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Buddhism for Beginners

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Summary of Thubten Chodron's Buddhism for Beginners

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please note this is a companion version not the original book sample book insights 1 the buddha's teachings can be broken down into the four noble truths the truth of suffering the cause of suffering the cessation of suffering and its causes and the path to that cessation the path is to realize reality and increase your good qualities 2 the three principal aspects of the buddhist path are the determination to be free the altruistic intention to become a buddha and the wisdom realizing reality we must have the determination to be free from the confusion of our problems and their causes 3 the buddhist path leads us to discover a state of lasting happiness for ourselves and others by freeing ourselves from cyclic existence the cycle of constantly recurring problems that we experience at present we are liberated from the cycle of rebirth by generating the wisdom realizing emptiness or selflessness 4 taking refuge means relying on the three jewels to guide us toward a constructive and beneficial direction in our lives it does not mean passively hiding under the protection of the buddha dharma and sangha it is a process of moving in the direction they show us and thus improving the quality of our life

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How to Free Your Mind

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tara the feminine embodiment of enlightened activity is a buddhist deity whose tibetan name means liberator signaling her ability to free beings from the delusion and ignorance that keep them trapped in ever recurring patterns of negativity she embodies a challenge but one that is profoundly nurturing to transform our minds and become like her reflecting the tranquility compassion and wisdom that make her so beautiful thubten chodron describes a simple meditation on tara explaining its benefits and its application to daily life she also presents two well loved praises homage to the twenty one taras and a song of longing for tara the infallible together with reflections on their meanings for modern practitioners

Don't Believe Everything You Think

2013-01-08

it can be hard for those of us living in the twenty first century to see how fourteenth century buddhist teachings still apply when you re trying to figure out which cell phone plan to buy or brooding about something someone wrote about you on facebook lines like while the enemy of your own anger is unsubdued though you conquer external foes they will only increase can seem a little obscure thubten chodron s illuminating explication of togmay zangpo s revered text the thirty seven practices of bodhisattvas doesn t just explain its profound meaning in dozens of passages she lets her students and colleagues share first person stories of the ways that its teachings have changed their lives some bear witness to dramatic transformations making friends with an enemy prisoner of war finding peace after the murder of a loved one while others tell of smaller lessons like waiting for something to happen or coping with a minor injury

Open Heart, Clear Mind

1990-01-01

featuring a foreword by the dalai lama this introduction to tibetan buddhism will help many on the open path of meditation and in dealing with challenges of everyday life thich nhat hanh an open heart is the dwelling place of compassion that extends toward all beings a clear mind is the source of the penetrating wisdom of deep insight their union leads to the enlightened way of life that is at the heart of the spiritual path as taught by the buddha this practical introduction to the buddha s teachings focuses on the application of buddhist psychology to modern life thubten chodron an american buddhist nun presents the basic points of this path for understanding ourselves and improving the quality of our lives writing with warmth humor and easy to understand language chodron provides the fundamental points of the buddha s teaching on transforming habitual attitudes and realizing our full human potential

Colloquial Tibetan

2015-08-14

colloquial tibetan provides a step by step course in central tibetan as it is spoken by native speakers combining a thorough treatment of the language as it is used in everyday situations with an accurate written representation of this spoken form it equips learners with the essential skills needed to communicate confidently and effectively in tibetan in a broad range of situations no prior knowledge of the language is required key features include progressive coverage of speaking listening reading and writing skills phonetic transliteration of the tibetan script throughout the course to aid pronunciation and understanding of the writing system structured jargon free explanations of grammar an extensive range of focused and stimulating exercises realistic and entertaining dialogues covering a broad variety of scenarios useful vocabulary lists throughout the text additional resources available at the back of the book including a full answer key a grammar section bilingual glossaries and english translations of dialogues balanced comprehensive and rewarding colloquial tibetan will be an indispensable resource both for independent learners and for students taking courses in tibetan audio material to accompany the course is available to download free in mp3 format from routledge com cw colloquials recorded by native speakers the audio material features the dialogues and texts from the book and will help develop your listening and pronunciation skills by the end of this course you will be at level b2 of the common european framework for languages and at the intermediate high on the actfl proficiency scales

