मुवामानेन मुद्दार स्वाद्ये केंग्रा

अवस्थाय भिष्ठि विषय निष्ठ स्थान नु न स्था

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<u> ७७॥ साम्बासाया मृत्ये लया मान्स्या मलुमाबार्स्या</u>

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क्षःश्चित्रगाुन्नायञ्चेयाञ्चात्रास्याहे नर्स्यन्यस्यायाञ्चनायस्यायो

I prostrate to the reverend master, the union of theory and practice.

नु'न्य भून भेर क्या याव 'सु'नुदे र्रेक र्हेग्य 'युटा

If you act like this will properly understand.

ग्रे'अ'र्नेत'र्हेग्रथ'द्रश्चर्यादर्शेर'इसस्य'र्न्गेरस्'र्

Alas, listen and think about the yogi's realization of meaning.

अतः प्रमाप्ते प्रमातः प्रमातः भूतः त्राः अवः स्थाः स

Carry your lama that gives the quintessential instruction on the crown of your head দ্বাধান ক্ষান্থৰ মান্ত্ৰ মান্ত্ৰ ক্ষান্থৰ মান্ত্ৰ মান্ত মান্ত মান্ত মান্ত মান্

Keep the teacher that gave you the quintessential instructions in your heart (at all times).

You may realize the knowledge of the Sugatas but you must still depend on the action of human beings.

द्यो र्बेट केंयाबायाबा के नामा गाव द्राप्त स्वाप्त स्वर्थ स्वर्ध द्रा

If you realize (your nature of mind) arising from the power of that, you must have compassion and practice generosity.

The truth naturally abides in the nine vehicles; don't hold bias.

Because ultimately there is one truth in Bön, abandon attachment to (philosophical) positions.

Through listening with your own mental continuum, in the Bön liberation, don't be easily contented (i.e. continue to listen to teachings of all the vehicles).

If you contradict the meaning with untruth, you discard the speech of the Sugatas.

If you agree on truth and meaning then you can even do the wrongful [acts] of children.

Even if you have confidence in yourself, still it is useful to inquire from other people.

Keep your own profound personal experiences secret and don't discuss with others.

Never analyze others faults. Always eliminate your own faults.

Sentient beings have different aspirations, never criticize [them].

Even though you may become an eminent scholar, you must put an end to your pride.

You may wish to be higher, but don't say others are lower. र्देन सेट्'र्स्स्स्रिंग्स्स्स्रिंग्स्स्रिंग्स्स्रिंग्स्रिं

Because pointlessness creates disturbing emotions, cut doubt-creating debate.

If you accept the Bön practice, you must behave according to the Bön [teachings].
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Through mere explanations your mental afflictions will not stop; you must explain to yourself. देश विशय प्राप्त के प्रा

Oh yogis, you need to generate a passion for meditation and that will generate a certain understanding.

हेशर्क्यम्बरकें पर्नेर प्रचुट प्रवासीमा प्राप्तित मृत्र देशवा

Because shortcomings of this life arise, it is very important to refrain from wrongdoing. ক্র'শ্উশ্'নশ্লিম্মম্ম্নইশ্'ব্রিম্মম্ম্নইশ্

If you wish [to achieve] meditation on one-pointedness, you must stay alone in a solitary place.

Whatever you realize is true; settle your mind wherever it likes.

Because mundane deeds are the opposite of Bön, abandon them.

If you understand passion and hatred to be self liberated, wherever you live is a solitary place.

Because commotion and distraction contradict Bön, abandon them.

[However,] if you understand everything as Bön, then there is no need to abandon [anything].

(Literally: If you're always telling the view from the mouth it is a cause of the meaning getting mixed up.)

Endlessly speaking of the view is a cause of getting confused about the meaning.

Leave the behavior genuine and uncontrived and everything that comes to you will be [naturally] pacified.

If you have the pride of extolling your own greatness, then you, the yogi, become small.

If you say "I am a scholar" and debate with the speech of others, it is meaningless and generates mental afflictions.

If you are cunning and so forth, you degrade the meaning and bring sin on yourself.

Keeping pretentiousness (gyo rgyu) in mind, deities and dakinis will criticize you.

Showing realization although you do not actually have it, oh yogis, you offend yourself.

