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From the Publisher

Translator's Introduction I pay homage to all root and lineage lamas! Please grant your blessings to me And to all sentient beings!

Dharma Lord Gampopa (1074-1153 C.E.), the author of THE JEWEL ORNAMENT OF LIBERATION, was fully accomplished in the teachings and practice of Buddhism, the philosophy taught by Shakyamui Buddha circa 560 B.C.E. Gampopa studied the sutra system of training in the Kadampa lineage and obtained tantra training from the great saint Milarepa. Because he himself thus embodied the complete form of Buddhism, Lord Gampopa successfully established complete Buddhism in Tibet. His lineage of disciples pervaded the whole of Jambudvipa and became the crown jewel of all Buddhism.

He completed dispelled the darkness of confusion and reconciled all misunderstanding between the sutra and tantra systems. This is why, among Milarpa's disciples, he was declared to be "like the sun." In reality, it was as if the Buddha himself had manifested again in human form. Therefore, Gampopa's teachings are recognized asbeing wholly pure and precious.

Of the many important texts he wrote, THE JEWEL ORNAMENT OF LIBERATION is probably the most significant. Gampopa said, "For anyone who wishes to see me, studying THE JEWEL ORNAMENT OF LIBERATION and the PRECIOUS GARLAND OF THE EXCELLENT PATH is the same as meeting me." So, THE JEWEL ORNAMENT OF LIBERATION acts as Gampopa's regent in these times. In this book, you will find a complete form of Buddhism -- right from the starting point, the ground where you enter into the path, until you achieve Buddhahood and manifest activities for the benefit of infinite sentient beings.

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