Quintessential Tibetan Buddhism

An OVERVIEW | Tibetan Buddha Dharma | The Nature of Mind

the pure and essential essence of something demystifying the Buddha Dharma

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Glimpses of Quintessential Tibetan Buddha Dharma

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Homage to My Exiled Tibetan Masters





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and the Nature of Mind

Quintessential Buddha Dharma

Overview

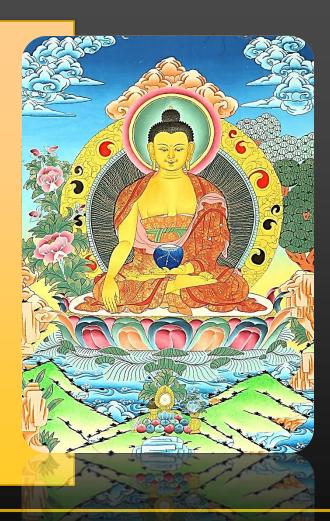
Session 1—Framework of Buddhism (e.g., schools, traditions, lineages, the Canons, movements, video clip, high-ranking lamas)

Session 2— the Buddhas, archaeology, metaphysical cosmology, and the spiritual journey of Siddārtha

Session 3—The Tibetan Elders

Session 4—Teachings of the Buddha

Session 5—Teachings continued
Session 6—Teachings continued and
Buddhism, Plain & Simple by S. Hagen
Session 7—Tantra & Himalayan Art
Session 8—Poetry and the Nature of
Mind....



COURSE MATERIAL | WEB SITE

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Reading

Buddhism Plain & Simple, the Practice of Being Aware, Right Now, Everyday

by Steve Hagen

http://www.amazon.com/Buddhism-Plain-Simple-Steve-Hagen/dp/0767903323/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1337279415&sr=1-1

Please complete reading before the Sixth Session to discuss and to share insights

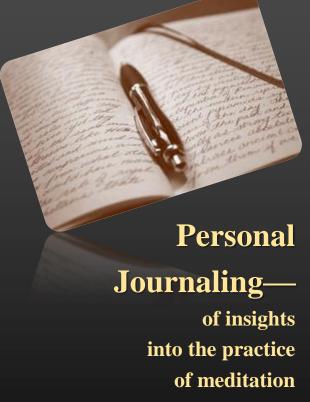
For fun—
"Dinner with Andres"

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIpyqHi1TPg&feature=youtu.be

Handout on How to Meditate

Meditation—experience it throughout the week before each session







Quiz at the End of the Course

Why is it that a Buddhist on his/her path is to relinquish (cut off the head of whatever we meet) any vows & ideas about things, including ideas about Buddhism and Buddhist teachings?

If you were standing on a street corner, waiting for the light to change, and without warning, your head is severed off instantly by an unseen ninja, would "you" drop with your body or plop with your head?

It is our mind, and that alone, that chains us or sets us free.—Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche

We are what we think.
All that we are arises with our thoughts.
With our thoughts, we make the world.
Speak or act with a pure mind
And happiness will follow you
As your shadow, unshakable.—Buddha

The awakened state is free of thought,
yet vividly awake.
If we train in this steadily and gradually,
it becomes the fully awakened state, buddhahood.—
Tulku Urgyen



The teaching of the Buddha is primarily about mind....

Establish Good Intentions

Good in the beginning Good in the middle

Good in the end

"May All
Sentient Beings
Be Happy"



Buddhism Has Many Faces

- As a philosophy
 - As a religion
 - ① As a practice
- As a pursuit of wisdom
- As psychological therapy
 - As ritual
- ① As a culture (social/political)
 - A culture of awakening
 - As a science
- It can be monastic or non-monastic (householder)

It can be highly ornamental or simple....



Conventional Definition

- Buddhism (Pali/Sanskrit: Buddha Dharma) is an ancient, multifaceted, ideological system that originated in the Iron Age Indian subcontinent (c. 1300 B.C.E. 600 B.C.E.), referred to variously throughout history by one or more of a myriad of concepts—including, but not limited to any of the following: a Dharmic religion, a philosophy, or quasi-philosophical tradition, a spiritual schema, or a culturally-dynamic psychological method of self-improvement.
- The Buddhist "faith," as known today, was founded by the teacher Siddhārtha Gautama Shakyamuni around the 6th or 5th Century B.C.E.
- However, the earliest historian Sakya monk Buton (1290-1364 C.E.) calculated that Siddhārtha existed as early as 885 B.C.E.



performing of duties of Hinduism—

somebody's duty to behave according to strict religious and social codes, or the righteousness earned by performing religious and social duties (generally, Vedic Tradition)