Searching for the Self

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this volume begins with an introduction by his holiness in which he places our study of reality within the framework of a compassionate motivation to benefit sentient beings since the value of whatever we undertake depends on our motivation cultivating a motivation to contribute to the welfare of all beings places our study of emptiness in a beneficial context chapter 1 explains why realizing emptiness is important and describes the qualities to develop to understand it correctly chapter 2 speaks of the buddhist sages whose teachings are the most reliable for us to follow it culminates with a praise his holiness wrote that introduces us to the seventeen great scholar adepts of the nalanda tradition followed in tibetan buddhism then in chapters 3 4 and 5 we explore assertions of both buddhist and non buddhist philosophical tenet systems this topic is vast so only the important positions regarding the topics of the present volume selflessness and emptiness are spoken of here although initially this material may seem replete with new terms and ideas as you progress in your study and practice to develop insight into emptiness you will see the value of learning these because they point out some of our own incorrect ideas and direct us to views that are more reasonable chapter 6 provides some of the epistemological material that helps us to understand both cognizing subjects and cognized objects and chapter 7 fleshes out some of the mental states involved in both our ignorant and accurate cognitions chapter 8 discusses inherent existence and other fantasized ways of existence that comprise the objects of negation what we seek to disprove when meditating on emptiness and chapter 9 establishes the middle way view that has abandoned the extremes of absolutism and nihilism the view of absolutism superimposes false ways of existence whereas the nihilistic view negates what does in fact exist chapter 10 looks more closely at the extreme of absolutism as this is the view that we ordinary sentient beings usually cling to chapter 11 speaks of the two extremes as presented in the pali tradition and the three characteristics of impermanence duhkha and not self that counter the absolutist views chapter 12 goes into some of the many arguments presented in the pali tradition that help to overcome clinging to a false notion of the i although the arguments to support selflessness in the sanskrit tradition are expounded in the next volume of the library of wisdom and compassion readers who are already familiar with these will see the similarities with arguments found in the pali sutras the coda is designed for people who have studied the tenet systems in the tibetan tradition as well as for followers of the pali tradition who want to learn more about their own abhidharma system many tibetans believe that modern day theravāda corresponds to the vaibhāsika and or sautrāntikas systems as these systems are explained in the tibetan tradition however this is not the case although the pali tradition shares many commonalities with these two systems there are some important differences in addition this coda orients the reader to some of the foundational canonical ideas informing the tibetan treatises on the nature of reality selflessness and emptiness being aware of the development of the abhidharma provides background for the refutations in nagarjuna s treatise on the middle way

Taming the Mind

2004-08-18

we all wish to gain greater understanding of ourselves this ideal follow up to the author s extremely popular buddhism for beginners explains in clear and simple language the essence of buddhist philosophy and psychology together with practical tools for immediate implementation in our daily lives we all want to have good relationships with others chodron offers practical techniques to help us gain a more spacious perspective on relationships whether they be between lovers parent and child employer and employee friends or spiritual teacher and student guidelines are given for how to practice freeing ourselves from habitually blaming others for our problems and learning to be on the spot and take responsibility for our lives this book describes how our mind heart not the external world is the ultimate source of our happiness we learn how to look at people and situations in an entirely new light the book concludes with a discussion of common misconceptions about buddhism the author s down to earth language and examples invite us not only to engage the material but to implement it in our own lives the author s open minded approach makes this book suitable for buddhists and non buddhists alike

