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**Enthralled** Jan 18 2022 Interest in Tibet and Tibetan Buddhism has grown among many demographics in the United States and the West, today. The Dalai Lama and his 'Buddhism' has been promoted as bringing more 'peace, harmony, and compassion' to the world. Now the Dalai Lama and his inner circle of western devotees and fans are promoting his MIndfulness as the key to physical, mental and spiritual health. By explaining the true nature of Tibetan Lamaism and its Tantric roots, as well as the cult methods of recruitment and entrapment that the Tibetan Lamas use, the author opens the eyes of westerners to the dangers Tibetan Tantric Buddhism and its influences continue to present to our open, democratic and free societies.

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**Magic and Ritual in Tibet** May 02 2023 The real history of man is the history of religion. The truth of the famous dictum of Max Muller, the father of the History of Religions, is nowhere so obvious as in Tibet. Western students have observed that religion and magic pervade not only the forms of Tibetan art, politics, and society but also every detail of ordinary human existence. And what is the all-pervading religion of Tibet? Buddhism of that country has been described to us, of course, but that does not mean the question has been answered. The unique importance of Stephan Beyer's work is that it presents the vital material ignored or slighted by others: the living ritual of Tibetan Buddhists. The reader is made a witness to cultic proceedings through which the author guides him carefully. He does not force one to accept easy explanations nor does he direct one's attention only to aspects that can be counted on to please. He leads one step by step, without omitting anything, through entire rituals, and interprets whenever necessary without being unduly obtrusive. Oftentimes, as in the case of the many hymns to the goddess Tara, the superb translations speak directly to the reader, and it is indeed as if the reader himself were present at the ritual.

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**Tibetan Demonology** Aug 01 2020 Tibetan Demonology discusses the rich taxonomy of gods and demons encountered in Tibet. These spirits are often the cause of, and exhorted for, diverse violent and wrathful activities. This Element consists of four thematic sections. The first section, 'Spirits and the Body', explores oracular possession and spirit-induced illnesses. The second section, 'Spirits and Time', discusses the role of gods in Tibetan astrology and ritual calendars. The third section, 'Spirits and Space', examines the relationship between divinities and the Tibetan landscape. The final section, 'Spirits and Doctrine', explores how certain deities act as fierce protectors of religious and political institutions.

**The Cult of the Deity Vajrak?la** Sep 13 2021

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**Enthralled** Aug 13 2021 When author, Christine Chandler, signed up for a simple meditation retreat, she had no idea she would be severing emotional ties with her ordinary life, in order to obey the intense practices of Tibetan Lamas; becoming one of their many western devotees and "change agents" to help the lamas overwhelm western values and ethics in order to replace them with a Buddhist-disguised Tantric spirituality. After nearly thirty years as a Tibetan "Buddhist," Chandler finally realized that she had been part of a thousand-year old, guru-worshipping cult that uses mindfulness and other contemplative practices, along with ancient and sophisticated techniques, to recruit, commit and entrap westerners into the Tibetan Lama's medieval, misogynistic world. A world where the Tibetan lamas can secretly keep harems of young women, cuckold the men, and financially, physically and spiritually exploit their students. Chandler had a front row seat to the Tibetan Lama hierarchy and how it operates, having taken care of the son of Chogyam Trungpa, the notorious "crazy wisdom guru." This gave Chandler exposure to not only Trungpa's Vajradhatu/Shambhala inner workings, but also to the dozens of celebrity Tibetan lamas, who have been infiltrating our western institutions with their occult Tantra and their western devotees, for the last forty years. Deep inside this Tantric net. Chandler found that all Tibetan Lamas teach from the same guru-worshipping, thought-controlling plan; whether they call it Shambhala, Mahamudra, Dzogchen or Mahayana Buddhism. It is all Tantra: a cult of mass manipulation and coercive persuasion, designed to undermine the reasoning abilities of educated populations; changing their values and behaviors; turning them into obedient devotees; no longer able to think and act for themselves. If someone does leave Tibetan Buddhism and dares to be publicly critical, that person is labelled "too angry," "crazy" or a "liar"; their articles or books discredited; their message drowned out. Inside the groups they are shunned as "heretics." Chandler takes the reader through her own experiences, from her first mindfulness meditation weekend, at a Boston Shambhala center, through her next decades, studying with the celebrity Tibetan Lamas and their western inner circles, drawn deeper and deeper into their Tantric net, until she finally breaks free; realizing that being well-educated was no protection but, instead, makes westerners more susceptible to the lamas' double-binding: believing they are studying the most esoteric of Buddhist philosophies, while becoming irrational members of a Tantric cult. Enthralled: The Guru Cult of Tibetan Buddhism exposes the many levels of deception, used by Tibetan Lamas, and their western inner circles, including the cover-ups by academia, the entertainment industry and the media. They collect billions of tax-exempt dollars in donations, recruit wealthy sponsors to their mission, and ensnare new student-recruits into a web of free labor, unquestioning devotion, and for some, sexual exploitation by these Tibetan lamas. Chandler deconstructs Tibetan Tantric Lamaism according to the criteria of anti-cult experts, Lifton and Margaret Singer, demonstrating how these lamas radically alter a person's perceptions, to create a "change agent" to further the lamas' globalist ambitions. Chandler's experience finally led her to Crestone, Colorado, a town where the Tibetan Lamas are part of a "Spiritual Alliance" of New-age, world citizens, all mindfully meditating, chanting, humming, and drumming their way backward, to create a global, "spiritual secularism" that is fundamentalist and dangerous to our democratic freedoms. A bold, brave exposition about one of the most misunderstood and misleading "new religious movements" in spirituality today, Enthralled:The Guru Cult of Tibetan Buddhism should not be missed by anyone who cares about truth.

