

The Preliminary Practices of Tibetan Buddhism:

A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO VISUALIZATION

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Prologue



We begin our journey with an excerpt from the *Jewel Tree of Tibet* by Professor Robert Thurman (2006), recalling his early encounter with the world of Tibetan Buddhism, specifically through a sacred text known as the *Master Devotion Game* (*Chopu*). His own Mongolian mentor Geshe Wangyal, a living embodiment and exemplar of the transformation proclaimed within its ancient passages, revealed the text to him.

"...Yet there I also met my teacher and went to work with him in the *Army Pine Barrens*, in a Russian-Mongolian refugee community. Through him I met the path to enlightenment. I met a true master. I had come home to myself and my road – through this great teacher and the jewel tree text he revealed to me.

And it was not just the text and the teachings that affected

philosophers from all the world's spiritual traditions. I beheld the shimmering tree of jewels, decked with living jewel beings.

I recognized the jewel tree as the world tree *Yggdrasil*, the great web tree extending over the entire earth, growing from a root of wisdom, where Odin, the highest God, had cast me off as a sacrifice. In order to revive the eye of wisdom from the goddess of the tree, the jewel tree is the tree of life, the

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Tshangs-pa-bstan-'dzin (Dpon-slob)

The Preliminary Practices:

The Preliminary Practice of Dorje Khadro eBook Lama Zopa Rinpoche, 2019-07-26 Making burning offerings to Dorje Khadro Vajradaka is considered to be a golden Dharma passed directly from Manjushri to Lama Tsongkhapa. It was one of Lama Tsongkhapa's heart practices and as such has a special connection with the Gelug lineage of Tibetan Buddhism. The practice of Dorje Khadro comes highly praised for its power to purify negative karma in general but especially for its ability to purify obstacles caused by broken vows and samaya related to highest yoga tantra. It also assists us in assembling the most conducive conditions for success in long retreats. This practice is encouraged as a powerful way to help those who are sick or dying and as a method to readily clear the mind of challenging disturbing emotions. The collection provides everything one needs to be able to do the complete ng ndro of Dorje Khadro: the recitation of the principal mantra 100,000 times coupled with extensive visualization and prayers. The book's practice section includes the Dorje Khadro practice text, Lama Tsongkhapa Guru Yoga and lam rim and dedication prayers. In addition, the book contains teachings that contribute to a student's understanding of how to best engage in this practice. A precise commentary from Geshe Lama Konchog, an inspiring teaching from Lama Zopa Rinpoche based on a commentary written by Panchen Losang Chakyi Gyeltsen, and a unique teaching from Lama Yeshe comprise the commentary section. The book's advice section includes guidelines for how to use the materials to complete the preliminary practice either as a full-time retreat or as a daily practice. Offering the burning puja to Dorje Khadro is one of the very profound practices for purification, regarded as a golden Dharma, a precious one. It is Lama Tsongkhapa's heart practice and his followers practice it knowing it to be extremely beneficial. Lama Zopa Rinpoche, 148 pages, 2012 edition.

The Preliminary Practice of Prostrations eBook Lama Zopa Rinpoche, 2019-07-29 Prostrations to the Thirty-five Confession Buddhas with recitation of the Bodhisattva's Confession of Moral Downfalls from the Sutra of Three Heaps is one of the most powerful methods available to purify harmful actions we have done in the past. By doing this practice mindfully, we can prevent unwanted sufferings from occurring in the future. In addition, this practice clears away obstacles to our practice and opens the mind to gain realizations on the path. It is said that if you do this practice first thing in the morning, all your other prayers and activities of the day will be empowered. This recently revised version contains new extensive commentary on the practice by Lama Zopa Rinpoche from the Lama Tsongkhapa retreat in 2004, as well as teachings on karma, options for extended practice, and instructions on how to complete a 100,000 prostration retreat. Contents include: The Practice of Prostrations to the Thirty-five Confession Buddhas, Putting an End to Suffering: A Teaching on Karma by Lama Zopa Rinpoche, The Benefits of Making Prostrations, Commentary on the Practice of Prostrations to the Thirty-five Confession Buddhas by Lama Zopa Rinpoche, Options for Practice, Guidelines for Completing the Preliminary Practice of 100,000 Prostrations to the Thirty-five Confession Buddhas, Appendix: How to make Prostrations Helpful. Resources: There is so much hope in our lives. Our lives are so full of opportunity. It is so easy to purify, so easy to become free.