• eternal truth in Buddhism—

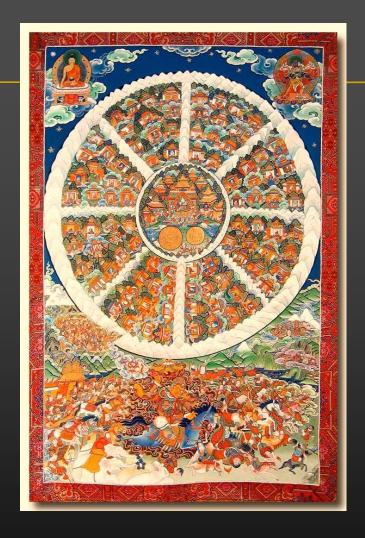
truth about the way things are and will always be in the universe or in nature, especially when contained in scripture (generally, Theraveda Tradition)

Dharma as Truth

In recent times—

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- a. The principle or law that orders the universe
- b. The essential function or nature of a thing
- c. One of the basic, minute elements from which all things are made
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- Purity
- Clarity
- Remedy
- Inconceivable
- Unfathomable
- Cessation itself
- Fruition of the path (the pure awakened state)

Dharma as Truth

Faith

NOUN:

- Confident belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person, an idea, or a thing.
- Belief that does not rest on logical proof or material evidence.
- Loyalty to a person or thing; allegiance: keeping faith with one's supporters.
- The theological virtue defined as secure belief in God and a trusting acceptance of God's will: often in Christianity
- The body of dogma of a religion: the Catholic or Muslim faith.
- A set of principles or beliefs.

Classification and Nature of "Buddhism"

The classification and <u>nature of</u>
<u>Buddhism is vague</u>* and has been interpreted in many different ways,
Often due to the sheer number (perhaps thousands) of different sects, sub sects, movements, etc., that have, or currently make up, the whole of Buddhist traditions.

But one thing is certain: The isolation of Tibet, until recent times, protected many teachings that have not been altered (each Branch and tradition share the basic teachings of the Buddha—unaltered with commentary).



*hold this thought....

Diversity

Main Teaching Methods

- Theraveda aka Hinayana
 - focus on moral discipline
- Mahayana
 - focus on cultivating compassion
- Vajrayana
 - focus on transformation
- Mahamudra/AnuYoga
 - **focus on transformation/essence**
- Atiyoga/Dzogchen
 - focus on essence

- Nikayanas—(monastic)
 - Theraveda (in Southeast Asia)
 - Dharmaguptaka (in China, Korea, & Vietnam)
 - Mulasarvastivada (in the Tibetan tradition)
- Zen C'han—(secular) in China and Japan
- The Householder

e.g., Early Nikaya Schools

- Sthaviravada (11 sects)
 - Pudgalavada
 - Sarvastivada
 - Vibhajavada
 - Theravada (20 sects)
 - Mahisasaka
 - Dharmaguptaka
 - Kasyapiya
 - Vatsiputriya
 - Dharmottariya
 - Bhadrayaniya
 - Sannagarika
 - Mulasarvastivada
 - Sautrantika

- Mahasamghika (from Magadha)
 - Ekavyaharikas
 - Lokottaravada
 - Golulika
 - Bahusrutiya
 - Prajnaptivada
 - Cetiyavada
 - Caitika (Bodhisattvas over Arhats)
 - Apara Saila
 - Uttara Saila



Great Schism between Two Early Major Branches

The Sthaviravāda (Sanskrit: स्थविरवाद)

literally means "Teaching of the Elders"

An addition 18 schools were formed—

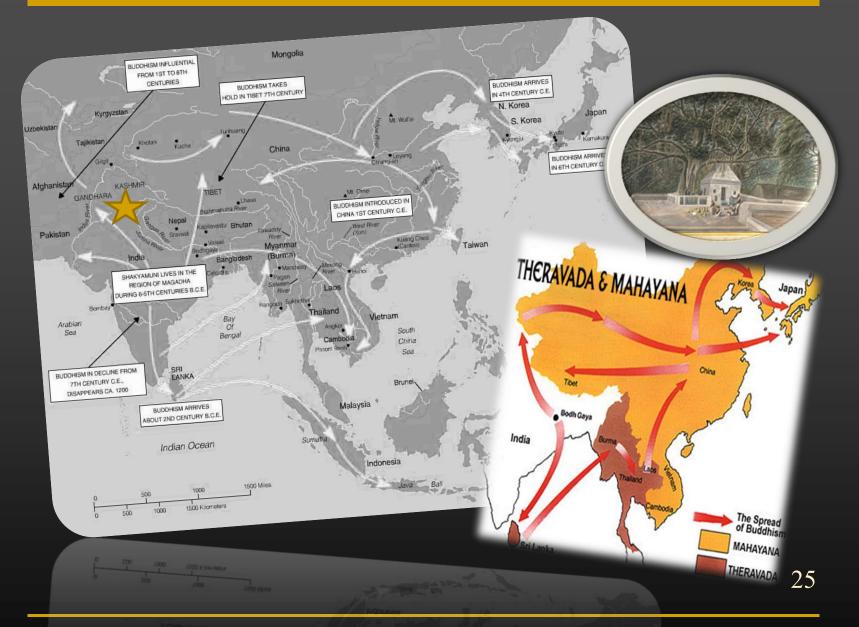
Sarvastivadin; Haimavata; Vatsiputriya; Dharmottara; Bhadrayaniya' Sammitiya' Channagirika' Mahisasaka; Dharmaguptaka; Kasyapiya, Sautrantika...

