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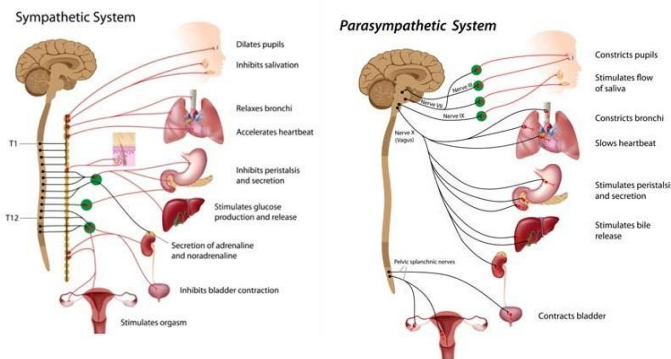
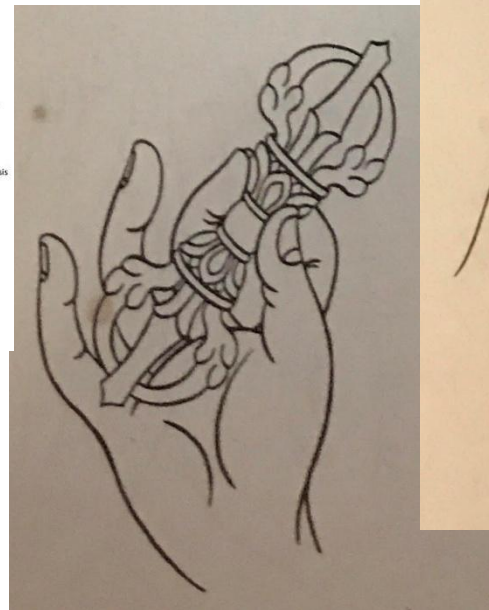




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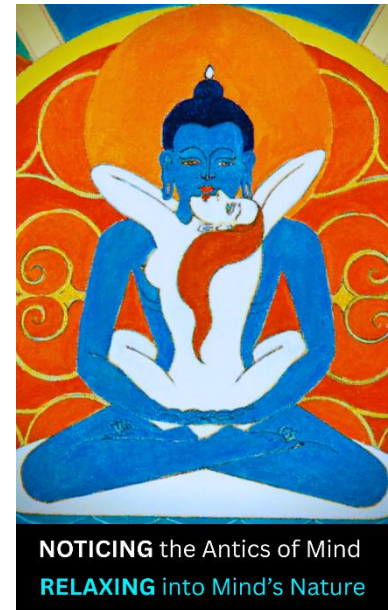
FIRST of fifty-five passages

This vast space of Diamond Mind,
*(the misunderstood archetype whose diamond and **bell***
*symbolize noticing and **reláxing**)*



(*is*) the **expanse** (*that like the archetype*)
ALL-good (*mother and father*
sporting in tantric union)

also is made ALL good
*by simply noticing and **relaxing***
*as implied by) the (term **Dhar-ma** Dha-tu*
*or) field of **reality**,*



(*whích*) is an ALL-releasing
and **pure** modality,

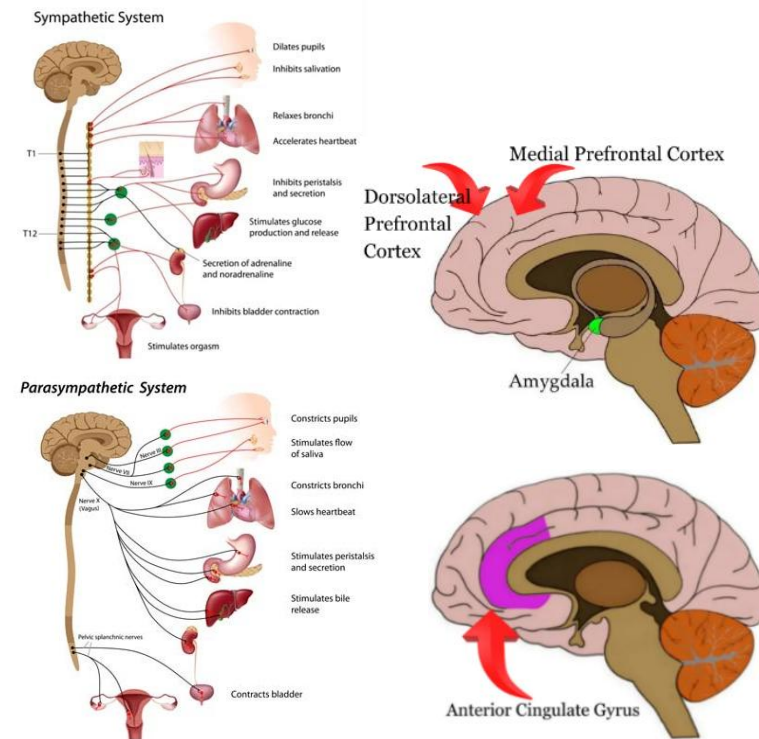
- úncreated,
- unceasing, and
- unthínking. Λ



