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- F. Th. Stcherbatsky, *Buddhist Logic*, Vol. 1
- Herbert V. Guenther, *Buddhist Philosophy in Theory and Practice* (mentioned in Blue Book)

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Dharmakirti criticizes Dignaga and says that sense perception $\neq$ intuition of an object, which comes along with sensation (*Buddhist Logic*, p. 160, Vol. 1). Dharmakirti is wider and is studied in Tibet. Sense knowledge is not really direct, the intuition of it is.

Sense perception = apprehension of a mere thatness -- the mere facticity of the object -- the whatness following is no longer direct. How then is sensation knowledge (all knowledge is in terms of whatness, not thatness).

The informing of the individual mind (energization) by an object = pure sensation. The object transmits the inherent knowledge that it possesses and the modification of the organ is imbued with that knowledge.

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