly called Urga (ōrgege, residence of a prince), lies about 900 miles due northwest of Tientsin on the Yellow Sea, on a line which crosses Peking and Kalgan, the latter for centuries the traditional gateway to Mongolia (the name indeed derives from qayalyan, gate).

Mountains are found along most of the north, northwest and southwest, while along the southern border of Outer Mongolia, lies the famous Gobi (yobi, desert), a desolate plateau stretching some 600 miles southwest-northeast, about 3,000 feet above sea-level.

Published statistics on the population are at considerable variance with each other. There are somewhat under a million Mongols in the Mongolian People's Republic. The major dialect in the MPR is the Khalkha.

Inner Mongolia, which never had an independent political existence, has been absorbed into northwest China, namely the four provinces of Ninghsia, Suiyüan, Chahar and Jehol. It lies south and southeast of the MPR, forming a belt between it and the Great Wall of China. There are perhaps less than a million Mongols in Inner Mongolia, and they have lost much ground in recent years to the relentless advance of Chinese colonization, which overshadows them economically, and dominates them politically. The major dialects are the Chahar and Ordos.

Contiguous to the MPR, and directly north of Ulān Bātur, lies the Buryat Mongol ASSR, which is a part of the Soviet Union. The capital and chief city is Ulān Ude (ulayan egüde, red gate), formerly Verkhneudinsk. About a quarter of a million Mongols speak Buryat dialects. The best known geographical feature is Lake Baikal, which divides the cisbaikalian (northwestern) from the transbaikalian (southeastern) section.

In addition to these major divisions, there is a considerable quantity of Mongols in the Hsingan province of Manchuria, much under a million, divided into a number of tribes whose dialects are mostly related to those of Inner Mongolia. Perhaps a million Mongols are scattered throughout the Chinese province of Sinkiang (Chinese Turkestan), to the southwest and west of the MPR, in the Koko-Noor (köke nayur, blue lake) district of northeastern Tibet, and until recently in the distant Kalmyk territory on the lower Volga near the Caspian Sea. In Central Afghanistan some tribesmen still retain their Mongol dialect.

# The Mongols

Physically, the Mongols are short-statured, with yellowish skin and black hair: their features are with broad noses, prominent cheekbones, and slanting eyes, set in a generally flat face. They are organized into tribes and clans, and lay great stress on family ancestry and genealogy. They live mostly in round felt tents, which are quickly disassembled and suited to their way of life.

The traditional, and still major, occupation of the Mongols is livestock breeding, which provides the essential human needs of housing, clothing and food. The animals raised are camels, horses, cattle, sheep and goats. Hunting, especially of furbearing animals, is a profitable sideline for many Mongols, but farming, owing to the sandy, stony ground, is virtually impossible except in a few river valleys. Although the essentially nomadic life of most of the population, moving their herds

from pasture to pasture, is not conducive to industry or manufacturing, there is some mining of coal and sulphur, and some tannery and dairy industry.

In religion, the Mongols are Buddhists, this religion having been finally introduced in 1577 after several unsuccessful attempts on the part of various emperors and princes as far back as the 13th century. The spiritual head of their faith is the Dalai Lama of Tibet. Buddhism revolutionized the habits of the Mongols by gradually tying them to places where there were temples. This played an important part in converting them from a nation of nomadic warriors into placid herdsmen. After the turn of the century, and before the establishment of the MPR, Mongolia and Central Asia in general were the scene of various scientific expeditions to collect geological, archeological and palaentological data, with a view to confirming theories that Central Asian plateaus had been a cradle of development for dominant mammalian species. Rich fossil remains were discovered on the Kalgan-Urga road, and in the central desert of Mongolia were discovered the famous dinosaur eggs popularized by recent writers.

#### Recent Political Events in the MPR.

When the Manchu dynasty finally collapsed in 1911, under pressure of continued uprisings by revolutionaries such as Sun Yat-sen, China adopted a republican form of government. The Mongol princes took advantage of this to throw off the Chinese yoke and established the so-called Living Buddha (qutuytu) as ruler. The territory of Outer Mongolia see-sawed between Russia and China until the early twenties, when in 1921 a Soviet-inspired People's Republic was set up. A constitution patterned after that of the USSR was adopted in 1924, and the young Soviet protectorate gradually introduced measures which considerably changed the largely feudal society by abolishing theocratic rule (aided by the death of the Qutuqtu in 1924), reducing the numbers of lamas (which formerly claimed a third of the male population), establishing an army, and adding other features of a modern state.

The non-existence of foreign relations with nations other than the Soviet bloc, and the growing close collaboration between the MPR and the USSR have made it a political satellite of the Soviet Union. It was not until after the Second World War, however, when China itself had fallen to the Communist advance, that Mongolia was officially recognized as independent by the Chinese in 1946.

In the governmental structure of the MPR, representation of the people is carried out in a bicameral assembly, the Great qural and the Small qural. The Prime Minister or Premier, until his death in 1952, was Marshal Choibalsang. The incumbent is Tsedenbal.

Since 1924, few Westerners (except some Soviet citizens) have been permitted to enter the MPR, and our knowledge of events there is

based almost entirely on second-hand sources. The American vice-president, Henry Wallace, did visit Ulān Bātur briefly in 1944 on his tour of the Soviet Union. The Western world was given another glimpse of Mongol fighting strength when in 1945, just before the Japanese surrender, a small but well-equipped Mongol army together with Soviet forces attacked Japanese installations in Manchuria and Inner Mongolia. After a brief and successful campaign, the Mongols retired.

In 1946, the application of the MPR for membership in the United Nations was rejected, chiefly because it was felt that information about conditions in Mongolia was lacking, and that this reflected on the Mongols' ability to engage in international relations. At the time of the present writing (1954), the question of Mongolia's admission is still occasionally discussed in the press.

# The Mongolian Language

The Mongolian language usually ranks as a member of the Altaic family of languages, whose three major divisions are the Manchurian (or Tungus), the Mongolian, and the Turkic (or Turco-Tatar) groups of languages. The supposed genetic affiliation of these groups has never been proved, but the practical utilization of the term 'Altaic languages' lies in the presence of common traits in the syntax, general structure and vocabularies of the three language families.

Mongolian is characterized inter alia by vowel harmony, absence of initial and final consonant clusters, non-existence of long consonants, absence of gender and a general agglutination of suffixes. The subject generally occurs first in a sentence, and the verb in final position, with other modifying elements arranged between them. Syntactically, the sentences are periodic, being joined by various gerunds and participles, which correspond to the relative clauses and sequence of tenses of Western languages.

The tradition of the written language rests on a very old basis. Writing was introduced under Chinggis Qagan in the early 13th century, by borrowing the vertical script of the Uighurs (who had taken it from the Sogdians). Although the script is alphabetical, it can often be ambiguous, as many letters, especially t/d, k/g, o/u, and  $\ddot{o}/\ddot{u}$ , are not distinguished from each other.

Ancient Mongolian is the Mongolian language in the 12th and 13th centuries. When it was committed to writing in 1204 (if we accept the Mongol tradition), it already reflected a somewhat earlier pronunciation.

Classical Mongolian is the literary language as it was treated by the translators of the Tibetan lamaistic canon, the Kanjur, under the zealous Mongol emperor Legdan Qagan (1604—1634). It was fixed in its final form by the revised edition xylographed in Peking in 1720, and in this latter shape has remained the literary norm to the present day. The second part of the canon, the Tanjur, followed in 1749.

There has been no inner development of the literary language, except insofar as scribes in the last several centuries tend to avoid words that no longer persist in the colloquial, and to introduce words and meanings that are current nowadays though unknown to the classical written language. The same is true to some extent of grammatical forms and syntax.

The modern literary language, then, reflects an earlier stage, with the form of words fixed by written tradition, just as English spelling is. It is much as though Shakespearian English, with an admixture of Chaucerian and modern words, were the medium of written communication today. For example, the modern dative ending  $-d\sigma$  continues to be written in the older form -dur; the word  $dol\bar{o}n$ , seven, which lost its intervocalic  $\gamma$  centuries ago, is still written in the uncontracted form  $dolo\gamma an$ , much as English 'eight' retains the old gh (still heard, however, in German or Dutch acht).

The classical (literary) language is to be the subject of study in these pages. At the end of the book will be found a special transitional section bridging the gap between the classical language as presented and the (politically) most important modern dialect, the Khalkha.

#### **Modern Dialects**

The Mongolian language is divided into a number of dialects, all sharing the same general grammatical and syntactical features, and more or less mutually comprehensible in spite of phonetic differences and developments. There is a large central group with four important dialects or groups of dialects, and three marginal dialects.

The Khalkha Mongolian dialect, comprising some 700,000 speakers in the MPR, as the language of a formally independent political unit and that with the greatest single number of speakers, may be regarded as the most important.

To the north of the centrally located Khalkha lies the Buryat Mongolian, whose speakers number 240,000, divided into the northern (cisbaikalian) and the southern (transbaikalian) divisions. South of Khalkha Mongolian, in the Chinese provinces of Inner Mongolia, are a number of dialects of which the Ordos and Chahar are best known. The Mongolian dialects of Manchuria are little investigated. Most of them belong together with the Ordos and Chahar to the South Mongolian group. The above comprise the eastern branch of Mongolian (Buryat in the north, Khalkha in the center, and Chahar and Ordos in the south).

The western branch of Mongolian is the Oirat dialect (generally called Kalmyk in Europe), spoken by some 130,000 persons. It is located far to the west in the former Kalmyk ASSR, west of the lower Volga at the north end of the Caspian sea. There are also speakers of Kalmyk in Sinkiang, Ch'ing-hai (in the Koko-Noor district), in Dzungaria (jegün yar, left hand) or West Mongolia, in Alashan and Edsin Gol.

In addition to these divisions, there are three isolated dialects. The Dagur is spoken in northern Manchuria, and has been influenced by Tungus. The Monguor (with related dialects) is spoken in the Kansu province of China, and in northeastern Tibet (Koko-Noor), and is strongly influenced by Chinese. The Mogul (Hazara and Aimak) is spoken in central Afghanistan northwest of Kabul.

## Literature

The earliest Mongolian literary composition is an imperial chronicle, the so-called 'Secret History of the Mongols' (mongyol-un niyuča tobčayan), which may have been composed in the 13th century. Buddhist activity apparently set in under Qubilai Qagan, but the earliest translations of which we possess direct evidence date from the beginning of the 14th century. From that century we also possess a number of inscriptions but from following centuries only a trickle of documents on stone or paper has reached us.

A tremendous literary effort began shortly after 1600 when Legdan Qagan of the Chahars set his clergy the task of translating the whole of the Tibetan lamaistic canon, the Kanjur, into Mongolian. The literary Mongolian language of that translation (itself a faithful continuation of an unaltered tradition reaching back to the days of Chinggis Qagan) became, with slight modifications, the established norm for all later Mongolian literature.

The 17th, 18th and 19th centuries saw the production of a rich Buddhist and historical literature, the former culminating in the energetic printing activity in Peking in the 18th century, and the latter beginning about 1625 and continuing without interruption till the end of the 19th century. In this century the thread was again taken up, this time under Japanese auspices, only to be exploited later for the purposes of nationalistic propaganda.

# The Mongolian Script

The alphabetic script of the Uighurs had been adopted by the Mongols as early as the time of Chinggis Qagan, and according to Mongol tradition, in 1204. The first known inscription dates from 1225, and there is definite evidence that before the middle of that century the Uighur script was used for literary compositions. In 1269 Qubilai Qagan authorized a modified form of the Tibetan script for use in Mongolian chancelleries (the hP'ags-pa or 'square' [dörbeljin] script). It continued in official use until about the middle of the 14th century, but was unable to compete with the much easier Uighur cursive script, which has remained in use until the present day.

For use among the Western Mongols, an improved form of the alphabet was devised in 1648. It is still used by the Kalmyks, the Mongols in the T'ien Shan in Sinkiang, and those in the Koko-Noor.

In the course of the 17th and 18th centuries the Mongolian alphabet adopted a few modifications from the Manchu alphabet. The Manchus had taken over the Mongolian script in 1599 and in 1632 submitted it to a process of revision and improvement, which benefited the Mongolian mother alphabet later.

The awakening of political consciousness in the last three decades was a thrust at the ancient tradition, and on Russian soil the link with the past through the Mongolian script was done away with at a stroke, when the Buryat Mongol ASSR adopted a modified Russian alphabet in 1937, and thus made literacy quickly available to all. In 1946, the Mongolian People's Republic followed suit. Books, periodicals and other writings are now apparently printed entirely in Cyrillic script. In essence, the dialects are now represented in writing as spoken.

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#### II. Grammar

#### Lesson One

Contents. Alphabet and transcription; pronunciation; composition of words; accent; vowel harmony; parts of speech; gender; article.

§ 1. Alphabet and Transcription. The Mongolian alphabet, as here transcribed, consists basically of 23 letters: a, b,  $\check{c}$ , d, e, g,  $\gamma$ , i,  $\check{\jmath}$ , k, l, m, n, o,  $\check{o}$ , q, r, s,  $\check{s}$ , t, u,  $\ddot{u}$ , y. Other transcriptions may employ somewhat different letters and use various diacritical marks, but these and other differences are slight, and will be readily understood by the student.

The Mongols themselves make no distinction between certain pairs of letters and use moreover the following order of letters: a, e, i, o/u,  $\bar{o}/\ddot{u}$ , n, q, p, b, p, s,  $\check{s}$ , t/d, l, m,  $\check{c}$ ,  $\check{j}/y$ , k/g, r, v, h. The three letters v, h and p occur solely in Chinese, Tibetan, Sanskrit and other foreign words.

§ 2a. Pronunciation. The letters  $\check{c}$ ,  $\check{\jmath}$  and  $\check{s}$  may be pronounced as in English church, judge and show. The letter  $\gamma$  denotes an open back g, the voiced equivalent of the ch in German acht. The letter q originally denoted a velar (back) k, which in nearly all dialects has passed into the corresponding fricative  $\chi$  (the unvoiced counterpart of  $\gamma$ ). It may be pronounced in either manner. The remaining consonants have, roughly speaking, their normal English values.

In most modern dialects the vowels have been somewhat modified, varying according to dialect. e,  $\bar{o}$ ,  $\ddot{u}$  and sometimes also i are articulated with the middle part of the tongue, and o and u are pronounced with a marked narrowing of the articulating organs. For convenience they can be given their European values, with  $\ddot{o}$  and  $\ddot{u}$  as in German.

§ 2b. Composition of Words. The phonetic makeup of Mongolian words is simple, usually a regular alternation of vowels and consonants ( $k\ddot{o}beg\ddot{u}n$ , son). There are no initial or final consonant clusters, although two consonants may come together medially ( $\ddot{u}lemji$ , more). Mongolian has diphthongs in which the second element is i (mostly originating from an earlier yi, still reflected by the Mongolian script, but no longer recognized by the Mongols themselves) as in sain (from sayin) good, or dalai, sea. There is no notation for long vowels or consonants in the classical language. The few double letters seen are due to orthographical convention or hiatus.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This is the order used in the lesson vocabularies. The glossary, however, uses a slightly different order.

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Genuine Mongolian words may not begin with l or r, and may end only with b, d, g,  $\gamma$ , l, m, n, r, s and  $\check{s}$ . The presence of a following i causes s to become  $\check{s}$ . In manuscripts from South Mongolia a and e often become i after  $\check{c}$  and  $\check{j}$ , especially in the second syllable, as in  $\ddot{u}\check{j}i$ - for  $\ddot{u}\check{j}e$ -,  $\check{c}\check{i}\check{c}eg$  for  $\check{c}\check{e}\check{c}eg$ .

- § 3. Accent. As a stress accent is not an integral part of the phonetic makeup of a word, the position of the accent may shift freely between syllables, and is phonologically irrevelant. For the purposes of reading a text in the classical language, however, the accent may be placed on the first syllable throughout.
- § 4. Vowel Harmony. The principle of vowel harmony is observed throughout the Mongolian language. Accordingly, the vowels in a word must all be front (or soft) vowels  $(e, i, \ddot{o}, \ddot{u})$  or back (or hard) vowels (a, i, o, u). Note that i may occur in both series, probably because in the oldest language it had a velar counterpart (like the Turkish 1 or the Russian jery) which later merged with i.

The vowel of the initial syllable determines whether the word will contain all front or all back vowels.

 $\begin{array}{cccc} \text{front} & & k\bar{o}beg\ddot{u}n & & \text{son, boy} \\ & & \bar{o}g\ddot{u}ler\ddot{u}n & & \text{saying} \\ \text{back} & & qoyar & & \text{two} \\ & & & bayasqulanq & & \text{gladness, rejoicing} \end{array}$ 

Vowel harmony affects the velar consonants k/g as well, k/g being used with front vowels, and  $q/\gamma$  being required by back vowels.

ayula mountain
degü younger brother
bari-y-ad taking
üje-g-ed seeing

As a result of vowel harmony, there are two forms for nearly every declensional and conjugational ending.

ayulan-durdative case (back)degü-dürdative case (front)bariluyaperfect tense (back)üjelügeperfect tense (front)

Labial harmony (whether rounded may follow unrounded vowels, or  $vice\ versa$ ), such as in Turkish, is not observed in Classical Mongolian. All vowels may occur in all positions, but  $o/\ddot{o}$  do not occur outside the first syllable (or in suffixes) unless  $o/\ddot{o}$  are also in the first syllable. The vowels a and u are generally followed only by a, u or i, and likewise, e and  $\ddot{u}$  by e,  $\ddot{u}$  or i. i can be followed by all vowels except  $o/\ddot{o}$ .

§ 5. Parts of Speech. The three main categories of speech are the noun, verb and indeclinables. There is no difference in form between adjectives

and nouns, and no fundamental difference between these and the pronouns, although pronouns have certain characteristics of their own. Verbs may be formed from nouns, and nouns formed from verbs, but the stems thus produced are then one or the other. Some adverbs are in reality case forms of nouns, and many postpositions derive from nouns. Interjections, conjunctions and certain functional particles (as interrogative and negative) are indeclinable.

- § 6. Gender. Mongolian nouns have no grammatical gender. Sex is expressed only in the inherent meaning of the word, which fact plays no rôle in declension.
- § 7. Article. The Mongolian word nigen, one, is used as an indefinite article, and may occur before or after another adjective.

nigen yeke ayula } yeke nigen ayula }

a large mountain

teimü nigen yajar-a

in such and such a place

There is no definite article.

# Vocabulary 1

NB. The first occurrence of a word is entered in the vocabulary to that lesson. Verbs are entered by their stem form, followed by a dash. A few words are given on second occurrence.

ayula(n)¹ mountain
bari- to take
bayasqulang gladness, rejoicing
čečeg flower
dalai sea
degü younger brother
eme female, woman
yajar land, country, place
köbegün son, boy

nige(n) one, a ögüle- to say qayan king, Khan qoyar two sain good teimü such, such a üje- to see ülemji more yeke large, great

# Lesson Two

Contents. Cases; nominative; nominative particles; genitive; accusative; word order. Reading exercise (1).

§ 8. Cases. The noun in classical Mongolian is declined in seven cases: nominative, genitive, accusative, dative-locative, ablative, instrumental and comitative (also called sociative). Of these, the first three are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For an explanation of words in -(n), see Lesson Three, § 18.

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syntactic in their functions, while the remainder all indicate spatial and other notional relationships.

The same set of endings is used for adjectives, nouns, pronouns and verbal nouns alike.

It is an orthographical convention of Mongolian to write declensional and certain other endings as a separate word, which avoids disturbing a familiar word picture in the original script. In transcription these elements are separated by a dash.

§ 9. Nominative. The nominative case is the case of the subject, and displays the stem form of the noun. Sentences with verbs of predication have the subject in the nominative case.

yeke ayula bülüge. yayun bui? bars yayun idemüi? ene bülüge. It was a large mountain. What is it?
What does a tiger eat?
That was it.

§ 10. Nominative particles. The nominative is often denoted by the particle ber, which emphasizes the preceding word (much like Turkish da, de or Russian  $\check{z}e$ ) and indicates that that word is the subject. Its origin lies in an ergative construction (note infra, Lesson Three, § 16, the similarity to the instrumental ending -bar/-ber).

odqan köbegün ber bars-i The youngest son saw the tiger. üjebei.

In the primitive form, this would be rendered somewhat as follows: "By the youngest son seeing was performed with respect to the tiger." The particles inu and anu are of similar function. They owe their origin to the genitive forms of \*i, he, and \*a, they (these nominative forms no longer exist), and function as a kind of definite article. Although they frequently retain the meaning 'his, their' in the classical language, the distinction between singular and plural is not observed.

basa qoyar aqa-nar anu  $\ddot{o}g\ddot{u}lebei$  Then  $\begin{Bmatrix} \text{his} \\ \text{the} \end{Bmatrix}$  two elder brothers said:

§ 11. Genitive. Mongolian nouns in the genitive have the ending  $-un/-\ddot{u}n$  for stems ending in a consonant except -n, and the ending -yin for vowel stems. Stems in -n, however, take only  $-u/-\ddot{u}$ .

ger house ger-ün eke mother eke-yin köbegün son köbegün-ü bars tiger
bars-un
aqa elder brother
aqa-yin
qayan king
qayan-u

The genitive plus the verb 'to be' is often used in the function of a verb 'to have'.

qayan-u yurban köbegün bülüge. The king's three sons were (or existed), *i.e.*, the king had three sons.

The genitive case always occurs before the element which it modifies.

 $\S$  12. Accusative. The accusative is the normal case of the definite direct object. Its ending is -i after consonants, and -yi after vowels.

köbegün ber bars-i üjemüi. The son sees the tiger. ečige ber eke-yi asayubai. The father asked the mother.

When the object is indefinite, the form coincides with the nominative, in the so-called absolute or indefinite case.

bars miqa idemüi.

A tiger eats meat (not a particular piece, but meat as a general practice).

The object stands in almost adverbial relation to the verb, and might be rendered literally by 'the tiger meat-eats'. If a specific piece of meat were meant (such as one mentioned previously), that would of course require the regular accusative.

bars ber miqa-yi idemüi.

The tiger eats the meat.

§ 13. Word Order. The essential order of words in the Mongolian sentence requires the subject to come first, and the verb last, while all other elements are arranged in between. Adjectival or attributive elements, including constructions with declined verbal nouns, precede the noun, and any object or complement precedes the verb.

yeke nigen bars ber oi-dur oduysan big a tiger nom. part. in the woods having gone qayan-u yurban köbegün-i idebei. king's three sons (acc.) ate

A big tiger ate the king's three sons, who had gone into the woods.

# Reading Exercise (1)

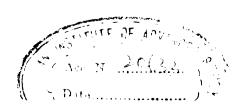
NB. Owing to the connected thought of this and later reading selections, it is necessary to present some forms not yet discussed in the grammar. These are explained in accompanying notes.

nigen yajar-tur¹ qayan qatun qoyar² bülüge. tere qayan-u yurban köbegün³ bülüge. yurban köbegün-ü ečige ber qayan bülüge. köbegün-ü eke ber qatun bülüge. eke-yin yurban köbegün bülüge. qayan yurban

<sup>2</sup> qayan qatun qoyar, lit. 'king queen two', or 'king and queen'.

<sup>3</sup> washan köbeniin 'three sons' The presence of a qualifying number

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> yurban köbegün, 'three sons'. The presence of a qualifying number makes a plural ending unnecessary.



<sup>1</sup> nigen vajar-tur is in the dative case: 'in a (certain) country'.

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köbegün-i bariyad<sup>4</sup>, oi ayulan-dur<sup>5</sup> odbai. ayula yeke bülüge. yeke 5 ayula bülüge. nigen bars oi-ača<sup>6</sup> yaruyad<sup>7</sup>, yurban köbegün-dür irebei. odqan köbegün ber bars-i üjeged, ögülerün<sup>8</sup>, 'oi-dur olan bars<sup>9</sup> buyu. bars yayun idemüi?', ögülebei. yeke köbegün ber odqan köbegün-dür ögülerün, 'bars miqa čisu<sup>10</sup> idemüi', ögülebei. odqan köbegün asayurun<sup>11</sup>, 'bars-un miqa ken idemüi?', ögülebei.

# Vocabulary 2

-ača/-eče ablative case anu nominative particle aga elder brother asayu- to ask -bai/-bei preterite tense bars tiger basa then ber nominative particle bui, buyu is, there is (present tense) bülüge was, there was (perfect tense)  $\check{c}isu(n)$  blood -dur/-dür dative case ečige father eke mother ene that ger tent, house, home -yad/-ged verbal ending (see notes)

var- to come out yurban three ide- to eat inu nominative particle ire- to come ken who miga(n) meat, flesh -mui/-müi present tense -nar plural ending od- to go, proceed odgan youngest oi woods, forest olan many, much, very qatun queen -run/-rün verbal ending tere this -tur see -dur yayun what?

#### Lesson Three

Contents. Dative-locative; ablative; instrumental; comitative; variable -n stems; nominal inflection table; reflexive forms of nouns. Reading exercise (2).

§ 14. Dative-locative. The dative case has the usual 'to, for' meanings, and incorporates as well the 'in' meaning of the locative. It has the endings  $-tur/-t\ddot{u}r$ . After vowels, m, n, and l, the ending is  $-dur/-d\ddot{u}r$ .

(i.e., out in the wilds)'. The case ending may refer to both words, or the first word may qualify the second.

6 oi-ača is in the ablative case: 'from the woods'.

7 yaruyad is the same construction as in Note 4.

<sup>8</sup> ögülerün may be translated for the time being as 'saying'. Its value is little more than that of introductory quotation marks.

9 olan bars, 'many tigers'. Expressions of plurality do not generally require the plural ending.

10 miqa čisu. Supply 'and' to make it 'flesh and blood'.

11 asayurun may be translated as 'asked'.

<sup>bariyad is a verbal form coordinate with the finite form odbai, he went. It may be translated 'taking his... he went...' or 'he took... and went...'.
oi ayulan-dur, 'to the woods and mountains, or to the wooded mountain (i.e., out in the wilds)'. The case ending may refer to both words or the</sup> 

nigen yajar-tur tere čay-tur tere jüg-tür oi-dur odbai. in a (certain) country at that time, then in that direction, that way He went to the woods.

Another form of the dative is in -a/-e, and is mostly encountered in older texts. It is often used to prevent a tiresome repetition of dur, dur. The spoken language has -d(a), which goes back to still another suffix -da/-de, which also may be met with occasionally in literary Mongolian. By way of compromise many recent MSS write  $-du/-d\ddot{u}$ .

§ 15. Ablative. The ablative case, which ends in -ača/-eče, has the meaning 'from', and is also used in expressions of comparison.

oi-ača qola-ača ger-eče nada-ača küčütei bolbasu from the woods
from afar
from the tent
if he be stronger than I

§ 16. Instrumental. The instrumental case expresses 'by means of, with, for', and has the endings -iyar/-iyer after a consonant, and -bar/-ber after a vowel.

öber-ün čisun-iyar üčügen üne-ber modu-bar, modun-iyar with his own blood for a low price with a stick, by means of a club

§ 17. Comitative. The comitative case (also called the sociative case) is the case of accompaniment, 'with, together with, in the company of', and has the endings -luya |-lüge.

aqa-luya ečige-lüge altan-luya adali with (his) older brother with father similar to gold

§ 18. Variable -n Stems. Nouns ending in -n are of two types: stable -n stems and variable -n stems. The former, as the name indicates, retain the -n in all cases. In the latter type, the nominative and the definite accusative may retain -n or may lose it, and the indefinite loses it, while the instrumental may use either stem.

Apart from this, however, is the fact that nouns ending in -n generally lose this consonant when a suffix beginning with a consonant is added, e.g.,  $\gamma urban$ , three, but  $\gamma urbayula$ , the three of them ( $<\gamma urban + \gamma ula$ ).

ayulan-dur odbai.
bars ber miqa-yi idemüi.
bars (ber) miqa idemüi.
modu-yi abaribai
modun-i baribai
modun-iyar
bars-i alabai.

He went to the mountain. The tiger eats the meat. A tiger eats meat.

He seized the club.

He killed the tiger with a club.