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SECOND of fifty-five passages
(The highest) loving-kindness
(which is spontaneous and uncontrived)

is already (made) complete
(through the authentic practice
of mindfulness and meditation),



só compassion
(*need*) NOT
be (*actively*) púrsued;

súpremely vast (*or noticeable*)
and deep (*or releasáble*),

NÓ quality (*tangibly*) exists
to acclaim (*ór praise*). Λ



THIRD of fifty-five passages

(Á//) intentions

unstirring from their own **nature**,
through **NON-action** are **réleased**

ánd (*in a beneficial chain reaction*)
activate (*further*) **rélease**,

únseeking
spontaneous awáreness,

líberating,
reveals the modality (*or path*)
of **rélease.** Λ

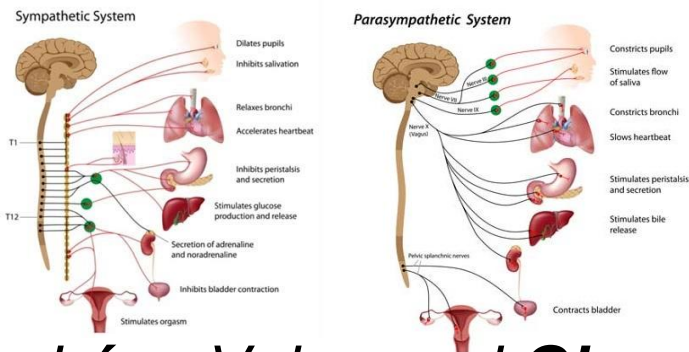
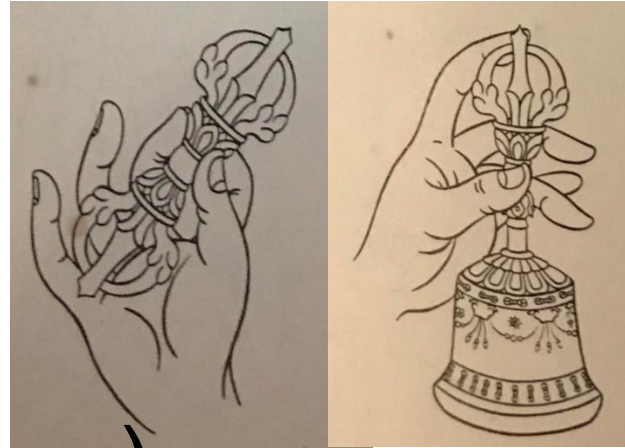


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FOURTH of fifty-five passages

Váj-ra Sat-tva

(the misunderstood *árchetype*)



whose Vaj-ra and **Ghan-ta** symbolize noticing and *reláxing*)



(*which are as*) *naturally* present
in **ALL** (*sentiént*) beings
(*as are*) the great éléments;

éven though false notions
obséss us,

rélease is *spontaneous*...

but only in (*the watching and **resting***
symbolized by) *his* (*Vaj-ra* and ***Ghán-ta***).



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FIFTH of fifty-five passages

Éxalted pristine awareness,
so elusive (*to those entrenched in yang*),

could be accomplished
through (*yin's*) **means** and **insight**;

although these appear
as supported extraneous **fíction**,

réal pleasure arises
ONLY spontaneously. _Λ_



SIXTH of fifty-five passages

Thé sublime (*understanding*
of the) magical **illusion**-(*like nature of reality*)
is easy **tó** find:

through a subtle **understanding**
of (*the*) actualíty,

of ALL potential and
potency,

it instantly
emerges by itself. _Λ_



SEVENTH of fifty-five passages

Thé (*understanding of
the*) **invisible nature
of reality**

**fills the mind
when (*active*) searching stops;**

stréssing about
the what and the whérefore

ínhibits its
spontaneous arísing. _Λ_



EIGHTH of fifty-five passages

**This hermetically
sealed reality**

**cánnot be transmitted
(*from mouth*) **tó** ear,**

thé tongue does NOT have
the power
to express a bit óf it. _Λ_



NINTH of fifty-five passages

Thé stress of beings

is (*as **NON**-graspable*

*as the **emptiness of ultimate**) Bo-dhi-chít-ta,*

ánd (*from the*) **fully awakened** (*point of view*),

is (*as inconsequential as*)

a song and dance (*of an actor upon á stage*);

(*ás*) **unstirring** (*and*) **unmovable**,
as infinite space,

(*fór*) suffering (*and delight*
as emotion are) **sámeness**.

Λ



TENTH of fifty-five passages

(Our superstitious and controlling)
tend(*encies*) to interpret
(mere) correlátion

ás “Kar-mic” (*or causal in*)
relatió^ónship;