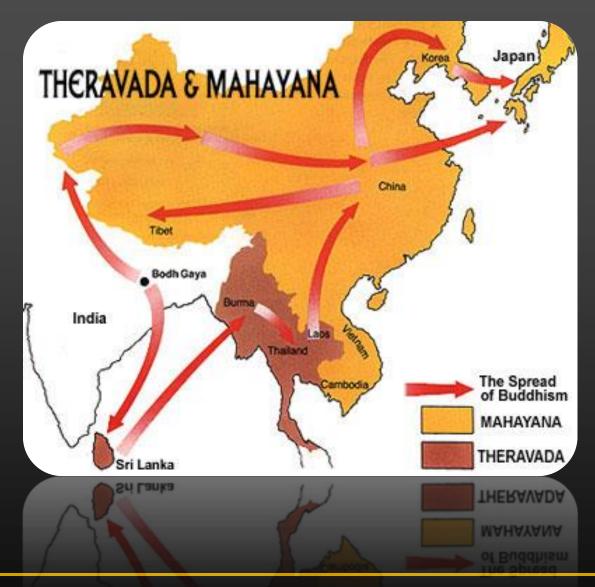
The Mahāsāmghika

(Sanskrit: महासांघिक)

literally means the "Great Sangha"

Schism on five points of doctrine regarding the fallibility and imperfection of spiritual practitioners (arhats) who manifested many but not all characteristics of a buddha





Theravada* Sub-schools

The different schools in *Theravāda* often emphasize different aspects (or parts) of the Pali canon and the later commentaries, or differ in the focus on and recommended way of practice. There are also significant differences in strictness or interpretation of the *Pitaka Vinaya* (the regulatory framework for the monastic community, or *sangha*, based in the canonical texts).

Some centers in —Bangladesh (Sangharai Nikava); Burma (Thudhamma Nikava, Vipassana, Shwekyin Nikaya, Dvara Nikava); Sri Lanka (Siam Nikaya, Waturawila, Amarapura Nikaya, Kanduboda, Tanoyana; Ramanna Nikaya, Sri Kalyani

Yogasrama Samstha, Delduwa, Forest Nikaya); Thailand (Maha Nikaya, Dhammakaya Movement, Thammayut Nikaya, Tahi Forest Tradition)

* Hinayana ("The Lesser Vehicle")



Mahayana Schools

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Madhyamaka (Prasangika, Svatantrika, Sanlun, Sanron,
Maha-Madhyamaka)

Yogacara (Cittamatra, Wei-Shi (consciousness-only school),
Faxiang (Dharma-character school), Beopsang, Hosso)
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Tathagatagarbha (Dasabhumika, Huayan, Hwaeom, Kegon)
Chan/Zen/Seon/Thien (Caodong, Soto, Keizan, Iakuen, Giin,
Linii, Rinzai, Obaku, Fuke, Won Buddhism (Korean))

Pure Land (Amidism—Iodo Shu, Ido Shinshu) (Tiantai—
Lotus Sutra School)—(Cheontai, Tendai (contains Vajrayana method))

Nichiren (Nichiren Shu, Nichiren Shoshu Nipponzan Myohoji, Soka Gakkai)

Mahayana | "The Great Vehicle"

Bodhisattva

• The Mahāyāna tradition teaches the Bodhisattva path as a vow. A bodhisattva is anyone who, motivated by great compassion, has generated bodhicitta, which is a spontaneous wish to delay full enlightenment for the benefit of all sentient beings, actively resolving to liberate them from Samsāra.

Bodhicitta

- the term combines—
 - the arising of spontaneous and limitless compassion for all sentient beings, and
 - the falling away of the attachment to the illusion of an inherently existent self

Vajrayana Schools

Seven Tibetan Tantric Traditions

Nyingma | the Ancient Ones, Keepers of Dzogchen

Kagyu* | Shangpa Kagyu, Marpa Kagyu, Rechung Kagyu, Dagpo Kagyu, Karma Kagyu, Tsalpa Kagyu, Baram Kagyu, Pagtru Kagyu, Taklung Kagyu, Trophu Kagyu, Drukpa Kagyu, Martsang Kagyu, Yerpa Kagyu, Yazang Kagyu, Shugseb Kagyu, Drikung Kagyu

Sakya | Ngor-pa, Tsar-pa

Gelug*

Kadam

Jonang

New Bön (synthesis of Yungdrun Bön and Nyingma)



con't.