from samsara and achieve enlightenment Even with just prostration we can achieve all of this Lama Zopa Rinpoche 97 Pages 2011 Edition **The Preliminary Practices of Tibetan Buddhism** Geshe Rabten,2009 The Preliminary Practices of Tibetan Buddhism Geshe Rabten,Padma-dkar-po ('Brug-chen IV),Georges Driessens,1976 **Not for Happiness** Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse,2012-10-16 From the author of What Makes You Not a Buddhist comes a fresh look at the foundations of Tibetan Buddhist practice with practical advice and guidance for the modern practitioner Do you practice meditation because you want to feel good Or to help you relax and be happy Then frankly according to Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse you are far better off having a full body massage than trying to practice the Dharma Genuine spiritual practice not least the Ng ndro preliminaries will not bring the kind of comfort and ease most worldly people crave Quite the opposite in fact But if your ultimate goal is enlightenment Ng ndro practice is a must and Not for Happiness your perfect guide as it contains everything an aspiring practitioner needs to get started including advice about Developing renunciation mind Discipline meditation and wisdom Using your imagination in visualization practice Why you need a guru *The Preliminary Practices of Tibetan Buddhism* Rabten Geshe,1986 **Ornament to Beautify the Three Appearances** Dkon-mchog-lhun-grub (Ngor-chen),Ngorchen Könchok Lhundrup,2022-04-19 Box set is not being sold through Simon volume 1 is The latest offering from a renowned translator in the Buddhist world of one of the most important texts in one of the four main schools of Tibetan Buddhism the Sakya school This translation was done at the request of the head of the Sakya school Ngorchen K nchok Lhundrup s Ornament to Beautify the Three Appearances is the most extensive explanation of the Three Appearances ever written Ornament to Beautify the Three Continua is the most extensive explanation of the Three Continua in a single text This 2 volume set contains translations of the Vajra Lines of the great Indian adept Vir pa ca seventh eighth centuries the basic text of the Lamdr tradition the most precious system of tantric theory and practice in the Sakya school of Tibetan Buddhism and extensive explanation and guidance by Ngorchen K nchok Lhundrup 1497 1557 The translations have been made at the personal request and approval of His Holiness the Sakya Trichen with certainty that they will benefit all beings who desire liberation The Vajra Lines represents the distilled essence of the Hevajra Tantra and its two explanatory tantras and is almost entirely concerned with esoteric tantric practice The first topic however is the fundamental teachings of Hinay na and Mah y na Buddhism which are the essential basis for the main tantric practices of Vajray na In the Lamdr system this first topic of preliminary instructions is known as the Three Appearances The second topic the main Vajray na practices is known as the Three Continua The preliminary practices presented in the first volume Ornament to Beautify the Three Appearances may be practiced by anyone without specific required preparation The guiding instructions on impure appearance are for the purpose of developing renunciation and this volume focuses on three main topics the defects of sa s ra in order to produce renunciation the rarity benefit and transience of life as a human being in order to arouse diligence and the nature of positive and negative actions and results in order to understand what types of behavior to accept and reject The

guiding instructions on the appearance of the experiences are for the purpose of producing the altruistic intent This section concerns two main topics meditation until the common experiences have arisen which focuses on cultivating love compassion and bodhicitta and cultivating joy now about the uncommon experiences that will arise later when practicing the Vajrayana teachings The guiding instructions on pure appearance are for the purpose of producing enthusiasm for the ultimate result of complete awakening This section briefly describes the inconceivable nature of a buddha's enlightened body speech and mind The second volume explains the main tantric practices of the Three Continua It is a restricted text intended only for students who have at least received the great initiation of Hevajra It is the most extensive explanation of the Three Continua in a single text These three are the causal continuum the abiding mode of phenomenon which involves meditation on the view of the indivisibility of samsara and nirvana for the purpose of eliminating all conceptual elaborations the method continuum the precise way to meditate the main practice of the Teaching the method for guiding the true nature of the mind primordially free of conceptual elaborations the ground of everything to the four kayas which involves instructions on each of the four initiations the various sacred commitments associated with the four initiations the propitiation of the kas and kins if these commitments have been damaged and the initiations at the time of the path which is the main topic of the method continuum and the resultant continuum buddhahood Dependent on the causal continuum of the mind or universal ground which is like a field being purified by the method continuum of the body which is like water and manure the resultant continuum of mahamudra the four resultant kayas which is like the ripened fruit is actualized

