

Le sanctuaire de Banteay Samrae à Angkor : une fondation bouddhique du règne de Tribhuvanādityavarman

The temple of Banteay Samrae is one of the major sites built on the plain of Angkor during the twelfth century. However, it has not been the subject of monographic studies which would have made it possible to understand the place it occupies in Angkorian history. Based on a new examination of the remains, this article shows that the building belongs to the third quarter of the twelfth century, that is to say to the reign of Tribhuvanādityavarman, and that the iconographic device of the central tower allows us to postulate the Buddhist, tantric shape of this foundation.

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