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Wisdom Beyond Words

It is all very well to expect Buddhism to be meaningful to where we are here and now but where is here and when is now? Ever since the Buddha's lifetime people have been trying to express the ultimate meaning of Buddhism in a form that makes complete rational sense. They are unique, extraordinary teachings, addressing the practical, everyday concerns of Buddhists, but in a way that can leave the rational mind spinning.

Wisdom Beyond Words

Dangerously disorientating to the unwary student, the Prajnaparamita or Perfection of Wisdom teachings can offer a fast route to some well-trodden blind alleys - or to the very heart of Reality. We live in a sophisticated age that often seeks to rationalize the ultimate meaning of Buddhism, but these two-thousand-year-old texts offer a giddy counterbalance to this attempt. Sangharakshita's clarity, scholarship and insight are revealed in this commentary on the Diamond Sutra, the Heart Sutra and the Ratnagunasamcayagatha - core teachings of Mahayana Buddhism. Using this book as a guide we can begin our own investigation of these sublime teachings - and also perhaps be rewarded with a world-shattering glimpse of the Buddhist vision of ultimate Reality.

In the Buddha's Words

"This landmark collection is the definitive introduction to the Buddha's teachings in his own words. The American scholar monk Bhikkhu Bodhi, whose voluminous translations have won widespread acclaim, here presents selected discourses of the Buddha from the Pali Canon, the earliest record of what the Buddha taught. Divided into ten thematic chapters, In the Buddha's Words reveals the full scope of the Buddha's discourses, from family life and marriage to renunciation and the path of insight. A concise informative introduction precedes each chapter, guiding the reader toward a deeper understanding of the texts that follow." "In the Buddha's Words allows even readers unacquainted with Buddhism to

grasp the significance of the Buddha's contributions to our world heritage. Taken as a whole, these texts bear eloquent testimony to the breadth and intelligence of the Buddha's teachings, and point the way to an ancient yet ever vital path. Students and seekers alike will find this systematic presentation indispensable."--BOOK JACKET.

The New Heart of Wisdom

This special presentation of Buddha's teachings by the author of *Modern Buddhism*, offers truly liberating insights and advice for the contemporary reader. It reveals the profound meaning of the very heart of Buddha's teachings - the Perfection of Wisdom Sutras. The author shows how all our problems and suffering come from our ignorance of the ultimate nature of things, and how we can abandon this ignorance and come to enjoy pure, lasting happiness by developing a special wisdom associated with compassion for all living beings. 'Many people are very intelligent in accomplishing worldly attainments. This intelligence is not wisdom because worldly attainments such as a high position, reputation, wealth and success in business are deceptive. If we die tomorrow, they will disappear tomorrow, and nothing will be left for our future. Wisdom, however, will never deceive us. It is our inner Spiritual Guide, who leads us to the correct path. It is the divine eye through which we can see what we should know, what we should abandon, what we should practise and what we should attain.' -Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche

Wisdom Beyond Words

Of central importance in Buddhism is the cultivation of Wisdom - a liberating vision of the way things really are. This work offers a commentary on the Heart Sutra, the Diamond Sutra and the Ratnagunasamcayagatha, three of the Prajnaparamita sutras dealing with the nature of reality.

Wisdom Beyond Words

Ever since the Buddha's lifetime, people have been trying to express the ultimate meaning of Buddhism in a form that makes complete rational sense. The Prajnaparamita or 'Perfection of Wisdom' teachings offer a giddy counterbalance to this exercise. Emerging 2000 years ago as the core-teachings of Mahayana Buddhism, texts such as the Ratnaguna-samcayagatha, the Diamond Sutra and the Heart Sutra gave new impetus to the ideal of the Bodhisattva, one whose energies are dedicated to the attainment of enlightenment for the sake of all beings.

Eternal Legacy / Wisdom Beyond Words

This volume includes *The Eternal Legacy*, an introduction to the canonical literature of Buddhism, and *Wisdom Beyond Words*, a commentary on several Perfection of Wisdom texts.