§ 19. Nominal Inflection Tab picture of nominal inflection.

Table.

We now may

regard

complete

# NOMINAL INFLECTION TABLE

Case	Consonant Stem		Vowel Stem		-n Stem <sup>1</sup>	
					stable	variable
	back	front	back	front	front	back
Nom.	čay	ger	aqa	eke	köbegün	modu(n)
Gen.	čay-un	ger-ün	aqa-yin	eke-yin	köbegün-ü	modun-u
Acc.	čaγ-i	ger-i	aqa-yi	eke-yi	köbegün-i	$modu-yi \\ modun-i$
DatLoc.	čaγ-tur čaγ-a	ger-tür ger-e	aqa-dur	eke-dür	köbegün-dür köbegün-e	$modun ext{-}dur \ modun ext{-}a$
Ablat.	čaγ-ača	ger-eče	aqa-ača	eke-eče	köbegün-eče	modun-ača
Instr.	čaγ-iyar	ger-iyer	aqa-bar	eke-ber	köbegün-iyer	modun-iyar modu-bar
Comit.	čaγ-luγa	ger-lüge	aqa-luya	eke-lüge	köbegün-lüge	modun-luya

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Both front and back words may be stable or variable

§ 20. Reflexive Forms of Nouns. Mongolian expresses the reflexive pronominal adjective 'one's own' by a reflexive suffix added after the declensional suffix, which in the gen., acc. and dat. cases may assume a different form. These forms always refer back to the subject of the sentence, i.e., our (own) father, his (own) tent. The basic endings are -iyan/-iyen after a consonant, and -ban/-ben or  $-\gamma an/-gen$  after a vowel. These endings may in themselves serve as the genitive and accusative forms. The genitive and dative also have some anomalous forms.

aqa degü qoyar bars-i ečige--dür-iyen ögbei.

The elder and younger brother gave the tiger to their (own) father.

Gen. )	qayan-yuyan	eke-yügen
}	qayan-(y)uban	$eke ext{-}y\ddot{u}ben$
Acc.	qayan-iyan	$eke ext{-}ben$
DatLoc.	qayan-dur-iyan	$eke ext{-}d\ddot{u}r ext{-}iyen$
	qayan-dayan	eke- $degen$
Ablat.	gayan-ačayan	eke-ečegen
	qayan-ačaban	$eke$ -e $\check{c}eben$
Instr.	qayan-iyar-iyan	eke- $ber$ - $iyen$
Comit.	qayan-luya-ban	eke-lüge-ben

# Reading Exercise (2)

odqan köbegün ber aqa-luya oi-ača yaruyad, qayan ečige-dür irebei. odqan köbegün ber bars-i üjeged, aqa-dayan ögülerün, 'oi-dur bars üjeged, bars-i alamui', kemen² ögülebei. aqa ber degü-ben bariyad, oi-ača yaruyad ger-tegen irebei. aqa degü qoyar modu-bar bars alayad, 5 bars-i ečige-dür-iyen ögbei. qayan bars-i yeke dura-bar bariyad, yurban köbegün-iyen eke qatun-dur ögbei.

# Vocabulary 3

adali like, similar

ala- to kill

alta(n) gold

bolbasu if, if it be

čay time

dura(n) desire, pleasure

yurban three

yurbayula a group of three

jüg direction, side

keme- to say
küčütei strong
modu(n) tree, wood, stick
nada- stem of bi I
öber oneself
ög- to give
qola far, distant
üčügen little, small
üne price, value

<sup>2</sup> kemen. Translate 'saying'. Its value here is that of closing quotation

marks (equals Turkish diye).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> bars-i alamui, lit. 'seeing a tiger ..., we kill ...' (the subject 'we' is drawn from the context), and freely, 'when we see a tiger in the woods, we (habitually) kill the tiger'.

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#### Lesson Four

Contents. Adjectives and comparison of adjectives; adjectival suffixes; avoidance of ambiguity; formation of plurals; the verb; durative; preterite; coördinative gerund. Reading Selections: I. The Fool and the Sandalwood. II. The Ass in the Panther's Skin.

NB. Owing to the length of Lesson Four, two study periods are best devoted to it.

§ 21a. Adjectives. There is no formal difference between adjectives and nouns. A noun placed before another noun functions as an attribute to the latter. Thus, altan means 'gold', but in the nominal group altan ordu, 'the golden horde', it is an attribute.

ünentrue, truth, trulyqarablack, the black, that which is blackqara morina black horseyekebig, large, greatly, greatness, sizeyeke eljigea large donkeyyeke idebei.it ate a great deal; it ate much.

§ 21 b. Comparison of Adjectives. In compensation for the absence of comparison of adjectives as known in Western languages, the meaning of an adjective may be reinforced or underlined by words like maši, very, ülemji, more, bügüde, every, or qamuy, all. The last two words require the genitive or ablative case.

maši yeke very large, larger ülemji yeke larger, greater ülemji bayan richer qamuy-ača küčütü strongest (of all) qamuy-un degere

As in Turkic languages, certain adjectives may form an intensifying prefix from their initial syllable + -b, which imparts the meaning 'the highest degree of' to the adjective.

sab sainthe very bestqab qarapitch blackčab čayansnow whitešib šinebrand new

§ 22. Adjectival Suffixes. The derivative suffix  $-tu/-t\ddot{u}$  (alternate form -tai/-tei) means 'having, possessed of', and often has adjectival significance. -n generally is lost before this ending.

morin horse
moritu horse owner, a rider
ine price, value
ine-tü having value, valuable
usun water
usu-tu quduy a water-filled well

A faint trace of an old Mongolian formal distinction between masculine and feminine is displayed in this suffix. Older classical texts (usually from the 17th century) differentiate  $-tu/-t\ddot{u}$  for masculine and -tai/-tei for feminine. Later texts use both forms indiscriminately but with a decided preference for  $-tu/-t\ddot{u}$ .

In the modern language the suffix -tai/-tei develops into a new comitative case, displacing -luya/-lüge.

Adjectives of color qualifying a feminine noun take the suffix  $-\gamma \check{cin}/-g\check{cin}$ .

ölögčin ölögčin bars qara morin qarayčin morin čayayčin morin female, female being female tiger, tigress black stallion black mare white mare

§ 23. Avoidance of ambiguity. Declensional endings are generally added only to the last word in a series. In cases where the first word could conceivably be construed as belonging to a series, the presence of an intercalated nominative particle such as ber will indicate the subject. Furthermore, adjectival function arising from juxtaposition of nouns may make possible two slightly different renderings of a phrase. However, the use of the reflexive forms of nouns prevents ambiguities such as that in English sentences like "He gave him his book".

ayula oi-dur odbai.

oi ayulan-dur odbai.

bars miqa idemüi.

bars ber miqa idemüi. bars ber miqa-yi idemüi. bars-un miqa-yi idemüi. kõbegün ber eke-yi asayubai. kõbegün eke-yi asayubai.

köbegün eke-ben asayubai. köbegün-ü eke-yi asayubai. He went to the mountain and the woods, or, to the mountainous woods.

He went to the woods and the mountains, or, to the wooded mountains.

He eats tiger('s) meat, or, A tiger eats meat.

A tiger eats meat.

The tiger eats the meat.

He eats the meat of a tiger.

The son asked his mother.

He asked his son and mother (someone else's).

He asked his (own) son and mother. He asked the son's mother.

§ 24. Formation of Plurals. Plural formation in Mongolian is not such a vital topic as in some other languages, as the mere presence of a quantity word is sufficient indication of plurality. As a rule, the specific plural suffixes are resorted to only in cases of ambiguity. Thus they rarely occur after quantity words such as numerals. In most cases the

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indication of the category suffices and the exact interpretation in terms of number is left to the reader.

vurban köbegün olan bars

three sons many tigers

The plural is formed by adding one of various suffixes, after which the regular case endings may be added. The suffixes most often used are the following.

a) -nar/-ner is a plural indicating a group of individuals, or a circle of similar people.

aga-nar

the elder brothers (sons of one

father)

tengri-ner

the gods (of a pantheon)

b) -čud/-čüd is a plural for human beings.

mongyolčud bayačud

the Mongols the children (as of one clan)

c) -s is of purely plural significance and may be used for all vowel stems.

üge-8 tengri-s words

gods (in general)

aqa-s

elder brothers (in the sense of 'the older generation')

The -i of words in -oi or -ai drops before -s.

nogaimoyai nogas тоуаз dogs snakes

d) -d is used for vowel stems, or stems in -l, -n, -r. Stems in -sun/-sün drop this suffix entirely.

qayan qan

qayad qad

kings, qagans minor princes noblemen, princes noyad

noyan tüšimel

tüšimed

minister

balyasun balvadcity

Stems in other consonants intercalate the vowel -u-/-ü- before the -d. soldiers čeria čerig-ü-d

e) The plural ending -nuyud/-nugud may be added to words as a strengthener.

jayan-nuyud

elephants, elephant herd

olan-nuvud

very many, all

Mongolian sometimes uses a double plural formation.

lama-nar-ud bayadud noyadud qayadud

lamas, priests children princes kings, qagans The derivative forms in -tu/-tü and -tai/-tei form their plural in -tan/-ten.

aminlifeamituone alive, a beingamitanliving being(s)moritanhorsemen

- § 25. The Verb. The Mongolian verb does not distinguish person, gender or number. The subject of a verb is to be seen from the subject of the sentence, or, if that remains unexpressed, from the context. The different verb forms are formed by means of suffixes. Some of those beginning with a consonant intercalate an -u- $/-\ddot{u}$  after a final stem consonant. This is indicated in the following by u or  $\ddot{u}$  in parentheses.
- § 26. Durative. The durative form, corresponding in many respects to the present tense of Western languages, is indicated by -(u)mui/-(u)mui added to the stem. This form is general, but used concretely. It also occurs in the use of an historical present.

abumui he takes idemüi he eats

Some older alternate forms still occur sporadically, chiefly that in -m, as abum, or -nam, as bainam, is.

§ 27. Preterite. The preterite in -bai/-bei (after b and r with intercalated u) is used to depict in a factual manner an event which is finished, or the occurrences in a narrative.

 $egin{array}{lll} egin{array}{lll} egin{arra$ 

A preterite ending in -ba/-be is also found.

§ 28. The Coördinative Gerund. The form in  $-(u)\gamma ad/-(\ddot{u})ged$  may be termed a coördinative gerund, or a gerund of parallel action. When two actions on a par with each other are expressed in the same sentence, the first will occur in the  $-\gamma ad/-ged$  form, while the second will have a finite form such as  $-mu\dot{i}$  or  $-ba\dot{i}$  (which in its turn may again be replaced by a gerund etc.). It is best translated by two finite forms. The negation is  $\ddot{u}l\ddot{u}$ .

abuyad ideged qayan yurban köbegün-i bariyad, oi-dur odbai. taking, when he took
eating, when he ate
Taking his three sons, the king
went to the wood. OR: The

went to the wood. OR: The king took his three sons and went to the wood.

# Reading Selections

# I. The Fool and the Sandalwood\*

nigen teneg kümün ber altan-luya adali üne-tü goršiša neretü čandan modun-i oluyad, qudalduyan-u yajar-a abču oduysan-dur¹ ken ber² ču ese abubai. tegünče nigen negüresün qudalduyči-luya qamtu qonoyad, tegün-ü negüresün-i ulus abuysan-i üjejü³ 'ene arya sain' kemen sanayad, 5 čandan-iyan tülejü<sup>4</sup> negüresün bolyayad, maši üčügen üne-ber qudaldu $luya^5$ .

# II. The Ass in the Panther's Skin \*\*

nigen arya-tu kümün ber eljigen-degen irbis-ün || arasun-i emüskeged busud-un tariyan-a talbiysan-dur¹ ulus ber 'tariyan-dur irbis orojuqui'' kemejü³ ayuyad ese kõgebei. tegün-eče ulam yeke ideküi-dür⁴ olan ulus 10 čuylayad qola-ača qarbuju alabasu<sup>5</sup> tere inu arya-tu kümün-ü eljige ajuyu6.

## Vocabulary 4

ab- to take, to buy ajuyu there was ami(n) life amitan being, creature amitu one alive, a being arasu(n) skin, hide

arya plan, trick arya-tu crafty ayu- to fear, dread baya small bayačud children baina(m) is (durative of 'to be')

#### Selection I.

- \* From the commentary to the Subhāṣitaratnanidhi by Sa-skya paṇḍita (1182—1251), titled in Mongolian saitur nomlaysan erdeni-yin sang subašidi kemekii šastir, a xylograph (56 by 17 cm.), not dated, of 198 folios, in the Mongolian collection of The Royal Library, Copenhagen. Short title, and reference: Subhasita 5, fol. 4 v.
- abču oduysan-dur, 'when he took it, and went out to ...'. ken ber, Adding ber to ken, 'who', makes the indefinite pronoun, 'whoever'. ču is emphatic. Lit. 'whoever it may be did not buy it', i.e., no one at all bought it.
- 3 ulus abuysan-i üjejü, 'when he saw people buy ...'.

4 tülejü, translate as 'burning'.

5 qudalduluya, 'he sold (it)', is in the perfect tense.

#### Selection II.

- \*\* Subhāṣita 6, fol. 2 v.
- 1 talbiysan-dur, 'when he sent out his ...'.
- <sup>2</sup> orojugui, translate as 'is loose'. 3 kemejü, translate as 'saying'.
- 4 yeke ideküi-dür, 'because it had eaten greatly'.
- <sup>5</sup> qarbuju alabasu, 'shooting ... they killed (it)'. 6 ajuyu, translate as 'being'. 'It being the crafty man's ...' or freely, 'and it was only the crafty man's donkey'.

balyasun city, town bol- to be bolya- to make busu other, different; not bügüde all čayan white čandan sandalwood *čeria* soldier ču emphatic particle čuyla- to assemble, gather degere high, upper, above eljige(n) ass, donkey emüske- to dress (tr.) ese no, not goršiša a type of sandalwood irbis panther jayan elephant köge- to hunt, rout out kümün man lama priest, lama -luya perfect tense ending maši very, more moyai snake, serpent mongyol Mongol, Mongolian mori(n) horse moritu rider, horseman negüresün charcoal nere name neretü named, called noqai dog noyan prince, lord ol- to find, acquire ordu(n) camp, palace oro- to go in, enter ölögčin female being

gamtu (postposed, with comitative) together gamuy all gan minor prince, lord gara black aarbu- to shoot (with bow and arrow) aono- to stay, dwell (overnight) qudaldu- to sell qudalduyan sale, trade qudalduyči seller, merchant quduy well sain good, fine sana- to think, recall šine new talbi- to put, place; to release, abandon tariya(n) field, meadow teneg foolish tengri (or tngri), god, heaven tegün- oblique stem of tere tegünče then, thereupon (from ablative) tüle- to burn tüšimel minister, official ulam gradually ulus people, nation usun water usu-tu watery, water-filled üge word, speech ülem ji more üne price, value üne-tü valuable  $\ddot{u}ne(n)$  truth

# Lesson Five

Contents. Gerunds (in -n, - $\check{c}u$ /- $\check{j}u$ ); verbal nouns (in -qu/- $k\ddot{u}$ , - $\gamma\check{c}i$  and - $\gamma san$ ); declension of verbal nouns. Reading Selection: III. The Timid Hares.

- § 29. Gerunds. Gerunds (also called converbs) are unvarying verbal forms, not declined or conjugated, which indicate ties between actions and various degrees of subordination.
- a) The gerund of absolute subordination ends in  $-(u)n/-(\ddot{u})n$ .

abun

iden

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It indicates an action completely subordinate to the following form, which may be another gerund or a finite form. The negation is  $\ddot{u}l\ddot{u}$ .

üjen oduyad sayun büküi--dür...

'looking, (they) went out; sitting, (they) were', i.e., they went out and looked, and while they were sitting there...

Its most frequent use is in the word kemen, 'saying', now reduced to the value of mere quotation marks.

b) The subordinate gerund ends in  $-\check{c}u/-\check{c}\check{u}$  after consonants (except l) and in  $-\check{\jmath}u/-\check{\jmath}\check{u}$  after vowels and l.

abču idejü

The action expressed by the subordinate gerund must logically occur before that in the form to which it is subordinate. It is consequently best translated into English by a separate clause. The negation is ülü.

qola-ača qarbuju alabasu

When they killed it, by shooting from afar . . .

čandan-iyan tülejü negüresün bolyayad . . . qudalduluya. After making charcoal, by burning his sandalwood, he sold it ...

- c) The coördinative gerund in  $-\gamma ad/-ged$  has been treated above (Lesson Four, § 28).
- § 30. Verbal Nouns. A verbal noun is a substantive derived from a verb. It may act as a verb with regard to what precedes it, but is inflected like any other noun. Several verbal nouns are frequently used as predicates and thus enter on a line with the finite verbal forms.
- a) The infinitive (also called future participle), or nomen abstractum, is used in a purely abstract sense, or for an action not seen concretely. It denotes the concept of the action indicated by the verb. It ends in  $-qu' k\ddot{u}$  or  $-qu' k\ddot{u}$ .

abqu

ideküi

ta ayuqu kereg ügei. šal kemekü dayun the taking (Ger. das Nehmen), that which one takes the eating (Ger. das Essen), that which one eats Your fearing (is) without reason. a sound saying 'splash'

Furthermore, it is used as a finite form with future meaning. či mayad ükükü. You will surely die.

It may take the negatives ügei or ülü. There is an archaic plural form in -qun/-kün.

aqun bükün

those who are, live those who exist; everything b) The present participle, or nomen actoris, ends in  $-(u)\gamma \dot{c}i/-(\ddot{u})g\dot{c}i$ , and since it is concrete, denoting a real thing, it may have a plural, which is in -d (archaic plural in -n). The negation is  $\ddot{u}l\ddot{u}$ .

abuyči idegči qudalduyči šal kemegči yayun bui? he who is taking, the taking one he who is eating, the eating one the seller, merchant What is that which says 'splash'?

c) The preterite participle, or nomen concretum, describes a concrete action or the concrete result of an action. It ends in  $-(u)\gamma san/-(\ddot{u})gsen$ . Its plural is in -d (before which -n disappears),  $-(u)\gamma sad/-(\ddot{u})gsed$ . The negations are  $\ddot{u}gei$  or  $\ddot{u}l\ddot{u}$ .

 $abu\gamma san$ 

idegsen

abuysad

qamiya iregsen bui?

bi sonosuysan bülüge.

qamuy-i daruysan bayatur.

he who has taken, that which has been taken

he who has eaten, that which has been eaten

the taken things, those things one has taken

'Where is it having come?', i.e., Where did it come from?

I am one having heard (it); I am the one who heard it.

The hero who has conquered everything.

§ 31. Declension of Verbal Nouns. Being nouns, these forms may have plurals (except for the abstract infinitive), and be declined according to their use in the sentence. Since person is not expressed in a form like kemeküi-dür, lit. 'in the saying', it may be drawn from the subject, 'he', 'in his saying', i.e., when he said.

# a) Genitive.

teimü nigen yajar-a ireküi-yin čimege-yi bi sonosuysan bülüge.

jimis unaqu-yin dayun

I am the one who heard a noise come to such and such a place.

the noise of fruit falling

# b) Accusative.

dayun yarqu-yi taulai sonosuyad When the hares heard the sound coming out (resounding)

c) Locative. The literal meaning of 'in, in that' can often be translated by 'when'.

ünege ber 'yaγun bui' kemeküi-dür

čandan-i abču oduysan-dur

When the fox said 'What is that?'

When he went out, taking the sandalwood

d) Ablative. This may be translated by 'from, since, because of' and so on.

kedün taulai aysan-ača

arsalan taulai qoyar qamtu baiysan-ača From there being some hares, or, since there were some hares...

Because of a lion's being together with a hare...

e) Instrumental. This is most often used with the form in  $-\gamma san$ , which combines with the ending  $-\gamma ar$  (an alternate form of -bar) to yield  $-\gamma sa\gamma ar/-gseger$ . It may be translated 'while, by, owing to, what with' and so forth.

maši olan kürüged ayun dutayaysayar . . .

kürkü-ber

Owing to the coming of a great many who had become frightened and fled ...

ituritu-oci

f) Comitative.

qudalduyči-luya bolyaqui-luya qamtuda with a merchant in addition to making ...

in order to arrive

## Reading Selection

## III. The Timid Hares\*

urida nigen nayur-un dergede kedün taulai aysan-ača usun-u köbege-deki¹ modun-u jimis nayur-tur unaqui-dur šal kemekü dayun yarqu-yi taulai sonosuyad ayuju dutayayad ünegen-e učiraysan-dur ünege ber 'yayun bui' kemeküi-dür, taulai ber 'šal irebei' kemegsen-dür ünege basa du-buyabai². tere metü ulamjilan sonosuyad maši olan kürüged ayun dutayaysayar, nigen arsalan-dur kürčü ögülegsen-dür arsalan ber 'šal kemegči yayun bui, qamiya iregsen bui' kemeküi-dür, tedeger³ ber öber öberün⁴ ken-eče sonosuysan-iyan dam dam asayuysayar, taulai-dur tulqui-dur taulai ber 'teimü nigen yajar-a ireküi-yin čimege-yi bi sonosuysan bülüge' kemeged bügüde-yi dayayulju, tere nayur-un jaqa-dur kürüged küliyejü baitala⁵, nigen jimis unayad šal gejü dayun yaruysan-dur, taulai ber 'ene bülüge' kemebei. tegün-e arsalan ber 'ene inu jimis unaqu-yin dayun bui-ja. ta ayuqu kereg ügei' kemejü bügüde-yi amuyululuya⁵.

<sup>\*</sup> Subhāṣita 5, fol. 5 r.

<sup>1</sup> köbege-deki, 'at the edge of'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This first sentence is not long by Mongolian standards. The student may compare his translation with that given in Lesson Six, § 32.

<sup>3</sup> tedeger, or tede, is the nom. pl. of the demonstrative pronoun tere, this (gen. tegün-ü, etc.).

<sup>4</sup> öber öberün ken-eče, 'from whom they themselves (had heard it)'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> baitala. Translate 'while they stood'.

<sup>6</sup> amuyululuya. The perfect tense in -luya is used to conclude a narrative.

## Vocabulary 5

a- to be amuyul- to calm arsalan lion bai- to be; to stand bi I  $b\ddot{u}$ - to be, to exist či thou, you (2nd p. sg.) čimege sound, noise daya- to follow dayayul- to cause to follow after dayu(n) sound, noise dam dam one after the other daru- to press, conquer dergede beside; towards; before dutaya- to flee ge- to say -ja indeed, to be sure jaqa edge, shore *jimis* fruit, berries kedün some, several kereg cause, matter, reason köbege edge, border küliye- to wait

kür- to come, to arrive mayad surely, certainly metü postposition, like nayur lake öber self, oneself qamiya where qamtuda = qamtu postp., together sayu- to sit, dwell sonos- to hear šal 'splash' (onomatapoetic) ta you (2nd p. pl.) taulai hare tedeger these (pl. of tere) tegün- oblique of tere tul- to get to, to reach učira- to meet ulam jilan gradually una- to fall urida previously, once ügei postposition, without ükü- to die ülü particle, no, not  $\ddot{u}nege(n)$  fox

# Lesson Six

Contents. Style; remaining finite forms (in -luya, -juqui, and -yu); remaining gerunds (reporting, purpose, condition, terminative). Reading Selection: IV. The Lion and the Hare.

§ 32. Style. Mongolian documents in the 17th century still retain a terse direct style of reporting, reflecting no doubt the oral style of narration. Towards the end of the 17th century, however, it became fashionable and elegant to extend sentences to great lengths by substituting gerunds for finite forms and otherwise prolonging the thought. In fact, the longer the sentence, the more literary was considered to be the style. An early text displaying this tendency is the Chronicle of Saγang Sečen (also called Sanang Sečen) dating from 1662. The new style arose under the influence of literary Tibetan. In English, of course, these involved constructions must be broken up into smaller parts, with generous use of clauses.

Sample sentence.

urida nigen nayur-un dergede kedün taulai aysan-ača usun--u köbege-deki modun-u jimis nayur-tur unaqui-dur šal keLiteral translation.

Once upon a time, owing to some hares living beside a lake, the hares, hearing a noise resound, saying 'splash', of fruit from a tree mekü dayun yarqu-yi taulai sonosuyad ayuju dutayayad ünegen-e učiraysan-dur ünege ber 'yayun bui' kemeküi-dur, taulai ber 'šal irebei' kemegsen-dür ünege basa dutayabai.

at the water's edge falling into the lake, becoming frightened and fleeing, and having met a fox, and the fox having said, "What is it?", and the hares saying, "A noise came", the fox fled thereupon.

# Literary translation

Once upon a time, there were some hares who lived beside a lake. Fruit from a tree at the water's edge fell into the lake. The hares, when they heard a sound saying 'splash' resound, became frightened and fled. They met a fox, who said, "What is it?" The hares said, "A noise came." The fox thereupon fled.

The following sentence is a good illustration of the use of the various subordinating gerunds<sup>1</sup>.

bi morin-i aqa-ača erin abču degü-degen ögüged, tere inu tegün-i nada-ača abču, bi aryamji abura ger dotora orotala, degü ber ken-dür yayun-i ču ögülel ügegüye mordoju odbai.

I went and got the horse from my elder brother and gave it to my younger brother, who took it from me and while I went into the tent to get a rope, younger brother, not saying anything to anyone, went riding off.

# § 33. Remaining Finite Forms.

a) Perfect. The perfect tense ends in  $-(u)lu\gamma a/-(\ddot{u})l\ddot{u}ge$ .

abuluya idelüge

he has taken he has eaten

This states a fact of completed action, and the situation thus established. It is often found on the closing verb in a narration (cf. texts to date).

Dharma-bala-yi qayan bolya- They have made Dharma-bala king.

b) Verb in -čuqui/-čüküi (-juqui/-jüküi after vowels and -l). This form gives objective statements about the general state of affairs at a given moment. It may not occur with the first person.

abčuqui idejüküi

tariyan-dur irbis orojuqui.

A panther has got loose on the fields.

tere tüšimel ese boljuqui. ireged üjeged deilejüküi.

He did not become his minister. Veni, vidi, vici.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From I. J. Schmidt, Grammatik der Mongolischen Sprache, St. Petersburg, 1831, p. 65.

c) Verb in  $-(u)yu/-(\ddot{u})y\ddot{u}$ . This form is used in general statements which are valid irrespective of time.

abuuuideyü

nigültü kilinča üiledbesü, ami- If living beings commit sinful tan tamu-dur unayu. acts, they fall into hell.

# $\S~34.$ Remaining Gerunds.

a) Gerund of Reporting. Verbs of saying, speaking, etc. (verba declarandi), have a special form to introduce direct speech. It ends in -(u)run/

 $\ddot{o}g\ddot{u}ler\ddot{u}n$  $asa_{\gamma urun}$ jarliy bolurun

(thus) saving inquiring (as follows) commanding, declaiming (of royal personages, 'saying')

b) Gerund of Purpose. Intention or purpose is expressed by the ending -(u)ra/-(u)re, which may be translated by 'for, to, in order to'. The negation is ulu.

aburaidere oi ayula-yi yaiqara

in order to behold the woods and mountain

julj $a\gamma an$ -iyan idere

in order to eat her own young

c) Conditional Gerund. This form denotes an act which is a necessary condition (logical or temporal) of the following action coming into effect, and has the ending -basu/-besü (-ubasu etc. after b and r). It may be translated by a clause in 'if, when' (cf. the dual meaning of Ger. wenn). The negation is ese.

abubasu $idebes \ddot{u}$ qola-ača qarbuju alabasu

When they killed it, by shooting from afar

teimü busu bolbasu

If it be otherwise (than) so

The modern language uses a form in -bala | -bele.

d) Terminative Gerund. This form indicates an action, which when finished permits the main action to begin. It ends in -tala/-tele, and may be translated by 'while, as soon as, as long as'. The negation is ülü.