Entrance to the Great Perfection, 2010-02-16

Blending contemporary and traditional perspectives this groundbreaking work offers guidance on the profound foundational practices of the Great Perfection It contains classic commentaries by the renowned Tibetan masters Jigme Lingpa and Jamyang Khyentse Wangpo alongside a lively contemporary discussion by filmmaker author and spiritual teacher Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse that discusses how to incorporate these ancient practices into the fast paced lifestyle of the Western world Also included are a lengthy introduction to the world of Tibetan Buddhism and its meditative practices as well as the long and short preliminary practice liturgies and numerous appendices on the nine yanas and other topics The ngondro or preliminary practice is treasured in the Ancient School of Tibetan Buddhism as vital for effecting a profound inner transformation and as a foundation for the very highest teachings of the Great Perfection or Dzogchen In particular the Longchen Nyingtik ngondro revealed by the great saint Jigme Lingpa following a series of visions in which he was blessed by the omniscient Longchen Rabjam and received the transmission of his wisdom mind has long been cherished by followers of all traditions on account of its power depth and poetic beauty

The Fundamental Practices Forty-Second Sakya Trizin, 2025-01-28

A wise and warm guide to the preliminary practices that lay the fundamental groundwork for traversing the path to buddhahood When we start on the transformational journey to enlightenment we need a strong foundation in core Buddhist principles and practices to set us on the right track The ngondro or preliminary practices are that very foundation they not only prepare us for advanced

practice but serve us in all we do In this guide to the common and uncommon preliminary practices His Holiness the Forty Second Sakya Trizin Ratna Vajra Rinpoche expertly gives us the grounded practical and illuminating teachings we need to set out on the path to buddhahood Newcomers and seasoned practitioners alike will find practical guidance and profound wisdom to support them through their exploration of the preliminary practices The common preliminary practices are the four thoughts that turn the mind away from the suffering of samsara and toward the Dharma remembering the shortcomings of samsara remembering the preciousness of a human rebirth remembering impermanence and remembering the law of karma These teachings are shared among traditions and will accompany us all the way to buddhahood The five uncommon preliminary practices are core to further Mahayana and Vajrayana practice going for refuge in the Buddha Dharma and Sangha developing bodhichitta the enlightened mind Vajrasattva practice which clears negative karma mandala offering which will help us accumulate merit and guru yoga which facilitates our realization of the nature of mind By using this guide we can develop a deeper understanding of what Dharma practice truly encompasses and how we can authentically engage in it His Holiness the Forty Second Sakya Trizin invites us to appreciate the profound significance of these preliminary practices and experience the transformative benefits they offer for both ourselves and all sentient beings *A Torch Lighting the Way to Freedom* Dudjom Rinpoche, 2011-11-08 The foundations of Vajrayana practice are laid out with eloquence and precision here by one of the greatest Tibetan Buddhist masters of our age His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche's commentary on the preliminary practices ng ndro is informed by his profound realization and wide ranging scholarship and illuminated with an array of quotations from the Vinaya Sutra and Tantra traditions In addition to the commentary on the outer and inner preliminary practices he provides other invaluable instructions on the correct view conduct and activity of a practitioner Dudjom Rinpoche taught that the realization of the teachings of the Great Perfection depends entirely on the practice of these preliminary practices thus his compassionate exposition of them here makes this book a particularly precious resource for anyone who seeks to remove the obstacles between themselves and the total freedom of enlightenment

