



The Asian Classics Institute



Diamond Mountain University

In-Depth Course 1  
Teachings of the Future Buddha:  
The Uttara Tantra of Maitreya

## Course Syllabus

*Class One: About the Text*

### Topics Covered

On the Name of the Text  
The Prediction of Arya Asanga  
How Arya Asanga was Granted the Text  
The Five Books of Maitreya  
The Progression of the Five Books  
The Six Questions of the King  
How High Was the Arya?

### Sources

*A Commentary on the Latter Part of the Series*  
(*Uttara Tantra*, or *Gyu Lama*),  
ACIP digital text T4024, spoken by Lord Maitreya  
to Arya Asanga, c. 350 AD  
Sanskrit and Tibetan versions

*A Treatise upon the "Commentary on the Latter Part,"* (*Gyu La-tik*)  
ACIP digital text S5434, by Gyaltzab Je Darma Rinchen (1364-1432)

*The Jewel of the Sutras* (*Sutralamkara*),  
spoken by Lord Maitreya to Arya Asanga, c. 350 AD

*Stories of the Lives of the Lamas of the Lineage of the Steps of the Path*,  
by Yongdzin Yeshe Gyeltsen (1713-1793),  
tutor to His Holiness the Eighth Dalai Lama

*The Root Tantra of Gentle Voice* (*Manjushri Mula Tantra*),

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by Manjushri

*The Great History of Buddhism,*  
by Buton Rinchen Drup (1290-1364)

*A History of Buddhism,*  
by the venerated Taranatha (1575-1634)

### *Class Two: The Seven Diamond-Like Visions*

#### Topics Covered

The Translator Pays Respect  
The Seven Diamond-Like Visions  
The Two Forms of Each Vision  
Why They Are Like a Diamond  
On the Number of the Seven  
On the Order of the Seven

#### Sources

Lord Maitreya's *Latter Part*

Gyaltsab Je's *Treatise*

*A Complete Explanation of the "Commentary on the Latter Part  
of the Series,"* by Arya Asanga (c. 350 AD)  
Sanskrit and Tibetan versions

### *Class Three: Becoming a Shelter for the World*

#### Topics Covered

The Student the Book was Meant For  
The Meaning of the Jewel  
Taking Shelter in the Buddha  
The Qualities of the Coming Buddha  
Gyaltsab Je on the Qualities

#### Sources

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Gyaltsab Je's *Treatise*

Lord Maitreya's *Commentary on the Latter Part*

*The Sutra Requested by the Householder Ugra*

ACIP digital text K0063,  
by Lord Buddha (500 BC)

*The Cloud of Offerings, which Pleases the Wise,  
and Illuminates the True Thought of the Treatise known as the  
“Ornament of Realizations”*: a Combined Word Commentary  
and Dialectical Analysis,

ACIP digital text S0195, a textbook for Sera Mey Tibetan Monastery  
by Choney Lama Drakpa Shedrup (1675-1748)

### *Class Four: The Sun of the Holy Dharma*

#### Topics Covered

Neither Is nor Isn't  
The Way it All Begins  
Curing the Sickness  
Gaining the Dharma Jewel

#### Sources

Lord Maitreya's *Commentary on the Latter Part*

Gyaltsab Je's *Treatise*

Choney Lama's *Cloud of Offerings*

### *Class Five: Death and Realized Beings*

#### Topics Covered

How Free is a Realized Being?  
The Seven Lifetimes  
Realized Beings and the Truth of Suffering  
To the Body of Illusion  
Death and the Way of Mantra

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The Realized Taking Birth Again  
How Much Trouble You Avoid by Seeing Emptiness

### Sources

Lord Maitreya's *Commentary on the Latter Part*

Gyaltsab Je's *Treatise*

*An Overview of the Twenty Practitioners*,  
ACIP digital text S0012, a textbook for Sera Mey Monastery  
by Master Kedrup Tenpa Dargye (1493-1568)

*A Jewel of the Essence of Fine Explanation*,  
*being an Overview of the Perfection of Wisdom*,  
ACIP digital text S0009, a textbook for Sera Mey Monastery  
by Master Kedrup Tenpa Dargye (1493-1568)

*The String of Golden Beads of Fine Explanation*,  
*a Necklace for the Wise: an Analysis of*  
*“The Jewel of Realizations”*  
*Composed in the Form of Notes to a Teaching*  
*by the Good and Glorious Jetsun Chukyi Gyeltsen*,  
ACIP digital text S6815, a textbook for Sera Jey Monastery  
by Sera Jetsun Chukyi Gyeltsen (1469-1546)

Choney Lama's *Cloud of Offerings*

*The Revelation of Vital Points of All the Secrets:*  
*a Book on the Stages of the Path in the Practice*  
*of the Lord over the Secret World of all the Victors,*  
*the Great Keeper of the Diamond (Vajradhara)*,  
ACIP digital text S5281, by Je Tsongkapa Lobsang Drakpa (1357-1419)