**The Dalai Lama and the Nechung Oracle** Mar 27 2020 "This book is about two immortals whose friendship has spanned nearly five hundred years across the Tibetan plateau and beyond. The first immortal is the Dalai Lama, the emanation of a bodhisattva, an enlightened being who voluntarily takes rebirth in the world to benefit sentient beings. The second immortal is a wrathful god named Pehar, who has possessed the Nechung Oracle since the sixteenth century. This book is the first to examine the relationship between these two monolithic figures that began in the seventeenth century during the reign of the Fifth Dalai Lama (1617-1682). This study is also the first extensive examination of the famed Nechung Oracle and his institution. In the seventeenth century, the protector deity Pehar and his oracle at Nechung Monastery were state-sanctioned by the nascent Tibetan government, becoming the head of an expansive pantheon of worldly deities assigned to protect the newly unified country. While the Fifth Dalai Lama and his government endorsed Pehar as part of his larger unification project, the governments of later Dalai Lamas continued to expand the deity's influence, and by extension their own, by ritually establishing Pehar at monasteries and temples around Lhasa and across Tibet. Pehar's cult at Nechung Monastery came to embody the Dalai Lama's administrative control in a mutually beneficial relationship of protection and prestige, the effects of which continue to reverberate within Tibet and among the Tibetan exile community today"--

**Oracles and Demons of Tibet** Feb 28 2023 This book is a study of the Tibetan protective deities, those gods worshipped by the Tibetans as protectors and guardians of Buddhism.

**The Cult of Pure Crystal Mountain** Dec 29 2022 The Tibetan district of Tsari with its sacred snow-covered peak of Pure Crystal Mountain has long been a place of symbolic and ritual significance for Tibetan peoples. In this book, Toni Huber provides the first thorough study of a major Tibetan Buddhist pilgrimage center and cult mountain, and explores the esoteric and popular traditions of ritual there. The main focus is on the period of the 1940s and '50s, just prior to the 1959 Lhasa uprising and subsequent Tibetan diaspora into South Asia. Huber's work thus documents Tibetan life patterns and cultural traditions which have largely disappeared with the advent of Chinese colonial modernity in Tibet. In addition to the work's documentary content, Huber offers discussion and analysis of the construction and meaning of Tibetan cultural categories of space, place, and person, and the practice of ritual and organization of traditional society in relation to them.

**The Culture of the Book in Tibet** Mar 08 2021 Drawing on sources spanning the fourteenth through the eighteenth centuries, Kurtis R. Schaeffer envisions the scholars and hermits, madmen and ministers, kings and queens responsible for Tibet's massive canons. He describes how Tibetan scholars edited and printed works of religion, literature, art, and science and what this indicates about the interrelation of material and cultural practices. The Tibetan book is at once the embodiment of the Buddha's voice, a principal means of education, a source of tradition and authority, an economic product, a finely crafted aesthetic object, a medium of Buddhist written culture, and a symbol of the religion itself. A meticulous study that draws on more than 150 understudied Tibetan sources, *The Culture of the Book in Tibet* is the first volume to trace this singular history, allowing for a greater understanding of the Tibetan plateau.