The Preliminary Practice of the Dzogchen Longchen Nyingtik Longchen Ngondro, 2019-02-10 From the authentic teachings of the Hundred Thousand Doctrine of the Great Master Jigme Lingpa Lama Jigme Rinpoche has brought this key practice to us The Benefits of the Longchen Nyingtik Ngondro Before you do something in your Dharma Practice it is of the most importance to practice the Ngondro Before you can accomplish any form of the 4 activities Pacifying Increasing Magnetization or Subjugation you have to finish your daily Ngondro You will gain realization through the 4 Empowerments in Guru Yoga though this you will have the strength to benefit others However without it it will be difficult The Ngondro is indispensable without it you will have no foundation from which to hold your practice A strong foundation is like having strong walls in a house if you jump around from practice to practice and not focus on the Ngondro then your house will be weak and will eventually fall over Ngondro can help you realize emptiness or Dzogchenpo The Great Perfection Gives you

your daily empowerment to practice Ati Yoga Dzogchen practices Through the practice of the Ngondro diligent and fortunate practitioners can achieve enlightenment after just six months of practice the Ngondro covers all the fundamental yet essential preliminary practices that are necessary to enter the ultimate realization etc Having a focused Ngondro practice will allow you to remember and see your past 3 lives You should treat this book as Dharma the Buddha s teachings And you should treat any form of Dharma with the most respect Never touch it the ground try to keep it in a high clean place it is good to keep on your altar After using it you can touch it to your 3rd eye to accumulate merit To not treat Dharma with respect can create negative karma This marks the end of the daily practice of the Longchen Nyingtik Ngondro The following section in this book is the Dharmapala Hayagriva practice Lama Jigme Rinpoche comes from the Nyingma tradition in Tibetan Buddhism and under the Longchen Nyingtik teachings from Jigme Lingpa This specific book was compiled with the help of the Venerable Lama Jigme Rinpoche s students Tenzin Wangden from Switzerland and Jacob Ewers from Las Vegas for the highest benefits of all sentient beings

Explanation on Visualization Consider that the whole area where you are sitting is a beautiful paradise Upon the bejeweled ground stands a wish fulfilling tree with five main branches adorned with abundant leaves flowers and fruit garlands of jewels and tiny bells It pervades the whole of space In its center upon a jeweled throne supported by lions and seats of multi colored lotus sun and moon is the embodiment of all the buddhas your own root master in the form of Padmasambhava and holding vajra and bell He is in union with his consort Yeshe Tsogyal who is white and holding a hooked knife and skull cup They are adorned with silk and bone ornaments Above his head are the masters of the Dzogchen lineage seated one above the other On the branch in front are Sakyamuni Buddha and all the other buddhas of the three times in nirmanakaya form On the branch to the right is the Mahayana sangha including the Eight Close Sons On the branch to the left are Sariputra and Maudgalyayana and the assembly of the noble sangha of sravakas On the branch at the back is the Jewel of the Dharma in the form of stacks of books red in colour In the space in between there is a great ocean like gathering of oath bound and karmic guardians that fills the whole area Consider how all these deities have immeasurable qualities of wisdom love and power and are actually present as great guides who care for you

The Preliminary Practices of Tibetan Buddhism Rabten,1976 The Preliminary Practices Rabten,1974 Commentary on meditation practices of Padma dkar po B rug chen IV 1527 1592 a polymath of the Drukpa Kargyudpa sect of Tibetan Lamaism by a follower of Gelukpa tradition **The Short Longchen Nyingtik Ngondro** Lama Jigme Namgyal Rinpoche,2019-03-03 5 5 19 The Short Preliminary Practice of the Dzogchen Longchen Nyingtik Ngondro transmitted by Lama Jigme Namgyal Rinpoche The Benefits of the Longchen Nyingtik Ngondro Before you do something in your Dharma Practice it is of the most importance to practice the Ngondro Before you can accomplish any form of the 4 activities Pacifying Increasing Magnetization or Subjugation you have to finish your daily Ngondro You will gain realization through the 4 Empowerments in Guru Yoga though this you will have the strength to benefit others However without it it will be difficult