ínasmuch as (*such so-called*) “Kar-ma”
(*seems to fearfully*) **hóld** sway,

(*trúly*) *spontaneous* awareness
is **lacking**. **_Λ_**



ELEVENTH of fifty-five passages

**Thé sole cause,
the only condítion,**

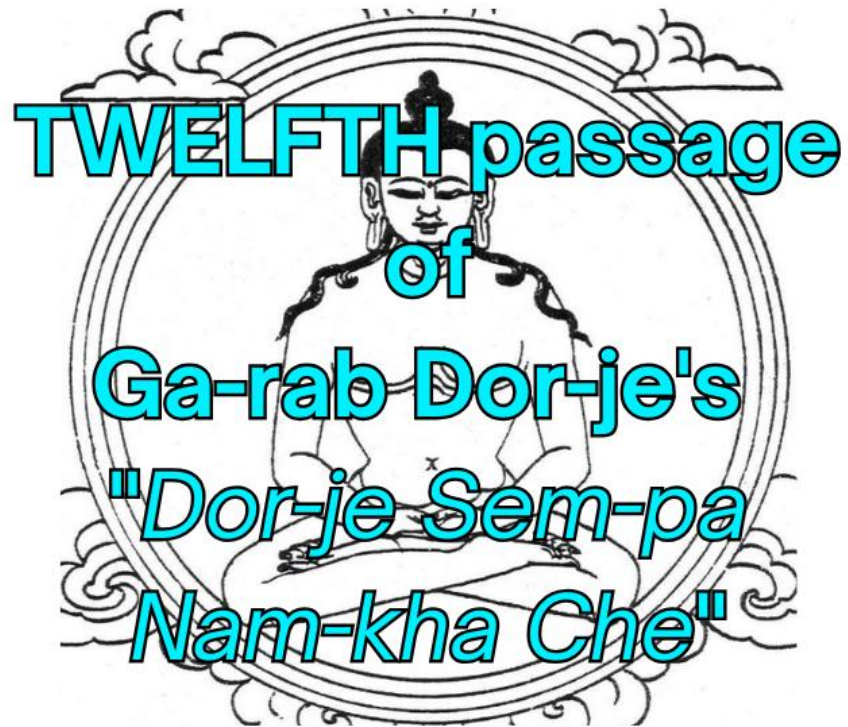
ís

- **birth-less,**
- **change-less,**
- **and déath-less;**

this time-less primordial
pure **essence** of mind,

spéculative thought-forms
cannot affect
(*this*) basic **spacioúsness**.

Λ



TWELVTH of fifty-five passages

Méditation

in its finést form

is NON-reflective
in its very *náture*;

ás unreflected,
unaltered experience,

prístine awareness
(*ironically*) arises in **thought itself. Λ**



THIRTEENTH of fifty-five passages

Sóme identify luminous mind
as a subtlé door:

séeking a way
to (*actively*) isoláte it,

théy (*actively*) focus on
the **voidness** of the mindstream...

(*ironically*) if it is (*so*) contrived
it is (*merely*

a) conceptual (*analog of*) meditátion.

Λ



FOURTEENTH of fifty-five passages

**Sóme believe that by
designating cause and éffect,**

**bóth virtue and vice
are clearly défined**

and the mundane world
is transcended;

(*however so-called*) moral discrimination
is (*duality's*) supreme presumption

*(fár better it is to simply flow
from love's deeply centered spontaneíty*

*thát is effortlessly generated
from passively watching and **resting**).*



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FIFTEENTH of fifty-five passages

Thé words

- “attachment” and
- “detachment,”

ás in the middle way,
are (*as non-graspable as an*) écho,

and pleasure and pain
are (*both mere sensations*
and as such are) **basically the same.**

(*Thús*) the lord of beings,
Dor-je Sem-pa, *téaches*



(*throúgh* the example of his Dor-je and Dril-bo
symbolizing watching and *résting*).

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SIXTEENTH of fifty-five passages

Váj-ra Sat-tva(*'s iconography*) *infers:*

- desire,
- *dread*, and
- *delú*sion

álsó occur

in *this* **luminous** mind *práctice*;

and the five sensuous pleasures
 (of sights, sounds, sensations, flavors, and scents)

ornament the (varied) spaciousness
 that is the field (or basis) of (this)
practice (of watching and *resting*). _Λ_



SEVENTEENTH of fifty-five passages

**(Ás) Space & the concept of space
are both birthless,**

likewise the concept itself
is just (*empty*) **like space;**

in the ***non-graspability***
of dedicatéd **space**,

últimate self-validating **space**
emérge. **_Λ_**



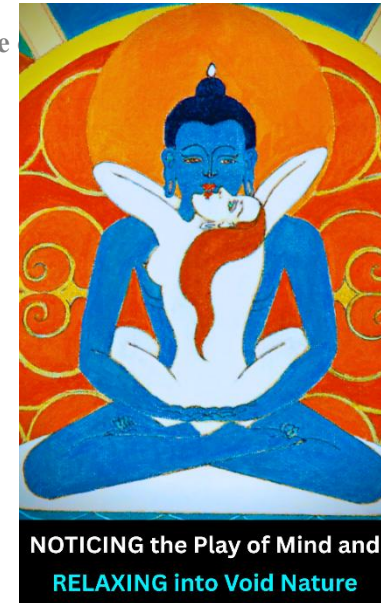
The Folly of Anu-yoga or Thikle's Energy-work

EIGHTEENTH (and 19th – 20th) of fifty-five passages

**Únthought sameness,
púre being,**

**líke the moon's reflection in water
cannot bé grasped;**

in the ALL-good display
of Sa-man-ta-bhá-dra,



(*yét*) it is (*foolishly thought to be*) revealed
by the ulterior (*or hidden*)
vowels and consonants (of energy work). _Λ_

(18th and) **NINETEENTH** (and 20th) of fifty-five passages

*Lí*ke the (navel's Tummo)
 adorning **Ta** (or *Ah*),
 the (crown's Lama Khyenno) **Pay** (ór *Om*),

ánd, *like* the (chest's Lama Naljor) **Ah** (or *Hoong*)
 and *their* complex elaborátions,

*lí*ke the field of experience
of *this* finíte world,

úterior (*or secret*)
buddha speech emerges
(*or so it is foolishly taught*). _Λ_

