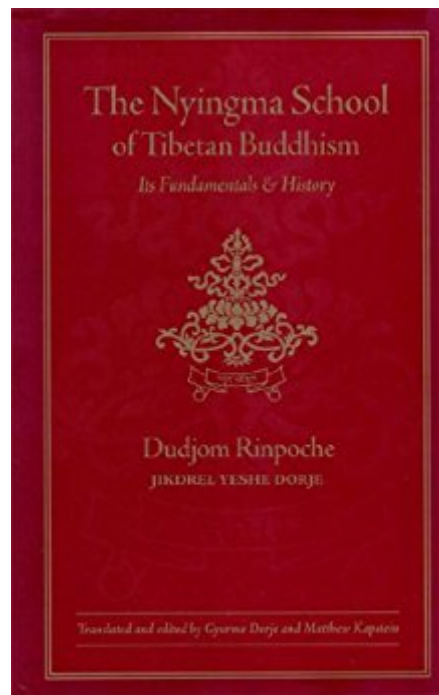




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# The Nyingma School Of Tibetan Buddhism: Its Fundamentals And History



## Synopsis

Written by a great modern Nyingma master, Dudjom Rinpoche's *The Nyingma School of Tibetan Buddhism* covers in detail and depth both the fundamental teachings and the history of Tibetan Buddhism's oldest school. This, the first English translation of His Holiness' masterwork, constitutes the most complete work of its type in the West. An absolute treasure for students of the tradition, it is also an indispensable reference for anyone with an interest in Buddhism. The book includes chronologies and glossaries that elucidate Buddhist doctrine, and it provides fascinating insights into the Buddhist history of Tibet. Two treatises form the present volume, namely the *Fundamentals of the Nyingma School* and the *History of the Nyingma School*. Among the most widely read of all His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche's works, these treatises were composed during the years immediately following his arrival in India as a refugee. His intention in writing them was to preserve the precise structure of the Nyingma philosophical view within its own historical and cultural context. This is the first time this text has been available in a trade edition. Beautifully presented, this single-volume edition represents a truly wonderful gift, and features illustrations in black and white and in color, plus maps, bibliographic information, and useful annotations.

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One could not categorise Nyingma School as an ordinary book. It is a translation of teachings and the pure mind retrospective knowledge of the amazing activities of past masters from the eminent Dudjom Rinpoche, one of the greatest Tibetan Buddhist masters of this century and a living Buddha. His incarnation has reappeared. An ordinary person could spend 20+ years digesting this discourse. This particular book, which is a cheaper and more economical printing of a two-book box set, is a chance for anyone to access this superlative material much more easily. Recently, a bookseller in Kathmandu wanted to charge me \$USD 500 for the original box set. Years ago, you could buy it for about \$200. The price has shot through the sky! So, if you want a collector's item, buy the original box set but if you simply want the wisdom and inspiration, this book will rip your mind apart.

Awesome text, and I love it. This tome isn't easy to cuddle up with but if your looking for a solid text on Nyingma, and lack the ability to read Tibetan, this is the text.

A unique work by one of the great scholar-meditators of modern times. Its fair to say that this book is a spiritual classic. Not only is the content superlative, but the translation is very felicitous with highly informative notes.

The standard for Nyingma practitioners.

This tome is a must for those interested in theory and practice in the Nyingma tradition. The section on the 9 yanas is excellent. It will be a lifelong reference work for me.

Fresh and lively, but all encompassing encyclopedia like work, read it, put it on your altar, check any question you may have in the massive references.... Essential.

The two volumes are both extremely useful for anyone seriously interested in Buddhist philosophy in general and Tibetan Buddhism in particular. Dudjom Rinpoche gives a thorough, encyclopedic overview of all Buddhist schools, seen from the Nyingma (i.e. The Great Perfection, or Dzogchen) perspective, and an account of the history of the Nyingma lineage is given. The reference volume

contains amongst other items a brilliant bibliography. Dudjom Rinpoche's work is not easy reading, but demonstrates the complexity of Buddhist thinking and practice. Gyurme Dorje's translation is annotated and is in itself a remarkable feat in buddhology and tibetology.

What is the use of pursuing the causal path to bring about the stabilization of thought in the distant future? Merely introduce the open and vast expanse, primordially pure and liberated from the very beginning. This will stabilize all but the deluded and the mad. It stands instantaneously on the firm ground of awareness, as that ground. The irony is, of course, that this book [and many like it] is a causal agent. Immediate revelation has its transformative concatenation. And what a candid secret agent Dudjom Rinpoche is! The agent that calibrates perception and, immediately absorbed, takes immediate effect; the open, vast expanse is immediately uncovered, tremulous in the emptiness of the text. The fundamentals of ati-yoga are everywhere exposed and on display. This book is an instrument in the appearance of the world. How brazen! Heroic, after the flight from Tibet. And what a big book it is - excellent for hitting dolt-heads over the head with! I celebrate this accumulation. With profound and easy scholarship the author details the niceties and ins and outs of the Great Perfection and the Nyingmapa, school of ancient translation. And then the History is lengthy to wade through, but it has its gems. And delineates its line of succession, which is an unending causation until this day. As it says in The Penetration of Sound: The limit of the natural Great Perfection Leaves all things where they arise. Because appearance and consciousness are coalescent in reality, It reaches the total presence of primordial liberation. Its intention transcends the intellect, Distinctive phenomena are pure where they arise, It is free from the extremes of emptiness and substance, Movement has ceased, there are no conceptions, And, thoughts exhausted, the intellect is transcended. Become aware of this book. Awareness is that of which it is aware. This book is the end of the line.

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