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A masterwork of Tibetan Buddhism--providing the complete foundation for study and practice--from beginning to Buddhahood. Includes teachings on Buddha-nature, finding the spiritual master, impermanence, karma, cultivation of bodhicitta, development of the six perfections, the ten bodhisattva bhumis, Buddhahood, and the activities of the Buddha.

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Michael Kilman says

For a Buddhist practitioner this is one of those books that will require many hours of rereading passages. Some of the references and ideas are definitely bound in Tibetan culture, but for a study of Tibetan Buddhism on a deep level, this book is worth a read.

Jon Tokarz says

Cool book.

Ermina Williams says

Essential Buddhist reading. Especially useful is the commentary by Khenchen Thrangu Rinpoche. For those who are familiar with Khenchen Thrangu Rinpoche, you'll know that he doesn't offer translations and slight interpretations of the essential texts. He lives and breathes them into digestible, pithy, core instructions that penetrate the heart and mind at once.

Nancy says

This is not for the beginner. For Tibetan Buddhists, it's the equivalent of the Bible for Christians. I'll read it over and over as part of my practice.

Stephen Blache says

A fundamental introduction to Sutra Mahamudra from one of the yogi Milarepa's most important students. A solid introductory presentation to this tradition.

Cindy says

The most important book I've ever read.

Katilyn says

I read this little by little over several months. Just a few pages every day and lots of contemplation. I imagine

that attaining enlightenment will be similar except instead of a few months, it might take a few lifetimes.

Definitely going to need to read it again to more fully understand.

Jason says

In all his studies, *The Jewel Ornament of Liberation* is one of the texts that Khenpo [Konchog Gyaltzen Rinpoche, the translator of this edition] found to be most inspiring. Lord Gampopa lays out the teachings in a clear and systematic way that is understandable to beginners. At the same time, the work is of such profound depth that scholars and practitioners can study it over and over and still not fully grasp its meaning. Khenpo Rinpoche has said on several occasions, "Anyone who knows the *Jewel Ornament* well can say that they really understand Buddhism." (p. 414)

This is a classic text used in the Kagyü lineages of Himalayan Buddhism. Written by Gampopa, the scholarly disciple of Tibet's great yogi Milarepa, this text brings academic, philosophical, and mystical Buddhist perspectives together into one systematized whole. Not exactly summer reading, but a necessary read (and probable re-read) for anyone really interested in how the various Buddhist teachings—whether on karma, the bodhisattva path, or Buddhature—fit together in the Kagyü context.

"If any doubts or obstacles arise in your mind, look at the different texts which explain how to dispel obstacles and develop devotion for the great lamas. If you aspire to peace and happiness, practice contentment more and desire less. If you aspire to perfect Buddhahood, abide in a solitary place. Recollect repeatedly the suffering of samsara and release attachment to this life. The true lama is your own mind; there is no need to look for another." - Gampopa (p. 331)

"In the future, those who think, 'Alas, I haven't met him' should simply study and practice the texts that I composed: *The Precious Jewel Rosary of the Supreme Path*, *The Jewel Ornament of Liberation—the Wish-Fulfilling Gem of the Noble Teachings*, and others. There is no particle of difference; it is the same as meeting me. Those who are having a hard time understanding and practicing the Dharma, think of me and supplicate with devotion. The blessings will arise naturally." - Gampopa (p. 331)

Gemma Williams says

A quite amazing scope covered here, and lots and lots to think about! Am really looking forward to my new study group and discussing it in depth. In the meantime will allow it to sink in a bit before writing about it, and will listen to Padmavajra's contributions as well.