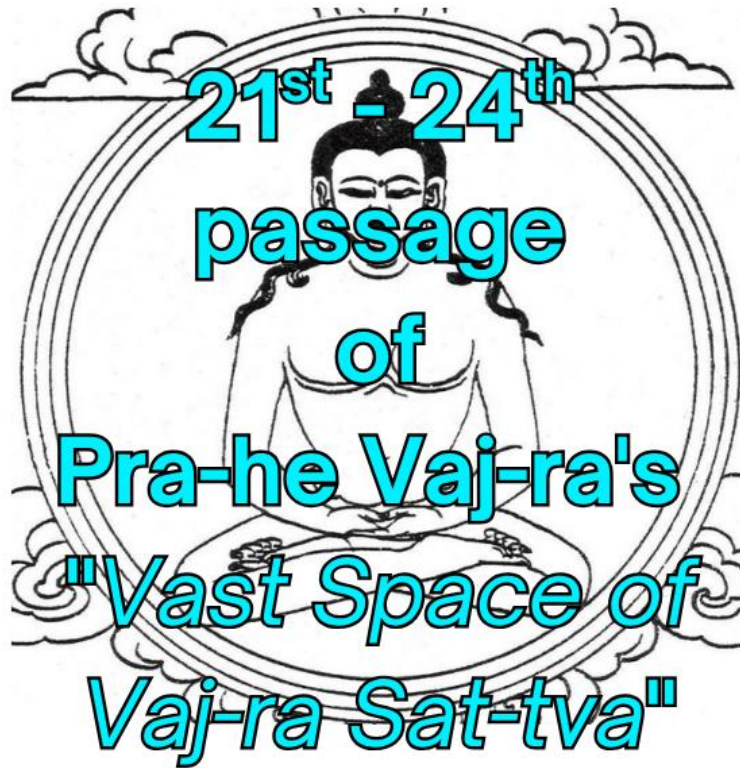
(18th – 19th and) TWENTIETH of fifty-five passages

NÓ! The field
of (a) buddha('s *empty*) experíence

cánnot be found
by (*actively*) seeking and stríving;

as sixfold sensory experience
provides **NO** (*graspable*) **ó**bject,

tó (*actively*) **seek** it
is (*to be*) like a blind man
(*váinly*) reaching for **thé** sky. **_Λ_**



The Folly of Ngöndro's Preliminary Practices

Twenty-FIRST of fifty-five passages

Thát (*so called*) path of purity
(*claiming to*) reach from height **tó** height,

is **at odds**
with this free-form (*spontaneous*)
modality (*of práctice*);

jóúrneýing
on this path**léss** path,

thére is **NO** destination,
as *with* bound**léss** **space**. Λ

Twenty-SECOND of fifty-five passages

Bécause things are *complete*
just as **thé**y are,

ín *this* moment of revelation
lies *this* att**á**inment;

thé essence of luminous mind
is the universál source,

ánd the entire reality
is pure and simplé... yes! _Λ_

Twenty-THIRD of fifty-five passages

**What was before
and what is now**

**ś (empty) suchness
is the same intrinsic (or natural)
vástness;**

súch is
the buddha modality (*or práctice*)

fór (*empty*) suchness
is its **nature**. **_Λ_**

Twenty-FOURTH of fifty-five passages

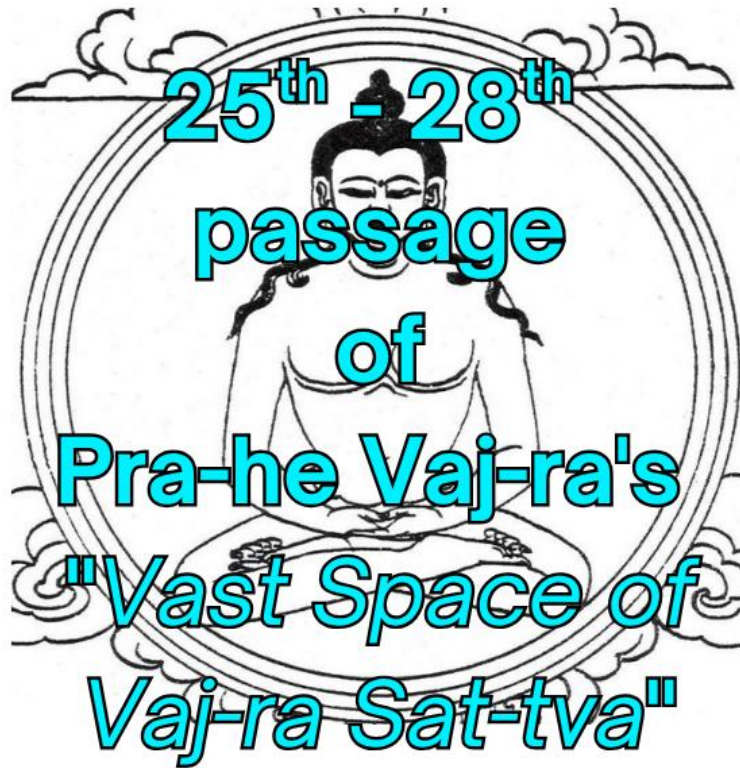
So, the here and now
is the whole process,

like the moon
and its **reflection** at one;

yet being
entirely the **same**,

it cannot be seen
by a **selective** focus.