Realizing the Profound View

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this second of three volumes on emptiness presents the analysis and meditations necessary to realize emptiness by forcefully and completely negating inherent existence with attention to candrakīrti s seven point examination nāgārjuna s five point analysis and pāli sūtras we investigate who or what is the person and if there is an inherently existent i thereby gaining clarity on two diverse meanings of self the person and inherent existence not finding the person under ultimate analysis and having negated inherent existence it is equally important to establish what does exist illusion like dependent arisings for it is the dependently existing person that carries the karmic seeds from one lifetime to the next and so we learn the three levels of related dependent arising as noted by tsongkhapa as well as his holiness s way of delineating them his spectacular explanation of how for a person who has realized emptiness emptiness dawns as the meaning of dependent arising and dependent arising dawns as the meaning of emptiness which is the culmination of the correct view according to the prāsangika mādhyamaka tradition

Working with Anger

2001-09-17

inspiring and humble in its approach this book applies buddhist philosophy to overcoming and preventing anger in our lives sharon salzberg author of lovingkindness anger plagues all of us on a personal national and international level yet we see people such as the dalai lama who have faced circumstances far worse than many of us have faced including exile persecution and the loss of many loved ones but who do not burn with rage or seek revenge how do they do it working with anger presents a variety of buddhist methods for subduing and preventing anger not by changing what is happening but by framing it differently no matter what our religion learning to work with our anger is effective for everyone seeking personal happiness as well as world peace

Approaching the Buddhist Path

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the buddha wanted his students to investigate to see for themselves whether what he said were true as a student of the buddha the dalai lama promotes the same spirit of investigation and recognizes that new approaches are needed to allow seekers in the west to experience the relevance of the liberating message in their own lives this volume stands as an introduction to buddhism and provides a foundation for the volumes to come

Courageous Compassion

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courageous compassion the sixth volume of the library of wisdom and compassion continues the dalai lama s teachings on the path to awakening while volume 5 in praise of great compassion focused on opening our hearts to others and generating the compassion joy and fortitude to make our lives meaningful by benefiting them this volume ventures further to describe buddhahood the path of no more learning the premise being that all sentient beings will become fully awakened buddhas we learn about the ten perfections as well as how śrāvakas solitary realizers and bodhisattvas progress along the paths of their respective vehicles to ultimate bodhicitta a sophisticated schema of the five paths of accumulation preparation seeing meditation and no more learning and of the eight and ten grounds of the fundamental vehicle and the bodhisattva vehicle respectively serves as a concise framework for studying a grounds and path text in depth finally his holiness describes the buddha bodies what buddhas perceive and the awakening activities of buddas throughout we see how the dharma is taught in tibetan buddhism in the pāli tradition and in chinese buddhism

The Foundation of Buddhist Practice

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the second volume in the dalai lama s definitive and comprehensive series on the stages of the buddhist path the library of wisdom and compassion volume 1 approaching the buddhist path contained introductory material that set the context for buddhist practice this second volume the foundation of buddhist practice contains the important teachings that will help us establish a flourishing dharma practice the foundation of buddhist practice begins with the four seals shared by all buddhist philosophies and moves on to an explanation of the reliable cognition that allows us to evaluate the veracity of the buddha s teachings the book provides many other essential buddhist teachings including the relationship of a spiritual mentor and student clarifying misunderstandings about this topic and showing how to properly rely on a spiritual mentor in a healthy appropriate and beneficial manner how to structure a meditation

session dying and rebirth unpacking the often difficult to understand topic of multiple lives and explaining how to prepare for death and aid someone who is dying a fruitful explanation of karma and its results and much more his holiness s illumination of key buddhist ideas will support western and contemporary asian students in engaging with this rich tradition

Awaken Every Day

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daily dharma teachings on compassion wisdom mindfulness and joy ideal for creating moments of peace and reflection in our chaotic world awaken every day shares a quick dose of everyday wisdom encouraging us to understand the true causes of our suffering and the paths to freedom these insightful reflections help us understand our minds our connections to our communities and how to become the people we aspire to be

