

Books Published by HE Khenchen Konchog Gyaltzen Rinpoche

Khenchen Rinpoche consistently strives to make important texts available to all. A skilled and dedicated author and translator, he has published 10 books:

* *Prayer Flags* is a small book that contains brief life stories of Dharma Lord Gampopa, Phagmo Drupa, and Lord Jigten Sumgön, as well as some Dharma-realization songs by lineage masters. There are some short teachings on the stages of Mahamudra practice, and condensed instructions on how to carry the experiences of sickness and death into one's practice.

* *The Garland of Mahamudra Practices* is very helpful for those who already have a little understanding of the Dharma. It contains a description of several practices: the four foundation thoughts (precious human life, awareness of impermanence, karma, and the suffering of samsara); the four extraordinary preliminary practices (refuge, Vajrasattva, mandala offering, and Guru Yoga); the special Ngondro practices of love, compassion, and bodhicitta; yidam deity practice; special four-kaya guru yoga; a mahamudra session; and dedication.

* *In Search of the Stainless Ambrosia* was written by Khenchen Rinpoche as an introduction for beginners and a reminder for more advanced practitioners. First, it summarizes the fundamental teachings of refuge, love and compassion, and the six paramitas. Then, there are short sections on mahamudra and yidam practices, the experience of dying, an explanation of Chöd practice, and some Phowa teachings.

* *The Great Kagyu Masters* is a translation of a thirteenth century text that puts the life stories of the great masters together in one volume: Tilopa, Naropa, Atisha, Marpa, Milarepa, Gampopa, Phagmo Drupa, and Jigten Sumgön. It is very helpful for practitioners to have these accounts available for inspiration and guidance.

* *The Jewel Treasury of Advice* is a translation of a profound teaching, written in verse by Drigung Dharmaradza. The text describes the complete path of the Buddha's teachings. Its commentary, *A Complete Guide to the Buddhist Path*, made these teachings more accessible, and easier for modern practitioners to understand these profound teachings.

* *The Jewel Ornament of Liberation* is a translation of Lord Gampopa's essential philosophy text, which is said to act as Gampopa's regent in these times. This book contains a complete form of the sutra system called *lam rim*, or stages of the path—right from the starting point, the ground where you enter into the path, until you achieve Buddhahood and manifest activities for the benefit of infinite sentient beings.

* *Calling to the Lama from Afar* is a collection of accounts of Lord Jigten Sumgön, the founder of Drigung Kagyu, some in verse and prose. The prayers and praises translated in this text express the depth of genuine devotion in a manner that is characteristic of this genre of Tibetan literature.

* *Transformation of Suffering: A Handbook for Practitioners*. Khenchen Rinpoche wrote this book for study by individuals or groups without ready access to a qualified spiritual master. The

book contains all the foundations of Buddhism in very accessible terms. This book is in very accessible language, but it contains information essential for beginners and advanced practitioners alike.

* *Pearl Rosary* is a work that Khenchen Rinpoche himself wrote. It contains detailed commentary on 10 common deity yoga practices, such as Chenrezig, Tara, and Manjushri, as well as the translated sadhanas or practice texts. It includes the meaning and importance of each practice, the significance of the symbolism and attributes of each deity, and detailed instructions on visualization. This book is also especially valuable for those who do not have the good fortune to see a qualified lama often, and for serious practitioners to use as a reminder.

* *A Complete Guide to the Buddhist Path* is Khenchen Rinpoche's commentary on *The Jewel Treasury of Advice*. This book goes right to the point by providing clear instruction on the practical meaning of Dharma and on meditation practice. The root text is organized into two parts. The first part contains general advice for daily life and the second part is directed more specifically to practitioners. Realistically, if we want to attain enlightenment without facing any obstacles, we have to know what to do and how to do it. This book outlines what to expect and gives us very valuable counsel from the author's own experience of the reality of samsara and nirvana.

Forthcoming Title: *Confusion Dawning into Wisdom* is a book of commentary on some of the vajra songs of Milarepa and Jigten Sumgön. Those vajra songs contain vast and profound meaning, which Khenchen Rinpoche has simplified and clarified so that practitioners can understand their meaning directly.

Khenchen Rinpoche translated and wrote these commentaries with a sincere wish to bring enlightened wisdom into the world and for the benefit of all sentient beings. He requests that anyone who has a chance to see these books to please read them carefully, digest their meaning, and apply their teachings. There can be no doubt that the result will arise.

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