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***An ideal companion to  
the popular Daily Wisdom  
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mines a rich vein of  
Buddhist teachings on  
such topics as lucid  
dreaming, Tibetan  
"dream yoga" ? the art of  
extending meditation into  
the boundless world of  
dreams ? and relaxing  
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***modern and ancient  
(including the Buddha  
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is a bedside keepsake to  
be read last thing in the  
evening so that, as per  
the Buddha's advice,  
one's sleep may be  
infused with a virtue that  
can be renewed in the  
morning and carried on  
throughout the day. The  
book is perfect for  
anyone who has dreamed  
of waking up to the  
entirety of life or  
wondered how to best  
suffuse this wisdom into  
that third of our lives we***

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***spend in bed.***

***Guidelines for calm  
abiding and insight  
meditation are presented  
from the dzogchen  
perspective.***

***A translation of the  
Padma Thang-yig, an epic  
biography of  
Padmasambhava,  
recorded by his closest  
disciple and consort,  
Yeshe Tsogyal. In this  
richly symbolic work of  
108 cantos, the  
multidimensional nature  
of mind and  
consciousness is revealed  
in the stages of the Great***

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**Guru's life.**

***Treasures from Juniper Ridge is a collection of “hidden” or terma teachings given by Padmasambhava, the Tantric master who brought Vajrayana Buddhism to Tibet. According to Tulku Urgyen Rinpoche, Padmasambhava hid many teachings to be uncovered later by “revealers of hidden treasures.” The special quality of the terma teachings is that they provide guidance***

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***appropriate for each  
period of time and  
individual person. By  
working with  
Padmasambhava, Yeshe  
Tsogyal, his mystic  
spiritual consort, was  
able to compile and  
codify these precious  
insights and hide them  
for use by future  
generations. Treasures  
from Juniper Ridge  
presents a variety of  
significant revelations for  
seekers on the advanced  
path of the Tibetan  
Vajrayana tradition, as  
well as in-depth***

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***explanations of assorted  
aspects of practice: deity-  
focused meditation,  
nonconceptual  
meditation, death and  
dying, and recognizing  
the nature of mind. The  
book outlines ways for  
the modern student to  
apply these teachings  
while remaining true to  
Vajrayana Buddhism's  
traditional principles  
The Four Immeasurables  
A Commentary on Karma  
Chagme's Union of  
Mahamudra and  
Dzogchen  
Secret Teachings of***

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**Padmasambhava  
Practical Instructions on  
the Union of Mahamudra  
and Atiyoga  
The Diamond Sutra  
The Profound Instructions  
of Padmasambhava to  
the Dakini Yeshe Tsogyal  
Natural Appearances,  
Natural Liberation  
Simultaneous and  
Gradual Methods of  
Dzogchen Practice in the  
Longchen Nyingtig**

In this brilliant new translation and  
commentary on The Diamond  
Sutra--one of the sublime wisdom  
teachings of Mahayana  
Buddhism--Mu Soeng integrates

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this ancient wisdom teaching with current scientific and psychological thought. His clear and readable commentary traces the connections between these teachings and contemporary theories of quantum reality, explores the sutra within the framework of Buddhist meditation practices, and provides a comprehensive historical survey of the Mahayana Buddhist tradition. Mu Soeng's goal throughout is to reveal the inspiration and wisdom of The Diamond Sutra to today's reader in an accessible, engaging, and modern manner.

The Tibetan Book of the Dead:  
Awakening Upon Dying, with  
introductory commentary by  
Dzogchen Buddhist master



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Ch ö gyal Namkhai Norbu, is a new translation of the ancient text also known as The Great Liberation through Hearing in the Intermediate State. Both a practical guide and intriguing historical, cultural, and spiritual document, this new version incorporates recent discoveries that have allowed for a better translation of previously ambiguous passages. Revealing a set of instructions designed to facilitate the inner liberation of the dead or dying person, the book provides a guide to navigating the bardo--the interval between death and rebirth. Originally composed by Padmasambhava, an important Indian master of the eighth century, the Tibetan Book of the Dead was

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concealed in Tibet until it was discovered in the fourteenth century by Karma Lingpa, a famous Tibetan tert ö n (discoverer of ancient texts). Describing in detail the characteristics and fantastic visions of each stage beyond death, the book includes invocations to be read aloud to the dying person, to help his or her successful journey toward the stage of liberation. Ch ö gyal Namkhai Norbu's introduction clarifies the texts from the Dzogchen point of view and provides a scholarly summary of the ancient material based on his oral teachings and written works. In addition, material from several of Namkhai Norbu's more recent written works and oral teachers

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have been added, including an essay on the four intermediate states after death entitled Birth, Life, and Death. A full-color 16-page insert of traditional Tibetan art highlights Tibet's unique aesthetic wisdom. From the Trade Paperback edition.