Japanese Mikkyo (Shingon, Shinnyo-en, Tendai)

Newar (a form of Mahayana-Vajrayana Buddhism) is practiced by the Newar ethnic community of the Kathmandu Valley in Nepal, with unique socioreligious elements, which include a non-monastic Buddhist Society based on a caste system and patri-lineal descent.



Padmasambhava

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- The Four Noble Truths
- The Doctrine of No-Self
- Karma
- Rebirth
- Basic cosmology of six realms of existence—

gods (blissful states), demigods (asuras), humans, animals, hungry ghosts (pretas), and hell (hot/cold)

- The number of past, present, and future Buddhas
- The number and functions of Buddha's incarnated bodies
- The characteristics of evolved beings
- The condition for attaining liberation (nirvana)
- What constitutes the Buddhist canon

Agreements / Differences



New Movements

Aum Shinrikyo (now known as Aleph)

Diamond Way

Triratna Buddhist Community

New Kadampa Tradition

Share International

True Buddha School

Vipassana Movement

Shambhala Buddhism (Boulder, CO)

Integral Institute (Ken Wilbur)

Falun Gong (Falun Dafa)

Dzogchen (revival), including Gnostic Buddhism

Rimé Movement & New Bön

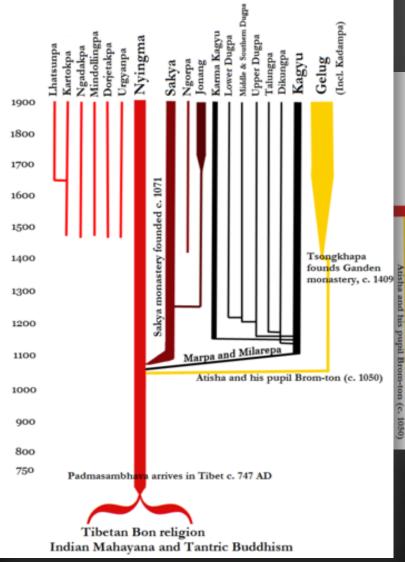
Rimé in Tibetan means "no sides", "non-partisan" or "non-sectarian". In religious contexts, it refer to the "Eclectic Movement" between the Buddhist *Nyingma*, *Sakya*, and *Kagyu* traditions, along with the "non-Buddhist" *Bön* religion (shamanic in nature) wherein practitioners CAN "follow multiple lineages of practice."

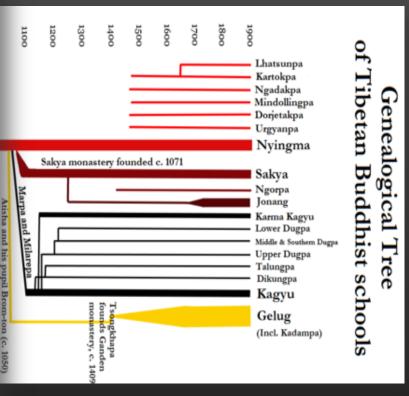
The movement was founded in Eastern Tibet during the late 19th century largely by Lamas Jamyan Khyentse Wangpo and Jamgon Kongtrul Lodro Thaye, the latter of whom is often respected as the founder proper. The Rimé movement is responsible for unifying the various traditions and their philosophies into one coherent school of thought, and is responsible for a large number of scriptural compilations and the sharing of them.

New Bön is a synthesis of Nyingma (Dzogchen practices that are found in Bön or Bönpo or Yungdrun Bön) and Yungdrun Bön.

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Genealogical Tree of Tibetan Buddhist schools





CHRONOLOGY OF BUDDHISM

http://rywiki.tsadra.org/index.php/Chronology_of_Buddhism_by_Matthieu_R icard#Ngagyur_Nyingma

The Nyingma lineage is considered to be the longest and oldest....thus the term "Ancient Ones"

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All thoughts vanish into emptiness like the imprint of a bird in the sky—

Dzogchen teaching

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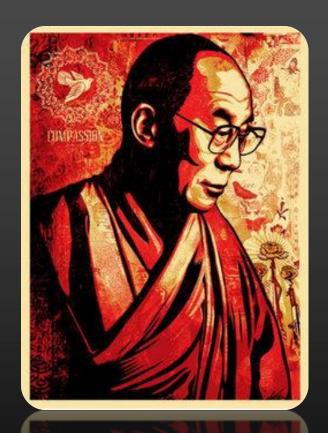
The High-Ranking Lamas

Tulkus

His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Piers Morgan, enjoying a moment of laughter on during their interview for Piers Morgan Tonight on CNN.

The interview was held in Rochester, Minnesota, on April 24, 2012.

His Holiness, The 14th Dalai Lama



14th Dalai Lama – Political Title

Tenzin Gyatso – Monk's spiritual name

The Dalai Lama is a high lama in the Gelug Branch of Tibetan Buddhism.