—Λ—



The Folly of Past Present and Planning

Twenty-FIFTH of fifty-five passages

Présent pleasure
and **future** pléasure

áre direct perception
and its **sháadow**:

súch conceptual calculation
is a mistake...
do NOT trúst it. _Λ_

Twenty-SIXTH of fifty-five passages

Pást, present, and future

are **one** (*in their emptiness*),
without distíinction,

thé past *un*born,
the future *ún*born;

émbraced by **pure** being,
ALL is **one**,

nátural,
an **exalted** vástness. Λ

Twenty-SEVENTH of fifty-five passages

With **timeless** involvement
in the threefold universe,

ideas appear
as delusory **enchántment**;

éven the seat
of *a (real or imagined)* universal empéror

ís (*merely*) a place conditioned
by **illú**sion. _Λ_

Twenty-EIGHTH of fifty-five passages

Those whose lives
are slaves of (*conventional*) time

never see
an immediate outcome;

if activity is fraught
with (*the duality of*) hope (*and fear*),

it can only be (*as NON-graspable as
a sky-like: vast,*) “**empty**” (*void*). **_Λ_**

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Twenty-NINETH of fifty-five passages

Útterly free of image-*(like preconceptions)*,
ás one,

thé yogi is like
the *(non-graspable)* imprint
of a bird *on* thé sky;

in the

- unstructured,

- unborn

essence,

where is any vaunted (*or prestigious*)
sign of *their* passage? _Λ_



The Folly of Contrived Jhana or Trance

THIRTIETH (and 31st – 33rd) of fifty-five passages

Ínn^{er} and out^{er} are **one**,
the inn^{er} (*represents*) the out^{er} **í**tself,

só there are NO
hidden depths to discover
(*thurough the folly of contrived Jhana ór trance*);

únder the *tyranny*
of *this* fictive world (*of illúSIONs*),

(*thé contrived analog of*) Sa-ma-dhi
lacks (*the effortless experience*
of) ultimate sámeness. _Λ_

(30th and) Thirty-FIRST (and 32nd – 33rd) of fifty-five passages

Ánd again about
(contrived distinctions of) “outer” and “inner...”

thé body-mind in an
undifferentiated space *(of saméness)*

pást, present, and future
inseparable within it,

ÁLL such designations
are redúndant. _Λ_



(30th – 31st and) *Thirty-SECOND of fifty-five passages*

Thé immovable (*or empty*)
is the seal of **púre being**,

thé imperturbable (*or empty*)
is (*a fruit of*) **pristine awáreness**;

appropriating (or *reaching* for) nothing
(*as if*) there is NÓ self,

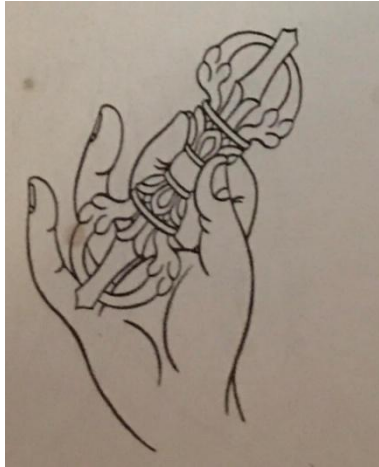
réjecting nothing,
(*due to*) unutterable sámeness. _Λ_

(30th – 32nd and) Thirty-THIRD of fifty-five passages

Thé what, who, and where...
(*of*) our psychic modes and behavior
occur in **luminóús** mind;

bút of any distinction
between male and **fémale**,

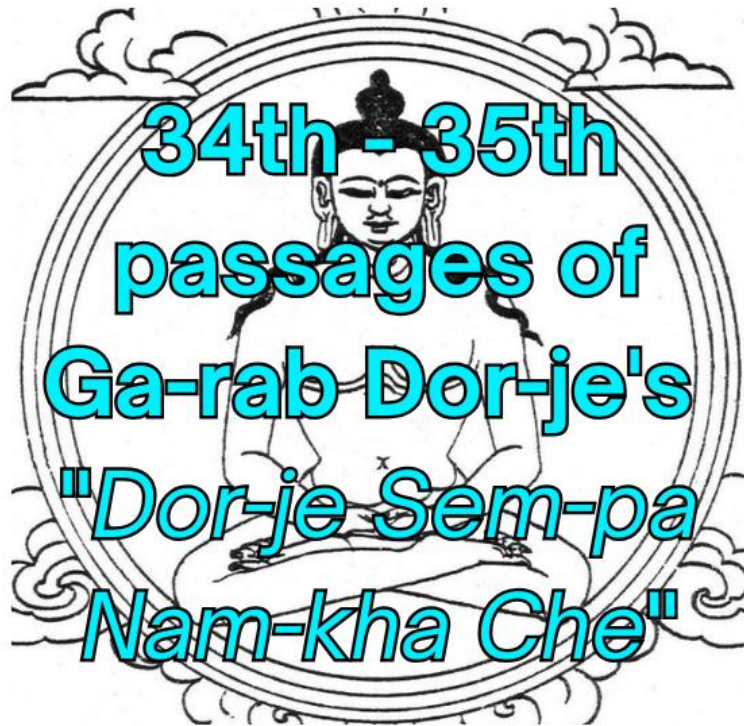
thé Lord of Sameness,
has nothing tó say



(*throúgh* the example of his diamond and bell
symbolizing watching and **résting**).

