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approach, looking to all sources of wisdom, especially directly reading the Indian texts, all with impartiality and respect. The translator, who has argued elsewhere for an other-emptiness approach, does not use the occasion of his translations as opportunities for hidden polemics of his own views. Instead, he fairly and in a masterful way translates these foundational texts of the tradition in a way that allows for a multiplicity of interpretation. Having myself studied in one of the Tibetan Buddhist systems which does not accept other-emptiness as the correct view, I appreciate greatly what Mr. Brunnholzl has done here and applaud his ability to separate his own interpretation of the meaning from the translation of the words of these illuminating wisdom texts. I know that this is often no easy task. In so doing, he has perhaps been more persuasive for his view than reading any of his polemics have been. He clearly has a mastery of the material at hand, and the extent of his learning as is evident in these translations does boggle, yet inspire, my mind. The author does an amazing job including texts from so many of the lineage masters of the Nalanda tradition, including its continuation on the Tibetan plateau. I have to admit greedily awaiting his translation of the entirety of the Mahayanasagraha, so I hope that comes soon! His translation of the Treatise on the Three Natures was on point to be sure, and his analysis in the introduction to that section reveals a great deal of the subtlety and literary sophistication of its author, Vasubandhu, that sometimes seems to be lost in translation. The selections from Kambala were amazing, and made me ashamed of my previously complete ignorance of this great master. This book is truly a wish-fulfilling gem offered to the world of English speakers. Buy it, read it often, and let the suffering of self-grasping dissolve into the wisdom of the dharmadhatu!

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By A. Walsh

Buddhism has a wonderful tradition of enlightened teachers writing a short poem to sum up their experience. In the Zen tradition the enlightenment poem might be 4 lines, but in the Tibetan tradition it's generally a few pages to elucidate more teaching. This amazing collection gathers 500 pages of these pith teachings from the Indian/Tibetan tradition, along with a bit of commentary, some explanation and copious notes. Reading it is a priceless experience. Thanks to Karl Brunnholzl for the work of bringing it to us.

Straight from the Heart brings together an inspiring collection of Buddhist teachings, songs of realization, meditation instructions, and enlightened poetry all chosen for their power to speak directly to the student. Drawn from Indian Mahayana and Vajrayana Buddhism as well as from all four schools of Tibetan Buddhism, some will impress with their beautiful poetry and powerful imagery, others with their profound power of instruction. Still others share personal advice for life that seems to come directly from the mouth of the author, and some serve as immediate and profound practice instructions. Several are just delightfully unconventional, even outrageous, letting in fresh air on petrified views or musty traditions. Most of them are simply unknown precious gems, which deserve a wider audience. Each of the works is preceded by a brief introduction and a short biography of its author. Many of these are legendary accounts of supernatural feats, edifying examples for students on the same spiritual path meant to expand their limited outlook with mind-blowing stories. Miraculous deeds, magnificent songs, and pithy instructions distinguish this collection assembled by the Buddhist scholar and translator Karl Brunnholzl, whose years of work among dharma texts and his skill as a translator yield a rich mine of teachings all chosen for their ability to speak directly to the heart.

"Essential teachings. . . The deepest insights are presented here straight from the heart. I consider this a great contribution to the study of Buddhism." Ringu Tulku

"Straight from the Heart is a priceless garland of Mahayana and Vajrayana literary gems that were previously difficult to locate. . . Beautifully translated. . . All communicate the singular power and beauty of the Dharma and undoubtedly will awaken or deepen faith in the reader as well as instruct and delight. . . Brunnholzl's thoroughness in presenting these rare and inspiring materials can be gauged from the fact that the book contains well over one thousand footnotes furnishing further details both for the general reader and scholars. Straight from the Heart has an almost magical quality; it makes one feel as though one were sitting in the presence of all those wonderful masters." Georg Feuerstein, PhD

"In the preface to Straight from the Heart: Buddhist Pith Instructions the translator Karl Brunnholzl aptly compares his new anthology to a box of fine chocolates. There is a tremendous variety within the collection, and as with chocolates these unique and rich poems, songs, and pithy treatises are best appreciated one or two at a time. . . For readers who enjoy a book that may be repeatedly dipped into for inspiration, Straight from the Heart is a very deep well indeed. Brunnholzl strives for a balance of precision and clarity in his translations that make these esoteric instructions more accessible, and his commentaries contextualize the verses just enough without burying them in too much explanation." Buddhadharma: The Practitioner's Quarterly

"Straight from the Heart: Buddhist Pith Instructions is an exciting new collection of poetry, songs, meditation, instructions, and philosophical works by Indian and Tibetan Buddhist masters, much of which has previously been unavailable in Western languages. The eminently capable translator Karl Brunnholzl has made his selections from the writings of such famous teachers as Nagarjuna Asanga and the Karmapas of Tibet as well as from those of lesser known teachers. Each selection is prefaced by an introduction and a biographical sketch of its author and is copiously annotated. The result is a compendium of profound and witty writings that will delight, inform, and inspire all who are interested in the Buddhist spiritual path." Elizabeth Callahan, editor and translator of The Treasury of Knowledge, Book Six, Part Three: Frameworks of Buddhist Philosophy

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Profound and witty writings that speak straight to the heart."The Middle WayFrom the Back CoverStraight from the Heart brings together an inspiring collection of poems, songs of realization, meditation instructions, and philosophical treatises all chosen for their power to speak directly to the student. Drawn from Indian Mahayana and Vajrayana Buddhism, as well as from all four schools of Tibetan Buddhism, some will impress with their beautiful poetry and powerful imagery; others with their profound power of instruction. Still others share personal advice for life that seems to come directly from the mouth of the author, and some serve as immediate and profound practice instructions. Several are just delightfully unconventional, even outrageous, letting in fresh air on petrified views or musty traditions. Each of the works is preceded by a brief introduction and a short biography of its author. Many of these are legendary accounts of supernatural feats, edifying examples for students on the same spiritual path meant to expand their limited outlook with mind-blowing stories.About the AuthorKarl Brunnhlzl, MD, was trained as a physician and also studied Tibetology. He received his systematic training in Tibetan language and Buddhist philosophy and practice at the Marpa Institute for Translators, founded by Khenpo Tsultrim Gyamtso Rinpoche. Since 1989 he has been a translator and interpreter from Tibetan and English. He is presently involved with the Nitartha Institute as a teacher and translator.