The name is a combination of the Mongolian word danaŭ (dalai) meaning "Ocean" and the Tibetan word arb bla-ma (with a silent "b") meaning "supreme mother (teacher)"

"I am a simple Buddhist monk
— no more, no less."

"REINCARNATION," ANYONE?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdm15o8_m_k Kundun | 14:58 min.

Available online....

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBZEe4I

6ZQM "Unmistaken Child"

New Prime Minister



Lobsang Sangay, 43, a Harvard-trained lawyer, replaced the Dalai Lama as the new political heir of Tibetan exile in India in August 2011. He is referred to as the new 'Kalon Tripa' (Prime Minister) of the Tibetans.

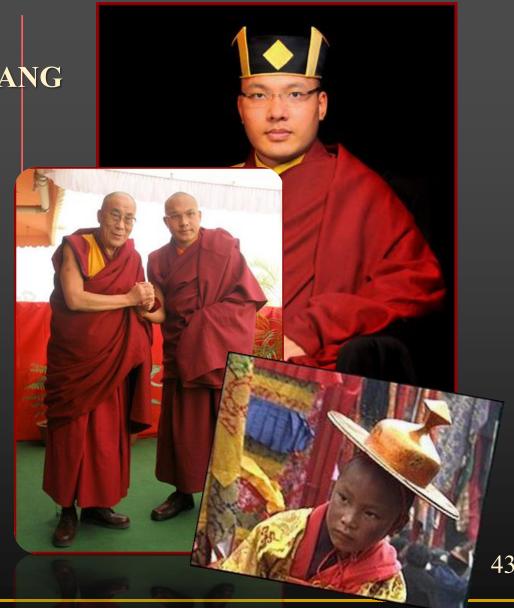
HIS HOLINESS
THE 17TH GYALWANG
KARMAPA

Of the Kagyu Lineage

of Tibetan Buddhism

a scholar and meditation master, a painter, poet, songwriter and playwright, an environmental activist, and computer enthusiast

> the17th Gyalwang Karmapa has brought the lineage's activities fully into the 21st century.





Tenzin Longdock Nyima

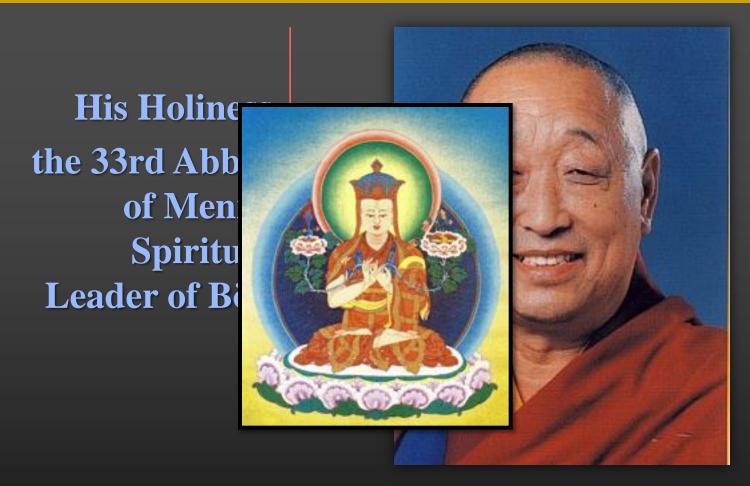


1st Dzogchen Rinpoche of Tibet and disciple of 5th Dalai Lama.

Mindstream emanation (nirmanakaya) of

Vimalamitra, Padmasambhava, and Saraha

7th Dzogchen Rinpoche



His Holiness Lungtok Tenpa'i Nyima is the worldwide spiritual leader of the Bon religion of Tibet. He was born in Amdo, in the far eastern region of Tibet, in 1927 and became a monk at the age of eight, at Kyong Tsang Monastery.

Panchen Lama ("Great Scholar")

Gedhun Choekyi Nyima

was named the 11th Panchen Lama by the 14th Dalai Lama. After his selection, he was detained by authorities of the People's Republic of China and has not been seen since May 17, 1995, three days

after being named successor.

His whereabouts remain undisclosed to this very day.

Gyancain Norbu

was later named Panchen Lama by the People's Republic of China and was enthroned in 1995 as the Panchen Lama.

On September 14, 2010, the foreign minister, George Yeo of Singapore,

became the first foreign member of government to meet officially with Gyaincain Norbu, at the Xihuang Monastery in Beijing.





Self-immolation

Chima & Tibet Controversy



NECHUNG

MO Divination

State Oracle of Tibet

Can be done online

http://dice.tarotsmith.com



MO is a form of divination that is part of the culture of Tibet and that helps make important decisions about health, work or travel.

Mo employs dice. There are several books written by various lamas on interpretations for the casting of dice. The answers given by the Mo are regarded as coming from Manjushri, the Bodhisattva of wisdom (*i.e.*, your inner intuition).