Dzogchen or the Great Perfection is the apex of Tibetan Buddhism, and Longchen Rabjam is recognized as the pre-eminent master of Dzogchen and one of Tibet's greatest writers and sages. His Treasury of Reality encompasses and optimizes the radical precepts of Dzogchen and is a shining example of why people continue to turn to the traditions of Tibet for spiritual and personal

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transformation. Transcending the Tibetan context, Longchen Rabjam's book is a manual of practical wisdom for all people of all times, cultures, and traditions. Dzogchen teaches the natural perfection of all experience, phenomena, and life, just as it is, with no need to alter or fabricate complex ideas or philosophical views. This discipline of spiritual transcendence provides the key not only to our inner enlightenment but to the health and survival of our planet.

A guidebook through the journey of life and death draws on Tibetan Buddhist traditions and uses lighthearted analogies to introduce the concept of the bardo--the

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intervals of life, death, and  
beyond--in order to counsel readers  
on living a fulfilling life of fearless  
abandon.

Padmasambhava's Teachings on  
the Six Bardos

Unlocking the Power of the  
Focused Mind

Being an Introduction to the Nature  
of One's Own Mind ...

Shamatha Teachings from Dudjom  
Lingpa's Vajra Essence

Nightly Wisdom

The Gathering of Vidyadharas

Union of Mahamudra and

Dzogchen

The Lives and Liberation of  
Princess Mandarava

*An accessible commentary  
by a popular and respected*

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Tibetan Buddhist master opens the door for Westerners to Karma Chagme's classic text that integrates two of the great meditation systems of Tibet: Mahamudra and Dzogchen. This book grows out of an oral teaching that Khenchen Thrangu gave in Crestone, Colorado, on Karma Chagme's text *Meaningful to Behold: The Essential Instructions of the Compassionate One on the Union of Mahamudra and Dzogchen*. Thrangu Rinpoche explains in lucid detail the advanced meditation practices of Mahamudra and

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*Dzogchen and also their similarities and differences, including advice on how to safely perform some of the more advanced Dzogchen practices. Many chapters include his answers to questions from the audience, which give the book an intimate feeling. Padmasambhava is the primary master of Vajrayana, the teachings for our time. Out of his great compassion and wisdom, he instructed his main disciple Yeshe Tsogyal to conceal terma treasures to be revealed*

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*at the destined time for future practitioners. The profundity of this advice is meant to be personally applied by all individuals in all circumstances.*

*Advice from the Lotus Born is a classic work which contains valid truth for anyone who sincerely wants to follow a spiritual path.*

*By establishing a dialogue in which the meditative practices of Buddhism and Christianity speak to the theories of modern philosophy and science, B. Alan Wallace reveals the theoretical similarities*



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underlying these disparate disciplines and their unified approach to making sense of the objective world. Wallace begins by exploring the relationship between Christian and Buddhist meditative practices. He outlines a sequence of meditations the reader can undertake, showing that, though Buddhism and Christianity differ in their belief systems, their methods of cognitive inquiry provide similar insight into the nature and origins of consciousness. From this convergence Wallace then

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*connects the approaches of contemporary cognitive science, quantum mechanics, and the philosophy of the mind. He links Buddhist and Christian views to the provocative philosophical theories of Hilary Putnam, Charles Taylor, and Bas van Fraassen, and he seamlessly incorporates the work of such physicists as Anton Zeilinger, John Wheeler, and Stephen Hawking. Combining a concrete analysis of conceptions of consciousness with a guide to cultivating mindfulness*

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*and profound contemplative practice, Wallace takes the scientific and intellectual mapping of the mind in exciting new directions.*

*An engaging explanation of a fundamental Buddhist practice—including guided exercises and meditations—from a scientist and former Buddhist monk The Four Immeasurables—the cultivation of loving-kindness, compassion, empathetic joy, and equanimity—is a rich suite of practices that open the heart, counter the*

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*distortions in our relationships to ourselves, and deepen our relationships to others. Alan Wallace presents a unique interweaving of teachings on the Four Immeasurables with instruction on meditative quiescence, or shamatha practice, to empower the mind. This book includes both guided meditations and lively discussions on the implications of these teachings for our life.*

*Natural Perfection*  
*Luminous Clarity*  
*Mind in the Balance*  
*The Essence of Buddhism*

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*Lamrim Year*

*Preceded by an Epitome of  
Padma-Sambhava's Biography*

...

