

“The 37 Wondrous Accounts of Lord Jigten Sumgön” by Rase Konchok Gyatso

Ratnashri Meditation Center, Sweden has recently translated and published this book which summarizes the wondrous accounts of Lord Jigten Sumgön. (123 pages with 44 illustrations)

“The thirty-seven wondrous accounts of Lord Jigten Sumgön” have been talked about for a long time, but up to now, I have not actually seen a text that directly points out what those thirty-seven wondrous biographical accounts are.... I, who have the Dharma name Rase Konchok Gyatso, composed this...in the Buddhist calendar year 2542 (1999 C.E.). May all be auspicious!
—Rase Konchok Gyatso

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*Afflicted by the earth-owner disease,
Countless tormented sentient beings
Were healed merely through dependent arising, thus
He was renowned as “the Instant Expeller.”
How wondrous!*

Teaching:

The “earth-owners” are the dragons that live underground, and “earth-owner disease” or “dragon disease” refers to leprosy. While Jigten Sumgön practiced in Echung Cave, he contracted leprosy. Since he clearly realized dependent arising, he was able to cure his disease without taking medicine by combining the outer and inner dependent arisings. Not only did he cure his own disease, since there was a dire need for leprosy treatment, Jigten Sumgön gathered many lepers around him, and he personally visited the homes of those who were seriously ill. He taught them how—mainly through visualization combined with the practice of prana (breath or qi)—to thoroughly get rid of leprosy. As he used his mastery of dependent arising to completely eradicate leprosy, Jigten Sumgön’s reputation grew. People called him “the One who Instantly Expels Leprosy.” This was one of Jigten Sumgön’s eight epithets. Jigten Sumgön was not a physician, but he could eliminate serious illnesses through reliance on dependent arising, and in this, no one could match him. This is the ninth wondrous account.

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Foreword

It was a great pleasure to know that Mrs. Zabrina Leung the Drikung Sangha of the Ratnashri Meditation Centre, Sweden has come up with the translation of "The Thirty-Seven Wondrous Accounts of Lord Jigten Sumgon", composed by most Ven. Rase Konchok Gyatso Rinpoche, Lord Jigten Sumgon was the founder of the Drikung Kagyu Lineage and in this book it shows about the wonderful activities and the deeds of his life. It gives a complete idea of his wonderful life story and activities.

We are all fortunate to have this book translated into english and believe it will benefit many english reading people. I wish with thP. merit\$ of this book, may the seed of Buddha-hood will be sown in the hearts of all sentient beings.

With my prayers,

Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang
The Head of Drikung Kagyu Lineage of Tibetan Buddhism

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