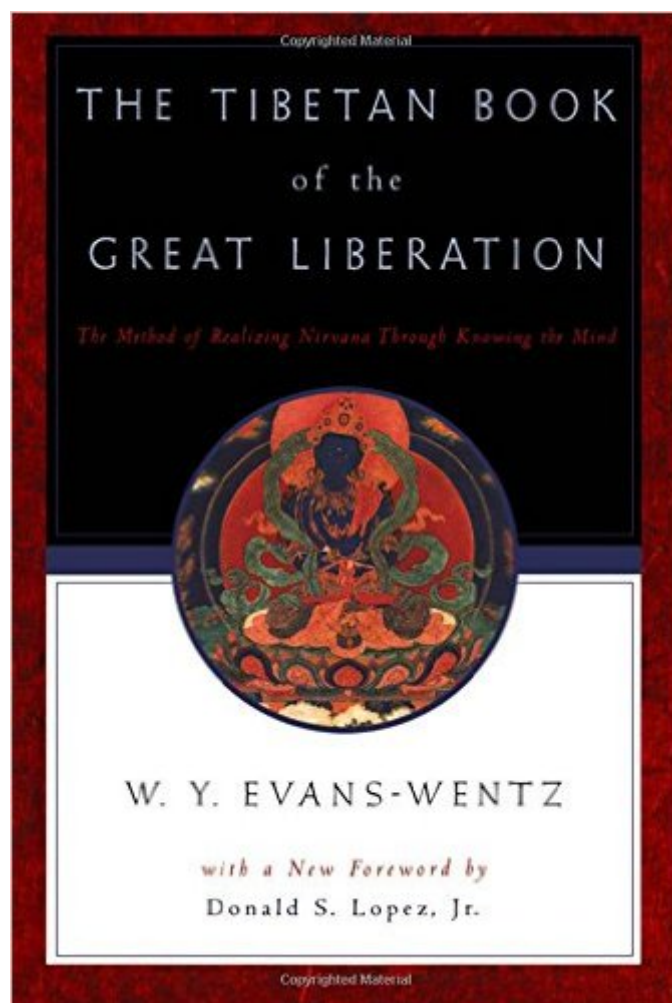


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The Tibetan Book Of The Great Liberation



Synopsis

The Tibetan Book of the Great Liberation, which was unknown to the Western world until its first publication in 1954, speaks to the quintessence of the Supreme Path, or Mah=ay=ana, and fully reveals the yogic method of attaining Enlightenment. Such attainment can happen, as shown here, by means of knowing the One Mind, the cosmic All-Consciousness, without recourse to the postures, breathings, and other techniques associated with the lower yogas. The original text for this volume belongs to the Bardo ThÄŋdol series of treatises concerning various ways of achieving transcendence, a series that figures into the Tantric school of the Mah=ay=ana. Authorship of this particular volume is attributed to the legendary Padma-Sambhava, who journeyed from India to Tibet in the 8th century, as the story goes, at the invitation of a Tibetan king. Padma-Sambhava's text per se is preceded by an account of the great guru's own life and secret doctrines. It is followed by the testamentary teachings of the Guru Phadampa Sangay, which are meant to augment the thought of the other gurus discussed herein. Still more useful supplementary material will be found in the book's introductory remarks, by its editor Evans-Wentz and by the eminent psychoanalyst C. G. Jung. The former presents a 100-page General Introduction that explains several key names and notions (such as Nirv=ana, for starters) with the lucidity, ease, and sagacity that are this scholar's hallmark; the latter offers a Psychological Commentary that weighs the differences between Eastern and Western modes of thought before equating the "collective unconscious" with the Enlightened Mind of the Buddhist. As with the other three volumes in the late Evans-Wentz's critically acclaimed Tibetan series, all four of which are being published by Oxford in new editions, this book also features a new Foreword by Donald S. Lopez.

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This is the forth and final book in the Tibetan series from W.Y.Evans-Wentz. Although this book can be used as a stand-alone book it is certainly not best read that way. Basically this is part of a developing series. The first book in the Tibetan series - The Tibetan Book of the Dead, is the fundamental book of the series which describes Buddhist philosophy, psychology and metaphysics. It is the best translation out there and the original! The second book in the series is called Tibets Greatest Yogi Milarepa and is the story of a great yogi who puts into practice most of what we learn from The Tibetan Book of the Dead. It is through the story of Milarepa that we learn more about The Tibetan Book of the Dead. In the story of Milarepa the yogi studies the Seven Books of Wisdom of the Great Path as taught to him by his gurus. Tibetan Yoga and Secret Doctrines, the third book in the series, is an expansion that explains those wisdoms and describes the yoga that is used to achieve them. The Tibetan Book of the Great Liberation is a three act book which ties together everything learned from the other three books. Essentially the start of the book develops a clearer understanding of the metaphysics associated with the first three books in the form of a general introduction. The book then lays out the premise for a type of yoga practice called the Supreme Path or Mahayana, that was created to serve as an INSTANT ENLIGHTENMENT yoga. It is mostly psychological. The middle section of the book is devoted to the guru Padma-Sambhava who brought this yoga to Buddhists in the eighth century. The latter part of the book expounds on that yoga in a full translation. Make no mistake about it. This is the ORIGINAL and best work because this was the man who brought the work to the occident!

These books were written in the following order by the same author. All the books contain a vast use of the English grammar because the books themselves are based on a vast grammar. That vast grammar is the grammar of mind which is vast. This vast use of grammar is used to help the student expand their own mind. Get a dictionary ready. Put the work in. Attain the goal. Then use the goal. It is not worth just attaining it. Nourish it by using it and encouraging it. It is all a lot easier than it looks. (1) The Tibetan Book of the Dead or the After-Death Experiences on the Bardo Plane: Or, the After-Death Experiences on the Bardo Plane, According to Lama Kazi Dawa-Samdup's English Rendering. This book sets up the basic questions for attaining the goal of 'supreme wisdom'. 'Supreme wisdom' is universal and all knowing. It explains everything - past, present, future among

all beings everywhere including man, gods, aliens and ghosts etc. You will be able to attain perfect mental health through it. It will also help you to become a perfect person. You can be whatever you want to be. You do this by letting go of some things that prevent you from understanding the truth. This first book sets up the basic questions for attaining these goals by explaining a Tibetan method of thinking that is scientific/psychological/occult/philosophical through understanding the life/death connecting force which will explain all other forces both positive and negative and transitory. It mainly teaches what the transitory is and where you can find the transitory. The goal of the student is to transcend the transitory. Do that and attain the goal.

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