*Advice on Dying*

*Natural Liberation*

***Self-Liberation presents the  
essence of Dzogchen, the  
Great Perfection, regarded  
in Tibet as the highest and  
most esoteric teaching of  
the Buddha.***

***A perfect companion to the  
well-known Tibetan Book of  
the Dead. In life and in  
death, in meditation and in  
sleep, every transitional  
stage of consciousness, or  
bardo, provides an***

***opportunity to overcome limitations, frustrations, and fears. The profound teachings in this book provide the understanding and instruction necessary to turn every phase of life into an opportunity for uncontrived, natural liberation. Like the Tibetan Book of the Dead, Natural Liberation is a term, a "hidden treasure" attributed to the eighth-century master Padmasambhava. Gyatrul Rinpoche's lucid commentary accompanies the text, illuminating the path of awakening to the***

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***point of full enlightenment.  
Natural Liberation is an  
essential contribution to the  
library of both scholars and  
practitioners of Tibetan  
Buddhism.***

***One of the most important  
sadhana cycles in the  
Nyingma school of Tibetan  
Buddhism, the Rigdzin  
Düpa, or Gathering of the  
Vidyadharas, is practiced by  
tens of thousands of  
practitioners around the  
world. This inner guru  
practice focuses on  
Padmasambhava as the  
central figure and is one of  
the three root sadhanas of***

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***the Longchen Nyingtik  
treasure cycle revealed by  
the great Jigme Lingpa. This  
book will help readers  
mature their practice with  
invaluable instructions and  
commentary from some of  
the greatest Tibetan masters  
to have ever lived, including  
Patrul Rinpoche, Jamgön  
Kongtrul Lödro Tayé, and  
more. This book is for those  
who have received the  
reading transmission for the  
Rigdzin Düpa. Until such  
time as you receive the  
transmission, you can keep  
it on your shrine.***

***The Tibetan Book of the***



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***Dead is one of the texts that, according to legend, Padma-Sambhava was compelled to hide during his visit to Tibet in the late 8th century. The guru hid his books in stones, lakes, and pillars because the Tibetans of that day and age were somehow unprepared for their teachings. Now, in the form of the ever-popular Tibetan Book of the Dead, these teachings are constantly being discovered and rediscovered by Western readers of many different backgrounds--a phenomenon which began in 1927 with***

***Oxford's first edition of Dr. Evans-Wentz's landmark volume. While it is traditionally used as a mortuary text, to be read or recited in the presence of a dead or dying person, this book--which relates the whole experience of death and rebirth in three intermediate states of being--was originally understood as a guide not only for the dead but also for the living. As a contribution to the science of death and dying--not to mention the belief in life after death, or the belief in rebirth--The***

***Tibetan Book of the Dead is unique among the sacred texts of the world, for its socio-cultural influence in this regard is without comparison. This fourth edition features a new foreword, afterword, and suggested further reading list by Donald S. Lopez, author of Prisoners of Shangri-La: Tibetan Buddhism and the West. Lopez traces the whole history of the late Evans-Wentz's three earlier editions of this book, fully considering the work of contributors to previous***

***editions (C. G. Jung among them), the sections that were added by Evans-Wentz along the way, the questions surrounding the book's translation, and finally the volume's profound importance in engendering both popular and academic interest in the religion and culture of Tibet. Another key theme that Lopez addresses is the changing nature of this book's audience--from the prewar theosophists to the beat poets to the hippies to contemporary exponents of the hospice movement--and what these***

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***audiences have found (or  
sought) in its very old pages.***

***The Indian Consort of  
Padmasambhava***

***Buddha's Path to Lasting Joy***

***Buddhist Inspirations for  
Sleeping, Dreaming, and  
Waking Up***

***A Nyingma Meditative Guide  
on the Six Bardos of Living  
and Dying***

***A Collection of  
Padmasambhava's Advice to  
the Dakini Yeshe Tsogyal  
and Other Close Disciples  
from the Terma Treasure  
Revelations of Nyang Ral  
Nyima Özer, Guru Chöwang,  
Pema Ledrel Tsal, Sangye***