> abtalaidetele

nayur-un jaqa-dur küliyejü While they stood waiting at the baitala kürtele

edge of the lake going as far as; until

#### Reading Selection

#### IV. The Lion and the Hare\*

nigen yajar-a arsalan taulai qoyar qamtu baiysan-ača, arsalan ber taulai-dur ürgülji omoylaju doromjilan jobayaqui-dur taulai qaširan qorosqu sanaya tōrōjü yabuysan-ača¹ nigen yeke usutu gün quduy-i üjeged arsalan-dur ögülerün: 'abayai a, tanu yayun kemegsen bükün-i 5 bi küliyekü bolbaču², ende nigen amitan ber "üneger küčütei bolbasu nada-luya temečigtün³, teimü busu bolbasu minu boyol bui" kemejü bainam' kemegsen-dür, arsalan omoy || anu badaraju 'qamiya bainam? tegün-i nadur üjegül' kemegsen-dür taulai ber quduy-un dergede abačiyad 'egün-ü dotora baina' kemegsen-e arsalan önggüijü üjeged, niyur-iyan 10 aturiyulqu ba soyoya-ban irjailyaqu terigüten-i üiledküi-dür, usun-u dotora ču mön teimü dürsü yaruysan-i amitan bolyan sanaju quduy-un dotora qaraiyad ükügsen-iyer, taulai ber noyalayči ügei bolju amurčiluya.

#### Vocabulary 6

a vocative particle abači- to lead, conduct away abayai master (address to superior), sire amitan being, creature amurči- to live in peace and quiet arvamji rope aturivul- to wrinkle ba and badara- to flame up boyol slave bögesü if there be busu other, otherwise bükün everything deile- to surpass, conquer doromjila- to humiliate, insult dotor interior, inner dotor-a in, inside dürsü form, shape ese no, not gün deep vaiqa- to regard with wonder var- to go out; to assume, take on irjailya-to bare teeth (at one another) jarliy decree, order, edict jarliy bol- to command, proclaim; of a royal figure, to say, speak *jobaya*- to torment juljaγa(n) young, offspring kilinča sin, fault küčü(n) strength küčütei strong küliye- to wait; to endure mordo- to ride off, depart mon deictic particle, just that one nivur face nigültü sinful noyalayči tyrant omoy pride, arrogance omoyla- to be proud ögülel word, statement önggüi- to stick one's head out qarai- to spring, leap qašira- to become bored qoros- to become angry sanaya thought, memory soyoya eyeteeth

<sup>\*</sup> Subhāsita 2, fol. 40 r.

<sup>1</sup> yabuysan-ača, freely, 'because he had got into an angry frame of mind'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> bükün-i bi küliyekü bolbacu, 'although I am one who has endured everything'.

<sup>3</sup> nada-luya temečigtün, 'let him contend with me'.

tamu hell
temeči- to contend, quarrel
terigü(n) head, beginning
terigüten those things at the beginning, the rest, et cetera
törö- to be born, to arise

ügegüye not
üiled- to do, perform
üjegül- to cause to see, to show
üneger indeed, truthfully
ürgülji incessant
yabu- to travel, wander, go

#### Lesson Seven

Contents. Personal pronouns; reflexive pronouns; demonstrative pronouns; interrogative and indefinite pronouns; remaining verbal nouns (in  $-da\gamma$ ,  $-\gamma a$ , and -l); adversative gerund (in  $-ba\check{c}u$ ); causative voice; mediopassive voice. Reading Selection: V. The Throne Robber. NB. Owing to the length of Lesson Seven, two study periods are best devoted to it.

§ 35. Personal Pronouns. The Mongolian personal pronouns have the same declensional endings as do regular nouns, the only difference being that there are some slightly different forms in the nominative, genitive and accusative for the 1st p. sg. & pl. and the 2nd p. sg.

	Singula	r
Nom.	bi I	či you (thou)
Gen.	minu	činu
Acc.	nama-yi	$\check{c}ima\text{-}yi$
DatLoc.	nadur	$\check{c}ima\check{d}ur$
Ablat.	$nada\check{c}a$	$\check{c}ima\check{c}a$
Instr.	nada- $bar$	$\check{c}ima\text{-}bar$
Comit.	nada-luya	$\check{c}ima$ - $lu\gamma a$
_	Plural	
Nom.	ba we	ta you
$\operatorname{Gen}$ .	manu	tanu
Acc.	mani	tani
DatLoc.	mandur	tandur
Ablat.	$mana\check{c}a$	$tana\check{c}a$
Instr.	maniyar	taniyar
Comit.	manluya	$tanlu\gamma a$
dural of "T"	·	ot include the person add

The plural of "I" is exclusive (i.e., does not include the person addressed), because it originally meant 'I and the ones about me'. The inclusive plural (you + I = we) is bide (gen. biden- $\ddot{u}$ , etc.).

Verbal forms do not necessarily use accompanying personal pronouns, this information being derived from the context.

The genitives of the personal pronouns, minu, činu, manu, bidenü and tanu, correspond to the pronominal adjectives 'my, your, our' in English.

minu boyol the slave of me, my slave

To express 'mine, yours, ours' etc., the suffix -qai/-kei, 'the one pertaining to', is used. It also occurs with some other pronouns.

činükei yours, that pertaining to you, "das deinige"

§ 36. Reflexive Pronouns. The reflexive pronoun may be expressed by forms of the word ober (oger), self. This pronoun may occur with all three persons, and may be the nominative subject of a clause.

Nom. ōber(-iyen) Gen. öber-ün Acc. ōber-iyen Dat.-Loc. öber-tegen

A circumlocution, beye minu, my body, myself, is also used in the

§ 37. Demonstrative Pronouns. The pronoun of the third person is not generally expressed, for which reason these have now largely disappeared. The only forms remaining of \*i, he, are inu, and (rarely) imayi and imadur From \* imadur. From \*a, they, the form anu remains. The demonstratives ene, this, and tere, that, may serve as substitute

for a pronoun of the third person.

Nom.	Singular	
Gen. Acc. DatLoc. Ablat. Instr. Comit.	ene this egün-ü egün-i egün-dür egün-eče egün-iyer egün-lüge	tere that tegün-ü tegün-i tegün-dür tegün-eče tegün-iyer tegün-lüge

#### Plural Nom. ede these tede those Gen. eden-ü teden-ii. Acc. eden-iDat.-Loc. teden-i eden-diir teden-dür Ablat. eden-eče teden-eče Instr. eden-iyer teden-iver Comit. eden-lüge teden-lüge

The forms ede and tede have the alternate, more emphatic forms edeger and tedeger (from ede + ber, tede + ber)<sup>1</sup>, gen. edeger-ün, tedeger-ün. The words eimü and teimü, such, such a, are declined as in the table above (gen. eimü-yin, teimü-yin).

öber, öger debel. degel cloak -bar, -garinstrumental case

The alternation of g/b, which can also be observed elsewhere, is due to a confusion of two originally distinct spirants, which both disappeared at an early stage of the history of the Mongolian language, and which consequently appear in the written language now as b, now as g.

## § 38. Indefinite and Interrogative Pronouns.

These pronouns are indefinite in dependent clauses and interrogative in main clauses: ken irebesü 'if somebody comes', ken irelüge 'Who came?' In case of ambiguity ba or ber is added to characterize a pronoun as indefinite: ken ber iremüi 'Someone is coming'.

ken, pl. ked who yayun what aliwhich (out of a limited number) uambarwhat kind kedün how many; several keĭiue when qamiyawhere ker how ker be if ali ... ali either ... or

## § 39. Remaining Verbal Nouns.

a) The iterative noun is a form expressing iterative or repeating action, and may also denote frequentative or customary action. It ends in  $-(u)da\gamma/-(\ddot{u})deg$ . It is one of the grammatical forms that grows more frequent in recent MSS. Its negative is  $\ddot{u}gei$ .

abuday frequent or habitual taking, he who repeatedly takes frequent or habitual eating, he who repeatedly eats ordinary, usual

b) The continuative noun denotes an action which is always or continuously done. It ends in  $-\gamma a/-ge$ , and after -i, in -ya/-ye.

abuya he who always takes idege he who always eats sanaya that which is always thought, a memory tariya that which is cultivated, a field

The negative used is ügei.

c) Noun in -l. This form sees action not taken in any particular way. It ends in  $-(u)l/-(\ddot{u})l$ .

 $\begin{array}{ccc} abul & & \text{a taking} \\ irel & & \text{a going} \\ ayul & & \text{fright} \\ sanal & & \text{thought, memory} \\ t\"{o}r\"{o}l & & \text{birth} \end{array}$ 

inayši irel ügei without coming over here

The negative is *ügei*, and the form is often used with the negative. This form may also take a direct object.

ači-yi sanal ügegüi

having no memory of good deeds

§ 40. Adversative Gerund. This form has the meaning 'although, though, in spite of' and ends in  $-ba\check{c}u/-be\check{c}\check{u}$ . It derives from the preterite  $-ba(i)+\check{c}u$ , an emphatic particle. The negation is ese.

bolbaču kemebečü although he is one who even though he said

§ 41. Causative Voice. The meanings of to cause an action to be performed, to have an action done, to see that someone does an action, or to leave it to another to perform an action are expressed in Mongolian by the causative voice of the verb. This is formed with the suffixes  $-\gamma a - |-ge|$  (after b, d and s: -qa - |-ke| and after i: -ya - |-ye|) and  $-\gamma ul - |-gil|$  (chiefly after vowels). With verb stems in  $-\gamma u$ - haplology produced forms like (preclassical)  $sa\gamma ul$ - 'to set' from  $sa\gamma u$ - 'to sit', which were then reinforced by the normal suffix  $-\gamma a$ -:  $sa\gamma ul\gamma a$ -. This suffix  $-l\gamma a - |-lge|$  has now been extended to many vowel stems.

üĭeüjegülto make see, to show ideideqülto give to eat, to feed sayuto sit sayulyato seat, to appoint bolto be, to become bolyato cause to be, to make bučato turn back, return (intr.) bučaya. to make turn back, return (tr.) emüsto dress (intr.) emüsketo clothe, dress (tr.) bosto rise bosqato raise jokito be suitable, fit in jokiyato compose, create, fashion bayuto descend, to camp bayulyato cause to descend, to settle in a camp (tr.)

§ 42. Medio-Passive Voice. The passive of Western languages is the mere opposite of the transitive-intransitive dichotomy of the active voice. The Mongolian medio-passive, however, is not in opposition to the active voice, but another function of it, and, in that the action reflects on the subject, middle as well. The passive is, in effect, construed as a medial causative. The endings are  $-\gamma da$ -|-gde- after vowels and -da-|-de- after consonants. After b, d, g, r and g, the ending is -ta-|-te-.

ababtaideidegülidegdebaribariyulbariytato take
to be taken
to eat
to give to eat
to give (one's self to someone) to
eat, to be eaten
to seize, take

to cause to take, to hand over to cause (somebody else) to take (the speaker), to be taken

Agency with the passive is expressed by the dative case.

qayan bars-tur miqa idegülbei qayan bars-tur idegdebei The king let the tiger eat meat
The king let the tiger eat him:
the king was eaten by the tiger

## Reading Selection

#### V. The Throne Robber\*

dumda oron-u nigen qayan ber Ruto neretü nigen jiyasuči kümün-i tüšimel bolyan debšigülügsen-iyer tere mayu kümün küčütü boluyad ači-yi sanal ügegüi qayan-i qoroyan, qayan-u köbegün Dharma-bala kiged Bala neretü qoyar-i kögejü orkiyad, öber-iyen qayan-u širegen-e sayuju, uridaki qayan-u tüšimel Šinti-bikrahi neretü-dür 'čima-yi buu alasuyai¹, minu tüšimel bol²' kemegsen-e tere tüšimel ese boljuqui. tegün-e tere tüšimel-i bariju nigen gün quduy-un dotora oroyuluyad edür-ün nijeged³ emkü yulir ba nigen uyuči || usun-iyar jilmegüljü yurban sara boluysan-u qoina yaryaju irebesü mašida ečiged šira üsün inu segseijü tamir yekede doroidaysan ajuyu⁴. tegün-e 'edüge minu tüšimel bol' kemebečü ese boluysan-dur, tere mayu qayan ögülerün 'ene sain uqayatai tula alabasu qairan bainam⁵; daisun tula egün-i sayulyaju ülü bolqu; kijayar-tur čülejü kögegtün6' kemejü kögelgebei. tendeče tere tüšimel ber uridaki qayan-u qoyar köbegün-i erigseger

tenaece tere tüšimel ber uridaki qayan-u qoyar kobegün-i eriyseyei 15 yabuju, nigen yajar-a olan keüked dotora baiqu-yi oluyad tejiyejü üčügen ösügsen čay-tur nigen širege jasaju Dharma-bala-yi sayulyayad, tüšimel öber-iyen öljei orošiyulgu terigüten sain beleg jokiyabai.

<sup>\*</sup> Subhāṣita 2, fol. 26 v., ff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> čima-yi buu alasuyai, lit., don't let me have to kill you, i.e., I shall not kill you.

bol, the pure stem serves as imperative of the 2nd p. sg., 'be, become'.

<sup>3</sup> edür-ün nijeged, 'once a day'.

ajuγu, translate 'being, was (were)'.
 qairan bainam, 'that would be a pity'.

<sup>6</sup> kögegtün, 'drive him away'.

ičigen ösügsen, 'grown to young manhood'.

<sup>\*</sup> terigüten sain beleg jokiyabai, 'he bestowed all manner of good gifts and similar things'.

tegüneče ulam-iyar albatu ulus-i baya saya olju čögeken čerig beledüged, tedegerün unulya-dur imayta eme jayan-i čuylayulju bajayabai.

20 tegüneče jiyasuči qayan-dur čeriglejü oduysan-dur tere qayan olan čerig abču mordoju ireged, || olan yeke jayan-nuyud-i talbiqui-dur inadu Dharmabala-yin čerig ber eme jayan-nuyud-i üytuyulju talbibai. tedeger yeke jayan-nuyud ber eme jayan-nuyud-i üjeged inayši irel ügei gedergü bučaju öber-ün čerig-iyen tobray bolyaqui-luya qamtuda Dharmabala-yin čerig ber biyasuči-yin čerig-i kögeged mašida doroidayulju törö-yi inu buliyayad Dharma-bala-yi širegen-e sayulyaju qayan bolyaluya.

#### Vocabulary 7

ači good deed, benefaction albatu subject, inferior ali which (of several), where, what ba and; we baya saya little by little baiday usual, ordinary bajaya- to prepare, arrange beled- to prepare, set up beleg gift, present beye body, self bide we (inclusive) buliya- to take possession of buča- to turn back buu prohibitive particle čerig soldier; army; war čerigle- to wage war či thou, you čima- oblique stem of či čögeken some few čuylayul- to collect, assemble čüle- to banish daisun enemy debšigül- to appoint; promote doroida- to be weakened doroidayul- to vanquish dumda middle, center dumda oron middle land, i. e., India; China eče- to grow thin, emaciate edüge now edür day

egün- oblique stem of ene emkü mouthful, morsel, bit eri- to seek, request gedergü back yarya- to take out, bring out yulir meal, ground grain ideade- to be eaten idegül- to feed, give to eat imayta exclusive, sole inadu existing, on this side inayši hither, to this side jayan elephant (pl. -nuyud) jasa- to found, set up jiyasu(n) fish *jiyasuči* fisherman Jilmegül- to punish jokiya- to make, fashion beleg jokiya- to give gifts kejiye once, when ker how  $ke\ddot{u}ken$  child (pl. -d) ki- to make, construct kiged and *kijayar* border, edge, shore köge- to turn out, hunt down kögelge- to have driven away mayu bad, evil, poor manu- oblique stem of ba mašida very, extremely minu- oblique stem of bi mordo- to set out, travel nadur, namayi see bi

inayši irel ügei ..., 'Without coming over here (to our battle lines), they turned back, and what with (the elephants) having trampled their own soldiers into the dust, the army of Dharma-bala routed ...'.

nijeged one at a time orki- to cast, break, loose (perfectivizing auxiliary) oroyul- to place in, have enter oron place; opportunity orošivul- to establish, bring about, introduce öber-iyen oneself öljei fortune, happiness ös- to grow up qaira(n) love, sympathy, pity qamtuda with, together with (postpositional) qoina after, since (postp.) qoroya- to kill sayulya- to seat, appoint sanal remembrance, memory, thought sara(n) moon, month segsei- to bristle šira yellow

širege(n) table, throne talbi- to put, place, arrange tamir power, force tanu- oblique stem of ta tegün-e in this then tejiye- to rear, bring up tende-eče from there, thereupon tobray dust, ground törö kingdom, law töröl birth uytuyul- to meet, send to meet uvuči swallow, gulp unulya riding animal ugaya(n) reason, intellect ugayatai intelligent ügegüi not existing üjegül- to show ülü no, not iisiin hair yambar which, what sort yekede greatly to a high degree

### Lesson Eight

Contents. Reciprocal voice; particles (negative, interrogative, prohibitive, vocative); postpositions; numerals (cardinal, ordinal, collective). Reading Selection: VI. The Hungry Tigress (Part One).

§ 43. Reciprocal Voice. The reciprocal voice denotes action performed by several persons in cooperation, either working against one another or for each other. Its suffixes are  $-ldu-/-ld\ddot{u}$ - and  $-l\check{c}a-/-l\check{c}e$ -.

keme- to say kemeldü- to say as with one voice asayu- to ask asayulča- to ask each other

There is however a distinct tendency to use -ldu- about reciprocal relations and -lča- about joint actions:

barito take, to seize barilduto seize each other, to wrestle ideidelčeto eat something together yabuto wander, to travel to journey together (as a family) yabulčato fight one another (not a common alalduenemy) to trade, to buy and sell qudaldu-

#### § 44. Particles.

a) Negative. Negation is expressed in Mongolian by the use of the particles ese, ülü, which occur before the verb, or by the nouns busu, ügei, which occur after a noun or verbal noun.

ese boljuqui ese abubai. irekü ügei. he did not become He did not buy it. He will not come.

Both particles occur with all non-nominal finite forms except the imperatives etc. The particle ese must be used with certain gerunds and verbal nouns and ülü with other forms. ügei has the meaning of 'non-existence'. busu really means 'other, different' and still retains that meaning when it precedes the element modified.

busu morin morin busu morin üqei another horse different from a horse. without a horse

b) The prohibitive particle is buu, do not. It serves to negate imperatives.

\*\tilde{c}ima-yi \text{ buu alasuyai.} \text{ Don't let me have to kill you;} \text{I shall not kill you.}

c) The interrogative particle is u or uu (after a vowel, yu).

yeke  $qa\gamma an$ -u ene  $m\ddot{o}n$  u?

Is this here the great king's?

d) Vocative particles. In addressing or calling to a person (especially of higher position), the particles ai and a are often used. ai occurs before the noun, and a after it.

ai qoyar aqa minu abayai a

Oh, my two elder brothers! Oh, master!

§ 45. Postpositions. Prepositions as such are unknown in Mongolian. Instead, the language possesses a number of postpositions, mostly of nominal origin, which occur after the word with which they form a phrase.

qudalduyči-luya qamtu tere metü ene sain tula yurban sara qoina minu tula

together with a merchant like this, in this manner because he (is) good after three months on account of me

The negative *ügei* occurs in a postposed position. Some other words also occur after the nouns with which they are associated in meaning, and are mostly in the dative-locative case.

noyalayči ügei kereg ügei minu morin ügei-yin tula bars-un emüne oi-yin dotor-a deger-e

without a tyrant
without cause, there is no reason
because I have no horse
in front of the tiger
in the forest
above, over

#### § 46. Numerals.

a) The cardinal numerals are as follows.

1.	nigen	10.	arban
2.	qoyar	20.	qorin
3.	yurban	30.	yučin
4.	$d\ddot{o}rben$	40.	$dar{o}centce{c}in$
<b>5</b> .	tabun	50.	tabin
6.	jiryuyan	60.	jiran
7.	$dolo\gamma an$	70.	dalan
8.	naiman	80.	nayan
9.	$yis \ddot{u}n$	90.	yeren

100. jayun 1,000. mingyan 10,000. tümen

b) The ordinal numerals are formed with the suffix -duyar/-düger, e.g., naimaduyar, eighth. The word terigün, 'head, beginning' also occurs in the meaning of 'first', as does angqaduyar (from angqan, 'beginning'). The word kedün, 'how many', has a form kedüdüger, 'what number, how many?'. A few numbers have slightly irregular forms in the ordinal series.

qoyaduyarsecondyutayarthirddötögerfourthtabtayarfifth

c) Collective numerals, meaning 'a group of two, three' etc., may be formed with the suffix  $-\gamma ula/-g\ddot{u}le$ .

qoyayula the two of them yurbayula the three of them dörbegüle the four of them olayula many at a time

To express 'so many at a time' the ending  $-\gamma ad/-ged$  is used, i.e., nijeged, one at a time,  $\gamma urba\gamma ad$ , three at a time. They are plurals in -d, starting from  $jir\gamma u\gamma ad$  and  $dolo\gamma ad$ , which latter forms have then influenced the rest of the numerals. To express the number of times, the suffix -ta/-te is used: nigente, once, qoyarta, twice,  $\gamma urbanta$ , thrice, etc.

## Reading Selection

## VI. The Hungry Tigress (Part One)

The text is transcribed after I. J. Schmidt, Grammatik der Mongolischen Sprache, St. Petersburg, 1831, pp. 131—134. Some variant readings are added from the xylograph in the Copenhagen collection of the üliger-ün dalai, fol. 13 v. ff. (Peking, 1714).

Words in parentheses occur in the Schmidt text, but not in the xylograph, and words in brackets occur in the xylograph but not in Schmidt's

text. The sign / divides the variant readings, first Schmidt, then the 

sake of clarity. If the student desires to begin the reading of Mongolian script now, let him turn directly to the section in this book on the Mongolian script. After study of this section, he may then begin the story in the native After study of the transcription below as a guide and check.

To aid in ready reference, the sign | denotes the division of lines in

the script section.

erte toya tomši ügei¹ nögčigsen galab-un urida anu, ene čambudvib-tur Yeke Terge<sup>2</sup> neretü qayan bülüge. tere qayan-dur qariya-\|-tu mingyan toyatan (üčügüken | üčügen) qad buyu, yurban köbegün buyu; yeke köbegün anu Maha-Nada neretü buyu, dumdatu köbegün anu Maha-5 -Diba nere-tü buyu, odqan köbegün anu Maha-Saduva neretü (bolai | buyu). tere odgan köbegün anu ücügen-eče asaraqui nigülesküi ∥ sedkiltü boluyad, qamuy bügüde-yi yayča köbegün-dür adali sedkimüi3. tere čay-tur tere qayan anu noyad tüsimed qatud | selte-ber oi ayula-yi yaiqara üjen oduyad sayun büküi-dür, yurban köbegün ber oi-yin 10 dotora yaiqara oduysan-dur, | nigen bars juljayalaju maši ölösün umdayasču juljayan-iyan idere kürküi üjejü, tedüi odqan köbegün anu qoyar aqa-\| -nar-tur-iyan ögülerün: 'ai qoyar aqa minu, ene ölögčin bars anu öl ügei boluysan-iyar juljayan-iyan idemüi', kemen | ögülegsen--dür, qoyar aqa (inu anu) ögülerün 'ene bars maši ölösügsen-iyer 15 mayad juljayan-iyan idemiii-ja', kemen ögülegsen-\|-diir, basa odqan köbegün anu qoyar aqa-dayan ögülerün 'ene bars-un ideši yayun (bui kemen)' asayuysan-dur, qoyar aqa-\|\ -nar anu ögülerün, 'aliba sine alaysan noitan miqa čisun bögesü<sup>5</sup>, bars-un ideši buyu-ja', kemen ögülegsen-dür, basa odqan | köbegün ögülerün, 'ken ber öber-ün miqa cisyan inga sain il 20 čisun-iyar egün-ü amin-i aburan čidamui?'6 kemen asayuysan-dur, qoyar aqa anu ögüler-\| -ün 'teimü maši berke üiles-iyer egün-ü amin-i (aburaqui | aburaysan) ken čidamui?' kemen ögülebesü, tedüi odqan köbegün inu ein kemen sedkimüi, || 'bi öni orčilang-dur orčiju', amin beyeben toγa tomši ügei qoor qomsa bolyaluya<sup>8</sup> ; jarim-dur inu tačiyangγui

2 'yeke terge' renders the Sanskrit name Mahā-ratha. The other names in the next sentence are Mahā-nada, Mahā-deva and Mahā-sattva.

8 amin . . . bolyaluya, 'I have made my living body's countless evils insigni-

ficant'.

<sup>1</sup> toya tomši ügei, 'amount without number', i.e., countless. The entire phrase reads 'Once upon a time, countless past ages ago ....

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> qamuy . . . sedkimüi, 'considered everything and everyone like (he would) an only son'.

<sup>4</sup> idere kürküi, 'on the point of eating'. bögesü, 'what there may be', i.e., any.

ken ber ... čidamui? 'Can anyone ...?'

bi öni ... orčiju. 'I, turning in long turnings', refers to the Buddhistic concept of the wheel of life. Translate 'I have been revolving on the wheel of life for a long time'.

25 tula, || jarim-dur anu urin(-u) tula, jarim-dur anu mungqay-un tulada, qabiya tusa ügei bolyaysan buyu-ja9. nom-un tulada öglige || ögkü oron-luya [ese] učiraju bülüge¹0. edüge qabiya tusa bolyaqu-yin tulada beyeben egün-dür ögsügei'¹¹¹ kemen sedkijü bürün, || tedüi yurbayula qariju ireküi jayura, odqan köbegün anu qoyar aqa-dayan ein kemen ö ögülerün, 'ta qoyayula uridqan-a || yabutuyai¹²'.

#### Vocabulary 8\*

abura- to save, rescue ai vocative particle, Oh! alaldu- to kill, fight one another ali-ba every, any ami(n) life, spirit, soul angga(n) beginning asara- to commiserate, sympathize barildu- to wrestle berke hard, strong, difficult bolai = buyučambudvib world, Indian continent čida- to be able; can dalai sea degere above, over ein such, so, in this manner emüne in front of erte once, once upon a time galab eon, age γαγča only, sole, alone γaiqa- to behold, admire, consider with wonder idelče- to eat together ideši food, meals jayura while, during jarim some juljayala- to give birth to juljayan young, offspring mayad certain(ly) mingyan thousand

mön deictic particle, just that one mungqay ignorance niaüles- to commiserate, be merciful, sympathize nijeged one at a time noitan fresh, moist nom belief, doctrine, religion. nögči- to pass (of time) [dharma orči- to turn orčilang revolution öglige alms, charity öl food ölögčin female animal ölös- to be hungry öni long qabiya benefit, use, profit gamuy all, everything qari- to return qariya subject qariyatu subordinate, vassal qomsa little, lowly goor evil, deceit sedki- to think sedkil thought sedkiltü disposed selte party, company; together with šine new

tačiyang- to desire, love

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> qabiya tusa ... buyu-ja, 'have indeed become (persons) without profit or use'.

<sup>10</sup> ögkü ... bülüge, 'I have met with (no) opportunity to give ...'.

<sup>11</sup> ögsügei, 'let me give, I am going to give'.

<sup>12</sup> yabutuyai, imperative, 'do (you two) go on (a little ahead)'.

<sup>\*</sup> To conserve space, the cardinal and other numbers in the lesson text are not entered in the vocabulary, but will all be found in the Glossary.

<sup>4</sup> Grønbech

tačiyangyu desire, love
tedüi immediately, thereupon
terge wagon, chariot
toya number, amount
toyatan numbered
tomši (now obsolete), number
tomši ügei countless
tula, tulada postp., on account of,
in order to

tusa usefulness, utility
umdayas- to be thirsty
uridqan a little ahead, in front of
urin anger
üčügen little, small; youth, young
üčügüken minor, subordinate
üile deed, action, matter
üliger story, tale
yabulča- to journey together

#### Lesson Nine

Contents. Imperatives; use of the accusative; the verb 'to be'; adverbs & conjunctions. Reading Selection: VI. The Hungry Tigress (Part Two).

§ 47. Imperatives.

a) The normal imperative of the 2nd p. is expressed by the pure stem.

ab take ide eat

minu tüšimel bol. Be my minister!