Not understanding, but acting as if you understand, the assemblies of scholars will criticize you.

र्वेर वश्यरें द्वापुट के द्वा क्या वर्षेर रूट से प्राप्तिश

If you are tormented by the desire for wealth, oh yogi, you will become a hungry [ghost] শ্বুর'শ্বশ্বর্থ নের্থ্ব ন্র্ব্বর্থ নের্থ্ব ন্র্ব্বর্থ নের্থ্ব ন্র্ব্বর্থ নের্থ্ব ন্র্ব্বর্থ নের্থ্ব ন্র্ব্বর্থ নের্থ্ব ন্র্ব্বর্থ নের্থ্বর্থ নির্ব্বর্থ নির্বর্থ নির্ব্বর্থ নির্ব্বর্ধ নির্বর্ধ নির্ব্বর্ধ নির্ব্বর্ধ নির্ব্বর্ধ নির্ব্বর্ব নির্ব্বর্ধ নির্ব্বর্ধ নির্ব্বর্ধ নির্ব্বর্ব নির্ব্বর্ব নির্ব্বর্ব নির্ব্বর্ধ নির্

If you desire fame for yourself, oh yogi, you are kidnapped by maras.
কি'ব্যাথান্ত্রি'ব্যাব্যাক'ব্যাক'ব্যাব্যাক'ব্যাব্যাক'ব্যাব্যাক'ব্যাব্যাক'ব্যাব্যাক'ব্যাব্যাক'ব্যাব্যাক'ব্যাব্যাক'ব্যাব্যাক'ব্যাব্যাক'ব্যাব্যাক'ব্যাব্যাক'ব্যাক'ব্যাব্যাক'ব্যাক'ব্যাব্যাক'ব্যাব্যাক'ব্যাক'ব্যাব্যাক'ব্যাক

If you have great attachment to dualistic thinking, oh yogi, you will always wander in samsara.

र्चेत्र हेट्र इ च यम्ब च कु र देवा

You should understand your own mind that is the root of the nature of Bön.

इस में मा र पायमाया है पायमाय के पायमाय कि सम्बन्ध

You should discard (cham la phob) the prideful self that is the root of conceptual thinking.

You should understand that the three bodies are the root of nirvana.

त्रव्रात्राक्षाक्षात्राचार्याक्षात्राचीत्राचीत्राचित्राचेत्राक्ष्राक्ष्याक्षाक्ष्या

You should discard the hateful-and-attached, dualistic thinking that is the root of nirvana and samsara.

र्चेत्रःहेर्'म्ब्रित्र'त्रंभेर्'णुश्राद्वसार्हेम्'र्रम्'यरार्थ्र्स्

Don't look at concepts as other than the nature of Bön.

द्रभः र्हेग् अर्थेटः क्यु येदः दः र्येदः श्रेदः देः धैयः अर्थेटः ।

If you don't see concepts, you see the nature of Bön.

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Don't grasp to comfort and don't abandon misery.

र्म्गानस्यास्टाकुः सेन्दानने नाने गाधिता

If you don't abandon misery then that is comfort.

(Literally: If you don't cut to the foundation of words then you cut the meaning.)

If you only follow the words then you lose the meaning.

ळॅगामी इ'नानठन्त्रत्रमायदे'सघद ५८ सम्

(Literally: If you follow after the words then it is equal to space.)

If you only follow after the words then there's no end to it.

If you inquire into the root of the meaning then you get to the limit of the words.

If you cut to the root of the nature of Bön then you cut the root of the mind.

If you do cut the root of the mind then that is the principle [teaching] of Bön.

यटयास्याम्बराम्बराद्यासार्केयायेसयान्नीसर्वराष्ट्रीया

You will not find enlightenment apart from looking to the characteristics of your own mind.

If you understand the characteristics of mind then you will find enlightenment.

The root of enlightenment is to be learned from the sages who possess the compassionate advice.

Whether something is correct or incorrect, analyze it by yourself.

बेर्क्सा वाक् क्षू दाखुदाद्या त्या क्षेत्र।

If you have doubts then look into the tantras and scriptures.

If you are in agreement with those three (the sages, analyzing yourself, and checking the teachings) then you will certainly become quickly accomplished..