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***Lingpa, Rigdzin Gódem, &  
Chokgyur Lingpa***

***An Introduction to Its  
Philosophy and Practice  
Naked Awareness***

***Teachings on the Secret  
Empowerment***

In English translation for the first time, this is "the most authoritative scripture" regarding how the Dharma was planted in Tibet, according to His Holiness Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche. Titles in the original Tibetan "The Sanglingma Life Story," it was recorded by the dakini Yeshe Tsogyal, concealed in the ninth century at Sanglingma (Copper Temple) in Samye, and revealed by Nyang Ral Nyima Oser in the twelfth century. In addition to

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narrating the legendary story of a unique spiritual personality, the book contains oral instructions and advice that he left for the benefit of future generations. Also included are "A Clarification of the Life of Padmasambhava" by Tsele Natsok Rangdrouml;l, an extensive glossary and index, and a bibliography of Tibetan and English sources.

These Tibetan Buddhist teachings provide instructions for gathering and harnessing basic life energy. According to the tradition, a very effective way to do this is to arouse sexual energy and to direct the essence of that energy toward spiritual realization. According to the philosophy, sexual energy

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brings one naturally and effortlessly into flow with creativity and awareness in both mind and body—when used skillfully by committed practitioners with appropriate training. These ancient texts, attributed to the great Tibetan meditation master

Padmasambhava (who practiced sexual union with the famous Tibetan queen Yeshe Tsogyal), offer traditional Buddhist teachings on the nature of the elements that all beings and our world are made of. They show us a practical view of how to use life-energy for personal development. The teachings are for experienced Buddhist practitioners. Following in Your Footsteps - The Lotus-Born Guru in Nepal, is the



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first of a three-part series of books dedicated to the sacred sites of Padmasambhava in India, Nepal, and Tibet. This series will trace the full arch of the journey of the Guru, who, beyond being a historical personage, is known as the very embodiment and personification of the tantric Buddhism. In this, the first of this three part series of books, we will present Guru Rinpoche's life and deeds in Nepal. The mountains and valleys of Nepal played a unique role in the life of Guru Rinpoche. It is here that Guru Rinpoche went on extensive retreat, gave countless teachings to disciples, hid terma treasures and blessed the hills and valleys. In these pages we will encounter the

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stories behind the sites, learning how these miraculous events unfolded, and how masters throughout the ages have drawn upon their inspiration. The first part of this book presents an introduction to sacred sites, an introduction to Guru Rinpoche, traditional literature surrounding Guru Rinpoche, and an overview of Guru Rinpoche's time in Nepal. The second part, the main body of the book, tells of Guru Rinpoche's life in Nepal through the places where he practiced and accomplished the path, taming hosts of humans and spirits all along the way. Finally, the third part presents an essential selection of prayers for invoking Guru Padmasambhava. Why focus

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this first book on Nepal? It is because generations ago, a certain devoted young man made the aspiration to be reborn as a realised master in the land of Nepal, before the great Jarung Kashor Stupa - this devoted son later became known as Padmasambhava. Aspirations hold power, and it is our aspiration that this guide serve as a catalyst for your own journey, to follow in the footsteps of the one renowned as the Lotus-Born.

Shamatha meditation is a method for achieving previously inconceivable levels of concentration. Author B. Alan Wallace, an active participant in the much-publicized dialogues between

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Buddhists and scholars, has more than 20 years' practice in the discipline, some of it under the guidance of the Dalai Lama. This book is a definitive presentation of his knowledge of shamatha. It is aimed at the contemporary seeker who is distracted and defocused by the dizzying pace of modern life, as well as those suffering from depression and other mental maladies. Beginning by addressing the inherent problems.