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Zhang Zhung Nyengyud Ngondro

Tshangs-pa-bstan-'dzin (Dpon-slob),2021 In this book Ponlob Rinpoche charts the course of the nine practices known in the Tibetan Bon and Buddhist traditions as Ngondro Because Ngondro teachings hardly assume any prior knowledge they are suitable for introducing Buddhist practices in general as well as some key concepts of the underlying world view For instance before a meditation session a practitioner performs the three Ngondro practices known as Guru Yoga Refuge and Bodhichitta In this book one finds an orderly and detailed explanation of what these practices mean as well as practical instruction on how to perform them Ngondro literally that which goes before is firstly a preliminary The role of the nine practices is to purify the mind in preparation for higher practices in this case Dzogchen like cleaning a cup before pouring fresh milk into it Second Ngondro is also the foundation for more advanced practices Skipping it is like trying to jump to the top of a building instead of using the stairs Unless one takes the stairs of Ngondro one by one one's Dzogchen practice will not become stable and beneficial Third even a practitioner who has come to Dzogchen after climbing the stairs of Ngondro still needs it as a support One's Dzogchen practice may fail to progress and become stagnated practicing Ngondro is the remedy to this As Rinpoche puts it thinking to oneself I have been practicing Dzogchen for a long time I hold a high view I've done Ngondro practice already is misguided Both Ngondro and Dzogchen are indispensable like the two wings of a bird

Profound Meditation Practices in Tibetan Buddhism Prof. (Dr.) Jai Paul Dudeja,2023-03-14 There have been reports of the amazing capacity of some of the Tibetan Buddhist Monks practicing Tummo meditation in Tibetan Buddhism at temperatures of around 250 C in the Himalayas A team of scientists from USA and Israel went to these spots by carrying some dry towels with them When these towels were made wet in the snow and spread on the naked bodies of the semi nude meditating monks practicing Tummo meditation to the surprise of these scientists these towels were getting dried up in no time Subsequently the analysts came to the conclusion that this meditation generated a lot of heat inner fire in the bodies of these meditators who were using it for the spiritual purpose This incident triggered me to go deep in not only about Tummo meditation but many other profound meditation practices in Tibetan Buddhism in this book

The Dzogchen Preliminary Practice of the Longchen Nyintik Lama Jigme Lama Jigme Namgyal Rinpoche,2020-09-08 5 5x7 5 book Padma Rigdzin Ling Buddhist Temple www padmarigdzinling org RESTRICTED Please do not read or use this text unless you have received empowerment transmission or permission from a qualified teacher lineage master The Short Preliminary Practice of the Dzogchen Longchen Nyintik Ngondro transmitted by Lama Jigme Namgyal Rinpoche The Excellent Path to Omniscience The Dzogchen

Preliminary Practice of Longchen Nyingtik This is the central Dharma text you will use if you are studying with Lama Jigme When we take our first steps on the Path we are not yet capable of helping others To accomplish the good of others we must first perfect ourselves by purifying and transforming our minds This is the aim of what we call the preliminary practices which establish the foundations of all spiritual progress You may feel like dispensing with these foundations in order to practice teachings that you think are more profound but if you do so you are building a palace on the surface of a frozen lake Traditionally Ngondro practice is done for the enlightenment of the spiritual aspirant and for the benefit of all sentient beings That is the merit of doing the practices is dedicated to all sentient beings The Benefits of the Longchen Nyingtik Ngondro Before you do something in your Dharma Practice it is of the most importance to practice the Ngondro Before you can accomplish any form of the 4 activities Pacifying Increasing Magnetization or Subjugation you have to finish your daily Ngondro You will gain realization through the 4 Empowerments in Guru Yoga though this you will have the strength to benefit others However without it it will be difficult The Ngondro can help you realize emptiness or Dzogchenpo The Great Perfection Gives you your daily empowerment to practice Ati Yoga Dzogchen practices Through the practice of the Ngondro diligent and fortunate practitioners can achieve enlightenment after just six months of practice the Ngondro covers all the fundamental yet essential preliminary practices that are necessary to enter the ultimate realization etc Having a focused Ngondro practice will allow you to remember and see your past three lives You should treat this book as Dharma the Buddha s teachings And you should treat any form of Dharma with the most respect Never touch it the ground try to keep it in a high clean place it is good to keep on your altar After using it you can touch it to your crown to accumulate merit To not treat Dharma with respect can create negative karma Lama Jigme Rinpoche comes from the Nyingma tradition in Tibetan Buddhism and under the Longchen Nyingtik teachings from Jigme Lingpa This specific book was compiled with the help of the Venerable Lama Jigme Rinpoche s students Tenzin Wangden from Switzerland and Jacob Ewers from Las Vegas for the highest benefits of all sentient beings The Venerable Lama Jigme Namgyal Rinpoche was born in Amdo Tibet With the help of his family he was able to study with his teachers Rigdzin Jigme and Lama Aku Sherab throughout his childhood After teachings from the H H the Dalai Lama H H Penor Rinpoche and Khamtrul Rinpoche His Holiness the Dalai Lama verified Rinpoche s understanding of Buddhist values like compassion and emptiness He was exceptionally touched by his answers His Holiness decided to build Padma Rigdzin Ling Monastery in the forest of Dharmashala India for Rinpoche to carry out his practices and ceremonies

