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#### A BRIEF CHRONICLE OF MY REALIZATIONS

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*OM*MAY ALL BEINGS BE HAPPY
AND ALL BE WELL!

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I bow at the feet of my kind Lama, root of all that is excellent,
To that most reverend treasure of wisdom, Mañjushri,
Who gazes upon the world with an eye to promote the high estate,
liberation, and enlightenment;
To those true havens of rest for all wanderers weary of
the circular paths of samsara.

विश्वयाष्ट्रिट्ट्वायः तायद्दः क्षेत्रः तक्षेट्टा वायवा । रिव्यायः वाववायः वायदः द्वायः व । क्षियः त्वयः वावित्यः त्वयः द्वायः क्षेतः क्षेतः द्वायः व । क्षियः व्ययः व्ययः त्वयः द्वायः व्ययः व्यव्याः व्ययः व्यव्याः व्ययः व्यव्याः व्ययः व्यव्याः व्ययः व्यव्याः व्ययः व्यव्याः वित्यः व्यव्याः वित्यः व्यव्याः वित्यः व्यव्याः वित्यः व्यव्याः वित्यः वित्

Buddha taught that the best way to gather an abundant harvest Of blessings with little effort is to rejoice in virtue, Especially in those deeds oneself has done, And said that by generating exultant delight with pride extinguished, The effects of those previous good deeds would be sure to flourish. Hence, to comply with the meaning of those words the Buddha taught And for many other reasons that I see, O Mind, it is good that you generate true joy like this.

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ियोपः ट्रेब.कुप्. हं. पर्श्व. शांग्रेब. तपु. यो हेर विष्तः पट्टे. तथ्यथः स्ट्रेट. याद्यं व्यायायः वयः योट्जा शोव. ग्रीट. प्रक्षेत्रं त्यां क्यां तपु. कुट. टे. पर्जूया वि. यर. देव. अक्ष्यं गीव. पें. वेशवः शे. श्वट्या वर. दे. योबिट. शेवावः च्यावः क्ट. योट्शवः तरः सेरा वर. दे. योबिट. शेवावः च्यावः क्ट. योट्शवः तरः सेरा

At the outset, I searched for the broadest range of learning;
Secondly, the teachings of our scriptural system dawned
in my mind as personal instructions;
Then finally, all practice that I did incessantly both day and night
I dedicated for the increase of the teachings.
Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well.
O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

तियापः द्वेब क्रियं है पर्वेब अधिब प्रायं वाहेम। व्रिल्प पद्दे प्रकाश क्ष्य क्षेत्र अधिब प्रायं वाहेम। व्रिल्प पद्दे प्रकाश क्ष्य क्षेत्र क

If someone darkly confused in every way about what to do and what not to do

Cannot see the path without illumination from the lamp of perfect learning, What need to say how crucial such learning is for finding the entrance to the lofty city of liberation!

Therefore, unsatisfied with just rough and partial knowledge,

I trained by delving deeply into all the works of

That Lord of Dharma, invincible Maitreya, and of those renowned as

The Six Ornaments of Jambudvipa and Two Supreme Vinaya Masters.

Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well.

O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

|ज्याबात्तर,क्रैट्याटे, मु.मू.सूच्याक्ट्रातर, चैया |लट, ट्या.क्षे.च.पट्ट्यंत्पप्त, यायट, याय्याव्या, या |च्याक्र, पट्ट्रेट्यंत्र, द्यं, यप्त, सूच्यं, त्यं, याय्यं, याव्यं, त्यां |लट, ट्या.स्याय, तप्त, यां व्यं, सूच्यं, त्यं, याव्यं, त्यां |ए.पुट, यां यें यां प्रत्यं, यां व्यं, त्यं, यां व्यं, त्यां |तिट्रं, त्रं रे व्यं, सूच्यं, यां व्यं, त्यं, त

# |यगाय:देव:केर्य:हे-पर्वुव:अद्येव:यतःवान्तः।

When I realized that the single way to establish the empty nature of things,

Particularly for those confined to samsara's shore,

Is by penetrating the difficult points of the texts on perfect reasoning,

Especially the systematic path of Nagarjuna's fine-honed logic

that plumbs the depths of reality,

I trained well in all the vital points of these and thus was able to dissolve all doubts that hinder inducement of the perfect view.

Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well.

O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

वियापः देव क्रिंट् चर्ड्व अधिव चर्यापः विवापः विवा

There are two ways to go about reaching complete Buddhahood:

By way of the profound Vajra Vehicle and of the Perfection Vehicle.

Yet of these two it is said that the Vehicle of Secret Mantra is far superior,

in a way as obvious as the sun compares to the moon.