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The Folly of the Energy-work known as Anu-yoga and Tikle

Thirty-FOURTH (and 35th) of fifty-five passages

Rénunciation and fierce asceticism

próvide **NO**
definitive ánsver;



bút endowed with

- the (*Crown's Lama Khyenno of*) Pay and
- the (*Chest's Lama Naljor of*) Ah

(*only*) the (*vain*) pleasure
of **deluding enchantment**(s)
is énsured. _Λ_



(34th and) *Thirty-FIFTH* of fifty-five passages

Dúe to the (*visceral*) indeterminacy
of óneness,

hówever it is perceived
so it áppears:

thé pleasure coveted
in appearánces,

ís a heavy,
obscuríng veil. _Λ_



The Folly of the Active Visualizations of Maha-yoga and Tokal

Thirty-SIXTH (and 37th) of fifty-five passages

Thát method of tantric
luminous mind practice (*or concentrátion*)

réquires (*contrived, active*) visualization
of divine **attíre**;

(bút) like the moon's
reflection in wáter

(ít) produces (*merely an analog*);

- (*of mindfulness'*) naked (*awareness*) and
- (*emptiness'*) detáachment...

bút *that concentration*
is (*as useless*)

ás (*the folly of children*)
building castles (*ó**f*) sand. **_Λ_**

(36th and) *Thirty-SEVENTH* of fifty-five passages

(*Éven if one*) identifies with the body
of (a) Ma-ha-kru-dha (*wrathful árchetype*)

ín his Man-da-la

(universe, paradise, pure land or Vá-ti)

óf wrathful attributes,

(through the folly of active visualizátion)

(*ór*) even if (*the*) seed syllable
is actualized

(*through concentration's folly of energý-work*),

Nírvana itself
cannot be *experienced* diréctly. _Λ_



The Folly of Ritual and Psychological Asceticism

Thirty-EIGHTH (and 39th) of fifty-five passages

*Lí*ke lopping off the top of *a* tree,
or by incinerating *á* seed,

(*fróm*) under the sway of (*strong*) emotion,
its tyranny *can* be avoided:

(*or*) so it is (*foolishlý*) **taught**. _Λ_

(38th and) *Thirty-NINTH of fifty-five passages*

Éach of *those*
hundred thousand **té**chniques

béars a
correspondíng fruit,

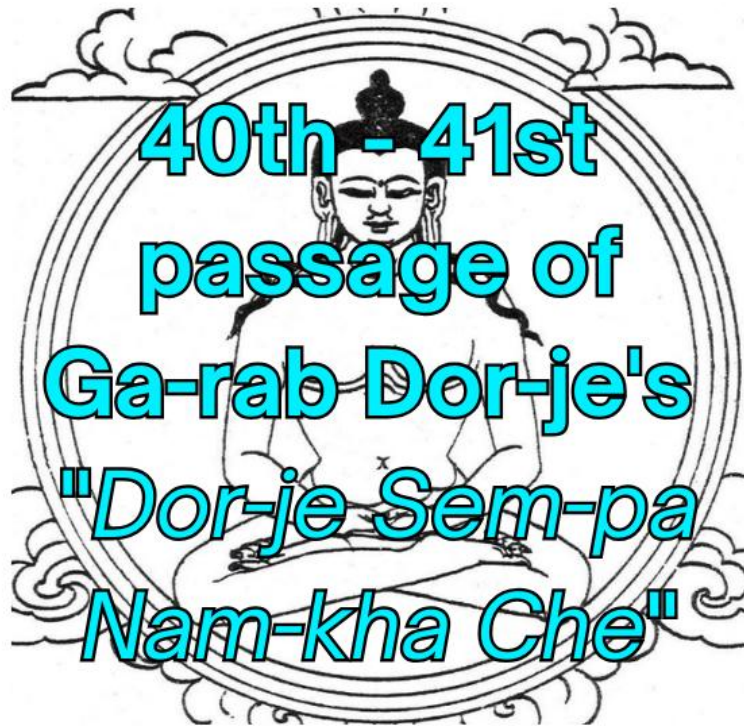
bút

- **unmarked,**
- **signless,**
- *(great) complétion*

hás **NO** particular abode

*(and this path is NOT one of being
rigid, fearful, superstitious, controlling,
elitist, cryptic, competitive, ór cruel).*

Λ



FORTIETH of fifty-five passages

Présent here with a mind
 silent (*of active analysis*),
 the yogi is fortunate **indeed**;

(*with*) self and other **indistinguishable**,
 he revels in the arena
 of enchanted spontaneity. **_Λ_**

Forty-FIRST of fifty-five passages

- **Tó**tally complete,
- **ALL** inclú
- **Ú**nchanging,
- it is simplý being;

and like unbounded
space,

réality is (*ultimately*)
contingent upon nóthing. _Λ_ _Λ_

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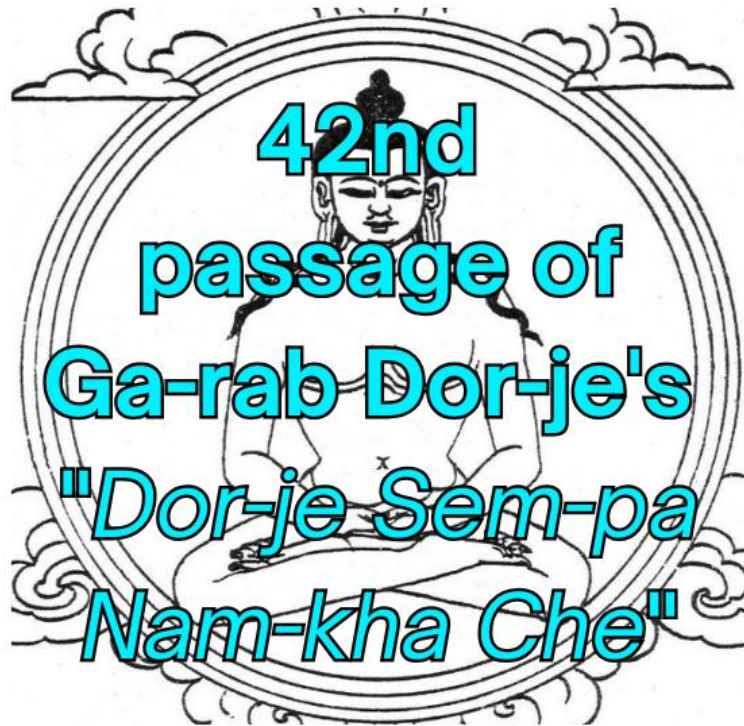
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Forty-SECOND of fifty-five passages