In Praise of Great Compassion

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discover the dalai lama s definitive teaching on compassion in this fifth volume of the dalai lama s definitive library of wisdom and compassion series in praise of great compassion the fifth volume of the library of wisdom and compassion continues the dalai lama s teachings on the path to awakening while previous volumes focused on our present situation and taking responsibility for creating the causes of happiness this volume concerns opening our hearts and generating the intention to make our lives meaningful by benefiting others we are embedded in a universe with other living beings all of whom have been kind to us in one way or another more than any other time in human history we depend on one another to stay alive and flourish when we look closely it becomes apparent that we have been the recipient of great kindness wanting to repay others kindness we cultivate a positive attitude by contemplating the four immeasurables of love compassion empathic joy and equanimity and the altruistic intention of bodhicitta we learn to challenge the self centered attitude that leads to misery and replace it with a more realistic perspective enabling us to remain emotionally balanced in good and bad times in this way all circumstances become favorable to the path to awakening

Guided Meditations on the Stages of the Path

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the lamrim stages of the path presentation of buddhist teachings has become a core topic of study at many buddhist centers in the west for busy practitioners the lamrim gives a concise and easily graspable picture of the buddhist path best selling author thubten

chodron has a unique ability to present these teachings in this volume she provides clear explanations of the stages of the path while the accompanying audio program contains guided meditations on each of the topics covered in the text the meditation teachings of lamrim says buddhist teacher thubten chodron are like ready made clothes that are easy to wear they re systematized so that we can wear them right away so we can learn and practice them in an organized fashion lamrim can be translated in various ways stages of the path steps on the path or gradual path gradual path reminds us that the process of transforming the mind unlike so many other things in our hurry up society is a slow and thoughtful one these systematic teachings are the subject of this book the lamrim presents a step by step method to tame the mind and each person will find meaning and insight according to his or her level of understanding as readers practice these meditations repeatedly their comprehension and experience will transform and deepen even though the words used to spark the meditation sessions remain the same the first section of guided meditations discusses how to establish a daily practice how to set up an altar and how to approach the two kinds of meditation stabilizing and analytical the second presents the meditations the third supplies an overview instructions for working with distractions antidotes to mental afflictions advice for newcomers and suggestions on how to deepen dharma practice the accompanying audio program available to ebook buyers as a free mp3 download contains over fourteen hours of guided meditations led by thubten chodron individuals who live far from buddhist teachers or dharma centers will appreciate the personal guidance offered with these meditations enabling them to begin and continue a daily meditation practice this is a new and expanded version of guided meditations on the lam rim and the recording was previously published in a 14 cd format under that name

Samsara, Nirvana, and Buddha Nature

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samsara nirvana and buddha nature takes up centrally important premises of buddhism the unsatisfactoriness duhkha of cyclic existence samsara the determination to be free of cyclic existence and the mind as the basis for both the extreme duhkha of samsara and the bliss of nirvana this volume shows us how to purify our minds and cultivate awakened qualities knowledge of buddha nature reveals and reconciles the paradox of how the mind can be the basis for both the extreme duhkha of samsara the unpurified mind and the bliss and fulfillment of nirvana the purified mind to illustrate this samsara nirvana and buddha nature first takes readers through buddhist thought on the self the four noble truths and their sixteen attributes then the dalai lama explains afflictions their arising and antidotes followed by an examination of karma and cyclic existence and finally a deep and thorough elucidation of buddha nature this is the third volume in the dalai lama s definitive and comprehensive series on the stages of the buddhist path the library of wisdom and compassion volume 1 approaching the buddhist path contained introductory material that sets the context for buddhist practice volume 2 the foundation of buddha nature can be read as the logical next step in this series or enjoyed on its own