The polite form has the ending  $-(u)\gamma tun/-(\ddot{u})gt\ddot{u}n$  (archaic  $-dqun/-dk\ddot{u}n$ ).

abuytun take idegtün eat köqeatün Drive

Drive (him) away!

b) The intentional imperative is used in the 1st and 2nd persons, and ends in  $-su\gamma ai/-sugei$  (archaic texts have -su/-su).

absuyai
idesügei
I am going to take, let me take
I am going to eat, let me eat
I am going to give, let me give.

c) The voluntative imperative, which may have cohortative overtones, is used in the 1st and 3rd persons, and ends in  $-(u)ya/-(\ddot{u})ye$ .

abuya ideye let me (him) take let me (him) eat.

d) The optative imperative expresses the desire that something may happen, and occurs in the 2nd and 3rd persons. It ends in -tuyai | -tügei.

abtuyai idetügei grant that he may take grant that he may eat uridqan-a yabutuyai. Go on to a spot ahead.

An archaic form in -yasai/-gesei may also be met.

e) The timetive imperative expresses apprehension. It ends in  $-(u)\gamma ujai/$  -(u)qujei.

abuyujai idegüjei What if he takes What if he eats.

f) The passive imperative. An imperative of impersonal nature may be expressed by a form in  $-(u)\gamma daqu(i)/-(\ddot{u})gdek\ddot{u}(i)$ , originally the passive infinitive. It is best translated by an ordinary imperative, rather than by a 'there shall be . . .' phrase.

abuydaqui idegdeküi Please take! (replaces abtaqui)

Please eat!

ta ülü jobaydaqu.

Do not grieve (lit. there shall not be grieving, or 'it is not to be grieved')

Seize it!

tegün-i bariydaqui

§ 48. Use of the Accusative. At the beginning of a sentence or clause, an accusative may be used to indicate that the word is not subject to the final verb but to the closest verb.

čima-yi kürüged sača tedeger As soon as you have come, they bügüde bosču iremüi. will all rise and come (at you).

If instead of  $\check{c}ima-yi$ , the nominative  $\check{c}i$  were used, the meaning would be reversed, as  $\check{c}i\ldots irem\ddot{u}i$  can only mean 'you come (at them)'.

nama-yi ireküi čay-tur

at the time of my coming

A use of bi would be understood to refer to some verb yet to come.

- § 49. The Verb 'To Be'. The verb 'to be' in Mongolian, as in many other languages, displays a variety of stems. Their use can be delineated as follows.
- a) The stem a- occurs in the durative form amui, he is; the gerund of absolute subordination an, being; the gerund of purpose ara, in order to be; the coordinative gerund  $a\gamma ad$ , the terminative gerund atala, and the preterite participle  $a\gamma san$ . The form  $a\jmath u\gamma u$  is distinctly sui generis, but may be said to correspond to a form in  $-\jmath uqui$ .
- b) The stem  $b\ddot{o}$ - $/b\ddot{u}$ -. The stem  $b\ddot{u}$  occurs in  $b\ddot{u}l\ddot{u}ge$ , he has been,  $b\ddot{u}k\ddot{u}(i)$ , to be, and  $b\ddot{u}r\ddot{u}n$ , being, forms in which an  $\ddot{u}$  occurs in the second syllable, while the tem  $b\ddot{o}$  occurs only in the forms  $b\ddot{o}ged$ ,  $b\ddot{o}gesu$  and  $b\ddot{o}getele$ .
- c) The stem bai- has developed from its original meaning of 'to stand, wait, remain, dwell' into a synonym of 'to be'. It first becomes common after 1700. In the durative tense, it has the form bainam (modern baina), he is.
- d) The stem bol-, 'to become' is also used for 'to be', especially in such forms as bolbai, he was, bolai, bolumui, he is, bolun, being, and bolbaču,

even though it be, however. The stem bol- is further used in compounds, as -ju bol-, to be able (see § 54).

e) The noun bui, or buyu, the being, is the equivalent of Turkish var, 'what is, there is, there are'. The opposite meaning is furnished by ügei (Turkish yok).

bars bui

There are (things called) tigers; tigers exist (es gibt Tiger).

bars ügei.

There are no tigers.

When the interrogative particle u is added, bui becomes buyu, and thus coincides with the emphatic form buyu.

f) The verb 'to be' in the present tense is however generally omitted.

ene sain

maha-saduva qamiya?

ta ayuqu kereg ügei.

That is good.

Where is Mahā-sattva?

There is no cause for you to fear.

But note:

ene bülüge.

That was it.

§ 50. Adverbs and Conjunctions. Many adverbs and conjunctions are in actuality forms of nouns or verbs.

kigedbuyu

and or

 $qami_{\gamma-a}$ üneger

where? (dat.-loc.)

ende

indeed (instr. of *ünen*, truth) there

tende endeče

here from here, hence

tendeče.

from there, thence, thereupon, next

egün-e tegün-e

there, to there

in that, then, thereupon

tegünče

from it, after that

Other adverbs of place, time, manner, etc., will not be listed here, as their meanings are readily ascertained from the glossary.

## Reading Selection

## VI. The Hungry Tigress (Part Two)

'bi öber-ün nigen üile-yin tula oi-dur oduyad, kereg-iyen bütügejü ödter-e iresügei¹¹ kemen ögüleged, tere || mör-iyer ölögčin bars qamiya bükü tere jüg-tür kürüged, bars-un emüne kebtegsen-dür, bars aman-iyan jayuraju iden ese || čidabai. tedüi qan köbegün anu (nigen) quyurqai 5 modun-iyar beye-ben qadquju čisun yaryaysan-dur, bars ber čisun-i [inu] doliyayad || aman-iyan negen čidayad, beye-deki miqan inu

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> iresügei, I shall come.

baratala idebei². öni udaysan-dur qoyar aqa-nar inu, 'degü biden-ü || udabai. yayun-u šiltayan bolbai?' kemen sedkiqed, mön kü tere mör-iyer erin odtala³ ein sedkir-ün 'degü manu mayad beye-ben || ölösügsen 10 bars-tur ögkü-yin tula oduysan buyu-ja', kemen sedkijü tere bars-un dergede kürügsen-dür, köbegün-i bars idejü, || yasun inu čaiju büküi üjeged, beyeben köser-e deleddün üküdkübei. egüri boluyad amiduraju yeke dayun-iyar ögülen köser-e | körben basa kü üküdkübei. tere čay-tur eke qatun inu ein jegüdülerün, yurban kegürjigen-e anu 15 qotala nayadču nisün yabutala, || nigen üčügen-i inu qarčayai bariysan-i jegüdüleged sača, serigsen-dür maši ayun emiyeged qayan-dur öčirün ai yeke qayan, || qayučin üge-dür "kegürjigene šibayun köbeaün-ü sünesün bui''', kemen sonosuluya; bi qorumay udaysan-dur jegüdün-dür minu, | yurban kegürjigene nayadču yabun atala, nigen üčügen ke-20 gürjigene-yi qarčayai abču oduysan-i jegüdülebei, mayad odqan köbegün | minu mayu bolbai ja', kemen ögüleged sača, gamuy bügüde-yi erire ilegegsen-dür inu, qorum nigen boluysan-dur qoyar aqa | inu ireged, odqan inu ese iregsen-dür, 'maha-saduva ali?' kemen asayuysan--dur, qoyar aqa inu yayun ber ögülen yadağu || qorum ayad 'bars-tur 25 idegdebei' kemen ögülebesü, tedüi qatun eke anu teimü mayu üges-i sonosuyad sača köser-e unan || üküdkübei. gorum nigen boluyad delürejü (busu | bosču) gamuy nököd selte bügüdeger köbegün-ü nirvan boluysan tere oron-dur<sup>5</sup> odbasu, || bars inu köbegün-ü miqa-yi čöm idejü, čisun inu γajar-tur dusuju "yasun čaiju bükü-yi üjeged, tedüi qatun eke 30 terigün- | -eče anu bariyad, qayan anu yar-ača bariju yeke (dayun--iyar | dayubar | okilayad üküdkün unabai. qorumay qarin bosbai.

## Vocabulary 9

ama(n) mouth
amidura- to come to oneself
bara- to conclude, make an end of
basa kü again
boluyujai perhaps
bos- to arise, stand up
buyu or
bütüge- to conclude, complete
čai- to bleach, turn white
čöm complete
deled- to strike, beat
delüre- to come to oneself
doliya- to lick

dusu- to flow, drip
egüri long
emiye- to become frightened
emüne before, in front of
ende here
endeče hence, from here
ilege- to send, dispatch
jayura- to close together
jegüdüle- to dream
jegüdün a dream
kebte- to lie
kegürjigene dove, pigeon
körbe- to roll on the ground

beye-deki miqan inu baratala idebei, ate up (ate to completion) the flesh in his body.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> erin odtala, while they were going seeking.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> kegürjigene šibayun köbegün-ü sünesün bui, a dove bird is the symbolic representation of a son.

b köbegün-ü nirvan boluysan tere oron-dur, to the place where the boy attained Nirvana.

kü reinforcing particle köser earth mayu bol- to be injured, get hurt mön reinforcing particle mön kü just that one mör way, road tere mör-iyer along that road navad- to play nege- to open nirvan Nirvana nis- to fly nökör friend, comrade okila- to complain, bemoan, lament öči- to tell, say (to superior) ödter quickly qadqu- to stick, stab qayučin old, ancient qayučin üge proverb

garčavai falcon, hawk gorum(ay) moment, while gotola, all, every quyurqai torn off piece sača at once, immediately seri- to awake sünesün soul, life's breath, essence of personality šibayun bird šiltavan cause, reason tende there tendeče thence, from there uda- to pass (of time); to delay. stay away üge word, saying üküdkü- to faint uada- to be unable yasu(n) bone

#### Lesson Ten

Contents. Strengthening suffixes; word formation in nouns; word formation in verbs; compound verbs; nominal suffixes. Reading Selection: VI. The Hungry Tigress (Part Three).

§ 51. Strengthening Suffixes. The particles  $k\ddot{u}$  and  $\check{c}u$  serve to emphasize the previous word. The particle  $\check{j}a$  occurs mostly with verbs, and may be translated 'indeed, to be sure, certainly', etc. Of like function is -a.

mön kü buyu-ja, bui-ja amui-a just that one there, namely he is indeed, he certainly is it is indeed

## § 52. Word Formation in Nouns.

a) The nomen actoris in  $-\check{c}i$  denotes the person performing the action logically associated with the noun from which it is derived. The plural is in  $-\check{d}$ .

qoni(n)
qoniči
jiyasu(n)
jiyasuči
modu(n)
moduči

sheep shepherd fish fisherman tree, wood woodworker, carpenter b) The derivative suffix in -tu/-tü or -tai/-tei (the latter originally a feminine form), plural -tan /-ten, denotes the person having or possessed of the object denoted by the noun.

qonitu morituamitan küčün küčütei aryaaryatu činggis nere činggis neretü

sheepowner, one having sheep owning a horse, a rider

living creature(s)

strength strong craft. wile cunning, sly the name Gengis

having the name Gengis, called

Gengis

c) -daki/-deki (locative in -da, § 14, and -ki), after vowels, l, m, n, and -taki/-teki otherwise, denotes the one who is in (a thing).

köbege-deki usun-u köbege-deki modun

uridaki

beye-deki migan yajar-takin-dur

the one on the shore the tree at the water's edge the one in the beginning, the

original

the flesh in his body to those on earth

d) The addition of -qan/-ken to a word strengthens the quality in that word.

oiraoiragansainsaigan eneeneken üčügen üčügüken uridauridgannigeken

qoyarqan

near very near good

pretty good, beautiful

this this one small, young minor, subordinate before, previous a little before only one only two

§ 53. Word Formation in Verbs. The most frequent suffixes which may form verbs from nouns and adjectives are -la/-le, -ra/-re, -da/-de, and -šiya /-šiye. These verbs may of course have their own derivative forms, as the passive and reciprocal.

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čeria
                                      soldier; army
       čeriale-
                                      to wage war
       morin
                                      horse
       morila-
                                      to ride, travel
       omoy
                                      pride
       omoyla-
                                      to be proud
       köke
                                      blue
       kökere.
                                      to become blue
      doroi
                                      weakness
      doroida-
                                      to be weak
      doroidayul-
                                      to weaken (tr.)
      yekede-
                                      to become large
      bayada-
                                      to become small
      sain
                                      good
      saišiya-
                                      to approve, recommend
      jöb
                                      excellent, fine
      jöbšiye-
                                     to approve, recognize as worthy
 § 54. Compound Verbs. Two juxtaposed verbs often describe one action,
 each of the two verbs helping to determine the other.
      abču ire-
                                     to come and take = to bring
      jiyan od-
                                     to go showing = to inform
      qariju yabu-
                                     to return
      kürčü ire-
                                     to arrive
 The potential verb is expressed by a compound with čida-, to be able.
                                     to be able to eat
      negen čida-
                                     to be able to open
      aburan čida-
                                     to be able to save
A compound with \bar{o}g-, 'to give', imparts the meaning of 'in favor of
 or on behalf of someone else'.
      erijü ög-
                                     to seek on behalf of
The use of \gamma ar- and oro- conveys the meanings of 'in' and 'out'.
      nisču varbai.
                                     He flew out.
      nisču orobai.
                                     He flew in.
Another way of expressing 'to be able' is to use the verb bol- with a
preceding form in -ju.
      joyoylaju bolqu
      yabuju bolgu
                                     to be able to consume
                                     to be able to go
§ 55. Nominal suffixes. Some of the more frequent suffixes which will
be found on nouns are the following.
a) -sun/-s\ddot{u}n.
     balyasun
                                    city
     neg\ddot{u}res\ddot{u}n
                                    charcoal
b) -lang/-leng.
     bayasqulang
                                    happiness, rejoicing
     üküleng
                                    death
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c)  $- \check{s}i.$  ide-  $ide\check{s}i$  to eat food

d) - $li\gamma$  /-lig.  $bayali\gamma$  riches  $\check{c}\check{c}\check{c}iglig$  garden, park

e) -dal/-del.

yabudal  $\ddot{u}k\ddot{u}del$ conduct

body, corpse

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{f) } \text{-}\gamma an \text{/-} \text{gen.} & & \\ qubil\gamma an & & \text{reincarnation} \\ idegen & & \text{food} \end{array}$ 

### Reading Selection

## VI. The Hungry Tigress (Part Three)

tere Maha-|| -Saduva köbegün anu tende-eče üküged sača, tegüs bayasgulang-un oron-dur tngri-yin köbegün bolun töröbei, tere tngri-yin köbegün || anu 'bi yambar sain üile üiledügsen-iyer ende töröbei?', kemen sedkiged. tngris-ün nidüber tabun jayayan-dur šinjilen¹ || üjebesü, öber-ün 5 ükügsen yasun anu nigen oi-yin dotora ečige eke terigülen qamuy nököd-iyer küriyelegüljü yeke | dayun-iyar enelün yasalqu-yi [anu] üjeged, tere tngri-yin köbegün anu ein sedkirün, 'manu tere ečige eke qoyar anu minu tula maši || yeke jobabasu, beye nasun-dur todgur bolumui-ja; teden-ü sedkil-i sergügekü-yin tulada odsuyai bi' kemen 10 sedkiju, tedui || [ovtarvui-bar ireged degere] ovtarvui-dur baiju², eldeb jüil sain üges-iyer ečige eke qoyar-un sedkil-i sergügebei. ečige eke qoyar anu oytaryui-|| -dur degegši üjeged 'ai tngri, či ken bui? mandur jarliy boluydaqui³' kemen ögülegsen-dür, tere tngri-yin köbegün ögülerün, bi | tanu köbegün Maha-Saduva neretü bui-ja. bi öber-ün beyeben 15 ölögčin bars-tur öggügsen-ü ači-bar, tegüs bayasqulang-\| -tu oron-daki tngri-yin köbegün bolun töröbei. ai qayan ečige qatun eke minu ta sonos: jayayaysan-u ečüs mayad ebderemüi-ja4, || törökü bui ele bögesü mayad ükükü bui5; nigültü kilinča üiledbesü, amitan tamu-dur unayu. buyan üiledbesü degedü sain || töröl-dür töröyü; yerü törökü ba ükükü 20 anu qamuy bügüde-dür bui atala 6, yayčaqan minu tula (da) ta bügüdeger maši yekede ülü | jobaydaqu; bi ene metü sain töröl oluysan-dur ta

törökü ... bui atala, 'to be born and to die are something for everybody (to do)'.

<sup>1</sup> tngris-un ... šinjilen, 'regarding the five existences with the eyes of a god'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> oytaryui-bar...baiju, 'came from heaven, and stopped in the sky above'.

<sup>3</sup> mandur jarliy boluydaqui, passive imperative, 'deign to speak to us'.

jayayaysan-u ... ebderemüi ja, 'the purpose of being created is, verily, to be destroyed'.

törökü bui . . . ükükü bui, 'what is born, whatever it be, is certainly that which dies'. The idea is that we are all born and we all must die.

ber dayan bayasulčayad, buyan-u jüg-tür kičiyegdeküi. Öd ügei || yašiyun jobalang yayun kereg' kemen ögülegsen-dür, ečige eke qoyar ögülerün 'ai köbegün či yeke nigülesküi sedkil-iyer beyeben || bars-tur öggüged, qamuy bügüdeger-i nigülesküi bui ele bögesü', edüge biden-i tebčiged ügei boluysan-dur, bide čima-yi sanaju || miqan-iyan oytaluysan metü joban atala, ai yeke nigülesügči mani yayun-u tula tebčimüi?'. tedüi basa (tere) tngri-yin köbegün || eldeb sain üges-iyer ečige eke terigüten bügüde-yi sergügegsen-dür, ečige eke anu üčügen sergüged, doloyan jüil erdinis-||-iyer abdura kijü, yasun-i anu (tere) abdura dotora oroyulju yajar-tur niyuyad, degere inu suburyan bosqabai. tngri-||-yin köbegün ber oron-dur-iyan qaribai. qayan qatun nököd selte bügüdeger ordu qarši-dur-iyan irebei.

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abdura(n) box, container bayasulča- to rejoice with one another bosqa- to erect, raise buyan good deed bügüdeger all together činggis Jengis dayan also degedü high, elevated degegši upwards degere above, upper, overhead ebdere- to perish, ruin ečüs end, purpose eldeb diverse, various ele bögesü whatever it may be, at all; if enel- to sorrow, grieve erdeni jewel γαγča one, only, sole yayčaqan only, sole yasal- to complain yašiyun bitter jayaγa- to create, bestow j̃ayaγan existence, fate, life jiya- to show, teach joba- to suffer, sorrow jobalang sorrow, suffering jüil type, sort, kind kičiye- to strive for kilinča sin, fault

be surrounded, küriyelegül- to encircled morila- to ride nasu(n) age, years of life nidü(n) eye nigülesügči compassionate one nigülesküi compassion, pity *nigültü* sinful nivu- to hide, secrete oytal- to chop to pieces *oytaryui* heaven, sky öd ügei bad, useless qarši castle; palace ordu garši court qoni(n) sheep qoniči shepherd qonitu sheepowner saišiya- to approve saigan pretty, beautiful sergü- to be consoled sergüge- to console, cheer up suburyan pagoda, shrine šinjile- to regard, investigate tamu hell tebči- to release, leave, get away tegüs perfect, complete t(e)ngri god; heaven todqur danger, evil, misfortune ügei bol- to die yerü moreover, furthermore, in general

qamuy ... bögesü, 'though it be everyone has commiseration', i.e., we all understand why you did this.

#### III. Reader

## A. Texts in Transcription

#### VII. The Good and the Bad King\*

urida nigen oron-a ečige köbegün qoyar aysan-ača ečige anu üküküi-degen jakiju, 'köbegün minu, edüge ečige činu bi ükükü tula köbegün či ber sain noyan-i šitüjü, sain kümün-lüge qanila, mayu kümün-lüge buu nöküče' kemen jakijuqui. qoina tere köbegün ber tengsekü-yin tula¹ nigen mayu qayan-i šitüged, tüšimel anu bolju yabun, nigen mayu gergei abubai. ||

tegünče qayan-luya qoyayula oi dotora yabutala, nigen baras qayan-u emüne-eče ösürjü iregsen-dü, tere kümün ildü-ber tere baras-yi čabčiju alaysan-du, tegün-dü qayan anu yekede bayarlaju jarliy bolurun,

¹o 'tüšimel, či minu amin-i aburaysan yeke ačitu kümün bolbai' kemeged, tendeče tere tüšimel, qayan-u uidqar-i sergügekü nigen büjigči toyos šibayun-i qulayuju nigen ekener-tür niyuju qadayalayuluyad, basa nigen toyos² šibayun-i abču gertegen ireged, gergei-∥-degen niyuju ögülerün, 'ene qayan-i bi ami aburaju tere metü ačilaysan bui bolbaču,

oguerun, ene qayan-ı bı amı aburaju tere metü acılaysan buı bolbacu, <sup>15</sup> minu acı-yi tuqa ülü sanaqu tula, qayan-u ene toyos sibayun-i alaju idesügei' kemen alaju ere eme qoyayula miqa-yi idebei.

tere tuqai-du qayan ber 'minu toyos šibayun-i ken kümün oluysan bolbasu tere kümün-dü yeke šang šangnamui' kemen jarlaysan-du, tere tüšimel-ün gergei anu qayan-du uridaki učir-i medegülügsen-dü qayan 20 jarliy bayulyan tere tüšimel-i dayudaju asayurun, 'či minu || qairatai

toyos sibayun-i alaju idegsen ünen buyu³ kemeküi-dü, tere tüsimel ailadqaju 'ünen bülüge' kemen uridu yabudal-i ögülegsen-dü, tegün-dü qayan ber 'albatu inu ejen-degen kündülel üiledügsen-dü, ači-yi qariyulqu yambar yeke kereg? egün-i ala' kemegsen-dü, tegünče tüsimel anu 25 qayan gergei qoyayula-yin mayu-yi medeged, qayan-u toyos sibayun-i

tušiyaju ögüged, öber-e busu oron-a yabubai.

tendeče ögere nigen sain qayan-u tüšimel boluyad, || nigen mayu gergei abču qanilayad, qayan tüšimel qoyayula oi-dur yabuysayar nigen usun ügei yajar-a qayan kürčü qalayučaju yadaran yekede umdayasuysan-du so tegün-dü tüšimel ber 'tngri metü ejen, joyoylaju bolqu bolbasu' nadur

<sup>2</sup> basa nigen toyos, i.e., another (different) bird.

buyu < bui + u, 'Is it (true that ...)?'

<sup>\*</sup> Subhāṣita, MS Köke Qoto, II. fol. 1 v. ff. Mongol Coll. Royal Libr. Copenhagen.

<sup>1</sup> tengsekü-yin tula, 'for purposes of comparison'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> joγογlaju bolqu bolbasu, 'if you are able to consume (anything)'. The use of bol- with a form in -ju gives the meaning 'to be able to . . . '.

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yurban doloyoyna bainam' kemeged, ergügsen-dü, gayan yekede bayarlaju joyoylayad, 'meküs kümün-ü ami-yi aburaysan yeke ačitai bolbai', kemebei

tere tüšimel qoina qayan-u köbegün-i nigen yajar niyuyad emüsügsen 35 qubčasu čimeg-i ger-tegen abčiju || gergei-degen ögülerün, 'ene anu qan köbegün-ü qubčasu čimeg bülüge", dalda niyuju talbiyulbai. tegünče qayan yayaran 'minu köbegün-i oluysan kümün-e yeke sang kesig ögüye' kemen jarlaysan-du, tere tüšimel-ün gergei anu, qan köbegün-ü qubčasu čimeg-i abčiju qayan-du ailadqarun, 'činu tüšimel qan köbegün-i 40 alayad qubčasu čimeg bükün anu ene bui' kemegsen-dü, qayan jarliy bayulyağu tüsimel-i dayudağu ögülerün, 'či yayun-u tula minu köbegün-i | alabai' kemeküi-dü, tüšimel ailadgarun, 'minu ači-yi ese sanaysan-u tula könügebei' kemeküi-dü, qayan jarliy bolurun, 'tüšimel či, yambar ači tusa bui' kemeküi-dü, tüšimel ailadqarun, umdayasuju yadaraqui-du 45 doloyoyna bariysan-iyan ailadgaysan-du, qayan jöbšiyejü 'tere ünen bülüge, teimü-yin tula minu köbegün nadur masida qairatai tula, nigen doloγογna-yin qariyu boltuyai. qoyarduyar-un qariyu-dur bi keüken--iyen čimadur gergei bolyan ögsügei. yurbaduyar-un qariyu-dur minu törö-yin || qayas-i ögüye' kemegsen-dü, tüsimel kesig-tür mörgöjü 50 ailadqarun, 'tngri metü boyda ejen maši üčügen kündülel üiledügsen-dür qariyu ačilaqu-yi sanaju yayakin bolqu bui, degedü qan köbegün-i ayul ügei yayun-u tula qoorlaqu bui<sup>5</sup>' kemeged, yayaran qan köbegün-i abču irejü, qayan-du ergügsen-dü, qayan yekede bayarlaju 'šangnai-a' kemeküi-dü, tüšimel tedeger šang-yi ču abuysan ügei, ketürkei qayan-du 55 bučaγaju ergüged, tere tüšimel nigen nasun-du qaγan-u || törö-dür jidküjü kündülel-i üiledbei.

## VIII. The Brahman and the Goat\*

nigen biraman ber tngri-yi takiqu-yin tula imayan qudalduju abuyad kötöljü yabuqui-yi [üjeged] tere yajar-un tabun qulayaiči kümün arya kelelčejü, biraman-u odqu jam-dur nige ber yabuqu metü baiysan-ača¹ biraman ber yabuysayar angqan-u kümün-i dayariju yarqui-dur tere 5 qulaγaiči ber, 'ai-a yirtinčü-dür² noqai kötelügsen biraman ču bui ajuyu' kemen aliyalaqui metü ögüleküi-dür biraman ber kereg-tür abul ügei³ yabubai. qoyaduyar qulayaiči-luya učiraqui-dur 'sain noqai bainam' kemeged odbai. yutayar ba dötöger kümün ču tegünčilen ögüleküi--dür biraman sešig töröjü imaya-ban saitur ergičegüljü üjebesü, 'noqai-dur

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> tngri metü ... qoorlaqu bui. Freely: How could the heavenly sacred master think of bestowing reward on one who displayed so very little respect? How could anyone brazenly dispose of the exalted prince?

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<sup>\*</sup> Subhāṣita 6, fol. 4 v.

yabuqu metü baiysan-ača, 'pretending he was travelling'.
 'ai-a yirtinčü dür . . .', 'Lo, what in the world is it but a Brahman . . .'. 3 abul ügei, 'taking no (notice)'.

baiday urtu segül kimusu terigüten ügei böged, imayan-dur baiday eber ba eregün-ü saqal terigüten baiqu tula imaya mön' kemen sanayad yabubai. tabuduyar qulayaiči ber üjegseger 'ai yambar sürekei noqai bui' kemen sočigsan metü jailaju yarbai. tegün-e biraman ber, 'egün-i učiraysan kümün bügüde noqai kemeldüküi-ber šinjilebesü4 ende-eče busu ulus-tur noqai || üjegdekü bolbaču minu nidün-dür imaya bolju üjegdedeg ajuyu. mayad nigen yakša ber minu takil-i ideküi-yin tula qubiluysan bolultai' kemen bodoyad imayan-iyan orkiyad yabuysan-u darui5 qulayaičinar čuylaju imayan-i abačiyad idelüge.