Púre pleasure arises

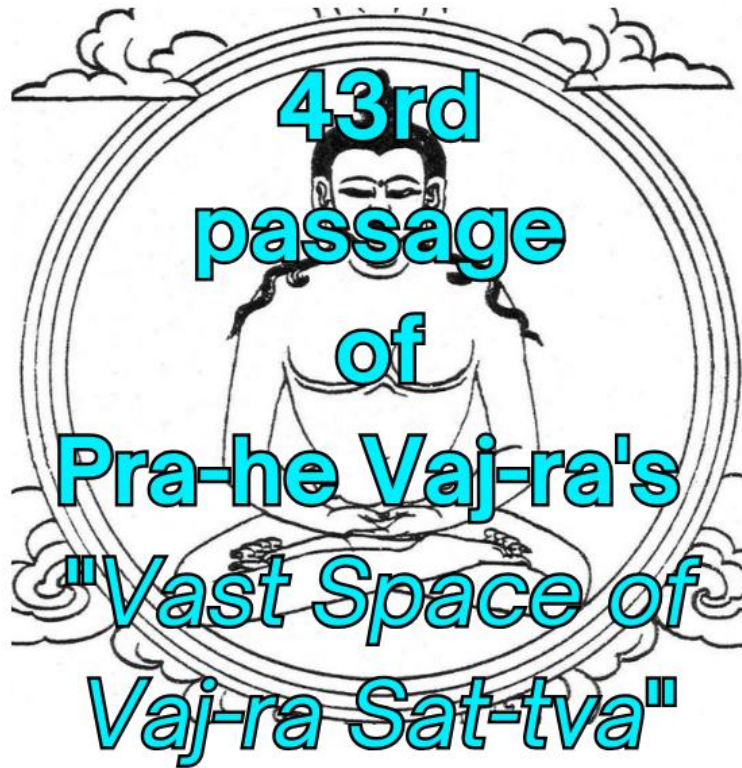
- spontaneously,
- solely, and
- exclusively

ás (*the*) **pristine awareness**

(*of Ati-yoga's NOTICING of mind's antics and
RELAXING into mind's non-graspable *náture**);

in the *power* of **pure presence**
(*that is Dzokchen's noticing and **relaxing***
into) **reality**

(*thát*) **cannot**
be (*found*) **anywhére else.** ^



Forty-THIRD of fifty-five passages

*(Hów could Mahasandhi's noticing mind's antics
and **relaxing** into its non-graspable nature
be both) easy AND difficult(?)*

(Ít is) difficult

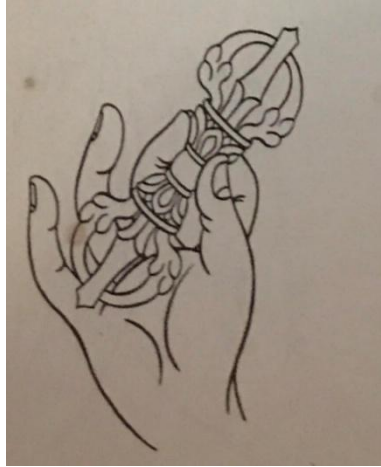
(to those ensnared bý their...

*rigid, fearful, superstitious, controlling
and elitist, tendencies)*
because (*it is*) so éasy,

(*thé*) luminous mind
(*of Trekchö's awareness and release*)
is invisible and ALL pervásive;

it cannot be pointed out
bý name...

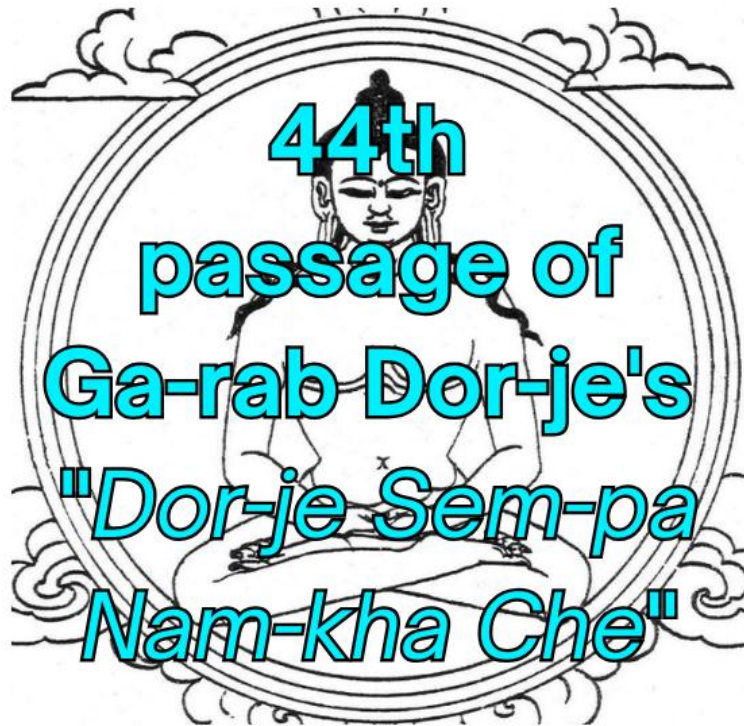
it **cannot** even (*be*) shown
(*by the mythical*) **Vajrasáttva**



(**BÚT** only by his Vaj-ra and **Ghan-ta**'s
examples of noticing and **reláxing**).