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Part 1

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E8jSamrCkB

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Part 2

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Part 3

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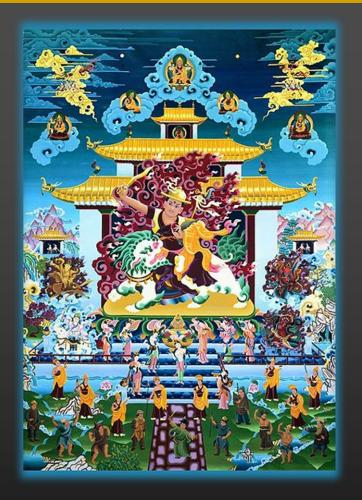
Part 4

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Part 5

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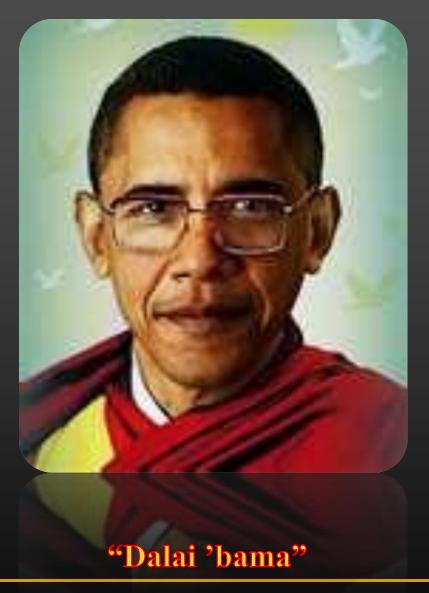
A Message to the Dalai Lama from a Dorje Shugden practitioner



Dalai Lama and

Dorje Shugden, the Spirit & Controversy

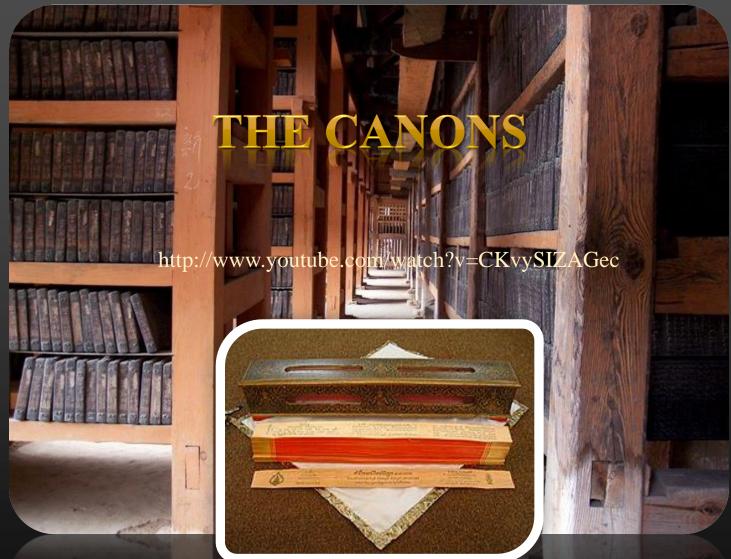
	Lineage Schools Traditions Sects
Yarlung Bonpo	The indigenous tradition of Tibet before Buddhism, it did not become organized until after the 11 th century C.E. Buddhism absorbed elements of Bon and vice versa.
Nyingma	Founded 8 th century by Guru Rinpoche Padmasambhava, it isconsidered the oldest, the Ancient Ones," never held political power. The only lineage until the 11 th century. Referred to as the Red Hats because the monks wore red hats. Along with tantric practices, it emphasizes the Dzogchen doctrines.
Gedang	Founded in 1056, it went over to the Gelug in the 15th century.
Sakya	Founded in 1073, it was named the "White Clay" as the chief monastery had grayish white walls. It is called the Stripe lineage because the walls of the monasteries are painted with red, white, and black stripes to represent the Wisdom Buddha, the Goddess of Mercy, and the Guardian Spirits. It was Sakya teachers who converted the Mongol Khan leaders. There are three schools of the Skaya tradition.
Kagyu	Founded in the 11 th century, the name means oral transmission. They wore white robes when practicing, consequently, referred to as the White sect. It emerged from the teachings of Marpa "The Translator" and his student Gampopa. It's main teaching is a system and practice called Mahamudra developed by Indian sage Tilopa.
Jonang	Founded in the 12 th century, it was recognized as an independent tradition in 1326. It was banned by the 5 th Dalai Lama (17 th century) but re-emerged in recent times. They are the holders of all the teachings of the Kalacakra Tantra.
Gelug	Founded in 1409, under Tsongkhapa, it re-emerged during the Mongol reign, centuries after 3 monks went into exile during the reign of King Langdarma c. 842 C.E Known as the Yellow Hats, it is famous for its Dalai and Panchen reincarnation systems. The emphasis is on monastic discipline and sound scholarship.