We cannot trust the [duration of] this life, therefore oh yogi, be diligent.
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If we reflect on it, our life is not independent for even a moment, therefore practice with a sense of urgency.

बेबबायानु इया बेदाया ईन्यायदी ८८ या र्लेन्या

Without deliberate effort, place your mind in the state of realization.

Oh Yogis, you who wish realize for the benefit of others should practice steadily for a long time.

Listen to many [teachings] but summarize them briefly.
দ্ব্ৰেম্স্ট্ৰেম্ম্ম্ম্ৰ্ৰ

Separate into different [points] but mix together [into one].

क्षेत्रायमम्भाषा विवानुः ह्येता

Understand roughly but practice with precision.

षट्यास्य में षट् वितासर सुट्या

Understand very openly but guard very finely.

केन में में माना चार कुर या पहें समा

Even though your realization is great, avoid even small [wrong doings].

वहिमा हेत या धेश ह्यें चसूर द्या धामा मात अर्थे या

This world creates praise and blame and wrong deeds.

स्रम्भग्यान्योचेरावह्समा

Avoid even small wrong deeds.

मार्वेन'न्द्राक्त'न्द्राक्ष्यां वर्षेन् कमार्थामार्थुमा वर्षे मार्थुम'न्यो चुेन'नुम'ध्येन'चुेमा वर्षे व्याप्त का

Sleeping, beer, and sexual passion, these three are the poisons of a practitioner. Don't engage in these three too much.

Bad village, bad friends, bad students, these three are the harmful conditions for Bön.

श्चर प्रस्तर्दे द स्वायम ग्रीम श्वेरमा

If you wish to abandon these, abandon through method,

Fame, praise, and luck, these three are the obstacles of Bön. Don't engage in these too much.

Relatives, your own village, and wealth, these three, are the maras of the practitioner. Don't engage in these too much.

If you act in harmony with the teachings, disturbing emotions, enemies, and thieves will all be conquered.

मार्भे मु नट मी मिट श्रेन र्शेन

Remove the tumor of inner pretentiousness.

Don't try to shorten the condition of suffering. Don't try to lengthen your stay in samsara.

भ्रे.क्र्य.यट.री.प्रट.त्रमा.स्रा.स्र

In the world, take the defeat on yourself.

र्चेन मुै नद रु खुन या लुगया

Among the Bön engage with balance.

बळेन'खुबान्दानुःर्सेन'बान्देना

Among dharma friends don't speak of faults.

व्रेंब संत्यामा हुयाया बुराया ही

Don't be sharp when speaking about mental afflictions.

यदेरःगानेगायायायायादहेत्साकुटा

(Literally: In the speech of the Sugata's don't grasp less.)

Don't settle for an imperfect understanding of the speech of the Sugatas.

त्रमुवानवे र्त्ते वार्त्ते अलेना

Don't desire the mind with mistaken notions.

रट देंब रेंब या माया बा कुटा

For your own benefit never forget.

वहिमा हेत चेंत या माया या की

Forget the world (8 worldly objects).

विषयासूटायुवार्तुं युक्तां सेटा हेंगायासवे ट्रांटा व्यायुक्तां सुटा

Don't languish in the world of deluded appearances. Luxuriate in the state of realization.

१४४ में मुक्ष माने द्रा प्राप्त का पुना ख्रा प्राप्त की अकी

If you don't have experience and confidence then the five poisons will not become self-liberated.

भ्रे पके महिषाया पुतर मेदाना दतार्थे दामसुसानु सहया हे सकी

If you stay too long in the world of birth and death then you may meet up in the three lower realms.

न्नों र्बेर चुेर या अप्यायायाया हो। तर या मारेट या स्वया अर्से अपिटा। क्षेप्र विष्ठा मारेश या और विषया या प्राय र्वेस प्रायो प्रीया स्वया प्रकेर ना प्यट प्यट की त्रायो प्रायो प्रायो प्रविचाया या प्रायो प्रायो प्रायो प्रायो

Even though you are gradually learning, you may long for business.

Even though you are gradually gaining accomplishment, your practice can be dispersed by causal conditions.

न्नो सः रेअ गुरावेदश नुन्या धेता

Even though you gradually acquire the root of virtue, still you can be known as arrogant.