#### IX. The Sharp-witted Daughter-in-law\*

tere čay-tur Gegen-e Ilayuysan¹ qayan-dur Görügesün neretü nigen tüšimel bülüge. tere tüšimel maši yeke ed ayurasu-tu bayan bülüge. tere tüšimel-dür doloyan köbegün bülüge.

jiryuyan köbegün anu eme-yügen abuyad, odqan köbegün inu eme ese abuysan-dur, ečige anu ein sedkirün: 'edüge bi öteljü üküküi-dür oira bolbai. ene odqan köbegün-dür-iyen nigen sain ökin erijü ögsügei' kemen sedkijü bürün, tere čay-tur tere tüšimel-dür nigen amaray biraman bui. tere biraman-luya učiraju üge-yin || ulam-ača duraduyad², biraman-dur ögülerün: 'ai biraman minu, ene odqan köbegün-dür eme ese yuiju bülüge. edüge ken-eče yuiqui ese medebei. ai biraman či qamuy ulus-tur oduyad minu köbegün-luya buyan kešig ibegel-tü mergen oyutu yooa üjesküleng-tü teimü nigen ökin-i šinjilejü üjeged minu ene köbegün-dür yuisuyai. čimayi bi ačilasuyai' kemen ögülegsen-dür, tere biraman: 'tein boltuyai' kemen ögüleged qamuy ulus-tur erire oduysan-dur, Širi

15 Tigta neretü ulus-tur tabun jayun ökid qamtu nayaduyad, sain čečeg--üd-i tegüged burqan-i takin büküi üjebei. tere biraman anu tere ökid-i qamiya odbasu, qoina-ača inu üjebesü,

nigen üčügen usun-dur kürügsen-dür, tedeger qamuy ökid yutul-iyan tailju usun-i getülbei. teden-ü dotora nigen ökin yutul-iyan ülü tailun 20 yutul-tai getülbei. basa činayši odun atala, nigen mören-dür kürügsen-dür, busu qamuy ökid debel-iyen tailju usun-i getülbesü uridu tere ökin debel-iyen ülü tailun getülbei. tegün-eče činayši nigen modun-u oi-dur kürügsen-dür, busud ökid modun degere abariju čečeg abubai. uridu tere ökin kösüre-eče čečeg tegüjü busud-ača ülemji olbai.

25 tedüi tere biraman tere ökin-ü dergede oduyad ein ögülerün: 'ai ökin čima-ača nigen sešig asaygu bülüge³. či saitur qariyu ögülegdeküi' kemen

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<sup>4</sup> šinjilebesü, 'even when I investigated it'.

by yabuysan-u darui, 'as soon as he had travelled on'.

<sup>\*</sup> Xyl. Üliger-ün Dalai, fol. 102 v. ff.

<sup>1</sup> Gegen-e Ilayuysan, 'having surpassed (all others) in splendor' is the qayan's name.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> üge-yin ulam-ača duraduyad, during the course of the conversation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> čima-ača nigen sešig asayqu bülüge, 'there was the asking of a doubt from you', i.e., there was something I wanted to ask you about.

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ögülegsen-dür, ökin ögülerün: 'čimadur yambar sešig bui ele bögesü asayuydaqui' kemen ögüleasen-dür, biraman ögülerün: 'ai ökin ta usun getülküi-dür busu ökid vutul-iyan tailju getülbesü, či | yayčayar yutul-30 -tai getülküi šiltayan činu yayun bui? Ökin ögülerün: 'ai biraman, činu tere sešig yeke yaigamšiy busu bolai. ai biraman bi gayurai yajar-tur yabuqui čay-tur nidün-iyer üjejü ürgüsün ba, čilayun ba, toyosqa ba, teimü mayu-yi üjejü jailaju yabuqu bülüge. ker-be usun dotora ürgüsün ba, moyai ba, qoor-tu qoroqai bui ele bögesü ülü üjen gičkibesü4, köl-dür 35 qoor-tu bolumui<sup>5</sup> kemen sedkijü, yutul-iyan ese tailuysan tere bülüge'. biraman ögülerün: 'busud ökin debel-iyen šiyuju usun-ača getülbesü. či yayčayar debel-iyen ülü šiyun getülkü yayun bui?' kemen asaybasu, ökin ögülerün: 'ökin kümün-ü beye-dür' sain mayu belge olan bükü-yin tula, debel-iyen šiyu'nı orobasu. busud kümün sain belge-yi üjebesü 10 yayun ber ülü ögülemü; mayu belge-yi üjebesü eleglekü-yin tulada, minu debel-iyen ese šivuysan tere bülüge'. biraman ögülerün: 'tein ber bögesü busu ökid modun degere abariju

čečeg tegün atala, či yayčayar modun-dur ülü bariqu šiltayan yayun bui?' kemen asaybasu, ökin ögülerün: 'ker-be modun degere abaribasu, 45 modun-u gešigiin quyuraju kösür-e unabasu, beyen-dür qoor bolqu-yin

tula, modun-dur ese abariysan minu tere bülüge'.

tere ökin-ü ečige anu Gegegen-e Ilayuyči qayan-u degü bülüge. tere qayan-u degü inu urida nigen gem kigsen-dür, tere ulus-ača üldegdeğü

ende ireged, Lamčam-ma ökin abču törögsen köbegün bui ajuγu.

50 tere biraman ökin-dür ögülerün: 'ai ökin či maši šiluyun ugayatu bögetele čimadur ečige eke buyu?' kemen asaybasu, || ökin ögülerün: 'ecige eke bui' kemegsen-dür, biraman ögülerün: 'tein ber bögesü bi čimaluya qamtu činu ger-tür odsuyai' kemen qanilaju oduyad, qayalya--dur kürügsen-dür, ökin gertegen oroyad ečige eke-degen ögülerün: 55 'biden-ü qayalya-dur nigen biraman ireged, čimadur jolyasu kemen sayun amui'. ečige inu yadan-a yarču tanilduyad esen mendü-yügen asayulčayad, biraman ögülerün: 'Saiki ökin činukei buyu?' kemen asaybasu, 'minu ökin bui' kemen ögülegsen-dür, biraman ögülerün: 'teimü bögesü kümün yuyuysan buyu?' kemen asaybasu, 'yuyuysan 60 ügei bülüge' kemen ögülebei. biraman ögülerün: 'teimü bögesü Širavast balyasun-daki Görügesün neretü tüšimel-i či tanimuu?' kemen asaybasu, tere kümün ögülerün: 'bide qoyar uruy bülüge' kemen ögülegsen-dür, biraman ögülerün: 'tere tüšimel-dür doloyan köbegün bülüge. tegün-ü dotora odgan köbegün inu yooa üjesküleng-tü buyu. tegün-dür činu 65 ökin-i yuyubasu ögümü<sup>8</sup>?' tere kümün ögülerün: 'tere tüsimel yeke sain ijayur-tu bülüge. ker-be ökin-i minu yuyuqu bögesu, činu üge-ber ögsügei' kemen ögülegsen-dür, tere biraman qariju ireged šiltayan učir

bügüde-yi delgerengküi-e tere Görügesün neretü tüšimel-dür ögülegsen-dür, "ili üjen kičkibesü, 'if one does not see the ... and steps on (them)'.

<sup>5</sup> köl-dür qoor-tu bolumui, it is hard on the feet. 6 ökin kümün-ü beye-dür, 'because a girl-person's body has ...'.

<sup>7</sup> čimadur jolyasu, he would (like to) visit you. 8 ögümü, interrogative form.

tedüi tere tüšimel beri-yügen abqui morin terge terigüten-i beledüged, 70 öber-iyen nököd selte bügüdeger, Širi-Tigta neretü ulus qamiya bükü tende odbai.

tere ulus-tur oiratuysan-dur, 'nigen kümün-i urid ilegeye' kemen sedkijü, tere kümün-i ein jakirun: 'ai kümün či urid oduyad, ökin-ü ečige eke-dür || 'bide bügüdeger aisui<sup>9</sup>' kemen sonosqaydaqui'; tere kümün 55 kürüged sonosqayuluysan-dur, tedüi tere kümün<sup>10</sup> ayui yeke qorim beledüged ökin-iyen bayulyaju ögsügei kemen jabdubai.

tedüi darui deger-e bügüdeger kürcü ireged, cinaysi inaysi qorimlalduju ökin-i inu bayulyaju abcu ireküi-dür, tere ökin-ü eke anu olan kümün-ü dotora ökin-iyen ein suryarun: 'ai ökin minu ci ene edür-ece qoinaysida 80 nasu turqaru sain degel emüsüged, sain amtatu idegen idegdeküi; edür büri tasural ügei tolin-dur-iyan üjegdeküi' kemen suryaysan-dur, ökin ber 'tein kisügei' kemen ögülegsen-dür, qadum ecige eke inu tayalan ein sedkirün: 'kümün nigen nasun degere jobalang jiryalang ber möngke busu bögetele<sup>11</sup>, nasun turqaru sain debel sain idegen qamiya-aca oldamui? <sup>25</sup> ürgüljide tolin-dur üjebesü ber kereg inu yayun<sup>12</sup>?' kemen sedkibei.

tedüi esergü tesergü dailaldun qorimlayad tarqabai.

tedüi tere bügüde mör-tür oroju qariju ireküi-dür jayura nigen sain serigün baišing bui ajuyu<sup>13</sup>. urida qadum ečige inu tere baišing-dur kürüged yaiqan sayun ajuyu. šini beri inu qoina-ača ireged, qadum <sup>90</sup> ečige-degen ein öčirün: 'ene baišing-dur sayuju ülü bolumu<sup>14</sup>. ödter böged yadana ögede bolun soyorqa' kemen öčibesü. tedüi beri-yügen üge-ber yadana yarbai. nigen kedün kümün yadana ülü yarun sayun büküi-dür qorumqan jayura morin üker baišing-un bayanas-i širgügegsen-dür baišing unayad, dotora sayuysan kümün anu ükübei. qadum <sup>95</sup> ečige anu ein sedkirün: 'namayi ber jobalang-un aman-ača ene beri minu yaryabai' kemen sedkijü, || beri-yügen ülemji asaran qairalabai.

basa tendeče yabutala, usun ebesün tegüsügsen nigen yool-dur sayun atala, beri inu qoina-ača kürčü ireged, 'ene yool-dur sayuju ülü bolumu. ödter-e jögegdeküi' kemen ögülebesü, beri-yügen üge-ber nigen eteged 100 jögejü sayun atala, yeke türgen qura oroyad, yool dügüreng yeke üyer boluvsan dur gadum eğise iny ein sedkiriin: 'ene beri minu namayi

boluysan-dur, qadum ečige inu ein sedkirün: 'ene beri minu namayi qoyar üküleng-eče tonilyabai' kemen sedkibei.

basa tendeče yabuyad yajar-tur-iyan kürčü ireged sača, qamuy uruy tariy bügüdeger nigen edür dayustala<sup>15</sup> qorim kijü nayadun bayasbai.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> aisui, archaic durative form in -u(i), 'we are approaching'.

<sup>10</sup> kümün = ečige.

<sup>11</sup> kümün nigen...busu bögetele, 'Although a man is not eternally in (either) sorrow or rejoicing during his lifetime', i.e., everyone has his ups and downs.

<sup>12</sup> kereg inu yayun? Of what use is it to ...?

nigen ... baišing bui ajuyu, lit. 'there existed a house', freely, 'they came upon a house'.

<sup>14</sup> ene baišing-dur sayuju ülü bolumu, 'this house is not to be sat in' (lit. do not be one sitting in this house').

<sup>15</sup> nigen edür dayustala, until a day had passed.

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105 jočid-i tarqaysan-u qoina beriyed-iyen quriyaju ireged, ein ögülerün: 'edüge bi öteljü üiles jakirču ülü čidamui. ed tavar üile bügüde-yügen tan-dur qadayalayulun ögsügei. tülkigür onisun-i ken qadayalamu?' kemen asaybasu, jiryuyan beri inu 'bide qadayalaju ülü čidam' kemen öčigsen-dür, odqan beri inu 'bi qadayalaju čidamui' kemen öčibesü,

110 tedüi tere ger-ün ejen onisun tülkigür bügüde-yi tegün-dur ögbei; üiles-i akirayal(a)yulbai. tere beri inu manayar büri erte bosuyad, qarši baišing-i arčiyad, usun ösürčü tendeče eldeb idegen-i beledüged, urida qadum ečige eke-degen ögüged, tegün-ü qoina yeke baya-dur jergeber ögüged, tegün-u qoina boyol šibegčin-dür ögüged üiles-i jakiruyad, tende 115 ber öber-iyen idejüküi.

The above text represents only the beginning portion of the story.

#### X. The Bird King's Gift\*

Note on the text. This modern text was written down in 1939 in Inner Mongolia by a Chahar Mongol, *Damirin Surun*, under Prof. Grønbech's direction. It is an approximation of the classical language from the colloquial, especially with regard to choice of words and phrases. Owing to the writer's uncertainty about the classical spelling of many forms, the text contains many words with superfluous or even missing letters, or variant spellings, sometimes reflecting peculiarities of the writer's own dialect. These are represented in the text as follows.

- a) Additional letters are in black face, e.g., bayaralayad for bayarlayad.
- b) Missing letters are added in parentheses, e.g.,  $adu(\gamma u)n-u$ , (adun-u) for  $adu\gamma un-u$ .
- c) The more variant spellings have the correct form added in brackets after them, e.g., odo [edüge]. Spellings like -eyer and -eyen for -iyer and -iyen, or qoni-u for qonin-u are not taken into consideration.

Grammatically, the following intrusions should be noted.

- d) The dative case is often in  $-du/-d\ddot{u}$ , instead of  $-dur/-d\ddot{u}r$ .
- e) The new comitative formation in -tai/-tei is sometimes used instead of -luya/-lüge. See § 22.
- f) The modern form of the conditional gerund in -bala | -bele is used instead of -basu | -besü.

om sain amuyulang bolqu boltuyai¹. erte urid-yin toya tomoši ügei üye-dü yaruysan nigen baya üliger amui-a.

<sup>\*</sup> MS in the Royal Library, Copenhagen.

om sain amuyulang bolqu boltuyai, 'Oh, may it be that there is good fortune!' Standard opening phrase.

erte uridu-yin nigen čay-tur nigen ebügen emegen goyar baiysan ajuyu. 5 tere govar-vin nigen arban kedün nasutai kõbegün baimui, ene ebügen em(e)gen goyar yekede yadayu amui. ene baya köbegün anu toor-eyer eldeb jüil-yin amitan-i bariju idemüi. nigen edür tegün-ü toor-tur nigen baya saigan šibayun oroysan amui. ene köbegün tere nigen baya saigan šibayun-i oroysan-i üjiged, qairalaju ta(1)biju yabuyuluysan amui. 10 egün-i ögülekü busu, ögülekü anu². tere köbegün-ü eke inu ireged köbegün-dür jiyan ögülerün 'köbegün, či yayun-du tere nigen šibayun-i ger-tegen abčiragu ügei, yayun-dur yabuyulumui?' kemeküi-dü, köbegün inu ögülerün 'bi nigen baya šibayun tula ajai, teimü bolbala minu beye arya ügei3' ged, ger-tegen ečiged, ger-tegen kedün edür sayuju 15 ečige eke-degen ögülerün 'ja, bi ene edür basa nigen toor-i talbiya' ged, toor-ban abču ger-eče bičigan qola yabuyad, nigen sain yajar-tur toor-eyen talbiyad, ger-tegen ireged nigen gonoyad marayada örülege [ör-lüge] erte bosču čai-yin ayaya ber nigen usun-i uyuyad, ger-eče yaruyad, urid edür-ün talbiysan toor-u jüg bičiqan yabuyad tere toor-i üjebesü tegün-dür 20 nigen büdügün šibayun oroysan amui. tere köbegün inu üjeged yekede maši bayaralayad, toor-ban abču šibayun-iyan basa abču ger-yin jüg bičiqan yabuju ger-tegen kürüjü [kürču] ireged, ečige eke-degen abčiraju ögügsen-dür ger-yin bügüdeger maši yekede bayaralayad, tere šibayun-u qaγas-i čanaju [činaju] ideged, köbegün inu ögülerün 'bi odo [edüge] 25 šibayun qayan-u ger-tür ečibesü nadur lab nigen sain yayuma-i ögümüi' ged, qamuy yayuma-i ečige kümün-degen tušiyan ögüged, ger-eče nigen büdügün modu-i bariyad ger-eče yarču yabubai.

ger-eče bičiqan qola yabuyad nigen olan aduyu baimui. köbegün eret aduyun-u kümün deger-e ečiged amur mengdü-eyen medeged<sup>4</sup>, tere kümün-eče asayurun 'ene olan aduyu ken-ü aduyu bolai? kemegsen-dür, tere adu(yu)n-u bolai' kemen ögülerün 'ene bolbasu šibayun yeke qayan-u aduyu mön bolai' kemen kelegsen-dür, tere köbegün inu ögülerün 'šibayun yeke qayan-u qamiya amui nadur jiyan ögümüü<sup>5</sup> kemegsen-dür, aduyun-u kümün ögülerün 'šibayun yeke qayan-u ene köbči doora amui' kemegsen-dür, tere köbegün inu bosču bičiqan yabuyad, basa nige olan qoni-un degere ečiged, tere qoni-yin kümün-luya amur mengdü-eyen medeged, tere qoni-u kümün-eče asayurun 'ene olan qoni ken-ü [emended from ene-ü] qoni mön bui' kemen kelegsen-dür, tere qoni-u kümün ögülerün 'ene qoni bolbala<sup>6</sup> šibayun qayan-u qoni mön bui' kemen 40 kelegsen-dür, tere köbegün ögülerün 'erkim yeke qoni-u qaruyuluyči

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> egün-i ögülekü busu, ögülekü anu, lit. (it is) not saying that, its saying (is this), i.e., that isn't what I want to say, but this is.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> minu beye arya ügei, 'I was without a plan', I could not do otherwise. <sup>4</sup> amur mendü-iyen medeged, 'inquired after each other's health and well-being'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> ögümüü, interrogative, from ögümü + ü.

<sup>6</sup> ene qoni bolbala, 'if it's these sheep (you mean)'.

<sup>5</sup> Grønbech

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[qarayuluyči] aqa nadur jiyan šibayun qayan-u qamiya amui' kemeküi--dür, qaruyuluyči qoni-u kümün ögülerün 'šibayun qayan-u ene doora amui' kemegsen-dür, tere köbegün doora-ban' boscu yabuyad, bicigan qola yabuju basa nigen olan temege-ü degere ečigsen-dü, temegen-ü 45 kümün-luya ayulajiyad [ayuljayad] tegün-tei amur mengdü-eyen medeged, tere kümün-luya bičiqan sayuyad, tegün-eče asayurun 'ene olan temege ene olan morid ken-ü bui' kemeküi-dü tere temege-i qaruyuluyči anu ögülerün 'ene olan temege šibayun qayan-u temege amui' kemeküidür, tere köbegün anu [ögülerün 'šibayun yeke qayan-u qamiya amui' keme-50 küi-dür, temegen-ü kümün] ögülerun 'šibayun yeke qayan-u ene-ü-ken® doora bui' kemegsen-dür, kõbegün anu tegün-luya bičiqan sayuju tegün--ece meküiskejü [meküskijü] saluyad bičiqan yabuyad, mön nigen olan imaya-u degere ečiged tere olan imaya-i qaruyuluyči kümün degere, tegün-luya amur mengdü-i medeged, basa tegün-luya tamiki-i [tamaki] 55 uyuyad, tegün-eče köbegün asayurun 'ene olan imaya ken-ü imaya amui' kemen keleküi-dür, imaya-i [MS. adds yekede] qaruyuluyči anu ein ögülerün 'ene olan imaya, šibayun yeke qayan-u imaya amui' kemeküi-dür, köbegün inu ein ögülerün 'šibayun yeke qayan-u qamiya baiqui-i erkim aqa nadur jiyan ögümüü' kemeküi-dür, tere imaya-i 60 qaruyuluyči ein ögülerün 'šibayun yeke qayan-u ene-ü-ken doora amui--ja' kemeküi-dür, tere köbegün-i tegün-eče meküiskejü yosulan, saluyad yabubai.

bičiqan yabuju qola-ača nigen saiqan olan qotan-i üjiged, tegün-ü jüg čig(e)len yabuju, bičiqan yabuyad tere qotan-i kürüged, küriyen-ü egüde-65 -yin yadana qoyar čirig-ün kümün amui. tere köbegün inu tere qoyar čirig-yin kümün-eče asayurun 'šibayun yeke qayan-u ene mön u' kemen asayuqui-dur, tere qoyar čirig-ün kümün inu ögülerün 'šibayun yeke qayan-u ene mõn amui' kemegsen-dür, köbegün inu ein ögülerün 'erkim yeke alba-yin aqa-nar, minu beye degedü yeke qayan-luya barayadaya 70 kemen iregsen amui' kemen keleküi-dür, tere qoyar čirig qayan-dur ečiged, ein ailadqarun 'egüde-ü yadan-a nigen kümün qayan-luya barayadaya kemen iregsen bui' kemen ailadqaysan-dur qayan inu ein ögülerün 'tere iregsen kümün-i oroyuluytun' kemen jarliy boluqui-dur, tere qoyar čirig qayan-u ordun-ača yaruyad, egün-i ögülekü busu, 75 ögülekü anu, egüden-ü yadana baiqu kümün-dür ögülerün 'ja odo [edüge] qayan-u ordun-dur morilaju bayutuyai' kemegsen-dür, tere köbegün qayan-u ordun-dur oroyad, qayan-dur isü isü nayan nigen jüil-eyer meküiskejü yosolaysan-dur, qayan širege ögčü sayulyad [sayulyayad], ein ailadqarun 'erkim jöčin [jočin] a, urid udaya erkim 80 tan-u doora-dur<sup>9</sup> minu beye šibayun bolun orošiysan amui. erkim ta

i.e., he went to the place where he should go.

<sup>8</sup> ene-ü-ken, colloquial genitive of ene. ene-ü-ken doora 'here yonder'.
9 tan-u doora-dur, 'in your presence'

naimai-i [nama-yi] talbin yabuyuluysan amui. erkim tan-u ene metü ači-i garivulmui<sup>10</sup>, kemegsen-dür köbegün tere üge-i sonosuju [sonosču] yekede bayarlayad, tere edür qayan-u qotan-dur qonoyad, maryata örülege [örlüge] qayan-u ordun-dur iregsen-dür qayan yeke bayarlayad 85 tere edür qayan-u ordun-du yurban edür yurban söni nairlayad, qayan inu ein jarliy bolurun 'edüge basa kedün edür nairlamui' ged, yaqai qoni takiya olan-i aluyad [alayad], širge budaya-i yekede jiyaysan<sup>11</sup>. dakin doloyan edür doloyan söni nairlaqui-bar toytuyaju [toytayaju], bičigan savuju dolovan edür dolovan söni-eyer yekede nairlabai.

90 tegün-eče qoina šibayun yeke qayan ögülerün 'ai köbegün, čamdur [čima-dur] urid-yin ači-i qariyulqui anu, bi čam-dur nigen erdeni-yin bömböge metü teimü nigen čilayun-i bariya, tegün-i orkibasu yayun abugu bolbasu teimü yüm [yayuma] bayumui<sup>12</sup>' kemeküi-dür, tere köbegün dotor(a)ban yekede bayarlan amui. basa köbegün dakin gayan-dur 95 ailadaarun 'degedü yeke gayan nadur teimü erdeni-yin yüm gair(a)labasu üčügen boyol minu beye yeke bayarlan amui' kemeküi-dür, qayan nigen yeke gayurača-i [qairčay] negeged, nigen duyuriy čilayun-i abuyad, köbegün-dür ögügsen-dü, köbegün yekede bayarlan qoyar yar-bar tosun abuju yekede meküiskejü yosulan abubai.

100 tere edür köbegün qayan-u ordun-dur nige umtayad, tegün-ü manayar qayan-u ordun-dur oroju qayan-dur ger-tegen qariqu yosu-i meküiskejü yosulan, qayan-u ordun-ača yarču ger-yin jüg yabubai.

nigen edür yabuyad, nigen ail-dur ečiged, tere ail-dur oroysan-dur nigen ebügen em(e)gen goyar čai uyun amui. köbegün teden-luya amur mengdü-105 -eyen medeged, tende nigen kedün ayaya čai uyuyad, teden-luya kedün qonoya qonoyad, ger-yin jüg-tür yabubai. basa nigen edür bičiqan yabuyad, qola-ača baraya-i qarun [qaran] üjibesu yayča nige ail yaruydumui [qaraydamui]. bičiqan yabuysan-dur tere ger-yin oira kürüged ger-tü orobasu, olan kümün bui amui. köbegün oroyad amur mengdü-eyen 110 medeged, nigen kedün ayaya čai uyuyad, tende nigen qonoy umtayad, manayar mön kü tere ail-degen qonoqui-du, köbegün urid-yin šibayun gayan-u qairlaysan erdeni-yin čilayun-i öbür-eče [ebür] yaruyan tere ail-dur üjegülügsen-dür, tere ail-yin kümün-ner tere erdeni-yin čilavun-dur šinuju, kobegün-i ariki uyulyan maši yeke soytayaju, tere 115 erdeni-yin čilayun-luya adal(i)qan nigen mayu čilayun-i ögčü orkibai. tere köbegün medegsen ügei ger-tegen garibai.

köbegün ečige eke-yin amurgan mengdü-i medeged, ečige eke-degen ein ögülerün 'ečige, bi yabuyad šibayun qayan-u ger-tür ečiged, arban kedün

<sup>10</sup> ene metü ači-i, 'good deed that it was'.

<sup>11</sup> širke budaya-i yekede jiyaysan, 'he set out a sumptuous spiced meal'.
12 tegün-i orkibasu ... bayumui, 'when you cast it, whatever it is (you wish) to take, that object appears'.

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edür nairalayad nigen erdeni-yin čilayun-i olju abčirabai' kemen 120 keleküi-dür, tegün-ü ečige eke maši yeke bayaralan ein ögülerün 'teimü sain bolbasu<sup>13</sup>, ečige eke činu teimü yeke erdeni üjeye' kemen keleküi-dür köbegün inu öbür-eče [ebür] nigen duyuruy čilayun-i yarayaju ögüged, ein ögülerün 'ene-i yayun bayuu gebečü14 tere yüm mön bayumui' kemen kelegsen-dür ečige eke inu ein ögülerün 'teimü bolbala, köbegün 125 činu beye saiqan yüm-i orkin bayulyatuyai' kemen kelegsen-dür, köbegün orkiysan-dur yayun ču yüm bayuysan ügei tula, ečige eke inu yeke ayuralan ein ögülerün 'köbegün či yayun-dur edür qonoya yabuyad yayın ču erdeni-i olju iregsen ügei böged, basa mön qudal-ayar ögülemüi' kemen kelegsen-dür, köbegün inu ögülerün 'nadur šibayun qayan üneger 130 nigen erdeni-yin yüm-i qairalaysan bülüge, yayun-dür eimü mayu kereg bolbai<sup>15</sup>, geğü bodoyad ečige eke-degen ögülerün 'bi basa šibayun qayan-luya ečiged barayadaya' gejü kelegsen-dür, ečige eke inu ein ögülerün 'teimü bolbala yabutuyai' kemen kelegsen-dür, köbegün inu yekede bayaralan ger-eče yarču yabubai.

135 nigen edür yabuysan-dur, urid edür-ün jam degere ail-dur oroyad, tere ail-un kümün-luya amur mengdü-eyen medeged, tere ail-dur kedün ayaya čai-i uyuju, naran oroi boluysan-dur, tere ail-dur kedün ayaya čai-i uyuju, naran oroi boluysan-dur, tere ail-dur qonoqu ber boluysan tula, tere ail-dur kedün ayaya qoyol-i ideged, örülüge oroi čaiqu-yin 140 üye-ber, bosču šibayun qayan-u ger-ün jüg čigelen yabubai. bičiqan yabuyad, šibayun qayan-u ordun-i kürüged, egüden-ü emüne kürügsen--dür, urid-yin qoyar čirig-ün kümün bui amui. köbegün šibayun qayan--luya barayadayad, učir-ayan kelegsen-dür, šibayun qayan yeke yaiqan ein ögülerün 'teimü bolbala, bi dakin nige ulayan üniye-i čama-dur 145 [čima-dur] kešig-i küretegeye' kemen kelegsen-dür, köbegün yeke bayaralaysan-dur, qayan tere üniye-i qairalabai. köbegün yeke bayarlayan, ger-tegen qariju ireged gerün bügüdüger yeke bayaralan, engke amuyulang-ayar jirayabai.