Heart of Wisdom

Heart of Wisdom is based on an oral commentary to the Essence of Wisdom Sutra (the Heart Sutra), which was given by the author at Manjushri Mahayana Buddhist Centre in England. The Heart Sutra, one of the best known and most popular of Mahayana Buddhist scriptures, contains the essence of Buddha's teachings on emptiness and the methods to develop the wisdom that understands this ultimate reality. In this highly acclaimed explanation of the Sutra, Geshe Kelsang reveals its explicit and implicit meanings with both clarity and authority, and relates them to the five Mahayana paths that lead to full enlightenment. Seen in modern light, Buddha had been able to perceive, even see the vast spatial distances between atoms and between sub-atomic particles filled with electrons and even sub-electrons in a state of high vibration. This atomic condition corresponds to a similar pattern in the brains of living beings and to interstellar and interplanetary gaps. The subject of emptiness as the author explains deals with perceptions leading to concept of formation and creation of a world of sense ideas which is merely a random arranging of material resources in an otherwise empty space filled with vibrations of these very particles. This is a rather difficult subject handled facilely by the author.

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The best gift ever given to the Mra was given to him by the mortal enemy of the Buddha, King Ajatasattu of Maghada when he organized, after the Master's death and without his having suspected it, a council to leave to posterity the corrupted teachings of the Buddha, kept and administered by an idle clergy that flourished in the heat of populist rulers who used it in their economic disputes with the

Brahmins. It had never happened that the Sana of a Buddha survived him, let alone corrupted. The success of Buddhism and its expansion will drown like a fireproof blanket any paccekhabuddhas that might have arisen. And without solitary Buddhas there is no Sammasambuddha. And this is because a Buddha must take refuge exclusively in himself, without any external influence and all external contamination in the form of ideas, concepts, doctrines, visions represent an obstacle that can become insurmountable. The Mara with that movement not only succeeded in not bringing forth Buddhas, but also in turning millions of people away from the path, henceforth, and made unscrupulous, lazy and idle individuals, parasites living on the devotion of the people the public face of liberation. A liberation that was impossible. Only in the most remote place, not only geographically but ideologically, the most refractory to Buddhism, in the most unsuspected time could Metteyya emerge. And they go and build there, in that place, those same corrupt people, an immense monastery. Nothing like this has ever happened. We will see how it goes on...

The Wisdom of the Buddha

A treasury of teachings, stories, and sayings in the words of the Buddha himself. In their essence, the Buddha's teachings are concerned with a clear-eyed understanding of the reality of our suffering and pointing the way to freedom from that suffering. Here in all their power, as memorized word-for-word by his disciples and written down a millennium and a half ago, are the core teachings of the Buddha in his own words. These selections deal with the search for truth, the way of contemplation, life and death, living in community, and many other topics, serving as an excellent introduction to the Buddhist path. Clear, uplifting, and potent, the Buddha's teachings are as freshly relevant today as they were when first presented. This book is part of the Shambhala Pocket Library series. The Shambhala Pocket Library is a collection of short, portable teachings from notable figures across religious traditions and classic texts. The covers in this series are rendered by Colorado artist Robert Spellman. The books in this collection distill the wisdom and heart of the work Shambhala Publications has published over 50 years into a compact format that is collectible, reader-friendly, and applicable to everyday life.

Words of Wisdom

Surya Das, author of "Awakening the Buddha Within" and "The Big Questions," expresses his deep spiritual understanding and highly nuanced sense of humor in this collection of wisdom sayings.

