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Review

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From the Publisher

The translation group Dragyur Dzamling Kunkhyab founded by Venerable Kalu Rinpoche has recently completed the translation into English of the fourth chapter of Book Six of the ENCOMPASSMENT OF ALL KNOWLEDGE (Shes bya kun khyab), a major treatise authored by Jamgon Kongtrul Lodro Taye. This particular chapter presents the complete system of the indestructible way (vajrayana) of secret mantra. The publication of this work is greatly needed and will be very helpful to all who are currently studying or doing research into the Tibetan traditions of Buddhism. Buddha, the teacher, taught innumerable spiritual methods to guide sentient beings on the path to freedom. Fortunate ones with acute intelligence practice the heart of these teachings, the indestructible way of secret mantra. This way has many special qualities. It is superior to the path of the sutras, includes many methods of practice, does not involve hardships, and is clear, direct, and enjoyable.

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