— **Λ** —





Forty-FOURTH of fifty-five passages

**This marvelous,
miraculous (like) display,**

(of AWÁRENESS:

- *vúlnerable,*
- *passive,*
- *visceral,*
- *random, and*
- *fléeting)*

úndirected,
(*and*) free-form, líke **space**,

árises momentarily,
spontaneoúsly,

éven out of amorphous
bewildérment. _Λ_



Forty-FIFTH of fifty-five passages

**This is the
ALL-inclusive modality** (*of Ati-yóga's*

*áwareness of mind's antics and
release into its **non-graspable** náture)*

*(thát is the effortless function
of the autonomic nervous sýstem*

*whích is) naturally present
in ALL (*sentiént*) beings;*

in *this* dust storm
of blighting delúsion

wé call for medicine (*as if from afar*)
although mind's (*very*) **nature**
(*to effortlessly notice and **relax***) is **thé cure.** ^

Forty-SIXTH of fifty-five passages

Ín *this* field of **ordinary** experience
lies pure (*subtle*) pléasure,

ítself the **pristine purity**
of mundane exístence;

ín every (*inhalation's*) awareness
finite light(*-like perceptions*) **coálesce**

ánd (*with every exhalation's relaxation*)
boundless **space** is *révealed*. Λ

Forty-SEVENTH of fifty-five passages

Óut of (*our inhalation's*) nebulous
rainbow líght-(*like*

*é*xperience of dread, desire, delusion,
competition, and cÓnceit)

thé (*five buddha*) families'-(*like*)
distinctive qualities (*of*

- *mírror-like wisdom,*
- *discriminating wisdom,*
- *pervasive wísdom,*
- *ÁLL-accomplishing-wisdom, and*
- *equalizing wisdom*)

appear (*as we relax into our exhalátion*);

líkewise, (*just*) *like* particles
vibrating (*yet*) unmoving,
(*like horses chomping at thé bit*)

lórd (*Vajrasattva the archetype
of simply noticing and reláxing*)

générates the
(*loving and deeply centered spontaneous nature*
as common as our) **five éléments.** **_Λ_**

Forty-EIGHTH of fifty-five passages

Lábels *such* (*as*)

- “past,”
- “present,” and
- “future...”

are redúndant;

(*fór viscerally*) comprehending *the*

- unborn and
- uncéasing

ís to know

the sublime **unity** óf time. Λ

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Forty-NINTH (and 50th – 54th) of fifty-five passages

In sameness,
(*magick's*) temporal creation
is impossible;

in oneness,
dedication of space is superfluous.

Thé *naturally occurring*
offerings (*of*) *adoration*
 (*to a teacher or árchetype*),

(*dúalistically*) *defy* (*the*) *improvement(s)*
 (*that*) *come from* (*passively cooperating with*)
natural **perféction.** Λ

(49th and) *FIFTIETH* (through 54th) of fifty-five passages

(*Thé*) **spontaneity** *preventing*
any (*contrived*) dedication of the **offering**,
(*is*) **naturallý** pure,

thé universe

(*thought of*) **as** (*a spontaneous*) offering
is already ambrosia(*líke-bliss*);

á specific sense
and its conscioúsness,

áre indivisible in (*Ati-yoga's*
noticing and *relaxing* which) are
the highest Sa-má-dhi.

Λ

(49th – 50th and) *Fifty-FIRST* (and 52nd – 54th) of fifty-five passages

Óur intending intellect
is the gíver,

á and the (*spontaneous*) arrangement
(*of*) natural (*offerings*)
lies in the power of awareness' gaze;

thé Sid-dhi (*powers*)
natural to clear séeing

áre (*the fruit of noticing and **relaxing's***)
complete meditative báalance. Λ

(49th – 51st and) **Fifty-SECOND** (and 53rd – 54th) of fifty-five passages

Á flash of awareness

is (*Kuntuzangpo Yab Yum's tantric*) **ú**nion,

ánd blissful satisfaction

is the commitment

(*of Sa-ma-ya's tantríc vows*);

in the dance of (*love's
deeply centered, spontaneous*) skillfúl means,

NÓN-dual union (*of noticing and **relaxing***)
is the (*ultimate*) offéring. _Λ_

49th – 52nd and) *Fifty-THIRD* (and 54th) of fifty-five passages

Détached (*spontaneous*) **generosity**
is the Tor-ma (*formal grain offering*),

and NON-action

(*of love's deeply centered spontaneity*)

instantly consummates (*all*) **ritual**;

úncontrived, (the) pristine awareness
*(which is simply noticing and **relaxing**)*
dissolves obstacles,

áand unspoken meditative *balance*
is the **hymn** (*or **mantra***) **óf praise.** **_Λ_**

(49th – 53rd and) *Fifty-FOURTH* of fifty-five passages

- **Vénération** of the Lama,
- **generosity**, and
- **ALL** such (*so called*)
meritorious activity

bécome a serious bind
when enacted wíthout

(áwareness and **release**'s) imperturbable
detachment (*of spontaneíty*). _Λ_

Fifty-FIFTH of fifty-five passages

Cóncerning THIS very
transmíssion...

íf it is *contrived*
it becomes *an (obscuring)* veil;

if (*fearfully and controllingly*) conceptualized,
its reality
can never be áchieved. _Λ_ _Λ_