Pearls of Wisdom

Among the many offerings that Buddhists make to the Buddha are incense, flowers, candles, and fruit. We make these offerings out of respect to the Buddha, not because the Buddha demands such offerings or because we expect to be rewarded by the Buddha for our offerings. We also offer ourselves when we bow and prostrate before the Buddha. To this list of offerings we may also add our words in the form of prayers to the Great Compassionate Buddha. Venerable Master Hsing Yun has written this beautiful and comprehensive collection of Buddhist prayers to help Buddhists of all schools to focus their thoughts and to offer to the Buddha beautiful words of praise, gratitude, and thanksgiving. It is our hope that readers of these prayers will meditate upon the words and how they apply to their lives; will see their situations through the eyes of wisdom; and will act to bring about the changes that they desire in their lives. On the path towards enlightenment we will receive help from many sources, and prayer or praise offerings will play a major role for many practitioners. It is hoped that these special prayers by Venerable Master Hsing Yun will take the reader far along the path towards enlightenment. Book jacket.

One Thousand and One Pearls of Buddhist Wisdom

Buddhism has influenced Western thinking like no other Eastern religion, and even people who have no interest in adopting it wholeheartedly, acknowledge the wisdom of its philosophical insights. 1001 Pearls of Buddhist Wisdom is an inspiring collection of the wisest, most enlightening and most comforting Buddhist thought, drawn from the various schools within this ancient spiritual tradition. The book covers basic themes of universal relevance - such as the beauty of nature, good and bad karma, the importance of empathy, how to deal with stress and anxiety, how to meditate successfully, how to be happy, and the joy to be found in service to others. Part one examines the life of the Buddha, his place in history and his teachings. Part two illustrates Buddhist thought with quotes - the wealth of quotations comes from teachers, thinkers and gurus through the ages and across the world, from the Buddha himself to Arthur Schopenhauer and other (not necessarily Buddhist) thinkers of the European

tradition, as well as leading Buddhists of today such as the 14th Dalai Lama. Part three demonstrates how the Buddha is all around us and how we can embrace that into our lives. Full of accessible Eastern wisdom, this is a book to explore in a spirit of joyous, hopeful adventure - there is so much here to inspire, instruct, and help you find the road to inner peace and happiness... and even, perhaps, nirvana.

1,001 Pearls of Buddhist Wisdom

The latest book in Chronicle's best-selling collection of tiny treasures combines our winning chunky format and copious colorful artwork with the eternal wisdom of the Buddha. 1,001 Pearls of Buddhist Wisdom is an inspiring collection of teachings drawn from traditional sources, such as the Zen philosophy of Japan and the tantric practices of Tibet, as well as European thinkers and contemporary Buddhists. Themed sections address such basic human themes as good and bad karma, developing empathy, and how to be happy. Also included are clear explanations of key Buddhist concepts and accounts of historical moments. Full of accessible Eastern teachings, 1,001 Pearls of Buddhist Wisdom offers insights to inspire, instruct, and set readers on the path to nirvana.

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Suffering is similar to a terrible toothache. While it's present and intense, it becomes an obvious priority: nothing is more important, nothing is more urgent. However, once it is overcome and the period of relief having passed, the suffering ends up being forgotten and with that forgetting, it ceases to matter. The next goal, eradicating Ignorance now appears as a desirable goal, because there is no better motivation than the desire to learn. Learning to know, The Noble Eightfold Path, stops making sense. He is the boat that has taken us to the other shore and is no longer useful. Now is the time to see things as they really are and that is achieved by exploring the new lands. This is the time to take on challenges.

Thus Have I Heard

The Pali scriptures here translated are from the 'Triple Basket' (Tipitaka), a collection of the Buddha's teachings regarded as canonical by the Theravada school of Buddhism, which is found today in Sri Lanka, Burma and Thailand. The translator is a devout Buddhist whose Pali scholarship is backed up by personal practice of meditation.

GENEROUS WISDOM

Generous Wisdom is a set of four commentaries on the Jatakamala: Garland of Birth Stories of Buddha given by His Holiness the Dalai Lama during the annual Great Prayer Festival that follows Tibetan new year, in Dharamsala keeping alive the tradition started by Tsongkhapa in 1409. This work is probably the first of its kind for it is not just a story-telling but brings new meaning to life when one reads through the book. Though the theme of this work is the perfection of generosity of the bodhisattvas, His Holiness speaks comprehensively on other perfections such as ethics and patience. He also speaks at length on such concepts as karmic action, dependent arising and the four classes of reason applied in Buddhism to study phenomena, which correlate with modern scientific methodology.