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**Tibetan Mountain Deities, Their Cults and Representations** May 10 2021 Table of Contents: BUFFETRILLE, Katia: Pelerinage et inceste: le cas de mChod rten nyi ma; DIEMBERGER, Hildegard: The Horseman in Red. On Sacred Mountains of La stod lho (Southern Tibet); HAZOD, Guntram: bKra shis 'od 'bar. On the History of the Religious Protector of the Bo dong pa; POMMARET, Françoise: "Maitres des trésors" (gter bdag): divinités locales et médiums au Bhoutan; SCHICKLGRUBER, Christian: Race, Win and Please the Gods: Horse-Race and yul lha Worship in Dolpo; FORBES, Ann Ambrecht: Sacred Geography on the Cultural Borders of Tibet; RAMBLE, Charles: The Classification of Territorial Divinities in Pagan and Buddhist Rituals of South Mustang; STEINMANN, Brigitte: Territoire et frontières politiques, royaume et divinités montagnardes: usage de stéréotypes dans la construction d'une identité nationale (Sikkim); STUTCHBURY, Elisabeth A.: Raja Gephan - The Mountain Protector of Lahul; TAUTSCHER, Gabriele: Kalingchok and Sailung: A Female and a Male Mountain in Tamang Tradition; BIRTALAN, Agnes: Typology of Stone Cairn Obos (Preliminary Report, Based on Mongolian Fieldwork Material Collected in 1991-1995); URAY-KOHALMI, Catherine: Marriage to the Mountain.

**The Classical Tibetan Language** Nov 03 2020 Among Asian languages, Tibetan is second only to Chinese in the depth of its historical record, with texts dating back as far as the eighth and ninth centuries, written in an alphabetic script that preserves the contemporaneous phonological features of the language. The Classical Tibetan Language is the first comprehensive description of the Tibetan language and is distinctive in that it treats the classical Tibetan language on its own terms rather than by means of descriptive categories appropriate to other languages, as has traditionally been the case. Beyer presents the language as a medium of literary expression with great range, power, subtlety, and humor, not as an abstract object. He also deals comprehensively with a wide variety of linguistic phenomena as they are actually encountered in the classical texts, with numerous examples of idioms, common locutions, translation devices, neologisms, and dialectal variations.

**Approaching the Land of Bliss** Apr 08 2021 The discourse of Buddhist studies has traditionally been structured around texts and nations (the transmission of Buddhism from India to China to Japan). And yet, it is doubtful that these categories reflect in any significant way the organizing themes familiar to most Buddhists. It could be argued that cultic practices associated with particular buddhas and bodhisattvas are more representative of the way Buddhists conceive of their relation to tradition. This volume aims to explore this aspect of Buddhism by focusing on one of its most important cults, that of the Buddha Amitabha. *Approaching the Land of Bliss* is a rich collection of studies of texts and ritual practices devoted to Amitabha, ranging from Tibet to Japan and from early medieval times to the present.

**Tara** Apr 28 2020 A practical guide for invoking the power and blessings of Tara, the beloved female Buddhist deity of Tibet "Tara connects you to the archetypal Divine Feminine," writes Dr. Rachael Wooten, "an energetic force that exists within us and all around us." While there are many scholarly books on Tara, this practical, psychological guide shows how those of any tradition can directly access her, through clear instruction and authentic Tibetan Buddhist teachings. In her myriad forms, Tara—also known as the female Buddha of Tibet—has the power to protect us from inner and outer negativity, illuminate our self-sabotaging habits, cleanse mental and physical poisons, open us to abundance, give us strength and peace, help us fulfill our life purposes, and more. Here, readers explore each of the 21 manifestations of Tara, engaging with each through traditional meditations, visualizations, praises, mantra chants, and the author's extensive experience as a depth psychologist. "If ever the voice of wisdom and compassion was needed in the form of an awakened female figure such as Tara," writes Wooten, "that time is now." This book illuminates the way to her healing, blessings, and aid.

**High Peaks, Pure Earth** May 29 2020 This texts brings together some 65 contributions by Hugh Richardson to Tibetan Studies written over the course of nearly 60 years. Part 1 contains 27 articles on the crucial and formative phase of Tibet's history in the 7th to 9th centuries AD. In Part 2 nine articles focus on key historical sites and inscriptions dating mostly from the early period. Part 3 reproduces fourteen articles on later history down to the 20th century, including a number of studies on Chinese and Western involvement with Tibet. Part 4 is a reprint of Richardson's *Tibetan Precipitous* (Calcutta, Govt. of India Press, 1945), a secret publication containing classified information summarizing British relations with Tibet. The volume concludes in Part 5 with fourteen articles in which the author provides his own personal testimonies and recollections of life in traditional Tibet and his reactions to its subsequent fate. This work should be of interest to both specialists and non-specialists.