Yet were a responsible scholar not to investigate further

Into this statement so widely accepted as truth,

Would that not be a form of witless neglect thinly disguised as wisdom?

What a tremendous mistake not to investigate this unexcelled path,

Supreme among the Victor's vehicles, and far more rare than Buddhas even,

Especially knowing how difficult it will be to encounter it in the future.

That is why I trained long and hard with the utmost diligence

To enter that profound treasure of two siddhis.

Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well.

O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

When I clearly realized that to definitively determine Highest Yoga Tantra As superior to all other groups of tantra without knowing anything about The workings of the paths of the three Lower Tantras Was nothing but mere speculation, an unfounded claim, I began to familiarize myself for an extensive period with the General collection of the three types of Action Tantras, and In particular, with the *Secret General Tantra*, 1 *Questions of Arya Subahu Tantra*, 1 the *Concentration Continuation Tantra* 3 and the like.

Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well.

O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

निर्मायः ट्रेब : क्रेस् : ट्रेंब : याद्वेब : याद्वेव : याद्वेव : याद्वेव : याद्वेव : याद्वेव : याद्वेव : याद्व |क्रुंव : याद्वेव : याद्

By practicing the *Complete Enlightenment of Vairochana Tantra*,<sup>4</sup> Principal of the Performance Tantras, the second class, I found my bearings in this class of tantra. Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well. O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sarvamaṇḍalasāmānyavidhiguhyatantra

 $<sup>^2 \,</sup> Sub\bar{a}hupariprehehh\bar{a}n\bar{a}matantra$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Dhyānottarapaṭalakrama

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Mahāvairochanābhisambodhitantra

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Then, by training in the *Glorious Compendium of Reality Tantra*,<sup>5</sup>
Principal of the third class, and its commentary, *Vajra Peak of Tantric Explanations*<sup>6</sup> and so forth,

I experienced a real feast of Yoga Tantras.

Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well.

O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

विचादः हुव . कुर् . हु . चर्ड्य . याष्ट्रेय . याष्ट्रेय । विचादः हुव . कुर् . हु . चर्ड्य . याष्ट्रेय . याष्ट्रेय । विचादः हुव . याष्ट्रेय . याष्ट्य

After that I trained in the root texts and commentaries

Of the fourth class - Highest Yoga Tantras -

Comprised of Father and Mother, which are as famous

To scholars of India as the sun and the moon.

Of the Father Tantras, I studied the Guhyasamaja Tantra and others;

Of the Mother Tantras, I studied the Hevajra and Chakrasamvara Tantras and so forth,

As well as the Stainless Light of Clarity, which in ellucidating the Kalachakra Tantra

Gives explanations that differ from those of other tantric works.

Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well.

O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

Thus concludes this first phase of seeking extensive learning.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Śritattvasaṃgraha

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Vajraśikhara

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Vimalaprabhā

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Then, through maintaining a continued and fervent faith in Mañjushri – the one who's best at dispelling the darkness from disciples' minds – I exerted enormous effort at gathering all the necessary causes Such as ardent supplications and prayers.

Thereby the teachings began to dawn in my mind as personal instructions. Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well.

O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

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Thus through zealous endeavor I became thoroughly convinced of the unique value Of the stages of the path to enlightenment that descended In succession from the Aryas Nagarjuna and Asanga. Just so did the supreme scriptures on the profound Perfection of Wisdom Dawn in my mind as personal instructions. Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well. O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

|ययापःद्रेवः क्रस्ः हैं नर्श्वः अष्ठिवः नर्षः वाहेर। |क्ष्यः पद्रेः न्ययं असः क्ष्यः पद्र्यः याद्र्यः वाद्र्यः विद्यः पद्रेः न्ययं असः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्रः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्रः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्रः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्यः व्याद्र्यः व्याद्यः व

In this northern land, scholars both trained and without any training in logic

Unanimously assert that the scriptures on valid knowledge

Such as the Sutra on Valid Cognition of Dignaga and the Seven Treatises of Dharmakirti

Lack stages of practice for traveling to enlightenment.

But in thinking about how Mañjushri himself inspired the words of Dignaga

Through divine dictation, assuring him that in the future his composition on logic would be an eye for all beings,

I realized that this master's words are strictly authoritative

And those scholars' assertion nothing but utter nonsense.

Then when I examined more carefully the meaning of the words of

The homage in the Compendium of Valid Cognition<sup>8</sup>

Describing the way the Blessed One strove to liberate beings through teaching them about

The inertial movement of samsara and the method for reversing it,

I acquired profound certainty that His teaching is the only valid one

And the single entryway for those who wish to become liberated.