Wisdom of the Buddha

Although there were many Buddhas before Gautama, but none of their teachings were ever recorded in the written form. And though Siddhartha Gautama was not the last Buddha, but we are very fortunate to know about his life and teachings through the availability of the vast collection of written records. This book is just a collection of his teachings compiled from authentic works based on the ancient Pali texts. And it successfully covers all his important teachings that could be of great benefit for a true seeker.

Light of Wisdom, Volume II

Padmasambhava, the Indian mystic and tantric Buddhist master, is second only to Buddha Shakyamuni as the most famous personage in the Tibetan tradition of Buddhism. In the ninth century, he made the journey across the Himalayan Mountains to establish Buddhism for the people in that country. He also concealed timeless instructions and practices to benefit future generations. The volume presents in-depth explanations of the Tibetan Buddhist perspective. The Light of Wisdom, Vol. II will be of special interest to students of Buddhism for its clear overview from a Vajrayana perspective of teachings particular to Hinayana and Mahayana Buddhism. Included is an extensive commentary by Jamgon Kongtrul the Great, one of the most prominent Buddhist masters of nineteenth-century Tibet.

Food for the Heart

Renowned for the beauty and simplicity of his teachings, Ajahn Chah was Thailand's best-known meditation teacher. His charisma and wisdom influenced many American and European seekers, and helped shape the American Vipassana community. This collection brings together for the first time Ajahn Chah's most powerful teachings, including those on meditation, liberation from suffering, calming the mind, enlightenment and the 'living dhamma'. Most of these talks have previously only been available in limited, private editions and the publication of Food for the Heart therefore represents a momentous occasion: the hugely increased accessibility of his words and wisdom. Western teachers such as Ram Dass and Jack Kornfield have extolled Chah's teachings for years and now readers can experience them directly in this book.

Practicing Wisdom

Like the bestselling *A Flash of Lightning in the Dark of the Night*, *Practicing Wisdom* focuses on Shantideva's Way of the Bodhisattva. While the former includes only a brief introduction to Shantideva's complex and crucial ninth chapter on insight, *Practicing Wisdom* is a full and detailed follow-up commentary, making it an invaluable statement on the fundamental concept behind Buddhist thought and practice. Shantideva says at the beginning of the final chapter of his *Guide to the Bodhisattva Way of Life*: "All branches of the Buddha's teachings are taught for the sake of wisdom. If you wish to bring an end to suffering, you must develop wisdom." Shantideva's ninth chapter is revered in Tibetan Buddhist circles as one of the most authoritative expositions of the Buddha's core insight, and all other Buddhist practices are means to support the generation of this wisdom within the practitioner. In *Practicing Wisdom*, the Dalai Lama reaffirms his reputation as a great scholar, communicator, and embodiment of the Buddha's Way by illuminating Shantideva's verses, drawing on contrasting commentaries from the Nyingma and Gelug lineages, and leading the reader through the stages of insight up to the highest view of emptiness. These teachings, delivered in southern France in 1993, have been masterfully translated, edited, and annotated by Geshe Thupten Jinpa, the Dalai Lama's primary translator and founder of the Institute of Tibetan Classics.

Buddhism of Wisdom and Faith

The backpack of acquired knowledge was a chain around my neck that made me go in circles. It took me three years to realize it. I got rid of it to see for myself. I was publishing a logbook to avoid having to remember and as a proposal for open debate. Nobody debates, at most, they insult. Then I understood that my path was very lonely. The clinical trials that I organized helped me to validate the results in third parties, verifying their objectivity, but only on the initial practice. The rest I never made public. However, one warm afternoon in the summer of 17, sprawled out in a lonely scree in the riverbed of the Balozano river, I understood the trap of the anagami. Despite my oath, I reluctantly accepted the Charge.