**Among Tibetan Texts** Jun 30 2020 For three decades, E. Gene Smith ran the Library of Congress's Tibetan Text Publication Project of the United States Public Law 480 (PL480) - an effort to salvage and reprint the Tibetan literature that had been collected by the exile community or by members of the Bhotia communities of Sikkim, Bhutan, India, and Nepal. Smith wrote prefaces to these reprinted books to help clarify and contextualize the particular Tibetan texts: the prefaces served as rough orientations to a poorly understood body of foreign literature. Originally produced in print quantities of twenty, these prefaces quickly became legendary, and soon photocopied collections were handed from scholar to scholar, achieving an almost cult status. These essays are collected here for the first time. The impact of Smith's research on the academic study of Tibetan literature has been tremendous, both for his remarkable ability to synthesize diverse materials into coherent accounts of Tibetan literature, history, and religious thought, and for the exemplary critical scholarship he brought to this field.

**Tibetan Ritual** Feb 04 2021 Ritual is one of the most pervasive religious phenomena in the Tibetan cultural world. Despite its ubiquity and importance to Tibetan cultural life, however, only in recent years has Tibetan ritual been given the attention it deserves. This is the first scholarly collection to focus on this important subject. Unique in its historical, geographical and disciplinary breadth, this book brings together eleven essays by an international cast of scholars working on ritual texts, institutions and practices in the greater Tibetan cultural world - Tibet, Nepal, Bhutan, and Mongolia. While most of the chapters focus on Buddhism, two deal with ritual in Tibet's indigenous Bon religion. All of the essays are original to this volume. An extensive introduction by the editor provides a broad overview of Tibetan ritual and contextualizes the chapters within the field of Buddhist and Tibetan studies. The book should find use in advanced undergraduate courses and graduate seminars on Tibetan religion. It will also be of interest to students and scholars of ritual generally.

**Fallout** Dec 25 2019 Fallout is the story of a woman's journey from ignorance of the alleged abuse perpetrated by Sogyal Rinpoche, head of the Rigpa Tibetan Buddhist community, to the realization of the extent of the abuse, the depth of the trauma suffered by survivors, and how certain beliefs and assumptions enabled the abuse. It's also the inspiring story of a Facebook support group for the survivors of spiritual abuse in Rigpa as they help each other to process the issues raised by the abuse and heal from their experiences. Tahlia Newland shares insights she gained during her role as facilitator of the What Now? Facebook group and blog, the challenges she and others faced, and the

realisations they came to in light of their discoveries. The book is a testimony to the resilience, spiritual strength, compassion and wisdom of members of the What Now? group as they navigate uncharted waters together.

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*Dagger Blessing* Mar 20 2022

*Vajrayogini* Dec 05 2020 Vajrayogini is a tantric goddess from the highest class of Buddhist tantras who manifests the ultimate development of wisdom and compassion. Her practice is prevalent today among practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. This ground-breaking book delves into the origins of Vajrayogini, charting her evolution in India and examining her roots in the Cakrasamvara tantra and in Indian tradition relating to siva. The focus of this work is the Guhyasamayasadhanamala, a collection of forty-six sadhanas, or practice texts. Written on palm leaves in Sanskrit and preserved since the twelfth century, this diverse collection, composed by various authors, reveals a multitude of forms of the goddess, each of which is described and illustrated here. One of the sadhanas, the Vajravarahi Sadhana by Umapatideva, depicts Vajrayogini at the center of a mandala of thirty-seven different goddesses, and is here presented in full translation alongside a Sanskrit edition. Elizabeth English provides extensive explanation and annotation of this representative text. Sixteen pages of stunning color plates not only enhance the study but bring the goddess to life.

**The Dalai Lama and the King Demon** Oct 03 2020 A triple homicide committed a few hundred yards away from the residence in exile of the Dalai Lama opens the doors to an unknown universe for Superintendent Rajeev Kumar Singh of the Indian police. He goes over every step of the crime and identifies its perpetrators as members of an exclusive cult dedicated to a demonic spirit with fearsome earthly powers. The chief suspects include the leading figures of a society devoted to the cult of Gyalpo Shugden, whose headquarters are to be found in the heart of Delhi's Tibetan exile neighborhood. Raimondo Bultrini, an investigative journalist, decides to open a new trail by reconstructing the mystical aspect of the events. The Dalai Lama himself, determined to combat the sectarian outlook fostered in the name of the "king demon" by a group within the clergy of the Gelukpa school of Tibetan Buddhism, reveals to Bultrini hitherto secret religious and historical details regarding the impact of the cult. Recent events and developments seem to bear out his perspective, since many Gyalpo Shugden followers have found common ground with the Chinese authorities. The links between these renegade lamas and the Communist regime are becoming stronger, creating an alliance aimed at removing all traces of the Dalai Lama's lineage from Tibet's future. This is the first major exposé of this intriguing struggle at the heart of the mysticism and politics surrounding the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan quest for freedom.