Following in the Buddha's Footsteps

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the newest volume in the bestselling series from the dalai lama delve into the substance of spiritual practice in this fourth volume of the dalai lama s definitive series on the path to awakening following in the buddha s footsteps you II first hear his holiness s explanation of the buddha dharma and sangha why they are reliable guides on the path and how to relate to them his holiness then describes the three essential trainings common to all buddhist traditions the higher trainings in ethical conduct concentration and wisdom these chapters show us how to live a life free of harm to self or others and give us detailed instructions on how to develop single pointed concentration as well as the higher states of concentration available to an earnest practitioner in addition the chapters on wisdom contain in depth teachings on the noble eightfold path and the four establishments of mindfulness for developing greater awareness and understanding of our body feelings mind and other phenomena together these topics form the core of buddhist practice this is a book to treasure and refer to repeatedly as you begin the path progress on it and near the final goal of nirvana

Into the Haunted Ground

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in into the haunted ground anam thubten invites us to embrace every aspect of our lives from the most difficult to the most joyful for those of us who feel caught in endless anxious thoughts and stuck in personal relationships anam thubten offers a direct and practical approach to dismantle our conceptual fixations reveal the deeper habits that motivate us and step into the immediate open spaciousness that can heal ourselves and the world weaving together personal stories with philosophical explanations anam thubten offers swift and straightforward methods to cut through old habits that no longer serve our best interests or reflect our true nature suitable for beginners and experienced practitioners alike this book presents the core lessons of the tibetan practice of chöd as a fundamental wisdom that is accessible to any of us willing to enter the haunted grounds of our own minds

The Little Book of Buddhism

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discover the history teachings and practices of one of the world's oldest religions with this pocket sized introduction to buddhism who was the buddha what s the difference between enlightenment and awakening do buddhists believe in god discover all this and more with this beginner's guide to one of the world's oldest and most widely practiced philosophies the little book of buddhism provides an accessible and engaging overview of the religion including its origins worldview and key figures this book is the perfect guide for anyone with an interest in the subject wanting to brush up their knowledge or looking to apply buddhist practices to their daily life this pocket sized introduction will help you understand who gautama buddha was and how buddhism developed into the fourth biggest religion in the world the difference between the two major branches of buddhism theravada and mahayana the most important buddhists beliefs and practices from the four noble truths and the cycle of rebirth samsara to mindfulness and meditation the prevalence of buddhism around the world today and how its teachings can apply to modern day life and much more

Good Karma

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why do things happen the way they do in our lives how do we create the causes for a happy life the buddhist practice of mind training gives us the answer to these questions it involves overcoming our self centered attitude and replacing it with an attitude that cherishes others this in turn leads us to act in ways that naturally lead away from suffering and toward happiness in short to create good karma thubten chodron offers a commentary on one of the great tibetan buddhist poems the wheel of sharp weapons which shows clearly and practically how to eliminate the causes of anxiety fear and depression and to create the causes of joyful liberation for oneself and all others

Appearing and Empty

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in this final volume on emptiness the dalai lama skillfully reveals the prasangikas view of the ultimate nature of reality so that we will gain the correct view of emptiness the selflessness of both persons and phenomena and have the means to eliminate our own and others duhkha in this last of three volumes on emptiness the dalai lama takes us through the sautrantika yogacara and svatantrika views on the ultimate nature of reality and the prasangikas thorough responses to these so that we gain the correct view of emptiness the selflessness of both persons and phenomena this view entails negating inherent existence while also being able to establish conventional existence emptiness does not mean nothingness we then learn how to meditate on the correct view by cultivating pristine wisdom that is the union of serenity and insight as taught in the pali chinese and tibetan traditions such meditation when combined with the altruistic intention of bodhicitta leads to the complete eradication of all defilements that obscure our minds this volume also introduces us to the tathagatagarbha the buddha essence and how it is understood in both tibet and china is it permanent does everyone have it in addition the discussion of sudden and gradual awakening in zen chan buddhism and in tibetan buddhism is fascinating