Buddhist Wisdom Books

Becoming Buddha compiles the invaluable teachings of contemporary Buddhist teachers who have sought to illuminate the ways of the Buddha in a manner that is comprehensible to a wide audience. These lectures comprise easy to follow dialogues, with anecdotes from the Buddha's own life as well as the lives of ordinary people, to explain how everyone can attain Buddhahood. The message underlying these teachings is that becoming Buddha is not an unattainable ideal. Each person can be a Buddha by becoming the perfect spiritual practitioner, one who wants enlightenment for all fellow creatures. This is not achieved simply through prayers or offerings but through the practical application of Buddha's wisdom to our own lives. The book reaffirms the significance of taking responsibility for

our actions and instructs us to cherish all sentient beings in this life. The friendly, empathetic tone puts the reader at ease, reducing the distance between teacher and disciple. Becoming Buddha includes a previously unrecorded lecture by the Dalai Lama, rare photographs of the other educators who speak through this book and an article by eminent Buddhist scholar Professor Robert Thurman, which locates enlightenment in a socio-historical context, establishing that it is not merely a spiritual desire but an essential tool for survival today.

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The Light of Wisdom Vol. I contains the root terma ---hidden treasure text --- of Padmasambhava, The Gradual Path of the Wisdom Essence and its commentary The Light of Wisdom by Jamgon Kongtrul the Great. Annotations on the commentary Entering the Path of Wisdom spoken by Jamyang Drakpa and recorded by Jokyab Rinpoche are included as well as clarifications from other masters. Volume I presents in-depth explanations of the Vajrajana Buddhist perspective. It begins with the nature of the ground, the buddha nature present in all beings, continues with the teachings that are common to all vehicles, and concludes with the Mahayana and the link to Vajrayana. This essence of the causal and resultant vehicles, Especially the core of the realization the three sections of the inner tantras, Linking together the ground with the path, Makes you abandon the temporary defilements along with their tendencies, Realize fruition and quickly accomplish the welfare of self and others, In this way it is in conformity with each yet exalted above them all. -Padmasambhava The root text of Lamrim Yeshe Nyingpo, a terma revealed by the great treasure- finder Chokgyur Lingpa, and its commentary by Kongtrul Rinpoche, the great translator in person, form together a complete scripture that embodies all the tantras, statements and instructions of the Nyingma School of the early translations, which is most rare to find in the past, present, or future. -Kyabje Dilgo Kyentse Rinpoche

Becoming Buddha

This beautiful gift set of 40 Divine Truth cards is inspired by the sacred text of 'Dhammapada Sutra', which is widely known as the words of Buddha. With the energy of the divine masculine throughout these cards, The Ultimate Truth of Wisdom provides you with powerful tools to illuminate all darkness and free the limitations of the reasoning mind. Upon the path of truth, these Buddha Wisdom cards will have you feel at ease with your soul as you gain the highest spiritual inspirations in resolving difficult problems in your life. This mini set comes in a magnetic closure box.

Light of Wisdom, Volume I

Shunryu Suzuki was the most famous Soto Zen monk of the twentieth century and the very first one who popularized Zen Buddhism from Japan to the western world. 'San Francisco Zen Center', the first Buddhist monastery outside Asia was founded by him. This Japanese Soto Zen priest is the author of the spiritual classic 'Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind'. Here in this book 'Shunryu Suzuki's Words of Wisdom: Quotes of a Soto Zen Monk', we bring you the finest collection of his quotes that will help you to bolster your thoughts and perspectives.