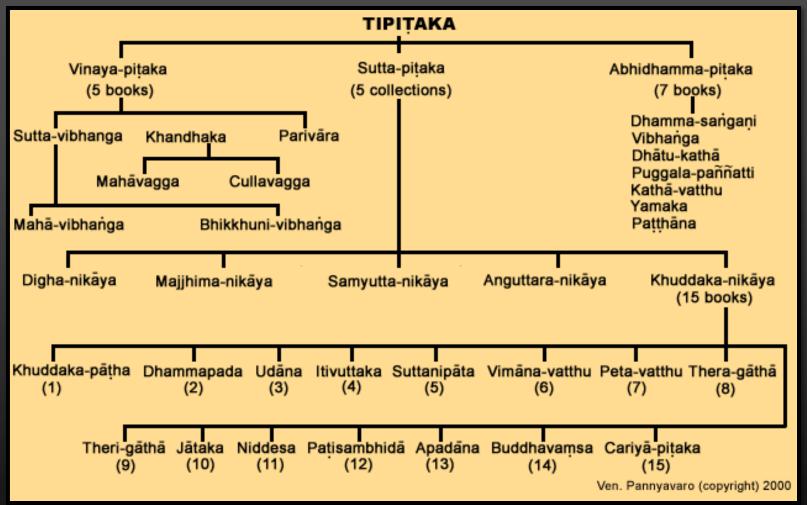




THE CANONS

How the teaching survived and is surviving





The Seven Books	Contents
1 Dhammasangani	The Genesis of Thought - Elimination (also found in 1 ^{st/2nd} Pitakas)
2 Vibhanga	The Book of Analysis (also found, in part, in the first two Pitakas (18 chapters)
3 Dhatukatha	Discourses on Elements (14 chapters)
4 Puggalapannatti	Descriptions of Human Types (10 chapters)
5 Kathavatthu	Points of Controversy (collection of debates)
6 Yamaka	The Pairs (10 chapters) dealing with Q&A
7 Patthana	Foundational Counditions or Relations (The laws of 24 types of causal conditioning and interactions)

The Abhidamma Pitaka

Three

Other

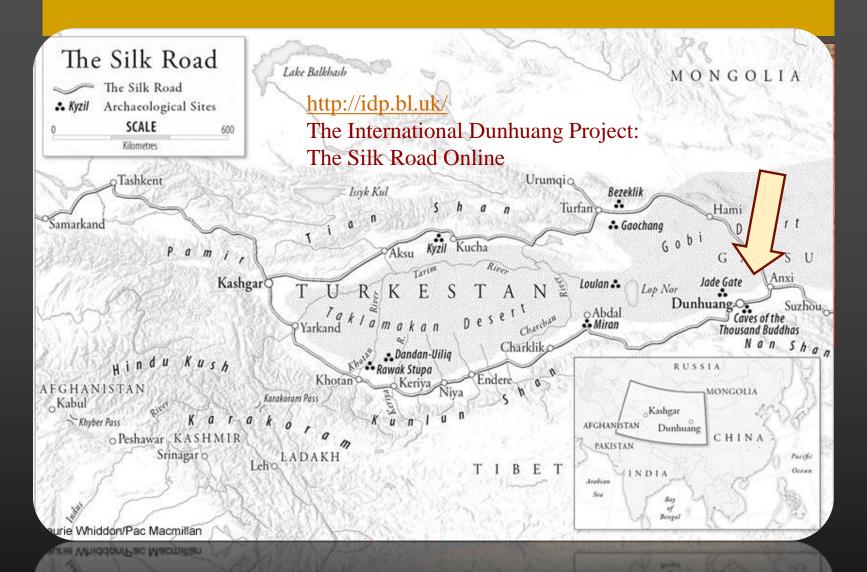
Main Canons



The Chinese Buddhist Canon

The Tibetan Kangyur & Tengyur

The Bön Kangyur & Tengyur



Dunhuang Treasures



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Commit not a single unwholesome action.

Cultivate a wealth of virtue (good karma)

To tame this mind of ours.

This is the teaching of all the buddhas.

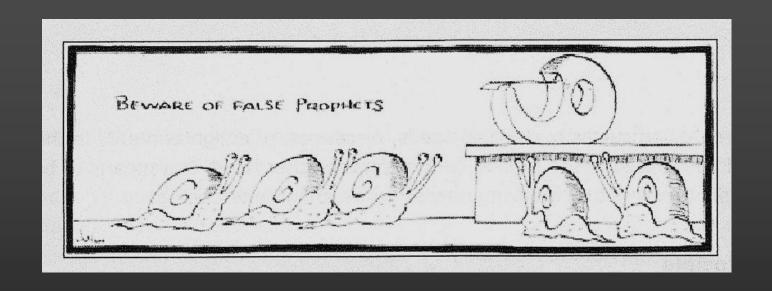
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28 Previous Buddhas



Tanhankara, Medhankara, Saranankara, Dipankara, Kondanna, Mangala, Sumana, Revata, Sobhita, Anomadassi, Paduma, Narada, Padumuttara, Sumedha, Sujata, Piyadassi, Atthadassi, Dhammadassi, Siddharttha, Tissa, Phussa, Vipassi, Sikhi, Vessabhu, Kakusandha, Konagamana, Kassapa, Gautama, and Maitreya (the future Buddha when the teachings will have disappeared)

"..this is the Teaching of all the Buddhas."