Buddhism

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now in paperback explore with the dalai lama the common ground underlying the diverse traditions of buddhism buddhism is practiced by hundreds of millions of people worldwide from tibetan caves to tokyo temples to redwood retreats to an outside viewer it might be hard to see what they all have in common in buddhism his holiness the dalai lama and american buddhist nun thubten chodron map out with clarity the convergences and the divergences between the two major strains of buddhism the sanskrit traditions of tibet and east asia and the pali traditions of sri lanka and southeast asia especially deep consideration is given to the foundational indian traditions and their respective treatment of such central tenets as the four noble truths the practice of meditation the meaning of nirvana enlightenment the authors seek harmony and greater understanding among buddhist traditions worldwide illuminating the rich benefits of respectful dialogue and the many ways that buddhists of all stripes share a common heritage and common goals

Spiritual Friends

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a collection of the favorite guided meditations of senior monks and nuns of the international mahayana institute of the fpmt a collection of the favorite guided meditations of senior monks and nuns of the international mahayana institute of the fpmt these meditations center on different buddhist themes and provide a good resource for the practicing meditator the book also includes brief spiritual autobiographies that allow the reader to trace each contributors entry into and study of tibetan buddhism our true spiritual friends are the positive potentials in our minds which will never never disappoint us and never desert us similarly the generous and personal meditations offered in this book help us develop these potentials and thus are true friends to whom we can always turn likewise the sangha as the ordained followers of the buddha upon whom the continuity of the buddha s teachings depend are spiritual friends who encourage us and inspire us to transform our minds this unique book the first from the international mahayana institute contains meditations written by eighteen nuns and monks of the imi sangha as well as an autobiographical essay from each in which these nuns and monks share how they came to the ordained life

12 Bytes

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joins the dots in a neglected narrative of female scientists visionaries and code breakers observer how is artificial intelligence changing the way we live and love now with a new chapter this is the eye opening book from sunday times bestselling author jeanette winterson drawing on her years of thinking and reading about ai jeanette winterson looks to history religion myth literature politics and of course computer science to help us understand the radical changes to the way we live and love that are happening now with wit compassion and curiosity winterson tackles ai s most interesting talking points from the weirdness of backing up your brain and the connections between humans and non human helpers to whether it s time to leave planet earth very funny a kind of comparative mythology where the hype and ideology of cutting edge tech is read through the lens of far older stories spectator refreshingly optimistic guardian

Insight into Emptiness

2012-07-10

a former abbot of one of the largest tibetan buddhist monasteries in the world khensur jampa tegchok has been teaching westerners about buddhism since the 1970s with a deep respect for the intellectual capacity of his students khensur tegchok here unpacks with great erudition buddhism s animating philosophical principle the emptiness of all appearances engagingly edited by bestselling author thubten chodron emptiness is here approached from a host of angles far beyond most treatments of the subject while never sacrificing its conversational approach

Ultimate Healing

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ultimate healing shows us that by transforming our minds especially through the development of compassion we can eliminate the ultimate cause of all disease in addition to relating stories of people who have recovered from disease through meditation lama zopa presents practical healing meditations including white light healing compassion meditation taking and giving and techniques to cure depression ultimate healing shows that by opening up to the truths of impermanence interdependence and the suffering of others we can heal our bodies our lives and the world around us

Buddhism

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explore the common ground underlying the diverse expressions of the buddha's teachings with two of tibetan buddhism s bestselling authors buddhism is practiced by hundreds of millions of people worldwide from tibetan caves to tokyo temples to redwood retreats to an outside viewer it might be hard to see what they all have in common in buddhism his holiness the dalai lama and american buddhist nun thubten chodron map out with clarity the convergences and the divergences between the two major strains of buddhism the sanskrit traditions of tibet and east asia and the pali traditions of sri lanka and southeast asia especially deep consideration is given to the foundational indian traditions and their respective treatment of such central tenets as the four noble truths the practice of meditation the meaning of nirvana enlightenment the authors seek harmony and greater understanding among buddhist traditions worldwide illuminating the rich benefits of respectful dialogue and the many ways that buddhists of all stripes share a common heritage and common goals