**Buddhism and Empire** Jan 06 2021 This book analyzes the religious-political culture of the Tibetan Empire (c. 620-842) and the establishment of Buddhism, based on early sources. It shows how relationships formed in the Imperial period underlie many of the unique characteristics of traditional Tibetan Buddhism.

*Reflections of the Mountain* Oct 15 2021

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*Drawn and Written in Stone* Jan 24 2020 Drawn and Written in Stone explores the religious history of the highest part of the Tibetan Plateau through its rock art and inscriptions. It is focused on facsimiles of ritual and ceremonial monuments carved and painted on stone surfaces and rock inscriptions in the Tibetan language, vital archaeological and historical materials for appraising the development of religion in Tibet, ca. 100 BCE to 1400 CE. By probing the complexion of figures and letters in stone, this work considers how early cult traditions contributed to the establishment of Tibetan Buddhism and a rival faith known as Yungdrung Bon. Outside of the Indian cultural context, relatively little has been written about the historical antecedents of these popular Tibetan religions for a want of sources. This monograph helps remedy this large gap in Tibetan studies by drawing upon the author's surveys of rock art and rock inscriptions conducted in upmost Tibet between 1995 and 2013.

*On the Margins of Tibet* Jun 10 2021 The state of Tibetan culture within contemporary China is a highly politicized topic on which reliable information is rare. But what is Tibetan culture and how should it be developed or preserved?

The Chinese authorities and the Tibetans in exile present conflicting views on almost every aspect of Tibetan cultural life. Ashild Kolas and Monika Thowsen have gathered an astounding array of data to quantify Tibetan cultural activities--involving Tibetan language, literature, visual arts, museums, performing arts, festivals, and religion. Their study is based on fieldwork and interviews conducted in the ethnic Tibetan areas surrounding the Tibetan Autonomous Region--parts of the Chinese provinces of Sichuan, Gansu, Yunnan, and Qinghai. Aware of the ambiguous nature of information collected in restricted circumstances, they make every effort to present a complete and unbiased picture of Tibetan communities living on China's western frontiers. Kolas and Thowsen investigate the present conditions of Tibetan cultural life and cultural expression, providing a wealth of detailed information on topics such as the number of restored monasteries and nunneries and the number of monks, nuns, and tulku (reincarnated lamas) affiliated with them; sources of funding for monastic reconstruction and financial support of clerics; types of religious ceremonies being practiced; the content of monastic and secular education; school attendance; educational curriculum and funding; the role of language in Tibetan schools; and Tibetan news and cultural media. On the Margins of Tibet will be of interest to historians and social scientists studying modern China and Tibetan culture, and to the many others concerned about Tibet's place in the world.

**Thundering Falcon** Jul 12 2021 This publication represents the results of a detailed historical-philological and anthropological study dedicated to the history and cult of Khra-brug or the "Thundering Falcon" temple. It constitutes the first serious inquiry into the location's history, focusing exclusively on this major religious shrine and pilgrimage site, which, according to the Tibetan tradition, is commonly regarded as the oldest (Buddhist) temple in Tibet. The sanctuary, located in the heart of the Yar-lung Valley in southern Central Tibet, which is the cradle of the Tibetan civilization and erstwhile homeland of the Tibetan kings, was erected in the 7th century during the reign of the emperor Srong-btsan sgam-po (d. A.D. 649). Chronologically the temple may have been built immediately preceding the temple sanctuary of Lhasa, which was erected by the same king, the Ra-sa'i Phrul-sngang, otherwise known as Jo-khang, and which is famed as the symbolic centre and national sanctum of Buddhist Tibet. The main part of the book is made up of a number of primary sources that deal with Khra-brug, which are presented here in extensively annotated translations. These include excerpts gleaned from various historiographical works as well as local documents. One of these is a local pilgrims' guide, Khra 'brug gnas bshad (dating from the early 20th century), which forms the most important source in the book and which is also reproduced in facsimile. Furthermore, extensive surveys that were conducted in situ are presented, gleaned from the wealth of local oral traditions that still prevail in Khra-brug and in Yar-lung. They deliver significant new insights and thus enrich the data extracted from the written sources appreciably. Together, the source material and its comparative analysis open a door to the fascinating world behind the history of this temple, a vista that, from a modern perspective, allows us to appraise and survey central issues related to politics and religion, as well as a number of arcane cult traditions of the period from the 7th to 20th centuries.

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