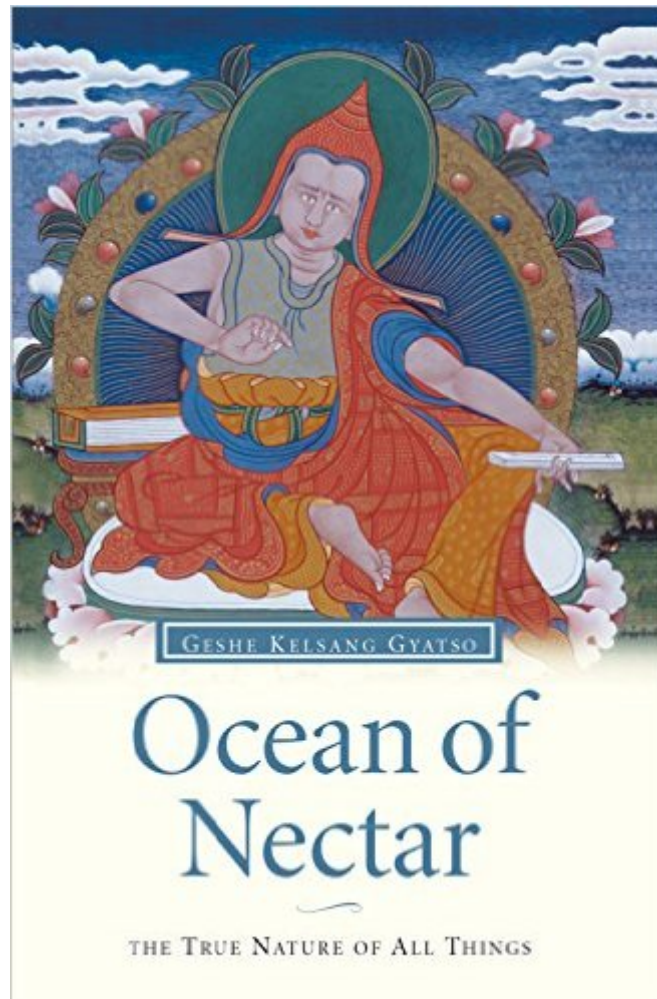


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"Ocean of Nectar" is the first complete commentary in English to Chandrakirti's classic "Guide to the Middle Way," one of the most important scriptures in Mahayana Buddhism and regarded to this day as the principal text on emptiness, the ultimate nature of reality. In this long-awaited major work Geshe Kelsang provides an entirely new translation of Chandrakirti's verse masterpiece and explains with outstanding clarity the philosophical reasoning establishing Buddha's most profound view of the middle way. In the course of the book he also charts the progress of a Mahayana practitioner from the initial cultivation of compassion through to the attainment of full enlightenment, providing an indispensable guide for the serious student of Mahayana Buddhism.

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With characteristic clarity and insight, the author has presented a very profound subject in an extremely straightforward way. This book provides a comprehensive explanation of the Bodhisattva's path to enlightenment. Guided by his own complete experience of the subject, Geshe Kelsang skillfully explains Buddha's ultimate intention, the subtle view of the "middle way" or Madhyamika. I feel it's difficult to read this book too many times. In a word, this book is deep ... very deep. "Ocean of Nectar" is a delight to study and learn from.

There is at least one reviewer who thinks this is a bit too sectarian in its approach. Who cares! The beauty of the broad availability of ancient and modern commentaries on the esoteric

Dharma-teachings is a great blessing. Those who have an intellect capable of understanding such deep concepts as set out by Chandakirti in the "Guide to the Middle Way" are quite capable of extracting the wheat from the chaff. There is enough wheat in this book to satisfy most enquiring Dharma-minds. The book is eminently readable and is a more than useful addition to a Dharma-library. Four and a half stars would be fairer, but at least this 5-rating balances another reviewer's 3 to some extent.

Geshe Kelsang Gyatso's *Ocean of Nectar*, is the first complete commentary in English to the famous Buddhist text, *Guide to the Middle Way* by Chandrakirti. *Guide to the Middle Way* is regarded to this day as the principal text on emptiness, the ultimate nature of reality. In Geshe Kelsang's completely new and authoritative translation of Chandrakirti's root text, he explains clearly and completely, the philosophical reasoning establishing Buddha's most profound view of the middle way, a term that means: anything that is free from the two extremes of existence and non-existence. These different reasonings are indispensable in improving our ability to cut the root of our ignorance and understand the selflessness of all phenomena. Not only does Geshe Kelsang provide the reader with a faultless presentation of the most profound view of emptiness, he also gives a clear explanation of the stages of the vast path. I recommend this book to the serious student interested in improving their knowledge, understanding, and experience of emptiness, the ultimate nature of reality. This is an advanced text on the subject of emptiness, so I would not recommend this to a beginner. For someone wanting to learn what emptiness is, I would recommend one of Geshe Kelsang's other books that include the subject such as *Transform Your Life*, or *Joyful Path to Good Fortune*. This book is the definitive guide to the ultimate nature of reality.

This profound book is like a great treasure chest full of definitive gems. It takes contemplation to understand and time to incorporate the concepts, but it is well worth the effort required. Why? The result is beneficial - a peaceful and happy mind and a loving and kind heart.

Excellent exposition of the different Buddhist schools and their approach to emptiness, yet easy to understand although the called root text is quite deep material. An enlightening reading, a profound writing, wonderful!

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