When I realized that logical reasoning does, in fact, combine all the crucial points

Of the paths of the two vehicles, I became exceedingly overjoyed.

Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well.

O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

By pouring myself diligently into the study of the Bodhisattva Levels9

क्रियः तः तट्टे , योचु वायाः क्रुीतः जः स्वियाः तक्ताः हे विष्ट्रः अपः क्रियः तः तत्त्रं जः त्यवे , तावे निष्टाः ता

I prostrate to the One who became perfectly correct,

To the Teacher, the Sugata, and Protector,

Whose desire is to benefit beings.

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 $<sup>^8</sup>$  Pramāṇasamuccaya. The homage of Dignaga's Sutra of Valid Cognition [tshad ma mdo] states:

 $<sup>^9</sup>$  Bodhisattvabh $\bar{u}$ mi

and the *Ornament of Sutras*, <sup>10</sup> and combining the two,
The practice of all the scriptures of the Lord of Dharma, invincible Maitreya,
And his followers dawned in my mind as personal instructions.
Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well.
O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

|य्यापः ट्रेब .कुर्स इ. पर्श्व अधिव न्तर्य वाहेर| |क्ष्यापट्ट न्यथ्यस् हेट स्पर्श्व अधिव न्तर्य वाहेर| |ख्यापट्ट न्यथ्यस् हेट स्याप्त प्रवास न्यय्याप्त वाहित्य |स्याप्त प्रवास होट स्याप्त प्रवास न्याप्त हित्य स्वाप्त स्वाप्त हित्य स्वाप्त स्वाप्त हित्य स्वाप्त स्

When relying upon the *Compendium of Trainings*<sup>11</sup> of Shantideva, Whose comprehensive compilation of the stages of superior wisdom and Teachings on the extensive path clarified for me all crucial points, I saw clearly as stages of practice the many supreme meanings Of the scriptural system of Arya Nagarjuna Such as those that are found in this master's *Compendium of Sutras*<sup>12</sup> and the like. Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well. O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

ियोपः ट्रेब.कुर्, ड्रं. चर्थ्यः शक्रियः सप्तः वोट्टेम विक्तः पट्टे. त्यश्चश्चः चेटः श्चटेब. श्वः स्वाचायः वश्वः वाट्प विश्वायः त्यम् त्यायः स्वाच्यः स्वाच्यः स्वमः विश्वायः त्यम् त्यायः स्वाच्यः स्वाच्यः स्वमः विश्वायः त्यम् त्यायः स्वाच्यः स्वाच्यः स्वमः विश्वायः त्यम् त्यायः स्वाच्यः स्वाच्यः स्वाच्यः स्वमः विश्वायः त्यम् त्यायः स्वाच्यः स्वचः स्वाच्यः स्वाच्यः स्वाच्यः स्वाच्यः स्वयः स्वय

Then in reliance upon Buddhaguhya's lucid explanations
On the *Concentration Continuation Tantra*<sup>13</sup> and the *General Instructions of Vairochana*, <sup>14</sup>
All the important points of the path dawned in my mind as perfect personal instruction.

Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well. O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$   $Mah\bar{a}y\bar{a}nas\bar{u}tr\bar{a}lamk\bar{a}ra-k\bar{a}rika$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Śikṣāsamuccaya

 $<sup>^{12}</sup>$   $S\bar{u}trasamuccaya$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Dhyānottara

<sup>14</sup> Mahāvairocanābhisambhodhi

When seeing that the important points of the path of the *Compendium of Glorious Thatness*<sup>15</sup>

Are comprised by the three samadhis,
Yet finding it difficult to realize how to meditate
On the subtle meaning that is therein contained,
I dispelled the darkness from my mind by relying upon Pandit Buddhaguhya's Lucid explanations on how to combine the three

– root texts, commentaries, and congruent teachings —
And his exacting instructions on the stages of meditation
of the profound practice of the three tantric groups.
Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well.
O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

म्मिन्यः संस्तरः वोश्यतः त्यरः मिन्दः सः त्याः मिन्दः सः त्याः स्यान्तः स्यानः स्यानः

 $<sup>^{15}</sup>$  Śrītattvasamgraha

Of all the eloquent words of the Muni

The glorious Highest Yoga Tanta is the ultimate.

And among these by far the most profound

Is the King of Tantras, the Glorious Tantra of Guhyasamaja. 16

As the holy propagator of the Buddha's teachings, the sage Nagarjuna, declared:

"The critical points of the path of that Root Tantra are sealed by the six limits and the four modes<sup>17</sup> and as such

Must be understood by complying with the Lama's instructions

and following commentarial tantric explanations."