## B. The Mongolian Script

The Mongolian script is written vertically, and read from top to bottom, the lines proceeding from left to right. Words written in the native script resemble a series of notches broken by loops and strokes. There are no capital letters or punctuation marks such as our question mark or quotation mark—only a mark denoting the end of a clause

<sup>13</sup> teimü sain bolbasu, 'if such be the good (fortune)'.

<sup>14</sup> ene-i yayun bayuu gebecü, 'when you say to it, strike down that' or 'when you tell it what to strike down'. 15 yayun-dur eimü mayu kereg bolbai, 'why did it turn out so bad?'.

and the end of a paragraph, and even these are often negligently employed.

Manuscripts, xylographs (wood-block prints) and printed books may use the Mongolian figures for numbers, but more often they will spell out the number in words, as jayun döčin qoyar, 142. Most modern books are paginated with Arabic numbers.

The basic (or medial) form of the letters should be learned first. It then becomes clear that the initial and final forms are slight variants with hooks and flourishes.

The fact cannot be disguised that the script is ambiguous. The vowels a/e, o/u,  $\ddot{o}/\ddot{u}$  and the consonants k/g,  $q/\gamma$ , t/d are not clearly differen-

tiated in all positions. Consequently, a word like 3 can be read urtu,

long, or ordu, palace, depending on the context. There is no ambiguity from the Mongol's point of view, as the context makes it clear, just as English read (present) and read (past) are not confused.

After the student has seen some familiar words in the native script, such as nigen,  $qa\gamma an$ , tere,  $k\ddot{o}beg\ddot{u}n$ , he will begin to remember word-pictures. Common endings such as -dur, -gsen, -iyen, -bai, soon become second nature, and the only problem is to decide about o/u, t/d, etc.

The basic (medial) forms should be thoroughly memorized, and the remaining remarks about individual variations in letters should be carefully studied. Then the student may begin a story in Mongolian script, referring to the transcription as necessary. Acquisition of fluency is then merely a matter of reading additional texts. It is true that there are editions of modern dialect texts in European phonetic script by European philologists, and for the use of Mongols on Russian territory new Cyrillic alphabets have been created. But for all work in Mongolian classical literature, and for use of dictionaries, its mastery remains a sine qua non.

#### I. Vowels.

Words beginning with a vowel may not do so unaided, but require a prefixed  $\mathbf{1}$  (like the Arabic alif, or the Hebrew aleph). The vowel e is not written initially, and only the alif indicates its presence (giving the appearance that initial e requires no alif). The mid vowels  $\ddot{o}$  and  $\ddot{u}$  require the stroke of the  $i \bullet$  added under the  $\mathbf{1}$ , to form  $\mathbf{1}$ . When  $\ddot{o}/\ddot{u}$  are not the first letter or in the first syllable of a word, this stroke is omitted, as vowel harmony shows whether o/u or  $\ddot{o}/\ddot{u}$  is to be read.

Final forms. After a consonant, final -a/-e extends the hook  $\blacksquare$  with a stroke to  $\blacksquare$ , or may use a flourish in the opposite direction, thus,  $\blacksquare$ .

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Final i rounds off the form  $\bullet$  to  $\bullet$ . Final o/u,  $\ddot{o}/\ddot{u}$  bring the stroke of  $\mathbf{d}$  around to  $\mathbf{o}$ .

Diphthongs. A diphthong in which i is always the second element, as in a word like sain, good, may be written in two ways, saain (sa'in),

or saiin (sayin) . The latter graph is found in all xylographs and ancient manuscripts, the former prevails in more recent manuscripts. These words may be transcribed either as sain or sayin, teimü or teyimü etc. Other combinations of two or more vowels are not diphthongs and are written in a normal manner: keüken, child; taulai, hare; yooa, beautiful; činua-yi, wolf (acc.), etc.

Note that the diphthongs oi, ui, and  $\ddot{u}i$  coincide in 3. Do not confuse this with 3, which is  $\ddot{o}/\ddot{u}$ .

#### II. Consonants.

n. The point of n is often omitted, especially when it occurs after a vowel. The point often stands one stroke farther down, as it is added afterwards, like dotting an i. Final n is lengthened, cf. a.

b. b  $\bullet$  will not be confused with (final) o/u, as b occurs after a vowel, and o/u after a consonant. Final b has the form  $\bullet$ . The syllable bo/bu has the ligature  $\bullet$ .

In foreign words, the unvoiced p is indicated by adding a hook.

 $s/\check{s}$ . The addition of two points makes s to  $\check{s}$ . When i follows, s is always read  $\check{s}$ . At the end of a word another s occurs, especially in the xylographs, in the shape of a short final n. Cf. table p. 72.

t/d. Initially, the form is lacktriangle. Medially, the forms  $\lacktriangle$  and  $\lacktriangle$  occur. The last given looks like on, but occurs only finally and before consonants.

qalayun but sayuyad tende sayuyad tende

Since l has a final upward stroke and m a downward stroke, the combi-

nation -ml- must be written with a ligature, as in 3. The final form of -m is 2.

y/j. Since j does not occur in Uighur, there was no letter for it in the old alphabet. Initially it was written with y and medially with  $\check{c}$ . About 1700 a variant of the latter character was introduced for medial j, and in manuscripts from the 19th century initial y is distinguished from j by an upward tilt of the end of the stroke. This latter form is not found in the table p. 72, which only registers the letters found in the xylographs.

k/g. Following vowels are combined into the stroke. ke/ge is  $\rightarrow$ , ki is  $\rightarrow$ , ko/go (ku/gu) is  $\rightarrow$ , etc. The combination ng is simply n+g. Final k/g is a somewhat elongated  $\rightarrow$ .

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- v. Easily confused with y and in many xylographs indistinguishable from it.
- h. Only in foreign words. When initial, it requires a supporting alif.

Besides the normal alphabet there is a complete set of letters, distinguished by various diacritics, for the transcription of Tibetan and Sanskrit Buddhist terms, the so-called galik-letters, which were invented about the beginning of the 14th century. The letters  $p,\ k$  and h of the table p. 72 have been taken over from the galik-series. In manuscripts from South Mongolia Manchu-letters may also be met with.

## Orthographical Conventions

Foreign words and names may violate all of the above practices, as well as beginning with several consonants, and ending in consonants which do not generally end words, and so on.

The double oo in words like  $\gamma ool$ , qoor and door is a mere conventional graph in certain words. So is the frequent doubling of a final round vowel, as in buu, not, and  $deg\ddot{u}\ddot{u}$ , younger brother. Words which appear to contain diphthongs have generally lost an intervocalic  $\gamma/g$ . This is especially frequent in words containing another  $\gamma/g$  or q/k, e. g.  $ke\ddot{u}ken$ ,  $au\gamma a$ . The emphatic final -ja is written -i-a.

When medial d and g must be shown unambiguously, the are written doubled, as in the word qudduy, well, which would otherwise be identical with qutuy, holy. The example most frequently met will be the forms of the verb  $\ddot{o}g$ -, to give, written always with two g's before suffixes beginning with a vowel, as  $\ddot{o}gg\ddot{u}gsen$ , given. It would otherwise be indistinguishable from  $\ddot{u}k\ddot{u}$ -, to die, in forms like  $\ddot{u}k\ddot{u}gsen$ , dead.

Some manuscripts and xylographs distinguish between -tur (with the letter for initial t/d) and -dur (with the medial t/d) in the dative-locative suffix.

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A few Turkish loanwords have been taken over in their Uighur garb, such as tngri = tengri,  $jrl\gamma = jarli\gamma$ , kkir = kir.

Some scribes incline, in certain suffixes, to write only one of a front / back pair, the reader supplying the proper pronunciation instinctively, such as aqa-yügen (for aqa-yuyan), eke-luya (for eke-lüge) or čečeg-nuyud (for čečeg-nügüd).

The Mongolian Alphabet1

Number		Characters		
	Transcription	Initial	Medial	Final
1	a	4	•	~ ~
2	e	4	•	~ ~
3	i	4	7	2
4	o u	đ	а	Ф
5	δũ	ផ្ទ	3 a	മ
6	n	.1	••	•
7	ng		ろ	E.
8	q	.2	1	1
9	γ	٠.٥	·a a	:1 1
10	ь	თ	6	១
11	p	മ	পূ	
12	8	<b>3</b> -	<b>*</b>	* T
13	š	<del>↑.</del>	<b>≑</b> :	₹;
14	t d	4	a 9	ı
15	l	Th	41	11
16	m	ተ	TI	<<
17	ě	u	11	
18	•	7	J	
19	y	1	1	2
20	k g	2	2	2
21	k	2	2	
22	r	л	л	מ
23	υ	a	а	
24	h	2	٠.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From N. Poppe, Grammar of Written Mongolian, Wiesbaden 1954, p. 17.

### Transcription

### XI. "The Wise Young Brahman" \*

erte urida Kabalik balyasun-dur biraman-u qamuy uqayan-u jüil-dür mergen boluysan Sain Töröl-tü kemekü || nigen biraman bülüge. tere biraman-dur Sedkil-dur Tayalaqu neretü nigen qatuytai bülüge. tere qoyar-||-ača nigen köbegün töröjüküi. tere köbegün inu üčügüken-eče gegen oyutu yekes-ün yabudal-iyar yabuyči¹ || nigen bolbai. tende eke inu ʻaya ene köbegün töröged sača yekes-ün yabudal-iyar yabuγči gegen oyutu || bükü-yin tula, mayad nigen jayaya-tu bui-ja' kemejü, Geigsen kemen nere öggüged, 'ai ene köbegün-\|-dür qamuy uqayan-u jüil-i suryasuyai' kemeşii bürün, ečige eke qoyar ber suryaysan-dur, dörbel || ügei medeküi nigen² bolbai. tere köbegün inu doloγan jil boluysan-dur, biraman-u uqayan-u jüil-dür || mergen boluysan erdem-üd inu qamuy bügüdeger-tür sonostaysan-a, tere čay-tur Kabalik balyasun--dakin uqayan-u | jüil-dür mergen boluysan qamuy biraman čiyulju uqayan-u jüil-dür temečegsen-dür, biraman-u Geigsen köbegün | maši yeke ülem ji boluysan-dur, tedeger biraman ögülerün, 'ai köbegün a nasun činu eimü jalayu || bögetele, uqayan-u jüil-dür ene metü mergen boluysan ker buyu' kemen asaybasu, köbegün ögülerün || 'toyoluysan burqan ber bayši minu bui. boydas-un nom ber ibegegči minu bui. bursang quvaraγ-ud ber || uduridduyči minu bui. γurban erdenis-ün adistid kigsen-ü küčü-ber üile üres-tür ünemšigsen-ü tula³, sešig ügei erte šiltayan-u köröngge sačaysan-dur, üre ülü qomsadqu buyan-i kičiyegsen bui<sup>4</sup>. nasun || minu jalayu bolbasu, ugayan-u jüil-dür mergen boluysan-u učir teimü bui'.

<sup>\*</sup> From I. J. Schmidt: Grammatik der mongolischen Sprache, St. Petersburg, 1831, p. 16.

gegen oyutu ... yabuγči, 'he was one who went in the ways of the great ones of illuminated insight'.

<sup>2</sup> dörbel ügei medeküi nigen, 'one knowing no obstacle (to attain Nirvana)'.
3 yurban erdenis-un ... ünemsigsen-ü tula, 'because I have become aware of the consequences of action through the power of the three jewels blessing'.
4 sesia signi

<sup>\*</sup> sešig ügei ... kijiyegsen bui, 'when, free from doubt, I sowed the seed of original cause, I attained virtue of no small consequence'.

### C. A Synopsis of Modern (Khalkha) Mongolian

Literary Mongolian, by and large, represents Mongolian as it was spoken in the days of Chinggis Qagan, though with gradual elimination of antiquated words and grammatical forms. However, the conservatism of the Mongol written language did not impede the natural development of the spoken language, which gradually split up into dialects, each with its own internal history.

As an example of the linguistic development between 1250 and 1950, a brief summary will be given of the more important phonetic and grammatical changes separating the classical language as written today and that important modern dialect, the Khalkha. The phonetic rendering here adopted is a transcription of the current Cyrillic orthography, except that the long vowels are rendered  $\bar{a}$ ,  $\bar{e}$ ,  $\bar{i}$ , etc., instead of aa, ee, ii, etc. A brief text in Khalkha is also added.

#### 1. Phonetical Differences

#### Consonants

A.  $\check{c}$  and  $\check{j}$  have become ts (c) and dz (z)<sup>1</sup>, except before an original i.

čerig	tserig	soldier
čečeg	tsetseg	flower
jam	(d)zam	${f road}$
üjeged	iizēd	seeing
či	$\check{c}i$	you
jil	$\check{\jmath}il$	year

B. b becomes v, except initially and in some consonant groups.  $\gamma$  is written a.

irebei	irev	(he) went
yabubai	yavav	(he) travelled
yabuysan	yavsan	having gone
arban	arv	$ ext{ten}$
bolbasu	bolvol	if he be
ken bui	$\chi enbar{e}$	who?
yambar	yamar	which, what sort
baya	baga	${f small}$
bülüge	$bi l ar{e}$	(he) was
γajar	gazar	land, country

C. Final -n is mostly lost. An n before g,  $\chi$  and finally, stands for ng (y).

bayasqulang	$bayas \chi ulan$	enjoyment
minu	min'	$\mathbf{m}\mathbf{y}$
urida	ur'd	beginning
amin	am'	life
qoni	$\chi on'$	${f sheep}$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In Russian letters, ч and ж, ц and 3, respectively.

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D. k and q have both become a spirantic  $\chi$  (the ch of German). The sound k has reappeared in modern loan-words.

ken	χen	who
qara	$\chi ara$	black
aqa	$a\chi a$	elder brother
$ear{k}e$	$e\chi$	${f mother}$
kümün	χün	man
	kino	movies
	fabrik tank	factory
	tank	tank

Vowels.

E. Contraction. In numerous cases intervocalic  $\gamma/g$ , b and sometimes also m in the same position have been dropped with contraction of the two short vowels into one long. The resulting long vowel is identical with the vowel of the original second syllable, except that a round vowel in the first syllable before an open vowel (a/e) in the second result in  $\bar{o}/\bar{o}$ . Only in suffixes does  $u\gamma a/\bar{u}ge$  become  $\bar{a}/\bar{e}$ .

$qa\gamma al\gamma an$	χālga	gate
degere	$dar{e}re$	above, upper
debel	$dar{e}l$	coat
boyol	$bar{o}l$	slave
uyu-	$ar{u}$ -	drink
ayula	$ar{u}la$	mountain
$deg\ddot{u}$	$dar{u}$	younger brother
kümün	χün	man
qayan- $luya$	$\chiar{a}nlar{a}$	with the Khan
irelüge	$\ddot{i}relar{e}$	went, came
bülüge	$bilar{e}$	was

A few words are distinguished by whether they have a long or a short vowel.

 $egin{array}{lll} \emph{der} & \emph{der} & \emph{pillow} \ \emph{degere} & \emph{der} & \emph{above} \end{array}$ 

F. Loss of Vowels. Most final short vowels and many medial vowels (especially i) or second syllable vowels drop out.

saran	sar	moon
usun	us	water
modun	mod	tree
bügüde	$b\ddot{u}gd$	all
yasun	yas	bone
amin	am'	life
$oldsymbol{\check{s}ine}$	$\it sine$	new
alaqu	$ala\gamma$	to kill
abču	alaχ avč	taking

üligerülgerstoryarad ulusard ulsnation, peopleiregsenirsenhaving comeorojuorjgoing outerte urida čag-turert ur'd tsagtOnce upon a time

- G. Vowel mutation ("Umlaut").
- 1. An i of the first syllable accommodates itself to the vowel of the second syllable.

miqan $ma\chi$ meatnidinnideye $\check{c}inua$  $\check{c}ono$ wolfnigenneg(e)one, a $\check{c}idam\ddot{u}i$  $\check{c}adna$ (he) can (diff. suffix)

2. An e before  $\ddot{u}$  becomes  $\ddot{o}$ . The  $\ddot{u}$  then also becomes  $\ddot{o}$  (see next paragraph).

 $ed\ddot{u}r$   $\ddot{o}d\ddot{o}r$  today  $em\ddot{u}ne$   $\ddot{o}mn\ddot{o}$  before

3.  $o/\ddot{o}$  in the first syllable reduces a short vowel of the following syllable to the same sound.

tree, wood modunmod(on) to become blue kökereyöyrööndör high öndür very olanolonprince noyon noyan two yoyor qoyar dog noxoi nogai

### II. Grammatical Distinctions

#### A. Cases.

1. Genitive. The ending is -n after diphthongs,  $-\bar{\imath}n$  after vowels and consonants except -n, and  $-\bar{\imath}$  after -n.

dalainsea dalaihorse  $morin\bar{\imath}$ mor(in)  $ger\bar{\imath}n$ tent, house ger truth  $\ddot{u}nen\bar{\imath}$  $\ddot{u}nen$ teacher bagšīn bagš ulsīn people uls

2. Accusative. The ending -i (and -yi) was supplanted by another ending -iq, which after diphthongs and long vowels is merely -q.

dalaig ünenīg morīg bagšīg gerīg ulsīg 76 Reader

3. Dative. The Old Mongolian -da, with loss of the final vowel, yields -d. After a consonant, a connecting vowel precedes. t is used instead of d after v, g, r, and s.

dalaid ünend morind bagšid gert ulsad

4. Instrumental. The ending is  $-\bar{a}r$ ,  $-\bar{e}r$ ,  $-\bar{o}r$ . After a long vowel or a diphthong, g is inserted.

dalaigār ünenēr moriōr bagšār gerēr ulsār

5. Ablative. The ending -ača is reduced to -ās (-ēs, -ōs, -ōs).

dalaigās ünenēs morinōs bagšās gerēs ulsās

6. Comitative. The ending  $-lu\gamma a/-l\ddot{u}ge$  has become  $-l\ddot{a}/-l\ddot{e}$ , but it is mostly replaced by the adjectival formation in -tai/-tei/-toi.

dalaitai ünentei moritoi bagštai gertei ulstai

B. Plural formation. The plural employs the same (or reduced) forms of the suffixes in the classical language.

nuyud $n\bar{u}d$  $\check{c}ud$  $\check{c}\bar{u}d$ nar/nernar (no vowel harmony!)-s-s-d-d

- C. Reflexive Pronouns. These are formed by adding a single long vowel  $-\bar{a}$  ( $-\bar{e}$ ,  $-\bar{o}$ ,  $-\bar{o}$ ) to all cases except the genitive, which adds  $-\chi\bar{a}$  or  $-g\bar{a}$ , and the comitative, which adds  $-g\bar{a}$ .
- D. Personal Possessive Pronouns. The forms are reduced to: min',  $\check{c}in'$ , n', man' and tan'. They are placed after the noun, and are unstressed.
- E. Demonstrative Pronouns. The nominatives ene and tere remain the same, but the oblique stems are  $\bar{u}n$  and  $t\bar{u}n$ -. The plurals are ede, tede or edeger, tedeger.
- F. Principal Verb Forms.
- 1. The present or durative tense does not use -mui but a new formation in -na/ne.

iremüiirne(he) goesyabumuiyavna(he) travels

When the interrogative particle is added, the ending is  $-n\bar{u}$ , as  $iren\bar{u}$ .

2. The preterite in -bai/-bei is reduced to -av/-ev or -v.

irebei irev sayubai sūv yabubai yavav

3. The perfect in -luya /-lüge has become -lā /-lē:

 $irel\ddot{u}ge$   $irl\ddot{e}$   $yabulu\gamma a$   $yavl\ddot{a}$  The interrogative is in  $-l\ddot{u}/-l\ddot{u}$ .

4. The so-called infinitive in  $-qu/-k\ddot{u}$  is now merely  $-\chi$ .

yabuqu yavax ireküi irex

5. The past participle form in -ysan/-gsen is now -san/-sen.

yabuysan yavsan iregsen irsen

In the instrumental form -ysayar, it becomes -sār.

6. The gerund form in -ju is -j, that in  $-\check{c}u$ ,  $-\check{c}$ .

oroju orj abču avč

7. The coordinative gerund in  $-\gamma ad$  | -ged is contracted regularly, except when i precedes.

yabuyad yavād bariyad bariad

8. The conditional in -basu/-besü uses a new formation in -bol/-vol.

bolbasu bolbol

The following text is in Khalkha Mongolian.

### XIII. "The Foolish Wolf1"

### teneg čono

ert ur'd tsagt negen čono zamār orōd yavj baiv gene. getel zam dēr n' negen xonini zaidas xevtej baij gene. tūnīg čono ūzēd idex getel zaidas, "čono ta namaig bitgī id. ene urd negen adū šavart unād xevtej baina bilē. tūnīg očij idne ū'' gej guixad čono ter zaidasni ūgend orj xelsen yosōr tend bī gesen gazart n' očij ūzvel, ūnexēr negen adū šavart unād xevtej baixad tūnīg idex getel, adū bas xelj gene. "čono guai ta namaig idex gej baigā yum bol, šavrās min' tataj gargaj orxiod id'' gej gene. "bas ta odō namaig šavartai xevēr n' idex gej baixin orond tseverlej orxiod

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From B. Kh. Todayeva, Grammatika sovremennogo mongol'skogo yazyka, Moscow, 1951, p. 178f.

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id' gej gene. bas xelsen yosōr šavri n' xelērē dolōj arligaj orxiod, idex yetel, bas, "minī xoid xōlīn tūrand negen bičig bičētei bī. ta tūnī min' üzēd idsügei" gej xelj gene. čono tūnī tūran-daz' bičgīg üzex gēd očtol ter adū tarxī n' xaga öšiglēj orxiod, bosōd davxin yavčij gene. bas ter čono üxex gej baij ingej xelj xevtej gene. "zamār yavsan zantgār tolgoi, zaidsand xūragdsan ergū tolgoi, šavrās n' tataj gargax yamar ezen n' bilē, šavri n' dolōj arilgax yamar ēj n' bilē, tūraid n' bičig üzex gedeg yamar bičig medez bilē' gēd orlij xevtej gene.

### Vocabulary

Only the more difficult words or modern formations are given. The others are easily recognized by the student, or may be found in the Glossary.

 $ad\bar{u}$  horse (cf. aduyun)  $b\bar{\imath} = bui$ bitgī negative, do not bilē = bülüge baigā pres. part. of baičono = činua wolf davyi- to move on  $d\bar{e}r = degere$  upon  $dol\bar{o}$  =  $dolu\gamma a$  - |doliya to lick ēĭ mother ergü = ergigü crazy, addled ge- in usage equals keme- to say, tell getel then, went on to say, = s when he was about to. guai (cf. abayai) sire, master ingej = inggijü thus oč- = eči- to go odō = edüge now orli- to lament, cry orxi- = orki- to cast, throw; to do something to completion, fi-

nishing; general perfectivizing auxiliary. öšiale- (cf. öskilge a kick) to kick  $\delta avar = \delta ibar \text{ dirt, mud, clay}$  $tary\bar{i} = tariki$  brains, head tolgoi = toluyai head  $tseverle- = \check{c}eberle-$  to clean  $t\bar{u}rai = tuvurai$  hoof tūnig = tegun-i urd = uridu south  $\gamma aga = qa\gamma a$  quite, apart yevēr how, in what manner  $\ddot{\gamma}oid = qoitu$  behind, rear  $\chi \bar{u} ragda$ -= qayurayda- to be deceived yum = yayuma thing, object zaidas stomach filled with blood and intestines zantgār misshapen (head)

#### Translation

#### The Foolish Wolf

Once upon a time, a wolf was going travelling on a road, (the story) says. It goes on to say, on (top of) the road was lying a sheep's stomach, (the story) says. The wolf looking at it, was about to eat (it); the stomach said, "Wolf, do not eat me. South of here, there happens to be a horse lying fallen in the mud. Are you (not) going and eat him?", he asked. The wolf, going into the stomach's words (i.e., believing him) by the way he said it, went to the place it was said to be and saw, there really

was a horse lying fallen in the mud, and he was about to eat it. The horse spoke also, saying "Wolf, sire, if it is so that you say you are going to eat me, (finish) pulling and taking me from the mud. (then) eat (me)" he said. "Well, you, instead of saying 'How (can I) eat him', (since) I am muddy now, finish cleaning (me), (then) eat", he said, (the story) says. Then, by the way he spoke, cleaning and licking off the mud with his own tongue, he was about to eat, then, "In my hind leg's hoof is written some writing". Saying, "When you have seen this, eat me", he said, (the story) says. The wolf, when he went saying he (was to) see the writing in the hoofs, the horse, when he finished kicking his head apart, got up and made his way off, (the story) says. Then when the wolf was about to die, he lay and said thus, (the story) says, "(Oh, my) misshapen head spread on the road, stupid head deceived by a stomach! When I pulled and took him from the mud, what sort of master was (I)? When I cleaned and licked off his mud, what was I, his mother? What sort of a literate person (lit. one knowing writing) am I to see writing said (to be) in his hoofs?", he said, and lay lamenting, (the story) says.

## IV. Glossary

### Mongolian-English Glossary

The glossary is intended to be complete for all words cited in the lessons and reading selections. The entries are mostly arranged to show common elements or derivative stems, where this does not unduly violate the alphabetical order. Verbs are entered under the stem form (bol-), but some common derived forms (kemen, bogesü) have also been entered. The more obvious loan-words are marked with the language of derivation. The plurals of many common words are entered.

The vocabularies of Lessons 1-10 contain about 500 words, and the reading selections, another 500. This glossary may also serve to read the selections in K. Grønbech, Mongolske Tekster i Originalskrift<sup>1</sup>,

Copenhagen, 1945.

The order of letters in the glossary is as follows:  $a, b, \check{c}, e, \gamma, i, \check{j}/y, k/g$ ,  $l, m, n, q, r, s, š, t/d, o/u, \ddot{o}/\ddot{u}$ . This arrangement makes it possible to locate a word met either in transcription or in the original script by looking in only one place. While preserving the essential order of European alphabets, it also prepares the student to use Mongolian dictionaries.