Buddha Wisdom Divine Masculine

What does Buddhism have to say about sickness, poverty, and warfare—or social and political action? Would the wisest, most renowned Buddhist teachers go on the record and reveal their thoughts and perspectives on a wide array of contemporary issues? Robert Sachs decided to find out: he created a questionnaire, brought it to some of the most esteemed Buddhist masters, and interviewed them. Their comments and conclusions are inspirational...and often surprising. Here are the observations of deeply spiritual thinkers on the global problems that confront us today, from the conflict in the Middle East to global warming. These are people who are steeped in meditation, widely traveled, and have seen human misery and warfare with their own eyes. They offer empowering words of wisdom and show us how we can become part of the impetus for change and make a real difference. Most important, these teachers go beyond religious platitudes, and refuse to shy away from politically incorrect conclusions or ideas contrary to the pacifism so often associated with Buddhism. Includes a foreword by His Holiness, The Dalai Lama, taken from his Nobel Peace Prize Speech. The Buddhist Masters interviewed are: H.H. Kunzig Shamar Rinpoche, Ven. Tarthang Tulku Rinpoche, Geshe Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche, Geshe Michael Roach, Ajahn Amaro, Roshi Joan Halifax, Ven. Thubten Chodron, Christopher Titmuss, Tenzin Robert Thurman.

Shunryu Suzuki's Words of Wisdom

The Diamond Sutra is revered throughout Asia as one of the Buddha's most profound expressions of the nature of reality. A gem among the vast Perfection of Wisdom literature, the Diamond Sutra elicits an experience of eternal truth through its use of a seemingly paradoxical style, as the reader goes back and forth between "what is" and "what is not." Master Hsing Yun skillfully plumbs the depths of the Diamond Sutra, illuminating for us its power to change who we are and how we interpret our world.

The Wisdom of the Buddhist Masters

This book offers a complete translation of the Digha Nikaya, the long discourses of the Buddha, one of the major collections of texts in the Pali Canon, the authorized scriptures of Theravada Buddhism. This collection--among the oldest records of the historical Buddha's original teachings, given in India two and a half thousand years ago--consists of thirty-four longer-length suttas, or discourses, distinguished as such from the middle-length and shorter suttas of the other collections. These suttas reveal the gentleness, compassion, power, and penetrating wisdom of the Buddha. Included are teachings on mindfulness (Mahasatipatthana Sutta); on morality, concentration, and wisdom (Subha Sutta); on dependent origination (Mahanidrana Sutta); on the roots and causes of wrong views (Brahmajala Sutta); and a long description of the Buddha's last days and passing away (Mahaparinibbana Sutta); along with a wealth of practical advice and insight for all those travelling along the spiritual path. Venerable Sumedho Thera writes in his foreword: "[These suttas] are not meant to be 'sacred scriptures' that tell us what to believe. One should read them, listen to them, think about them, contemplate them, and investigate the present reality, the present experience, with them. Then, and only then, can one insightfully know the truth beyond words." Introduced with a vivid account of the Buddha's life and times and a short survey of his teachings, The Long Discourses of the Buddha brings us closer in every way to the wise and compassionate presence of Gotama Buddha and his path of truth.

Describing the Indescribable

A former abbot of one of the largest Tibetan Buddhist monasteries in the world, Khensur Jampa Tegchok has been teaching Westerners about Buddhism since the 1970s. With a deep respect for the intellectual capacity of his Western students, Khensur Tegchok here unpacks with great erudition Buddhism's animating philosophical principle--the emptiness of all appearances. Instead of commenting on a text or relying on a traditional framework, Insight into Emptiness uses accessible language specifically tailored to the Western mind. Engagingly edited by bestselling author Thubten Chodron, emptiness is here approached from a host of angles far beyond most treatments of the subject, while never sacrificing its conversational approach.

The Long Discourses of the Buddha

This text is best viewed in pdf format. Download this and other free original texts from my website: TenzinTharpa.com. Tibetan Buddhist Essentials is a complete guide to Tibetan Buddhism. A unique text series presenting an expansive modern view of Tibetan Buddhism for students of diverse backgrounds and sensibilities. It shares an authentic yet progressive presentation of Tibetan Buddhism in an easily accessible no-nonsense format.

Insight Into Emptiness

This book is a compilation of twenty-four life stories of the closest and most eminent of the Buddha's personal disciples.