Taking this to heart as a vital point and pithy ultimate instruction,

I proceeded to familiarize myself extensively with the fine points

Of the entire cycle of the Arya Guhyasamaja teachings,

Including such works as [Aryadeva's] Compendium of Deeds and [Nagabuddhi's] Graded Presentation of Guhyasamaja.

Then, based on the [Chandrakirti's] Bright Lamp, a commentary on the Root Text, I trained assiduously to combine those with the Five Great Tantric Explanations.

Just so did I gain in general the two stages comprised by that training, and

In particular, all the vital points concerning the Completion Stage.

Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well.

O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

On the strength of that, the meanings of many groups of tantras such as

Chakrasamvara, Hevajra, and Kalachakra dawned as personal instruction in my mind.

Since I explained these in other works that I composed,

What is presented here is merely a door for the intelligent to enter.

Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well.

O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Śri Guhyasamājatantra

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> mtha' drug tshul bzhi - Six limits and four modes. These are the indispensable keys for unlocking the meaning of the tantras. The six limits are the views of the 1) expedient meaning (drang don), 2) definitive meaning (nges don), 3) the implied (dgongs pa can), 4) the not implied (dgongs pa can ma yin pa), 5) the literal (sgra ji bzhin pa), and 6) the non-literal (sgra ji bzhin ma yin pa). The four modes (tshul bzhi) are the 1) literal (tshig), 2) general (spyi), 3) hidden (sbas), and the 4) ultimate (mthar thug).

## |चर.टॅ.वविट.जिवाब.चश्रब.२ट्.वटिशब.तर.वर.चपु.संचब.ट्रे.वविश.तपूरी

Thus concludes the second period regarding the dawning as personal instruction of all the scriptural systems.

|त्यापःट्रेब.कुर्स्ः हुं. पर्श्वः अष्ट्रोबः राष्ट्रः वाहेर। |क्ष्यः पट्टें. प्रथथः प्रेटः अट्टेंब. अप्यायः वयः वाद्यः। |वाब्यट्रः प्रथः प्रप्तः प्रथः प्रथः प्रयः प्रवेशः । |ह्या.कुवः वाद्येयः ग्रीः हीवः क्रूटः प्रथः प्रयः व्यद्धिय। |ट्रें.क्षेत्रः वाद्येयः प्रथः प्रथः प्रवेशः प्रयः व्यद्धियः व्यद्धियः प्रयः व्यद्धियः व्यद्धियः प्रवः व्यद्धियः व्यद्धियः व्यद्धियः प्रयः व्यद्धियः व्यद्धियः व्यद्धियः प्रयः व्यद्धियः विष्ठः विष्वः विष्ठः विष्यः विष्ठः विष्ठः

Then when I became filled with a treasure of instructions, I trained by combining into a complete path the vital points Of the paths shared by the two parts of the Mahayana Vehicle And the two stages of the unique path.

Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well.

O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

ियापः ट्रेब.कुर्, ड्र. चर्थ्यः शम्चियः तपुः वाष्ट्रेम्। विक्षः पट्टीं चय्यश्चरः च्रीटः अट्चे अः लुवायः चया वाट्य विश्वः ग्रीटः विचः चक्षेत्रः क्रीयः प्रथायः प्रदेशः विश्वः स्थिः स्थिः स्थितः प्रथायायः पः व्री विश्वः श्रियः प्रथायः व्यादः स्थितः स्थ्यः व्याद्यायः विश्वः स्थयः स्थितः स्थयः व्याद्यायः स्थायः स्थायः स्थितः स्थयः स्थितः स्थितः स्थयः स्थितः स्थयः स्थितः स्थयः स्थितः स्थयः स्थितः स्थयः स्थितः स्थिते स्थितः स्थिते स्थितः स्थितः

The Ganges River of prayers of the bodhisattvas May be condensed into a prayer to uphold the holy Dharma. Hence, whatever roots of virtue I have accumulated by these acts I dedicate all for the increase of the Muni's teachings. Contemplating what I did, I see that I attained my aims quite well. O Treasury of Wisdom, how grateful I am to you for your kindness!

|गीय.मिट.यक्षेय.ता.मैयातपु.कुट.टी.यक्कातपु.सैयया.पे.योशियातपू॥ |च.ष्रम.धुय.ष्रक्य.भीय.भे.थेष्रयाशी.सैट्यात.टिट.।

Thus concludes the third period, the last, which involves practicing day and night and dedicating all virtue for the sake of the flourishing of the teachings.

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In order to extensively increase my virtue and Properly reveal the unerring doorway For all intelligent fortunate ones, I composed this chronicle of my realizations. Through the virtue that I've collected May all beings without exception Maintain the Muni's highest practice and Enter the path that pleases the Buddhas.

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