Following in Your Footsteps

Meditation in Science, Buddhism, and Christianity

Light of Wisdom

A Guide to View, Meditation, and Result in the Nine Vehicles

Self-liberation Through Seeing with

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Naked Awareness

Awakening Upon Dying

Transforming the Way We Perceive  
the World

A Spacious Path to Freedom

This comprehensive guide to the Buddhist path from the Tibetan point of view is as accessible as it is complete. Traleg Kyabgon breaks the teachings down conveniently into the three traditional "vehicles," while never letting us forget that the point of all the Dharma is nothing other than insight into the mind and heart. Along the way he provides vivid definitions of fundamental Buddhist concepts such as compassion, emptiness, and Buddha-nature and answers common questions such as:

- Why

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does Buddhism teach that there is "no self"? • Are Buddhist teachings pessimistic? • Does Buddhism encourage social passivity? • What is the role of sex in Buddhist tantra? • Why is it said that samsara is nirvana? • Does it take countless lifetimes to attain enlightenment, or can it be achieved in a moment?

This manual of Tibetan meditation simply and thoroughly presents the profound Dzogchen and Mahamudra systems of practice. Karma Chagmé sets forth the stages of meditation practice, including the cultivation of meditative quiescence and insight, the experiential identification of awareness, and the highest steps of Mahamudra and Atiyoga, leading to perfect enlightenment in one

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lifetime. Drawing from his enormous textual erudition and mastery of Tibetan oral traditions, he shows how these two meditative systems can be unified into a single integrated approach to realizing the ultimate nature of consciousness.

We strive to make life go smoothly for ourselves and others, but that is expecting from the world something it cannot give. Ajahn Brahm presents timeless wisdom for learning to abandon the headwind of false expectations and follow instead the path of understanding in order to find true joy within. By releasing our attachment to past and future, hope and fear, we can settle into the stillness underlying all our thoughts and discover the bliss of

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the present moment.

To introduce this great published work on the Eastern, yoga-inspired method of attaining enlightenment, Evans-Wentz presents 100 pages of explanatory notes. Psychoanalyst C.G. Jung offers commentary on the differences between Eastern and Western thought, and Donald S. Lopez, Jr., writes the Foreword. 9 halftones.

Minding Closely

The Life Story of Padmasambhava

Essential Instructions on

Mastering the Energies of Life

The Lotus-born

Guru Rinpoche

Treasures from Juniper Ridge

Self-liberation

The Four Applications of

Mindfulness



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***In this classic seventeenth-century presentation of the union of Mahamudra and Dzogchen, Karma Chagmé, one of the great teachers of both these lineages of Tibetan Buddhism, begins with an overview of the spirit of awakening and the nature of actions and their ethical consequences. Next, drawing from his enormous erudition and profound experience, Chagmé gives exceptionally lucid instructions on the two phases of Dzogchen practice—the "breakthrough" and the "leap-over"—followed by an accessible introduction to the practice of the transference of consciousness at the time of death. The concluding chapters of this treatise present a detailed***

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**analysis of Mahamudra  
meditation in relation to  
Dzogchen practice. This tour de  
force of scholarly erudition and  
contemplative insight is made all  
the more accessible by the lively  
commentary of the contemporary  
Nyingma Lama Gyatrul Rinpoche.  
Although this book stands alone,  
it is the concluding section of a  
single body of teachings by  
Karma Chagmé, the earlier  
section published under the title  
A Spacious Path to Freedom.  
Karma Chagmé was a major  
teacher of the Karma Kagyu  
tradition of Tibetan Buddhism,  
and his writings have also  
become central to the Payul  
Nyingma order, making him an  
ideal figure to integrate these  
two great meditation systems.**

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***The Light of Wisdom Vol. II contains the root terma - hidden treasure text - of Padmasambhava, The gradual Path of the Wisdom Essence and its commentary The Light of Wisdom by Jamgon Kongtrul the Great. Annotations on the commentary Entering the Path of Wisdom spoken by Jamyang Drakpa and recorded by Jokyab Rinpoche are included as well as clarifications from other masters. Volume II presents in-depth explanations of the Vajrajana Buddhist perspective. It begins with the nature of empowerment and the tantric commitments followed by clarification of the development stage. Lamrim Year is an essential guide for meditators who want to***

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***develop their mind in the graduated path to enlightenment. This unique study program provides a 365-day outline of the graduated path in a clear, practical format that is suitable for both individual and group practice. The daily quote and text have been selected from four decades of teachings by Lama Yeshe and Lama Zopa Rinpoche, both published and unpublished, and offer a taste of their teaching style and scope. Each day's teaching concludes with a recap summarizing the main points for reflection. The interdependent elements of Lamrim Year are designed to support meditators of various capabilities in establishing and maintaining regular lamrim study***