Minor variations in spelling, as a/i, a/u, etc., are seldom given an additional listing in the glossary. The complete range of meanings for a word is not always given, but the definitions are restricted to those suitable to the stories.

a voc. part., Oh!, Ah! (see § 44d) a- to be ab- to take, to buy, to take in marriage abču ire- to bring abači- to take, take away; conduct abayai a form of address to one's elders: sire abari- to mount, climb up abčira- to bring, fetch abiyas inclination, habit, nature abqayul- to have take abdara|n, abdura|n box, container

abulča- to take (with one another); to fight (one another) abura- to save, rescue, protect abural protection ači good deed; benefaction ači tusa reward ačila- to show mercy; to reward ačitu possessing virtue; charitabel avali custom; character; habit avaši movement; form; conduct ayta gelding ayui very, great, vast avul- to place, put, arrange avula|n mountain

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Specifically, these are the frame story, story 1 (the tale of the rich man's son) and story 8 (the tale of the painter and the joiner) from the Tales of Siddhi Kür (the Vetālapañcavimçatika), Chapter 34 (the tale of the good and the bad prince) from the üliger-un dalai (The Sea of Stories), and pp. 62-70 of I. J. Schmidt's edition of Sayang Sečen's Chronicle. Any later edition of this book will contain these texts.

avulja- to meet; to visit avuljar meeting; corner, end ayur air; spirit; force avurla- be angry avurasun things, goods ayurasutu having possessions, rich ai voc. part., Oh!, Ah! (see § 44d) aia (aya) voc. part., Oh!, Ah! (see § 44d) ail camp; neighbourhood happy ailadga- to report; to say (to a superior) aisu- to approach ajai, aji = aju $\gamma u$ ajuyu was (see § 49a) ala- to kill alaldu- to fight (one another) alay variegated, of various colors alayul- to have kill alba n tax, tribute; duty, obligatory service albatu subject, slave alyur slow, quiet, careful ali what, where  $ali \dots ali$  either  $\dots$  or ali ba every, any ali büri anyone, no one ali ken anyone, who, he who ali yayun anything arban ten alin who, which (of several) aliya prank, jest aliyala- to joke, play pranks aljiya- to be tired algu step, pace alda- to drop; lose; sin, lack, fail to attain aman alda- to promise alta|n gold aldayul- to abandon, flee; to make  $\sin$ aldar glory, fame, honour aldarši- to become famous aldartan said (pl.) famous persons, celebrities aldara- to leave, abandon, become detached aluga hammer alurqai slope, bending alus (postposed), across, through ama|n 1. mouth, lips, opening 2. family, household amaray friend; dear, well-loved

amaragla- to love passionately amiri (Skt.) mango ami|n spirit, breath, life amitu one possessing life, a being amitan (pl.) living beings amidura- to live; to come to oneself amta|n taste, good taste amu- to be peaceful, happy; to rest amuyul- to calm, pacify, make amuyulang peace, happiness, calm amui see aamur peace, happiness, fortune amurgan quite peaceful amurči- to rest; to live in peace amurčiyul- to pacify, calm anggir 1. orange, yellow 2. duck-like bird angga|n beginning, first angqaduyar the first anu nom. part., indicates preceding word is subject; his; see § 10 aga elder brother araki wine, brandy arakitu drunk arasu|n skin, leather, hide arad people, nation arbai barley, oats arbičivul- to increase, grow arbid- to be increased, enlarged arbidga- to increase, enlarge (tr.) *arči*- to clean arya means; art, craft, plan; trick aryala- to scheme, employ cunnaryada- to ensnare, trap, ambush aryatu crafty, artful aryamji cord, rope aryul slow, gentle, peaceful ariyun pure, clean, sacred ariki = arakiarilya- to clean, cleanse, cure; to vanquish (fear) arsalan lion aru back, spine, behind, north arši (Skt.) a Rishi, a saint asay|u- to ask, inquire asayul question asayulča- to ask (one another) asara- to have pity on, to commiserate; to bring up

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asga- to empty, pour out asuru very, extremely, more ašiyla- to use, make use of ašida always; constant, eternal ataya|n envy, jealousy atayatu envious, iealous: evil minded atala about to adali (postposed) equal, like, similar adistid (Skt.) blessing, providence aduyu|n herd (esp. of horses) aduyula- to watch herd aduyusu|n cattle, stock aturiyul- to wrinkle, pucker, frown auya strength, might aya (aia) voc. part., Oh!, Ah! (see § 44 d) ayay-qa takimlig (Uig.) a rank of priest, gelung ayaya bowl, cup ayu- to fear, dread ayul fright, fear

ba and, also; we baya small; young bayačud (pl.) children baya saya trifle; little by little bayana column; support bayatur hero (cf. Russ. богатырь); brave, courageous bayča package, bundle bayši (Chin.?) teacher, scholar baytaya- to contain, hold bayu- to descend, get down; to sit down; Sel. X, to knock out of the air bayulya- to have descend, lower; to decree; to marry off bai- to be, exist; to wait, dwell, stand baiyul- to place, set, build, erect, establish bailya- to stop (tr.), discontinue baina|m is; being (durative of bai-) baiday what customarily is; usual baidal state, manner, form baišing (Chin.) building, house, room bajaya- to arrange, prepare balyasu|n (pl. balyad) city, town, village bara- to finish, conclude, consume

baravdaši ügei inexhaustible, endbaraya merchandise; something in the distance; reality barayada- (Sel. X.) to visit, have an audience barayun right bari- to take, seize, catch, keep bariyul- to have take; to catch barilduto hold one another, wrestle, fight barkira- to cry, shout bars, baras tiger basa then, still, also basa ču (kü) again, once more basu things, goods, riches badara- to blaze, flame badarayul- to inflame, ignite; to increase batu hard, firm, honest bayan rich bayar joy, happiness bayar üiles gifts bayarla- to rejoice, be happy bayas- to be happy, rejoice bayasqulang joy, delight, rejoicing bayasulča- to rejoice (with one another) bekile- to strengthen belčir confluence of rivers beleg (pl. -üd) gift, present beled- to prepare, set up belge (pl. -s) sign, mark belkegüsü|n waist ber nom. part., indicates preceding word is subject; makes pronouns indefinite; see § 10 bere mile beri (pl. beriyed) daughter-in-law, (pl.) engaged couple berke difficult; heavy beder marks, figures, designs beye self, body, nature beye minu I bi I (see § 35) biči- to write bičig writing, letter, composition, book bičin monkey bičigan little, little bit bilig knowledge

barayda- to be finished, come to an end

bing (Chin.) name of a year, p. 102 biraman (Skt.) Brahman bišire- to respect, worship bide we (see § 35) blama (Tib.) lama, priest bširu (Tib.) coral buča- to return, turn back bučaya- to return (tr.) boyda holy, sacred boyo- to bind, tie boyol slave, subject bui is, there is; existing, being there is indeed, there bui-ja certainly is bol- to be, become, exist, be possible -ju bol- to be able bolai = buyubula- to bury, plant bulay source, spring bolbaču although, if, in spite of bolbai = buibolbasu if, as, when, in event bolbasun finished (meal), prepared (food) bolya- to make, do, produce bulya- to fight, assault, attack bolyaya- to notice; to verify buli- to take away (by force) buliya- to rob  $buliya\gamma da$ - to be robbed, plundered bolja-to arrange, make anappointment boljaldu- to be arranged *boljimar, boljumur* lark bolda- to be; to make, accomplish bolday|a hill boltala up to, as far as, while, during bultari- to shirk work boluvujai perhaps bolui (archaic) = bolumui bolultai possible bolumui is bolor crystal, rock crystal bolusa(i) conditional of bolboluyu = boluibuqa bull, ox buqar (Skt.) temple burgan (ult. < Skt.) intelligence, supreme reason; Buddha (Uig.) union bursang quvaray priests, clergy burtay filth buruy color

buruyud- to blame; to flee buruyula- to flee; to behave im-临路短。 properly burušiya- to reproach bos- to arise, stand up bosqa- to make, stand; raise, erect, busu (pl. -d) 1. other, different 2. not, without busuyu = busu + ubošov word; order buta thicket bodi (Skt.) the perfection of intelligence to the Buddhistic state bodo- to consider, regard; determine budu- to paint buduy coloring, dye budaya|n rice, millet; porridge buu prohibitive part., negates imperatives (see § 44b) buyan good deed, virtuous act buyu 1. is; or (see § 49) 2. bui + u, is it? bü- (bö-) to be bögesü if, if there be, in event tein ber bögesü if that is the case bögetele as long as, inasmuch as böge shaman bögle- to stop up, cover bügüde all, every, entire bügüdeger all, all together böjig- to dance böjigči dancer bükün (pl. of büküi) all, every(thing) bülečeg ring bülüge (he) was; there was, existed bömböge ball büri (postposed) each, all *bürin* completely, entirely büriye shell, conch, trumpet bürkü- to cover, to be covered bürüi dark, darkness bütü- to be finished, to conclude bütüge- to make, accomplish büdügün large, heavy bütün complete, entire

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čabči- to cut down, fell; to close one's eyes čabčila- to cut in pieces; to engage in sword play čav time, season tere čay-tur at this time, then, thereupon čavan white čavavčin white (fem.) čavana farther away; behind čavlaši ügei infinite; peerless čai (Chin.) tea čai- to grow light; to bleach, whiten čambudvib (Skt.) world; Indian continent čana cymbals čandali (Skt.) half-caste, low-caste person čandan a (Skt.) sandalwood čagulai (sea) gull času n snow čadia genealogy *čeberle*- to clean čečea flower čečeglig garden čengge- to amuse oneself čengeldü- to amuse oneself (with others) čerig (čirig) army; soldier; war čes bronze, brass či thou, you (2nd. p. sg.) (see § 35)  $\xi i = \xi u$ čib|bü- to plunge, submerge, sink čičuya whip čiytaya n gag; cord, string, rope čiytayala- to tie up, to gag  $\check{c}i\gamma ul|a$ - to gather (intr.) čike right, straight, truthful čiglen direct  $\check{c}ila\gamma u|n$  (pl. -d) stone čima- oblique of či, thou, you čime- to adorn, beautify čimeg ornaments; attire čimege|n cry, sound, report čina- to cook (tr.), prepare (food) činadu on that side; foreign činayši over there; further, behind činggis qayan Gengis Khan (see Intro.) čindamani (Skt.) a magical gem činua (pl. činus) wolf čirai face čirig (čerig) army; soldier; war čirigle- to wage war čisu|n blood čida- to be able; can

čidau- pour čov blaze, splendor, glory ču (emphatic part.) also, indeed *čuburi*-to run, flow (uninterruptedly) čovčala- to pile up, to construct čuyla- to gather, assemble (intr.) čuvlavul- to collect, assemble (tr.) covol- to make an opening, pierce čoki- to strike, beat, hammer čugay rare, precious čugul narrow čugum exactly, actually, quite čöb a bit; remainder čöble- to pick up grain čügege- to chase away čögen few, little čögeken some few čögeresün see kögesün čüle- to banish, exile čölme- to steal, rustle čöm all, completely

#### D see T

#### $\mathbf{E}$

eber horn  $ebes\ddot{u}|n$  (pl. -d) grass; plants ebed- to fall sick, feel bad ebe(d)či|n sickness ebde- to destroy, ruin ebdere- to perish, ruin ebüge|n old man; grandfather ebül winter ebür breast, chest eče- to grow thin, emaciate eči- to go ečige father ečige eke parents ečüs end, goal eimü so, such, such a one ein so, such, thus, in this manner ejen (pl. ejed) ruler, master, lord eke (pl. -s) mother ekener married woman egere- to entreat, beg egešig voice, sound, song eki|n beginning, source eaud- to construct, make, manufacture arya egüd- to find a way out egüle|n cloud egületü cloudy

egün- oblique form of ene egür- carry on one's back egüri long egüs- to begin egüske- to begin; to produce, make egüde|n door, entry elči (pl. -s, -d) envoy, ambassador ele affirmative particle ele bögesü if, whatever it be elegle- to ridicule elige|n liver, stomach, insides eljige n ass, donkey eldeb all sorts, different, diverse em medicine, remedy, drug emči doctor, physician eme (pl. -s) woman, wife emege|n old woman, grandmother emegel saddle emiye- to be afraid emkü morsel, mouthful emüne before, the place in front of one emüne jüg south emüs- to dress oneself emüske- to dress (trans.), to clothe ene this enel- to grieve, sorrow enedkeg India eng area, space; strengthening particle: the very-, the allengke peace, quiet, well-being enggüre dear, favorite, pet (name) ende here endeče hence, thereupon endeki the one here (Ger. hiesige) ere (pl. -s) man, husband eregün chin eri- to seek; ask, request erike | n rosary; chain (of pearls) erildü- to seek, ask (together); to take counsel eriyen varicoloured; motley; adorned erke power, might erketen powerful; the senses; the zodiac ergi- to turn, circle ergičegül- to have turned; to think ergigü addled, crazy erkim supreme, chief, outstanding erkim aqa good sir! to render, present (to a superior) ermeg barren mare

ersü neuter erte early, former, ancient erte urida once upon a time erdem talent, merit, virtue, wisdom erdeni (Skt., pl. -s) jewel, treasure erü- to dig ese no, not (preposed) ese bögesü if it be not so, otherwise, or else, n'est-ce pas? esen safe, well, healthy, prosperous esergü opposite, against esergü tesergü to and fro, hither and von esrua (Sodg.) Brahma ed (Uig.) things, wares, possessions ed tavar goods, wealth, fortune ede- pl. stem of ene edege- recover, heal (intr.) edegege- heal, restore, revive (tr.) eteged side, region edüge now edüi not yet edür dav eye peace, accord

#### G see K

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yayča one, only, sole, alone yayčayar sole, solitary yayčagan only, sole, alone yai misfortune, evil, injustice yaiga- be astonished, surprised; to regard with wonder and admiration yaiqaldu- to admire in company yaiqamšiy wonder, marvel; admirable, remarkable  $\gamma ajar$  (pl.  $\gamma ajad$ ) land, earth, place, country yal fire yaljayu mad, crazy yaqai pig, swine yar hand, arm yar- to come out, go out; to proceed, occur, begin yarya- to take out, bring out; to free; to produce yarta- to be surpassed yasal- to be afflicted, complain yasalang pain, complaint yasalulča- to lament in company

yašiyun bitter, harsh vašivuda- to be sad, grieve yadana outside vadavši outside yadanaši that in front yadayur the outside, exterior vau ditch, crater yautu baišing prison yobi barren steppe, desert, Gobi yučin thirty γui- (γuyu-) to ask for, request vuilinči beggar yulir meal, ground grain yurbayula all three, the three together yurban three γorbila- to cover with lime; to bulge out (as of relief work) yulu- to trouble, bother oneself: dishonour, lose face yutayar third yutul boot, shoe yodoli horn-pointed arrow yooa beautiful, handsome, charming  $\gamma$ ool river valley, river; kernel, essence; center, origin, source yuyu (yui-) to ask for, request; to ask the hand of

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ibege- to aid, help, protect ibegel protection, blessing ičegüre- to blush with shame, to be ashamed ijayur root, origin, family clan, extraction ila- to surpass, surmount ilaya- to surmount, overcome ilayaysan conqueror, majesty ilege- to send, dispatch (a messenger, delegate) iledte clear, obvious iledke- to declare, manifest, explain ilya- to distinguish, discern, make out ildü|n sword ima- oblique stem of 3rd p. sg. pronoun (see § 35) imaya|n goat, buck imayta merely, only inadu on this side; existing, present inayši on this side, around here; down to the present inaru before, until, after

inege- to laugh, smile inagijü (collog.) thus, in this way inje, inji dowry inu (nom. part., see § 10) indicates subject; his irbis panther, leopard ire- to come, arrive iregül- to make come, to summon, invite irgen persons, people, men iriailya- to bare one's teeth (at one another)  $is\ddot{u}|n=yis\ddot{u}n$  nine ide- to eat ideade- to be eaten idegen food, repast, meal idegül- to give to eat, to feed (tr.) idelče- to eat (something) together with others ideši food, meals itege- to believe, trust, confide in idaa- to warn; to stop (tr.), hinder idgaya warning

### J/Y

NB. i/y are identical initially only emphatic particle; certainly, surely jabsar interval, space, chink jabdu- to take measures, make preparations uabu- to go, walk, travel, wander, yabuyul- to make go, to send vabulča- to journey together yabudal going, conduct, behavior yayaki- to make what, to do how yayakin how? *jayan* elephant *yayara-* to hurry yayaran hastily yavuki- to do what, to act how yayuma object, something yayu|n what yayun ber something

yayun-dur why, for what (reason)

jayura- to close together, compress

jaki- to order, command; to pro-

jaila- to depart, leave; to evade

jayura between, while, during

*jayun* hundred

claim

yaki- to do what, to do how ies copper yakin why?, how? yi (Chin.) name of a year, p. 102 jakir- to command, direct, govern jibqulang grandeur, majesty, splendour jakirayalayul- to have administrate yakša (Skt.) a Yakşa, an evil spirit *iiči* also, still jiya- to show, indicate, teach jala- to summon, invite; to steer jiyala- to be taught jalayu young; youth jalbari- to pray, request, implore iiyasu|n fish jiyasuči n fisher (man) jam way, road *iiaši*- to dislike, hate yambar which, what kind jambudvib = čambudvibiidkü- to be industrious, diligent jang morals, character, being iil year jilvi, jilbi magic, sorcery, deceit jaga edge, border, bank jilviči n magician, sorcerer yara wound ilmegül- to show anger jarim some, others; half jimis fruit, berries jarim-dur sometimes iiran sixty jarim ... jarim some ... others iirva- to rejoice, be happy jarla- to publish, announce jiryalang happiness, prosperity jarliy word, order, command (of a jiryayul- to make happy, delight superior); decree, royal edict jiryaldu- to be happy with others jarliy bol- to declaim, pronounce; iiruy painting, picture (of a superior) to speak, say, jiruyči painter command jiryuyan six jarudasu|n slave, servant, messenger uirtinčü world jasa- to correct, improve, repair; to *yisün* nine direct, found, govern joba- to suffer, sorrow yasu|n bone; lineage jobaya- to make suffer, torment yasutu boned; related jobalang sorrow, suffering, misyada- to be unable fortune yadara- to become exhausted jobaldu- to suffer together with yadayu poor others jayaya- to bestow (of God), create jočin traveller, guest jayayutu having a fate, predestinjoyoyla- to eat and drink, conjayaya|n will, fate, soul, existence, sume joki- to be suitable, satisfactory; to fortune yeke large, great, greatness agree with yekes (pl.) the great ones (i.e., jokis excellent, proper; decency jokistu proper, conforming to gods) practice yekeken rather large jokiya- to make, fashion, compose yekede very, much jegü- to fasten; to bear; to set a beleg jokiya- to present, give gifts jolγa- to meet; to visit; to greet net, snare yegüdke- to change, move, shift; die jolyaldu- to meet one another  $julja\gamma a|n$  young, offspring *jegüdüle-* to dream jegüdün a dream *juljayala*- to give birth to  $jeg\ddot{u}|n$  needle; left, east jum see gem jum jonggila- to collect, assemble yeren ninety jon people, community jerge order, rank, turn iun summer jergeber in turn yerü in general, quite; common, usual *jorči*- to go away, depart yerünggei general, ordinary; public jurim, jurum law, custom, usage

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yosu|n custom, manner, rule
yosula- to follow custom or usage;
to observe ceremonies
jöb fine, good, excellent, true
jöb döröge left stirrup
jöbleldü- to deliberate, confer, hold
a conference
jöbšiye- to approve, assent
jüil class, type, sort; chapter
jüg side, region, direction; towards
jöge- to move (tr.), transport, carry
jögei insect; bee
jögelen soft, tender, sensitive
yüm = yayuma
jüde- to be exhausted, be disturbed

### $\mathbf{K}/\mathbf{G}$

ga (Chin.) name of a year. See p. 102 kabalik Kabalik, a city galab (Skt.) eon, age garudi (Skt.) a miraculous bird ge- (colloq.) to say ged = geged (Class. kemeged) kebeli stomach, womb kebte- to lie gei- to shine, be resplendent geigsen the illuminated one keiske- to wave, scatter, sow, broadkeiste- to be moved; to be driven away keid cloister, monastery kejiye when, once kejiyede sometime, once (ge)gegen light, bright, illuminated; splendour; reincarnation of the Buddha, Holy One; person, heart, soul gegen-degen by one's self; in his splendor gegen oyutu having a splendid intellect, of illuminated conscience geki- to nod assent  $keg\ddot{u}ken = ke\ddot{u}ken$ kegür corpse, body kegürjigene pigeon, dove kele- to say, speak, talk kelelče- to converse, discuss together kele|n tongue, language, speech

gem ügei faultless, just; makes no difference gem jum fault, mishap, error keme- to say, speak; to name, call kemeldü- to speak to each other kemebesü when one says; as if to say; for example; because kemen saying; equals quotation marks kemkeči- break, crush gemle- to harbor a grudge, be malcontent gemšigülengtü repentant, contrite ken (pl. ked) who, which kenü whose ken ber someone ken kümün any man, anyone genedte suddenly, all at once *kengerge* drum ger (pl. -üd) tent, home, house; family ker how ker be if ker bolba actually ker büri everyone keregür quarrel kereg necessity; matter, thing, affair kerealerequire; to need. demand, use keregtü necessary, needed kerem mound, wall gergei wife gergei bolulča- to marry kešig favor, good luck, fortune, grace gešigün branch, member, part ged from gegedergü back, behind getül- to traverse, pass, cross  $ked\ddot{u}|n$  how many; some, few arban kedün some ten, ten-odd kedüdüger which, how many kedünde how many times ketürkei distinguished, superior, excellent keüken (pl. keüked) child gi (Chin.) name of a year. See p. 102 ki- to make, fashion, construct, arrange kiged and, also, together kičiye- to strive, work at, apply oneself gički- to step, trample

gem evil, fault, offense, sin

kijayar border, edge, end, shore, bank kigiri banner, guidon kilyasu|n hair kilinča sin, fault kilingle- to become angry gilte splendour kimura- to be troubled, be disorderly kimusu|n claws ginji chains, fetters ging (Chin.) name of a year. See p. 102 kirtü- to get dirty, soiled kidu- to cut, kill kituya knife kkib (kiib) a silken cloth kšan (Skt.) moment, instant goršiša (Tib.) a type of sandalwood kü strengthening part. (see § 51b) köbči bowstring; chain; mountain ridge gübčin all, entire köbege edge, border, bank köbegün (pl. -d) son; young man küčü|n power, strength küčütü (-tei) strong, powerful güi (Chin.) name of a year. See p. 102 güiče- to finish, end, complete küji perfume, incense küjügü|n neck kög sound, voice, music köke blue; green kökere- to become blue köge- to hunt, pursue kögelge- to have driven away kögerüküi poor (man)! kögesün čögeresün scum, foam gügi- to fish with hook and line köl foot, leg; basis, action *költü* tailed kölemji, kölümji cave, lair küliye- to wait for kölge|n mount; means of transport, wagon kölgele- to ride horseback kümün human, man gün deep, depth; dark künesü|n provisions künjid sesame könggen easy, easy, light köndeile- to hollow out köndelen across, on the side

kündü weight, weighty, important; value kündüle- to show respect kündülel honour, respect könüge- to injure, mistreat kür- to come, arrive, attain, reach; grow to körbeto topple over, tumble; to roll on the ground kürčemtü distinguished, illustrious  $k\ddot{u}riye|n$  camp, enclosure, compound küriyele- to pitch camp, make a küriyelegül to become encircled, surrounded kürge- to bring, have come, lead köröngge grain, seed kürte- to attain, reach, get kürtege- to have someone get; to honour with a favour kürtele going as far as, until körüg picture, painting kürügül- to bring; to send görügesün wild game küse- to desire, covet, wish küsel wish, desire köser earth, soil, ground köšigürke- to be stubborn köšigürken ögüle- to contradict, dispute ködege open steppe, desert kötel-, kötöl- to lead, conduct; to move kötelül movement

#### L

lab really, exactly, truly labai sea shell; mother of pearl lama see blama lang (Chin.) ounce of silver, a taël luu (Chin.?) dragon

#### M

mayad certainly; really
mayta- praise, laud
mayu evil, bad, poor, unhappy
mayu bol- to get hurt, injured
mayušiya- to blame, reproach
mal livestock, cattle
malta- to dig
man- oblique stem of ba, we (see § 35)

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mana- to hold night watch: to make the rounds as guard manayar next day maryada morning; tomorrow mariya- to steal up on, creep up stealthily maši many, much, very mašida very, extremely matar sea monster matar jögei crocodile meküiski- to bow respectfully, to meküs weak, exhausted, poor melekei, menekei frog, toad, turtle m(e)ngdenito be disturbed. upset mendü, mengdü healthy, whole mergen clever, wise, capable mede- to know, learn, experience medegül- to make known, inform metü (pl. metüs) postposed; as, like, similar mingyan thousand minu mv miqa|n meat, flesh; body moyai (pl. moyas) snake, serpent molor = bolormongyol (pl. -čud) Mongol, Mongolian munala- to be in need mungdal ügei extraordinarily, abundantly mungdani- to be in need mungqay ignorance morila- to ride horseback, mount to horse mori|n (pl. -d) horse moritu having a horse; a rider morda- to set out, depart (on horseback) modu|n wood, tree, forest moduči woodworker, carpenter, joiner muski- twist, wind munu- to weaken, age möltöre- to loosen, detach, release; to escape mön deictic particle: just that one; certainly, surely, really mön kü just that one there; the same mönggü|n silver; money möngke eternal, everlasting

mör way, road, track, order, row, method

tere mör-iyer along that road

mören (pl. möred) river, stream

mörgö- to bow respectfully; to kow-tow

mörö|n shoulder

möski- to follow a track, to trail

mössin ice

#### N

nabtarqai ragged navad- to play, amuse oneself navaču uncle (on mother's side) navadum game, amusement navur lake, sea naičiyar fat naiman eight naira- to agree; to unite nairayul- to reconcile, bring to accord; mix (colours, drugs) nairala- to celebrate, amuse oneself nairalčin soft: foolish nairandayu agreed, united nama- oblique of bi, I (see § 35) nara|n sun narin thin, slender; secret nasu|n age, years of life nasula- to attain an age nasun turgaru forever, always nasuda entire life, unceasingly nadur see § 35 nayan eighty nege- to open negüresü|n charcoal, coal neng much, very n(e)naji investigation, search nere name, title neretü named nereid- to name, call nivu- to hide, secrete nivuča secret nivur face nige|n a, one nigeken only one, a single nijeged one at a time, one each edür-ün nijeged once a day nigül sin nigüles- to commiserate, sympathize nigülesügči merciful one nigültü sinful, sinner

nilbusu|n tear nilga|n (pl. -s) child nirvan (Skt.) Nirvāna, release of the soul from suffering, union with the absolute nis- to fly nisvanis (Skt.) attachment to the world; inherent evil nitula- to kill nidü|n eye nidügür pestle noyoyan green: plants noyon boy noir sleep noitan fresh, moist nom (ult. < Greek) doctrine, belief, dharma; book; duty, obligation nomčila- to teach, instruct nomla- to teach, instruct nogai dog noyan (pl. noyad) prince, nobleman, ruler novalavči tyrant nögči- to pass (of time); to end, die nökör (pl. nököd) comrade, friend, companion nököče- to ally oneself with, make friends nögöge second, other

### 0 see U Ö see Ü.

#### Q

qabčil ravine, pass qabiya benefit, profit qabtayai flat qabur spring qačar cheek, jaw gaya- to close, lock qayača- to be separated, removed; to depart qayačayul- to remove, deprive of  $qa\gamma al\gamma a|n$  gate, door, entrance; Kalgan gayal- to cut; to plow qaya quite, apart qayara- to crack, split qayan emperor, king, Khan qayas half qayučin old, ancient qayučin üge proverb

gayurayda- to be deceived qayurai dry qayuryal heap, pile, ditch gaira mercy, grace, sympathy, pity qairan bainam that is a pity gairala- to love, show mercy; take pity gairatai beloved qairčay chest, casket gaja- to bite gajir griffon; vulture galayun heat, warmth galayuča- to be warm, feverish gali- to fly, take off; die gamiya where, whither gamiyaši whither gamtu (postposed) together with gamtuda in union with, jointly gamuy all, every; quite complete qan (pl. qad) prince, lesser ruler gan köbegün prince gan oron throne; capital gan- to be satisfied gangya- to satisfy ganiča- to be a friend of, be related to ganila- to contract friendship gandu- to turn ganduyul- to turn (tr.), direct ganuši ügei dissatisfied, malcontent: incapable of satisfying qara black gara- to see, regard, notice garabtur dark, pitch-black garayalja- to see, observe garayda- to show oneself, be seen garayul sentinel, guard garayul- to make see; to watch (herd) qarayulči guard; shepherd qarai- to spring, leap (down, into) garaila- to spring high, leap up qarangyui dark, darkness; ignorance; hell qarbisu|n womb, belly qarbu- to shoot with bow and arrow garčavai hawk, falcon *gari*- to return (home) qarin again, but gariyu back, return, reply, reward gariyul- to return (tr.); to reward; to answer garilčan together, mutual, reciprocal

gonggo bell qariya dependence, subject qariyatu subordinate, subject, qongqordepth, cavern; chestnut vassal horse qarkitu running (water) qoni|n (pl. -d) sheep qarši court, palace, castle gono- to live, dwell (overnight) gonoy 24-hour period, a day and qas jasper, jade qašira- to become tired, bored night qatayu solid, tough, cruel, hard goor a evil, poison qadayala- to keep, watch qoortu evil, poisonous qadayalayul- to have kept, goor bol- to be hard on, bad for goorla- to harm, poison watched qada|n rock, cliff *gura* rain qatayuji- to do penance gura- to assemble, gather (intr.) qataqan rather strong, hard; quite qural assembly certain, self-confident gorya castle, fort qadqu- to stick; to plant gurya|n lamb qatuytai woman, wife gori- to collect, press; to mix, qadum male in-law blend qadum ečige father-in-law goriča- to desire; to love qatun queen, princess, wife, woman goriyla- to reprimend, swear at qauli custom, tradition; saga, story gorim, qurim feast, banquet, celequbaqai dried up, parched bration qubčasu n garments, clothing gorimla- to celebrate, feast qubi part, piece qurimqan = qurumqubi bolya- to divide gorin twenty qubil- to transform oneself quriya- to collect, gather, assemble qubilya- to transform (tr.) qormusu|n silken gauze qubilyan transformation, shape; gurdun agile, swift reincarnation qoroya- to reduce; to kill qočora- to remain, be left over quruyu|n finger quyu (breaking) in two, apart qoroqai insects, worms, vermin, etc. qoyola|i throat; food qoros- to become angry, offended quγur lute, balalaika qorum, qurum moment, instant quyurda- to play on the quyur qorumay = qorumquyura- to break gos pair, couple quyurqai piece, torn off portion quda brother-in-law; cousin qoyosun absence, lack, empty space qudal deceit, lie qoiy island qudaldu- to sell, deal in goina after, later, since qudalduyan trade, commerce  $qoina\gamma \check{s}i|da$  after, behind qudalduyči dealer, merchant qoitu behind, rear, past, following qudaldu|n trade qokira- to wither qota|n fortress; city, town qola far, distant quduy well qulayaiči thief qutuy dignity, distinction; divinity, qulayu- to steal holiness qula n roan and white horse qutuy yuyu- to pray qoli- to mixqutuytu elevated, venerable, saintquluyana mouse ly; a title qumay, qumaki sand qotola, qotala all, every qomsa small, insignificant qudurya tail strap qomsadto diminish, decrease quvaray (Uig.) community of clergy (intr.) quyay armor

qoyar two; and
qoyaduyar second
qoyayulaqan-a two all by themselves
qoyar büri both of them