Introduction to Tantra

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what is tantra who is qualified to practice it how should it be practiced what are the results according to buddhism every human being has the potential to achieve profound and lasting happiness and according to the tantric teachings of buddhism this remarkable transformation can be realized very quickly if we utilize all aspects of our human energy especially the energy of our desires introduction to tantra is the best available clarification of a subject that is often misunderstood this new edition of this classic text includes a new foreword by philip glass and a new cover design but leaves untouched lama yeshe s excellent original text edited by jonathan landaw tantra recognizes that the powerful energy aroused by our desire is an indispensable resource for the spiritual path it is precisely because our lives are so inseparably linked with desire that we must make use of desire s tremendous energy not just for pleasure but to transform our lives lama yeshe presents tantra as a practice leading to joy and self discovery with a vision of reality that is simple clear and extremely relevant to twenty first century life

A Beginner's Guide to Tibetan Buddhism

2004-05-13

this is a ground level practice oriented presentation of tibetan buddhism personal and very accessible the book begins with the awakening of students interest in spirituality and the initial encounter with tibetan buddhism then leads us through all the steps necessary for successful practice in the west included is succinct counsel on finding an appropriate teacher receiving empowerments becoming active in a center and launching and sustaining a vajrayana practice special emphasis is placed on the potential pitfalls and the marvelous benefits of the guru disciple relationship

Cultivating a Compassionate Heart

2006-03-13

an outstanding and engaging introduction to the most widely known buddhist deity chenrezig also known as avalokiteshvara or kuan yin written by a popular western buddhist teacher

Tibetan Buddhist Essentials: A Study Guide for the 21st Century

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New Age

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let a great tibetan scholar guide you through one of nagarjuna s masterworks in practical ethics and profound emptiness khensur jampa tegchok walks us carefully through a classic of indian buddhist philosophy explaining the implications of its philosophical arguments and grounding its advice in a recognizable day to day world in precious garland the source text for this commentary nagarjuna advises his patron king on how best to take advantage of human life to secure a happy rebirth in the next life while making progress toward the goal of enlightenment known primarily for his incisive presentation of emptiness here nagarjuna shows his wise understanding of how to navigate the intricacies of worldly life to balance everyday needs with spiritual practice loaded with equal measures of penetrating explanations of the highest reality and inspiring encouragement towards the bodhisattva practices practical ethics and profound emptiness makes the case for living a thoughtful morally upright life in the world to achieve immediate and ultimate spiritual goals

Practical Ethics and Profound Emptiness

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the eighth volume in the dalai lama s definitive and bestselling library of wisdom and compassion series and the second of three focusing on emptiness in realizing the profound view the dalai lama presents the analysis and meditations necessary to realize the ultimate nature of reality with attention to nagarjuna s five point analysis candrakirti s seven point examination and pali sutras the dalai lama leads us to investigate who or what is the person are we our body our mind if we are not inherently either of them how do we exist and what carries the karma from one life to the next as we explore these and other fascinating questions he skillfully guides us along the path avoiding the chasms of absolutism and nihilism and introduces us to dependent arising we find that although all persons and phenomena lack an inherent essence they do exist dependently this nominally imputed mere i carries the karmic seeds we discover that all phenomena exist by being merely designated by term and concept they appear as like illusions unfindable under ultimate analysis but functioning on the conventional level furthermore we come to understand that emptiness dawns as the meaning of dependent arising and dependent arising dawns as the meaning of emptiness the ability to posit subtle dependent arisings in the face of realizing emptiness and to establish ultimate and conventional truths as non contradictory brings us to the culmination of the correct view the second of three volumes on the nature of reality in the library of wisdom and compassion series realizing the profound view challenges the ways we view the self and the world bringing us that much closer to liberation

Realizing the Profound View

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