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vq0l1Jx9MY&feat ure=related 2012: The Coming of the Kalki Maitreya Avatar, Four Horsemen, & Second Advent of Christ | Master Yogiraj Siddhanath | 13:11 min.

The reality that is relative in nature and the reality that is absolute



Buddha Dharma summarized...

e.g., the universe is made up of atoms and moments—nothing is solid (solidity is an illusion that functions—all things change)

PURE AWARENESS OF TWO REALITIES OR TWO "TRUTHS"

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Confused thinking fools us and prevents us from pure perception. Impure phenomena are the manifestation of our own deluded thinking. Impure phenomena—the unaware ways of perception—are the same as dream phenomena. Once we wake up from the delusion of sleep, they disappear.

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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUdrCJ2KPYU 9:14 min.

"BUDDHISM IS MODERN" SOGYAL RINPOCHE



SIDDHĀRTHA GAUTAMA SHAKYAMUNI BUDDHA

Awakened One | Buddha Named Such by a Young Girl



St. Josaphat

A GUIDED MEDITATION

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1LVkxZUDTsQ&feature=fvsr "Quiet Mind" | 6:26 min.

► http://quietmindcafe.com | many free meditation videos are available on this web site

Calm abiding is the first step towards meditative practice

Who looks outside, dreams.
Who looks inside, awakes.—
Carl Jung



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If there is no stillness, there is no silence.

If there is no silence, there is no insight.

If there is no insight, there is no clarity.—

Tenzin Priyadarshi

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End of Session One

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1xZC3TtcBU

Tibetan Singing Bowls | 40:03 min.

EXTRA

Preliminary Work

When repeated difficulties do arise, our first spiritual approach is to acknowledge what is present, naming, softly saying 'sadness, sadness,' or 'remembering, remembering,' or whatever it is.

Making It a Daily Practice

- Dedicate 3, 10, 15, 30 minutes of this quiet state of mediation for 40 days straight.
- If you cannot do it, there is no need to worry. One works with one's condition and just be. Start with compassion.
- Attempt to always be aware of your breathe. When you are, you will notice how it changes when you are upset, angry, happy, sad....
- When you feel you are able to go into calm breathing at will, start noticing your thoughts....
- Do you notice that your thoughts come and go?
- Do you know where they come from?
- Do you know where they go?
- Remember to remember—release all thoughts by not following or clinging to any of them...let them come and go. Notice their arising and falling.
- When you find yourself dwelling on a thought...following your screenplay, bring your mind consciousness back to your breath and begin to witness your thoughts, coming and going.
- There will always be thoughts, but we can be simply witnesses/observes of those thoughts. 75

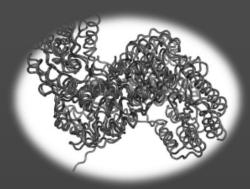
"May I become food and drink in the eons of famine for those poverty-stricken suffers. May I be a doctor, medicine and nurse for all sick beings in the world until everyone is cured.

May I become never-ending wishfulfilling treasures, materializing
in front of each of them as all
the enjoyments they need.
May I be a guide for those who do
not have a guide, a leader for
those who journey, a boat for those
who want to cross over, and all
sorts of ships, bridges, beautiful
parks for those who desire them,
and light for those who need light.

Bodhicitta



Maitreya, Anyone?

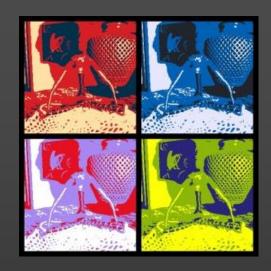


According to some Christians, he is here and is the Anti-Christ. They are reacting to the claims of Benjamin Crème that Maitreya is the hope of mankind and goes by another name until he has a strong following.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zFWbZreU6R4&feature=related

| Benjamin Crème at Bill Mayher's Studio | 4:45 min.

Maitreya II



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPyG498HgSIMaitreya – The Messiah in Our Midst | 3:00 min.

Web Site of Kharana Janma

http://www.soulsearchers.co.in/maitreya/maitreya-the-messiah-in-our-midst/

Maitreya III



Being labeled as the Anti-Christ by some—

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nh03xM_Q10E&feature=related Raj Patel | Maitreya? 10:34 min.

One who offers a new transformation?

Prophecy by Padmasambhava

on Maitreya

• "The Legend of the Great Stupa" speaks to the end-time events of the Kali-Yuga epoch....