*The Lamp that Illuminates, Totally, the Teaching on the Five Steps:*  
*a Book of Advices on the King of All Secret Teachings,*  
*the Glorious Secret Collection (Guhya Samaja)*,  
ACIP digital text S5302, by Je Tsongkapa Lobsang Drakpa (1357-1419)

*Fine Explanation, a String of Golden Beads:*  
*an Extensive Explanation of “The Jewel of Realizations,*  
*a Classical Commentary of Instruction for the*  
*Perfection of Wisdom,” along with Its Own Commentary,*

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ACIP digital text S5412, by Je Tsongkapa Lobsang Drakpa (1357-1419)

*A String of White Lotus of Fine Explanation:  
a Dialectical Analysis of the Perfection of Wisdom,*  
ACIP digital text S0001, a textbook for Sera Mey Monastery  
by Master Kedrup Tenpa Dargye (1493-1568)

*A Lovely String of Jewels, a Necklace for the Wise:  
a Dialectical Analysis of the Perfection of Wisdom,*  
a textbook for the Gomang College of Drepung Monastery  
by Master Jamyang Shepay Dorje (1648-1721)

*Excellent Explanation, a Sea of Sport for Those Fortunate  
Lords of the Serpentes, Written in Clarification of  
Difficult Points found in the Two Treatises  
upon the "Ornament of Realizations" and its Commentary*  
ACIP digital text 6814, by a textbook for Sera Jey Monastery  
by Sera Jetsun Chukyi Gyeltsen (1469-1546)

*Drops of Deathless Nectar that Clear Away the Heat of Pain:  
Notes to a Teaching on the "Path of Ease"  
Granted by the Precious Tutor, Yeshe Gyeltsen, and  
Recorded by that Good and Glorious One,  
the Venerable Konchok Tenpay Drunme,*  
ACIP digital text S0923, spoken by  
Yongdzin Yeshe Gyeltsen (1713-1793),  
Tutor to His Holiness the Dalai Lama,  
and recorded by Master Gungtang Konchok Tenpay Drunme (1762-1823)

*Class Six: Nine Images for the Concealed Buddha*

Topics Covered

An Introduction to the Nine Images  
The Ugly Lotus  
The Bee with Honey  
The Essence within a Piece of Grain  
The Gold Coin Dropped in a Cesspool  
The Treasure Buried in a Poor Man's Hut  
The Sprout within a Small Fruit  
The Statue of the Victor within a Ragged Cloth  
The World Emperor in the Womb of a Poor Woman

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The Golden Statue covered with Mud

### Sources

Lord Maitreya's *Commentary on the Latter Part*

Gyaltsab Je's *Treatise*

*Class Seven: Buddha-Nature is Emptiness*

### Topics Covered

The Sources

A Definitive Explanation of Buddha-Nature

Some Debates about Buddha-Nature

The Five Wisdoms and the Five Heaps

### Sources

Choney Lama's *Cloud of Offerings*

*The Ornament of Realizations (Abhisamaya Alamkara, Nguntok Gyen)*,  
ACIP digital text T3786,  
spoken by Lord Maitreya to Arya Asanga (c. 350 AD)

*The Middle-Length Mother Sutra*, as quoted in:  
*The Lord of Lords among Wish-Giving Gems:  
a Detailed Commentary to both the  
Commentary and Subcommentary upon the  
Classical Treatise known as "The Ornament of Realizations,"*  
ACIP digital text S0999, by the Omniscient Chunjor Pelsang (c. 1490)

*A Commentary upon "The Ornament of Realizations,"  
a Classical Commentary of Advices upon the Perfection of Wisdom,*  
ACIP digital text T3793, by Master Haribhadra (9<sup>th</sup> Century)

Master Kedrup Tenpa Dargye's *Analysis of the Perfection of Wisdom*

*A Selection of Works on the Practice of the  
Holy Gentle Voice (Manjushri)*  
ACIP digital text S1002,  
by Lama Umapa Drupchen Pawo Dorje (fl. 1390)

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### *Class Eight: Other Schools on Buddha-Nature*

#### Topics Covered

Positions of the Ancient Indian Schools  
Some Debates on the Indian Schools  
Teachings on the Idea of “Other-Emptiness” (*Shentong*)  
Some Practical Meditations of the “Other-Emptiness” School  
Discussions on Buddha-Nature from His Holiness the Third Karmapa  
Gyalsab Je's Critique of Other-Emptiness

#### Sources

Choney Lama's *Cloud of Offerings*

*A String of Precious Drops of the Nectar of Oral Transmission:  
a Compilation of Various Questions and Answers on the  
Positions of the Four Classical Schools of Philosophy,*  
ACIP digital text S0918,  
by Gungtang Konchok Tenpay Dargye (1762-1823)

*The Divisions of Vowed Morality (Vinaya Vibhanga)*  
ACIP digital text K0003

Master Kedrup Tenpa Dargye's *Analysis of the Perfection of Wisdom*

*The Great Dictionary of Tibet*  
ACIP digital text R0002 (modern)