Tibetan Buddhist Essentials: A Study Guide for the 21st Century

The first English translation of Mipham Rinpoche's commentary on the "wisdom" chapter of Shantideva's classic text, in which Mipham explains Madhyamaka philosophy from the perspective of the Dzogchen tradition of Tibetan Buddhism. Shantideva's guide to the training of a Bodhisattva is one of the most important and beloved texts in the Tibetan tradition. The ninth chapter, however, dealing with Madhyamaka, the Middle Way, the most profound wisdom view of Mahayana Buddhism, has always posed unique challenges to readers. This commentary by the great scholar Mipham Rinpoche presents in quite straightforward terms Shantideva's exposition of emptiness, the essential foundation of all Buddhist doctrine, demonstrating that it is not only compatible with, but in fact crucial to, the correct understanding of other important Buddhist teachings such as karma, rebirth, and the practice

of compassion. Mipham interprets Shantideva according to the view of the Nyingma school, which in some respects was at variance with the religiously and politically dominant interpretation of the text in Tibet at that time. As a result, his commentary stirred up a furious debate. With the addition of a critique of Mipham Rinpoche's view by a prominent scholar of the time, along with Mipham's response, that debate is beautifully captured in this volume.

Great Disciples of the Buddha

"Words of Wisdom captures some of the Dalai Lama's most sage and sensible thoughts on topics that range from global peace to the meaning of life and compassion."--from pub. description.

The Wisdom Chapter

Humans like to proclaim themselves the "kings of creation." In a body that is not yours, a mind that is not yours. A body whose architects are genes and a mind whose inhabitants are memes. The act of thinking for humans is to set their parasites in motion. And when the guest becomes transcendental and sits down to meditate, what he sees is how rich and varied the flora of memes that parasitize him has. See how they arise, how they run, how they incite him to do things, to say things, to transmit them ... And this is the king of creation? A sack of parasites? So ... How do you want human "knowledge" to give any important answers?

Words Of Wisdom

Daily Doses of Wisdom draws on the richness of Buddhist writings to offer a spiritual cornucopia that will illuminate and inspire day after day, year after year. Sources span a spectrum from ancient sages to modern teachers, from monks to laypeople, from East to West, from poetry to prose. Each page, and each new day, reveals another gem carefully selected from the entire list of titles published by Wisdom.

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Like the River Ganges flowing down from the Himalayas, the entire Buddhist tradition flows down to us from the teachings and deeds of the historical Buddha, who lived and taught in India during the fifth century B.C.E. To ensure that his legacy would survive the ravages of time, his direct disciples compiled records of the Buddha's teachings soon after his passing. In the Theravada Buddhist tradition, which prevails in Sri Lanka and Southeast Asia, these records are regarded as the definitive "word of the Buddha." Preserved in Pali, an ancient Indian language closely related to the language that the Buddha spoke, this full compilation of texts is known as the Pali Canon. At the heart of the Buddha's teaching were the suttas (Sanskrit sutras), his discourses and dialogues. If we want to find out what the Buddha himself actually said, these are the most ancient sources available to us. The suttas were compiled into collections called "Nikayas," of which there are four, each organized according to a different principle. The Digha Nikaya consists of longer discourses; the Majjhima Nikaya of middle-length discourses; the Samyutta Nikaya of thematically connected discourses; and the Anguttara Nikaya of numerically patterned discourses. The present volume, which continues Wisdom's famous Teachings of the Buddha series, contains a full translation of the Anguttara Nikaya. The Anguttara arranges the Buddha's discourses in accordance with a numerical scheme intended to promote retention and easy comprehension. In an age when writing was still in its infancy, this proved to be the most effective way to ensure that the disciples could grasp and replicate the structure of a teaching.

Daily Doses of Wisdom

This collection of excerpts selected from talks by Reverend Ming-An Chen, illuminates the mindsets and attitudes necessary to grow as a person and Buddhist practitioner. In his characteristically clear and straightforward manner, Reverend Chen encourages us to demand more of ourselves, view things with clarity and let go of our attachments. In doing so, we uncover the wisdom already within us to face everything in life.

The Numerical Discourses of the Buddha

Becoming Wise