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**and practice until stable realizations are achieved. The text closely follows the lamrim outline in the renowned book, Liberation in the Palm of Your Hand, by Pabongka Rinpoche. In English for the first time is the complete story of how Buddhism was planted in Tibet. The Lotus-Born is a translation of a biography that was concealed as terma treasure—as protection from the changes of time—and revealed centuries later by a tertön, a reincarnation of an accomplished student of Padmasambhava who had made the aspiration to benefit people in future generations. Also included are 'A Clarification of the Life of Padmasambhava,' by Tsele Natsok Rangdröl, an**

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**extensive glossary and index,  
and a bibliography of Tibetan and  
English sources. The endnotes  
and the glossary are drawn from  
authentic ancient scriptures,  
intended to illuminate the  
historical background of the  
Tibetan Buddhist teachings.  
Through Seeing with Naked  
Awareness ; an Introduction to  
the Nature of One's Mind from  
the Profound Teaching of Self-  
liberation in the Primordial State  
of the Peaceful and Wrathful  
Deities ; a Terma Text of Guru  
Padmasambhabva Expounding  
the View of Dzogchen ;  
Rediscovered by Rigdzin Karma  
Lingpa ; Foreword by Namkhai  
Norbu ; Commentary by John  
Myrdhin Reynolds  
As Popularly Known in the West**

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***The Life and Liberation of  
Padmasambhava***

***Approaching the Great Perfection  
Light of Wisdom, Volume III***

***Longchenpa's Radical Dzogchen  
Making Life Meaningful Day by  
Day***

***The Tibetan Book of the Great  
Liberation, Or, The Method of  
Realizing Nirvāṇa Through  
Knowing the Mind***

**In simple and direct language,  
the Union of Mahamudra &  
Dzogchen contains Chokyi Nyima  
Rinpoche's teachings on a  
complete path to enlightenment,  
based on eight songs by the 17th  
century yogi and poet Karma  
Chagmey. As the first book by  
Chokyi Nyima Rinpoche, a living  
master of the Practice Lineage,  
the Union serves as a forum for**

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**his subtle brilliance and humor, the trademark of his teaching style.**

**This book recounts Guru Rinpoche's historical visit to Tibet and explains his continuing significance to Buddhists. Three different accounts are presented: one Buddhist; one according to the pre-Buddhist Tibetan religion, Bon; and one based on Indian and early Tibetan historical documents.**

**This commentary is based on the six bardos teachings from a series of hidden treasure texts known as the Profound Dharma of Natural Liberation through the Intention of the Peaceful and Wrathful Ones (Zab chos zhi khro dgongs pa rang grol), discovered by the great tertön Karma Lingpa in the**



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**fourteenth century. The word "bardo," made popular in the West through the English translation of the Bardo Thodol or The Tibetan Book of the Dead, which also belongs to the same series of treasure texts, means an intermediate or in-between state. The practice of the six bardos, according to the hermeneutics of the Nyingma school of Tibetan Buddhism, is essentially the meditative practice of living and dying. Natural Appearances, Natural Liberation not only contains very practical advice, but also has many teachings of the Nyingma tantric tradition embedded in it. The original text is not intended as a study of spiritualism or psychology. Neither is it intended to be**

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**viewed as handbook for taking care of the deceased, nor as a treatise on emptiness. The intention is to condense the very deep and profound tantric teachings of the six bardos into practices approachable by all sentient beings so that many can swiftly attain various states of liberation. This book offers a scholarly but accessible explanation of the ancient wisdom embedded in this ancient Buddhist classic. Tam Shek-wing (1935-) is a Buddhist scholar, painter, poet, writer and social critic. He is the founder of the Vajrayana Buddhism Association and Sino-Tibetan Buddhist Studies Association in North America. Master Tam was born in Guangzhou, China. As a young**

**man, he received systematic training in the Nyingma school of Tibetan Buddhism under the guidance of H.H. Dudjom Rinpoche. In 1986, Master Tam emigrated from Hong Kong to Hawaii, and then to Toronto in 1993. As early as the late 1970s, Master Tam began publishing writings on Buddhism, with an emphasis on the teachings and meditative practice in Vajrayana Buddhism. To establish Sino-Tibetan Buddhist studies as a legitimate field in Buddhology, Master Tam helped organize publication of the Monograph Series in Sino-Tibetan Buddhist Studies. The published works sparked interest in establishing new curricula in Buddhist Studies in a number of universities in**

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