#### R.

rasba (Tib.) person wearing cotton clothes; an Indian ascetic

#### S

saba container sača at once, immediately sačayu equal, similar; at the same time as saču- to strew, sow, disperse sadu|n close friend sayad delay, difficulty sayatayul- to delay, defer, prolong sayu- to sit, be seated, live, dwell sayulya- to set, place, appoint saiki proper name? sain good, fine saigan beautiful, pretty saišiya- to approve, praise, reward saitur good, well, very; (will you) kindly saki- to watch, protect defender; watcher. sakiyulsu|npatron saint salkin wind salu- to depart, separate (oneself) sana- to think, recall, remember sanaya thought, idea, memory sanal thought, memory sang (Chin.) treasure, treasury sandali throne, chair sagal beard sara|n month; moon sarqud intoxicating beverages, wine seilü- to carve, engrave sejig = sešigsejigle- to doubt, distrust segsei- to bristle, raise *segül* tail, end següder shadow selte (postposed) together with; party company sem silence, silently serbege notch, hook; gills, fins

senses sergüge- to cheer up, console seri- to awake, wake serigul to wake; to teach serigun cool, refreshing, pleasant sešig (Uig.) doubt, disbelief sedki- to think, consider sedkil thought, intent, purpose; mind sedkiltü disposed sedkiši ügei unthinkable sedkül courier, journal sedkügül- to dispatch as courier sedü- to make, accomplish arya sedü- to employ means si- see šisin (Chin.) name of a year, p. 102 subašidi (Skt.) Subhāşita suburya|n pagoda, memorial soči- to become frightened soyta- to get drunk soytaya- to drink until drunk sumu|n arrow sonos- to hear, listen sonosta- to be reported, be heard sonosga- to make known, inform sonosqavul- to have announce. have report sogora- to become blind sur- to learn, study; to ask surya- to instruct, teach souova eveteeth soyorqa- to deign; will you please ...; to present sübei opening, passage süke|n ax sülde happiness; protector gods; banner; totem sü|n milk sünesün life's breath, soul; the soul of personal mannerisms and actions söni night sürči- to grease, oil, perfume sür(e)kei terrifying

sergü- to come to oneself, regain

#### Š

šal (onomat.) splash šang reward šangna- to reward šarya bay-colored daba- to cross over; to transgress šaryuyul a white and red horse dabayan mountain; pass šastir (Skt.) a sāstra; learned work, dabalya|n wave textbook, commentary tabčang throne, plateau tabin fifty šibavu|n bird šibayuči bird catcher dabqur double dabqurliy doubling, multiplication šibar dirt, mud, clav tabtavar fifth šibegčin slave, servant tabun five *šibtura*- to pierce (of arrows); šiyu- to tuck one's clothes up to desire ardently, love tačiyapassionately šijir pure gold; advantage tačiyangyui passion, sensual love; šikür canopy, parasol silyad- to tremble šiltayan cause, reason daya- to accompany, follow, obey  $\delta i luyu | n$  straight, simple, loval dayan following; also šiluyungan quite direct, straightdayayul- to have follow; to make forward obey šim (Chin.) name of a year, p. 102 tayala- to want, desire; love, find šim a measure (ten double handfuls) pleasure in šimgü- to steal into, crawl up to tayalal love, pleasure, wish šimda- to hasten; strive, work at dayari- to pass, meet šinbi- to get into a mess dayariju gar- to pass šine new dayu|n voice, sound, song šinggi (colloq.) same, as, like dayula- to sing *šingšiči* fortune teller dayun yar- to cry out *singgor* falcon dayuda- to invite, summon šinjileto regard, observe; indavuriya- to imitate vestigate dayuris- to become renowned šinu- to desire, covet; to require dayurisqa- to voice, proclaim šiqa- to press, express; approach dayus- to end, finish šira vellow tail- to open, loosen (clothes), free širayu- to seek refuge daila- to combat širege|n table, throne, chair, dais dailalda- to vie with one another širgüge- to rub against, provoke dain enemy širge dried, cooked daisun enemy širya see šarya taki- to sacrifice; worship; iii hide, skin, leather daki again, also širyu- to creep, crawl daki- repeat široi earth, soil takil respect, worship šitaya- to ignite dakin again šidi (Skt.) completeness, perfection takiya poultry, chicken šidi(n)tü kegür Siddhi Kür, the Betala steppe, plain, field witched Corpse tala- to capture šiduryu simple, right, just dalabči n wing; tailfeather šitü- to support; to join, go in dalai sea, ocean service to dalan seventy šidü|n tooth talbi- to put, place; to release, leave talbiyul- to set, have placed T/Ddalda hidden, secret dam dam from one to the other ta you da emph. part., ken da someone

tamaya seal, stamp

tamaki tobacco tamaki uyu- to smoke tamir strength, power tamu (Skt.) hell dan very, quite, often tan- oblique stem of ta tangyariy oath, vow tangyariyla- to swear, vow tanggai coarse, impolite; simple, ordinary tani- to know, learn tanildu- to meet, get to know taraki, tariki brains, head tarbayačila- to trap marmots darbayulya flag, banner dargi trunk tariy see uruy tariy tariya|n field tariyači farmer, field worker tarni (Skt., pl. -s) magical formula tarnida- to recite magical formulæ targa- to disperse, go (each his own way) targaya- to make disperse; to promulgate, publish daru- to press, repress, conquer; to print daruyda- to be pressed, printed darui immediately, straightway; moment tasu perfectivizing particle tasu- to be accustomed to tasul- to interrupt, separate, finish tasural division, interruption tata- to pull, draw, tighten taulai hare tavar (Uig.) goods, effects, belongings ed tavar possessions tebči- to release, abandon; to slay debel = degelteberildü- to embrace each other debši- to climb, mount debšigül- to raise, advance (tr.), promote debter book deile- to defeat, surpass teimü so, such, such a, thus tein so thus tein bögesü if, for this reason, then tejiye then, long ago tejiyede then, at that time, once tejiye- to rear, bring up

degedü high, elevated, noble degegši upwards degel cloak, coat; clothes degere upper, above, overhead degereki the one over, above degerme robber, robbery degesii n rope, cord tegü- to gather, pick degü younger brother tegülder perfect, complete tegüli- to spring, bound tegün- oblique of tere tegünčilen thus, in this manner, so tegüs perfect, complete tegüs- to perfect, fulfill, complete tel quryan suckling lamb del mane deled- to strike, beat deledkile- to knock, rattle delgere- to develop, expand delgerenggüi development, exposidelgerenggui-e detailedly delekei earth, world delüre- to come to oneself temeči- to quarrel, dispute; compete temege n camel temür iron teneg stupid, foolish tenggerlig gods, heaven tengri heaven; god tengri bol- to die tengse- to compare, examine tengsel comparison, examination tende there tendeče thence, thereupon, then tendeki the one there (Ger. dortige) tere this, this one, he terge chariot, wagon tergegür highway dergede before, by, beside, at, chez  $terig\ddot{u}|n$  head; beginning; first terigüle- to begin; to be chief terigülen et al., etc., and others terigüten first, principal; et al. tes- to suffer, endure, hold out teske- to make suffer, let endure tesül- to gouge out eyes tede- plural oblique of tere tedeger pl. of tere, strengthened tedüi so much, up to; after, thereupon

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ding (Chin.) name of a year, p. 102 tngri = tengri tobčayan history, account tobči button; summary, resume tobray dust, ground dobtul- to pursue, attack todorqai clear, distinct todqur obstacle, evil, misfortune tuy banner toya number, amount toya tomši ügei since time immemorial toyatan numbered, counted toyo- to count, calculate toyoči mathematician toyola- to calculate, consider toyol- to pass through; to become perfect	toor net, doora under, down, lower ene doora here (under this place) dooraki the one under tuqai circumstance, time, manner, means dura n desire, wish, inclination durala- to desire, wish durad- to remember, think about, converse torya n silk doroyši downwards doroida- to weaken (intr.), be conquered doroidayul- to weaken (tr.), conquer doromjila- to humiliate, insult
periect duyul- to comprehend tuyura(i) hoof duyuriy circle toyori- to go around, revolve toyoriyul- to make turn, revolve (tr.) toyos peacock	turqaru in nasun turqaru, all one's life tus against, before tus bol- to occur, happen; to show up, come upon tus tus-tur each for himself tusa usefulness, aid, advantage ači tusa reward
toyosqa brick, tile toytaya- to stop; to appoint, establish toin monk doki- to bow one's head dokiya- to merit, deserve; to act in unison	tusala- to aid, help, serve toso- to support; bar toson ab- to catch, trap dusu- to flow, drip tosu n oil, grease, butter
tul- to attain, reach tula (postposed) for, on account of, because of, in order to tulada = tula dolgi n wave doliya- to lick	tušiya- to hand over, give, deliver tušiya n chains, fetters duta- to lack dutaya- to cause to lack; to take flight, flee dotoyla- to prefer
toli n mirror toloyai head, peak, beginning doloyan seven doloyoyna a red thirst-quenching berry	dotoyši inside, in dotora inside, in, the inner dotorki the one inside tutum each, all duvaja (Skt.) banner döčin forty
doluya- to lick tomši see toya tomši ügei dumda middle, center dumda oron middle land, central India: China dumdadu middle, central dumdaki the one in the middle dongyod- to cry, scream tungyay announcement, declaration	tüidker hindrance, obstacle töge span tügeile- to suspect tügemel all, in general, completely dügür- to fill up, fulfill dügüreng full tögörig Mongolian monetary unit tüle- to burn, set fire to tülegde- to be burned
tonil- to be saved tonilya- to save	tüliye firewood tülkigiir key

tümen ten thousand tün forest, grove, cave tüne|n dark dörbel obstacle dörbeljin square, quadratic (script) dörben four türgen quick düri form, shape, nature dürsü|n form, shape, object törö law, custom, usage, government dürü- to insert, place in törö- to be born, to arise döröge stirrup töröl birth, race, parentage tüšimel (pl. tüšimed) official, minister dötöger fourth

#### O/U

u (Chin.) name of a year, p. 102 u interr. part., see § 44c oboyala- to pile up oboy clan, family, generation učir reason, cause; content, circumstances učira- to meet; to coincide učiraldu- to meet each other; to be in touch with uya- to wash oytal-to cut up, slaughter; to cutdown oytaryui heaven, sky uytu- to meet uytuyul- to send to meet uyu- to drink uyulya- to give to drink uvuči swallow, gulp uvuta sack, bag oi wood, forest, park uil whirlpool, whirlwind uila- to weep oira near, close oirata- to approach, to near oiratu- to approach uidqar melancholy, affliction okila- to cry, lament ugiya- to wash oneself ol- to find, acquire, obtain ulavan red olavula many at a time ulam gradually, bit by bit ulam-iyar gradually, by degrees ulamiila to do progressively; to say to someone by means of another

olan very, many ulari- to change, replace, move (tr.) olboya track (in the grass) olda- to be found, acquire olong saddle girth ulus nation, people, state umai womb umara north umarta- to forget ombo- to swim omo milk omoy = oboyomoy pride, arrogance omoyla- to be proud umdayan drink, beverage umdayas- to be thirsty umta- to sleep on (pl. od) year una- to fall, fall down onča only, sole oni notch in arrow; mountain pass onila- to set arrow to bow onisu|n lock, spring; interior, essence ungyasu|n wool ongyoča ship ongyon pure, sacred; the spirit inhabiting a material object ungši- to read unji- to hang unta- to sleep unu- to ride horseback unuyul- to help to horse unulya beast of burden, riding animal uga- to understand uqaya n reason, intellect uqayatu possessed of reason, intelligent uqu- to dig, hollow out urala- to use craft, wiles uran art, craft; handworker, artisan uraqa bird trap urba- to turn about; move, change orči- to turn, revolve orčin around, about orčilang revolution; existence, organic world of beings urida before, previously, once uridgan-a a little ahead, in front of uridu previous, former uridučilan as before, in the old way urin anger, passion

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öbere, öbere each for himself

öberid- to watch as one's own orivaldu- to intertwine uri- to call, invite öber-iyen oneself öbesüben oneself orki- to throw; a perfectivizing  $\ddot{o}b\ddot{u}r = cb\ddot{u}r$ auxiliary, to finish öči- to say, answer (respectfully) oro- to enter üčügen small, young qura oro- to rain üčügüken minor, a very little oroyul- to make enter, introduce üile deed, work, action, use oroi top, summit naran oroi bol- day breaks, dawns üiled- to make, do, create, carry örlüge oroi čai- day breaks, dawns üje- to see, observe; read, study; oron place, land; kingdom, state; instance, circumstance visit üjeqde- to show oneself, appear, oros Russian oroši- to enter, dwell, approach seem orošiyul- to introduce; to bring *üjegül*- to show, teach about üjesküleng appearance; handsome, orošil entrance, introduction beautiful; a beauty üjügür end, tip, point urtu long ög- to give; see also § 54 ordu palace; camp, horde üge (pl. üges) word, speech, saying oro place, bed uruy tariy family and friends gayučin üge proverb uruyu below, beneath ügei (postposed) without, absence, urus- flow lack, no sort of usnir headband, topknot ügei bol- to dio usu|n water ükeger corpse, cemetery, grave usutu watery ügegü poor; not existing usula- to water (horses) ügeküre- to become poor od- to go, proceed iigegüve both ... and; not uda- to linger, dwell; to pass (of üker (pl. üked) cattle, livestock time) ögere = öbere otači doctor, physician ögeši|n net for birds, fish udaya time, opportunity ögede upwards utaya|n smoke ögede bol- to arise, come, appear  $odo = ed\ddot{u}ge$ ögedele- to arise, mount odolča- to accompany ökin (pl. ökid) girl, daughter odqan youngest ögire- to wither, decay oduln star öaliae alms udurid- to lead, go in front, show ükü- to die the way ükügül- to kill uduridaa- to have show the way, ükül death to guide, teach üküleng death uduriduγči leader, guide, teacher üküdel corpsə uya- to bind, tie ögügül- to have give uyara- to make soft, relax  $\ddot{o}g\ddot{u}l = eb\ddot{u}l$ oyun reason, intellect, soul, heart ögüle- to say, speak, talk, tell oyutu intelligent, reasonable ögülegde- to be said ögülel word, statement; verb Ö/Ü ögüleldü- to talk together, say to öbči- to skin one another öber oneself üküdkü- to faint öbere different, other, strange

ügürge load, burden, cargo

öl food, provisions

üle- to remain, be left over; to surpass ülemji more, greater, superior: chiefly üliger story, history; comparison, model üliger-ün dalai The Sea of Stories öljei happiness ölögčin female animal ölöng famine; meadow ölös- to hunger ülde- to hunt, pursue üldegde- to be hunted, driven away ülü (preposed) no, not ömgeri- to turn, roll, twist ömkü- to put in one's mouth, to chew ünege|n fox ünemši- to believe, trust, recognize the truth üne|n true, truth uneger certainly, indeed üne|n price, value *ünetü* valuable ünesü|n ash öngge colour önggüi- to stick out one's head öni long ago üniye|n cow öndür high ör dawn örlüge early üre fruit, seed, descendant; consequences, profit, advantage, reward

üre- to lose oneself, disappear, escape üreji- to increase örgege residence of a prince örgen wide, width örgesün thorn ürgülji always, incessant ürgüljide unremittingly örlüge early ös- to grow up öske- to bring up, rear öskilge kick *üsü∣n* hair ösür- to rush forward; to sprinkle, splash öšiye hate, animosity öd ügei vain, useless ödter quickly ötel- to age üde noon üde- to lead, accompany *üdeši* evening ödü∣n feather üye member, part; age, time: generation üye qoyar both together üyer flood

#### V

vačir, včir (Skt.) thunderbolt; diamond vaiduriya (Skt.) lapis lazuli

Y see J

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## Mongolian Chronology

Mongolian chronology is based on the ancient Central Asian twelve-year cycle, each year of which corresponds to one of the animals of the zodiac: quluyana rat, üker ox, bars tiger, taulai hare, luu dragon, moyai snake, morin horse, qonin sheep, bečin ape, takiya hen, noqai dog, yaqai hog.

To these may be prefixed one of the five elements or the corresponding colours [modun wood ~ koke blue (or noyoyan green), yal fire ~ ulayan red, široi (or yajar) earth ~ šira yellow, temür iron ~ čayan white, usun water ~ qara black], always so that two successive years have the same attribute. The first is considered male (ere) and the second female (eme); in the latter case the colours may assume the feminine form (kökegčin etc.). Instead of the elements or colours some manuscripts employ the ten Chinese celestial stems (in their Mongolian shape: ga, yi, bing, ding, u, gi, ging, sin, sim, güi). The result is in all cases the same, namely a cycle of sixty years within which each year is unambiguously defined. The first year of this sexagenary cycle is modun (or köke or ga) quluyana jil, the second modun (or kökegčin or yi) üker jil etc. This cycle has been correlated with the Indian Brhaspati-cycle (also of sixty years), which was adopted in Tibet from the year 1027 A. D. and is called rabjung by the Mongols from the Tibetan name of its first year (rab-byun). Since the year 1027 coincides with a yal (or ulayčin or ding) taulai jil of the ancient cycle, each new rabjung begins with this year, which is the fourth year of the indigenous cycle. The Brhaspati terms are used together with the Mongolian names of the years by way of confirmation. They do not in themselves make the dates more exact. Many of the terms are variously rendered in Mongolian. Those reproduced in the accompanying table are such as I have come across in Mongolian manuscripts; many of them are registered in Kowalewski's dictionary, though often with wrong numbers. In two cases I have been unable to ascertain the Mongolian equivalent. Sometimes the Mongols also employ the Sanskrit or Tibetan forms, even alternating in the same manuscript with the Mongolian. They are sometimes difficult to recognize owing to faulty rendering; especially frequent is a confusion between nandana (25. year) and ananda (48. year). Moreover the Tibetan terms are often given in Mongolian pronunciation (noijid for myos-byed etc.).

An absolute chronology between 1027 and the present day is obtained by adding the number of the rabjung to the cyclical year, a method often resorted to in works of the last century. Another system of dating is the employment of the Chinese reign-titles (nien hao), mostly in combination with the cyclical dates. For the older periods the Chinese forms are quoted, but from the institution of the Ch'ing dynasty, whose rulers the Mongols recognized as the legitimate successors of their own emperors, there is a complete series of official Mongol renderings of the reign-titles. Some manuscripts even use the reign-titles of the pre-Ch'ing Manchu rulers Nurhači and Abahai. The years after the fall of the dynasty are designated as irgen ulus or dumdatu arad (ulus). sometimes in Outer Mongolia from 1911 to 1924 as olan-a ergügdegsen. the reign-title adopted by the last Hutuktu of Urga. For the vears 1934—1945 engke erdemtü, the reign-title of the Japanese sponsored reign of P'u-vi in Manchukuo, also occurs. Yuan Shih K'ai's reign 1915—1916 is called yekede temdegleltü. The complete list runs as follows:

tengri-yin süldetü	1606-15
tengrideče jiyayatu	1616-26
sečen qan	1627—35
degedü erdemtü	1636-43
eyeber jasayči	1644-61
engke amuyulang	1662 - 1722
nairaltu töb	1723— $35$
tengri(-yin) tedkügsen	173695
saišiyaltu irügeltü	1796—1820
törö gereltü	182150
tügemel elbegtü	1851—61
bürintü jasayči	1862 - 74
badarayultu törö	1875—1908
kebtü yosun	1909—11
olan-a ergügdegsen	1911-24
irgen ulus, dumdatu arad	1912—
yeke temdegleltü	1915—16
engke erdemtü	1934-45
	tengrideče jiyayatu sečen qan degedü erdemtü eyeber jasayči engke amuyulang nairaltu töb tengri(-yin) tedkügsen saišiyaltu irügeltü törö gereltü tügemel elbegtü bürintü jasayči badarayultu törö kebtü yosun olan-a ergügdegsen irgen ulus, dumdatu arad yeke temdegleltü

A complete date can take the following form: tengri-yin tedkügsen-ü dötüger on tusa bütügsen kemekü (eme) široi (or širayčin) qonin jil 'the fourth year Ch'ien-Lung, the year of the (female) earth (or yellow) sheep, called Complete Welfare (Siddhartha)', i.e., 1739.

A table of all years between 1027 and 1986 with Chinese reign-titles, and the sexagenary cycle in Chinese, Tibetan and English, together with a list of the Brhaspati-cycle in Sanskrit and Tibetan, compiled by A. von Staël-Holstein, is found in Monumenta Serica, vol. I, Peking 1935. For a brief exposition of the subject see Pentti Aalto: A Catalogue of the Hedin Collection of Mongolian Literature. Stockholm 1953.

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 1. \gamma al
              taulai saitur yaruysan 1027, 1087, 1147, 1207, 1267, 1327, 1387, 1447,
    (ulayayčin ")
                     saitur boluysan 1507, 1567, 1627, 1687, 1747, 1807, 1867, 1927.
 2. široi luu
                                     1028, 1088, 1148, 1208, 1268, 1328, 1388, 1448,
                     tein yaruysan
    (šira ,, )
                                     1508, 1568, 1628, 1688, 1748, 1808, 1868, 1928.
 3. široi
           moyai
                     čayan
                                     1029, 1089, 1149, 1209, 1269, 1329, 1389, 1449,
    (širayčin ,, )
                                     1509, 1569, 1629, 1689, 1749, 1809, 1869, 1929.
 4. temür morin
                     maši soytanggi
                                     1030, 1090, 1150, 1210, 1270, 1330, 1390, 1450,
    (čayan ,, )
                                     1510, 1570, 1630, 1690, 1750, 1810, 1870, 1930.
 5. temür
             qonin
                                     1031, 1091, 1151, 1211, 1271, 1331, 1391, 1451,
                     töröl-ün ejen,
    (čayayčin ")
                     törölkiten-ü ejen 1511, 1571, 1631, 1691, 1751, 1811, 1871, 1931.
 6. usun bečin
                                     1032, 1092, 1152, 1212, 1272, 1332, 1392, 1452,
                     mayu beyetü
    (qara
           ")
                                     1512, 1572, 1632, 1692, 1752, 1812, 1872, 1932.
 7. usun
            takiya
                    čov nivurtu
                                     1033, 1093, 1153, 1213, 1273, 1333, 1393, 1453,
    (qarayčin ,, )
                                     1513, 1573, 1633, 1693, 1753, 1813, 1873, 1933.
 8. modun noqai
                    köke
                                     1034, 1094, 1154, 1214, 1274, 1334, 1394, 1454,
    (köke
                                     1514, 1574, 1634, 1694, 1754, 1814, 1874, 1934.
 9.\ modun
                                     1035, 1095, 1155, 1215, 1275, 1335, 1395, 1455,
            yaqai
                    ider tegülder
    (kökegčin ")
                                     1515, 1575, 1635, 1695, 1755, 1815, 1875, 1935.
10. yal quluyana
                     bariyči
                                     1036, 1096, 1156, 1216, 1276, 1336, 1396, 1456,
    (ulayan ,, )
                                     1516, 1576, 1636, 1696, 1756, 1816, 1876, 1936.
11. \gamma al
            üker
                     erketü
                                     1037, 1097, 1157, 1217, 1277, 1337, 1397, 1457,
    (ulayčin ,, )
                                     1517, 1577, 1637, 1697, 1757, 1817, 1877, 1937.
12. široi bars
                     olan üretü
                                     1038, 1098, 1158, 1218, 1278, 1338, 1398, 1458,
    (šira ,, )
                                     1518, 1578, 1638, 1698, 1758, 1818, 1878, 1938.
13. široi
           taulai
                    soytaqu tegülder 1039, 1099, 1159, 1219, 1279, 1339, 1399, 1459,
    (širayčin ")
                                     1519, 1579, 1639, 1699, 1759, 1819, 1879, 1939.
14. temür luu
                     bayatur,
                                     1040, 1100, 1160, 1220, 1280, 1340, 1400, 1460,
    (čayan ")
                    tein daruyči
                                     1520, 1580, 1640, 1700, 1760, 1820, 1880, 1940.
15. temür
            moyai
                    sürüq-ün
                                     1041, 1101, 1161, 1221, 1281, 1341, 1401, 1461,
    (čayayčin ")
                      manglai
                                     1521, 1581, 1641, 1701, 1761, 1821, 1881, 1941.
16. usun morin
                     eldeb
                                     1042, 1102, 1162, 1222, 1282, 1342, 1402, 1462,
    (qara
           ,, )
                                     1522, 1582, 1642, 1702, 1762, 1822, 1882, 1942.
17. usun
             qonin
                    naran
                                     1043, 1103, 1163, 1223, 1283, 1343, 1403, 1463,
    (qarayčin ,, )
                                     1523, 1584, 1643, 1713, 1763, 1823, 1883, 1943.
18. modun bečin
                     naran
                                     1044, 1104, 1164, 1224, 1284, 1344, 1404, 1464,
    (köke
                     getülgegči
                                     1524, 1584, 1644, 1804, 1864, 1824, 1884, 1944.
19. modun takiya
                     yajar tedkügči
                                     1045, 1105, 1165, 1225, 1285, 1345, 1405, 1465,
    (kökegčin ,, )
                                     1525, 1585, 1645, 1715, 1765, 1825, 1885, 1945.
20. \gamma al
                     baraši ügei,
           nogoi
                                     1046, 1106, 1166, 1226, 1286, 1346, 1406, 1466,
    (ulayan ,, )
                     ülü baraydagu
                                     1526, 1586, 1646, 1706, 1766, 1826, 1886, 1946.
                     qamuy-i nomo-
21. \gamma al
              yaqai
                                     1047, 1107, 1167, 1227, 1287, 1347, 1407, 1467,
    (ulayayčin ,, )
                     yadgayči
                                     1527, 1587, 1647, 1707, 1767, 1827, 1887, 1947.
22. široi quluyana
                     qotala-yi
                                     1048, 1108, 1168, 1228, 1288, 1348, 1408, 1468,
    (šira
                     barivči
                                     1528, 1588, 1648, 1708, 1768, 1828, 1888, 1948.
23. široi
             \ddot{u}ker
                     qaršilaltu
                                     1049, 1109, 1169, 1229, 1289, 1349, 1409, 1469,
   (širayčin
               ,, )
                                     1529, 1589, 1649, 1719, 1769, 1829, 1889, 1949.
24. temür
           bars
                     tein urbayči
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54. temür bečin	doyšin	1080, 1140, 1200, 1260, 1320, 1380, 1440, 1500,
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