Skillfully explanations of Bön [can be] just talk. Even diligent practice [can be] hypocritical. Therefore it is very important to have faith in Bön.

चेट्रा क्ट्रियाम्ब्रीश्चर्यः महित्र क्रियामाहा क्रेयः मानाशास्त्र हित्रा प्राप्त हित्रा प्राप्त स्वाप्त स्वाप्य स्वाप्त स्व स्वाप्त स

A person who is deceived by maras, because of desiring fame, well-known, and luck,
Body and speech looks like striving for virtue,
Inside he is filled with the fault of pretention
If you are still made miserable by mental afflictions,
There is no Bön there.

माट लिया भ्रेका सुम्भाय स्वत लिया गुका यहा तस्यावा समार्थी मारा लिया भ्रेका सुका स्वत भ्रेति ।

Whatever fortunate person

Realizing the most wonderful of all,

You must engage in the activity which is in harmony with others, धुनिद्दिन दिन दिन दिन स्था केना स्था केन

The mind of Sugatas in the body of sentient beings – people like this are very rare to find.

क्ष'न'बन'र्भे'युगब'प्य'प्कट'। र्ह्येन'यागुक'न्ट'अघुक'वेश'क्षा गट'बग'क्केश'नुप्रे'अर्केग'प्रेक'यशा ने'स्वेन'क्ष' र्ह्येन'प्योग'यम'र्ह्येना

Hold the profound view in your mind.
One whose actions and understanding are in harmony,
That person is supreme,

Therefore align your view and behavior.

नन्मायन्यो मृष्ट्रमा देटामीया अकेन प्रुका र्श्वेन पा सेटा नाया मिक्रिया धीमा कुटा अर्ने संनेत्रा

I, Li Shu Tag Ring write this last testament of little words to my dharma brothers and sisters with crude behavior.

सामसाया इससाया नर्जे दाया मार्गेया

May sages be patient with my mistakes.

र्केट्यायाद्मय्यायाञ्चर्यसः विन

May the confused become ripened.

ইুনাথার্থা

Complete.

श्रामाया मृत्मु मु

Secret. Fire seal. Water seal. Wind seal

ष्यापुषमा वसः नुझ्सा

Keep the secret teaching secret. Virtue.

Translators Preface

The master, Lishu Takring was born in the 238th century of the Bön calendar, or 1751 B.C. [in the western calendar], in Nyanza Ratag Kyajawa. His father was King Nyantag Cham. His mother was Mula Tsha. Even when young he performed very auspicious and miraculous displays. For example, he was able to use even tigers and leopards as pack animals. Having come from Mutsa Trahe to Olmo Lungring in Tazig, he trained in 360 languages. He obtained the ordinary and supreme accomplishments. From Tagzig, 10,000 quintessential Bön teachings were carried to Zhang Zhung and Tibet by cranes, herons, vultures, and so forth. He was an object of veneration of the king of Tibet. Moreover, he rode wild yaks and crocodiles upstream in a river.

He moved mountains; he clapped the sun and moon together, and so forth. He possessed an inconceivable number of signs of accomplishment. [His instructions] were translated into the 360 languages of Zhang Zhung, Tazig, India, China, Drusha, Menyag, Zahor, Tibet, and so forth. As a result of his efforts all the Bön teachings of the Yungdrung Buddha spread. Through his practice in the cave of the White Crystal Peak he became immortal through becoming a knowledge-holder of the [teachings] of immortality. He worked for the benefit of sentient beings for 2,500 years.

After establishing the teachings, he composed many profound instructions such as The Condensation of the Root of the Mother Tantra, Phurba texts, and the Dzogchen Yangtse Longchen. Moreover, he wrote the text entitled The 108 Profound Compendia.

This text of the advice of Li Shu has been hard to find for some time but it was recently printed in Tibetan in an edition of Drugyalwa Yungdrung's Practice Manual by Ratsa Geshe Tenzin Dhargye at Tribeten Norbutse Monastery in 2002. This edition was used as the basis of the translation of Li Shu's advice, and this translation

was prepared by Chaphur Rinpoche, Ponlop Trinley Nyima Rinpoche, and Kurt Keutzer. It is being presented here for the first time to commemorate the opening of the Gyalshen Institute by Chaphur Rinpoche on February 5, 2011. May it be of benefit to practitioners!

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