*Immaculate Rays of Light from the Diamond Moon,  
an Instruction on the View of Other-Emptiness  
according to the Great Followers of the Middle Way,*  
by Jamgon Kongtrul Lodru Taye,  
also known as Jamgon Kongtrul Yonten Gyatso (1813-1899)

*An Illumination of the Deep State, a Book which Unravels,  
in Very Few Words, the Meaning of “The Deep Inner State,”  
Itself the Very Essence of the Ocean of Secret Texts from  
the Secret Group of Unsurpassed Deep Practice,*  
by Jamgon Kongtrul

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*The Deep Inner State,*  
by His Holiness the Third Karmapa, Rangjung Dorje (1284-1339)

Gyaltsab Je's *Treatise*

*Class Nine: In the End, All Paths are One*

Topics Covered

About the Names “Vehicle,” “Listener,” and “Self-Made Buddha”  
Kinds of Self-Made Buddhas  
The Three Tracks and the Three Scopes  
Who Holds the Three Tracks  
The Three Degrees of Selflessness  
In the End, the Ways are Three  
In the End, the Ways are One  
Where the Higher Path is Entered  
Is There a Beginning or an End to Suffering?  
How the Buddhas Awaken Them

Sources

*The Light of Fine Explanation: a Lamp  
that Illuminates Even Further the True Thought of  
the "Great Book on the Secret Word,"  
which is Itself a Commentary upon the True Thought  
of the Four Groups of Secret Teachings,*  
ACIP digital text S0215,  
by Choney Lama Drakpa Shedrup (1675-1748)

*Following a Tradition of Eloquence:  
a Word-by-Word Commentary to "Entering the Middle Way,"*  
ACIP digital text S0981,  
by Chuje Ngawang Pelden (1806-?)

Je Tsongkapa's *String of Golden Beads*

*The Great Book on the Steps of the Teaching (Tenrim Chenmo),*  
ACIP digital text S0070,  
by Geshe Drolungpa Lodru Jungne (c. 1100)

*The Essence of an Ocean of Fine Explanations*



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*on Higher Knowledge: a Commentary upon the  
“Compendium of Higher Knowledge,”*  
ACIP digital text S5435,  
by Gyaltsab Je Darma Rinchen (1364-1432)

*Autocommentary to “The Treasure House of Higher Knowledge”  
(Abhidharmakosha Bhashya),*  
ACIP digital text 4090,  
by Master Vasubandhu (c. 350 AD)

*The Party to Open Up Excellent Things: an Explanation of  
“The Lamp for the Path to Enlightenment,”*  
ACIP digital text S5941,  
by the First Panchen Lama, Lobsang Chukyi Gyeltsen (1565-1662)

*Gyaltsab Je's Treatise*

*A Presentation on the Schools of Philosophy,*  
ACIP digital text S0056,  
by Sera Jetsun Chukyi Gyeltsen (1469-1546)

*Choney Lama's Cloud of Offerings*

*Lord Maitreya's Commentary to the Latter Part*

*Master Kedrup Tenpa Dargye's Overview of the Perfection of Wisdom*

### *Class Ten: The Twelve Deeds of the Buddha*

#### Topics Covered

Introduction to the Twelve Deeds  
Some Detail on the Twelve Deeds, and the Person who Performs Them  
Who Was He Before?  
Who Performs the Deeds?  
The Tantric View  
Celebrating the Deeds  
The Whole Story  
Declaring Yourself to the World

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Gyaltsab Je's *Treatise*

Lord Maitreya's *Commentary on the Latter Part*

*A Lamp that Illuminates, Totally, the Meaning  
of the Great Mother*

ACIP digital text S0982,  
by Chuje Ngawang Pelden (b. 1806)

Master Kedrup Tenpa Dargye's *Dialectical Analysis  
of the Perfection of Wisdom*

Je Tsongkapa's *String of Golden Beads*

*The Lovely Jewel for the Mountain Peak of the  
Teachings of the Able One,*

ACIP digital text S0063,  
by the Third Changkya Rinpoche, Rolpay Dorje (1717-1786)

*An Explanation of the Traditional Religious Holidays,*

ACIP digital text S0108,  
by the Second Changkya Rinpoche,  
Ngawang Lobsang Chunden (1642-1714)

*The String of Pearls, a Necklace for Master Scholars,*

ACIP digital text S6848,  
by Sera Jetsun Chukyi Gyeltsen (1469-1546)

*The Sutra of Cosmic Play (Lalita Vistara Sutra, Gyacher Rolpay Do),*  
ACIP digital text K0095, by Lord Buddha (500 BC)

Arya Asanga's *Complete Explanation*

*The Tibetan Catalog to the Derge Edition of the Tengyur,*

ACIP digital text TD4569,  
by Shuchen Tsultrim Rinchen (fl. 1730)

*Catalog to the Tibetan Collection  
of the Russian Academy of Sciences, St Petersburg,*

ACIP digital text R0032,  
by the St Petersburg Catalog Project (modern)