Liberation from Samsara Kyabje Dodrupchen Rinpoche, 2022-03-15 In *Liberation from Samsara* the Fourth Kyabje Dodrupchen Rinpoche presents the Longchen Nyingthik preliminary teachings with a special focus on guru yoga These teachings from the innermost secret instruction of Dzogchen constitute a complete path to enlightenment Rinpoche s precious instruction begins with meditations on the common and uncommon preliminary practices including the difficulty of obtaining a fortunate human birth the impermanence of life the implacability of karmic causes and results

samsaric suffering in the six realms taking refuge developing bodhicitta purification by Vajrasattva recitation and accumulating merits by mandala offerings After discussing the ways to turn our mind toward Dharma and the trainings Rinpoche provides guru yoga instruction as he turns to the main tantric practice meditations on unifying one's mind with Guru Rinpoche's wisdom mind This rare teaching by Rinpoche though intentionally succinct to accommodate the needs of contemporary Western practitioners presents a complete path to enlightenment It contrasts three different paths to liberation Shravakayana the way of the disciple Pratyekabuddhayana the way of the self-enlightened buddha and Mahayana the way of the bodhisattva which is our way our boundless intention to seek refuge in order to free all sentient beings from samsaric suffering

Ornament to Beautify the Three Appearances Ngorchen Könchok Lhundrup, 2022-04-19 The latest offering from a renowned translator in the Buddhist world of one of the most important texts in the Sakya tradition of Tibetan Buddhism This translation was made at the request of the head of the Sakya tradition Ornament to Beautify the Three Appearances is the first book of a two-volume set of works written by Ngorchen Könchok Lhundrup 1497-1557 to explain the Lamdr teachings the most important system of tantric theory and practice in the Sakya tradition of Tibetan Buddhism The Lamdr or Path with the Result is based on the Vajra Lines of the great Indian adept Virupa ca seventh-eighth centuries The first topic is the fundamental meditative practices of Hinayana and Mahayana Buddhism In the Lamdr teachings these preliminary instructions are known as the Three Appearances The guiding instructions on impure appearance are for the purpose of developing renunciation These focus on the defects of samsara the rarity benefit and transience of human life and the nature of positive and negative actions and results The guiding instructions on the appearance of the experiences are for the purpose of producing the altruistic intent These focus on developing love compassion and bodhicitta and on cultivating joy now about the uncommon experiences that will arise later when practicing the Vajrayana teachings The guiding instructions on pure appearance are for the purpose of producing enthusiasm for the ultimate result of complete awakening These briefly describe the inconceivable nature of a buddha's enlightened body speech and mind Having absorbed these preliminary instructions the practitioner may go on to the second volume of Ngorchen's works a restricted text that explains the main tantric practices of the Three Continua intended for students who have at least received the great initiation of Hevajra Volume 2 is available in a restricted box set that includes this first volume and may be obtained only on the Wisdom Publications website

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