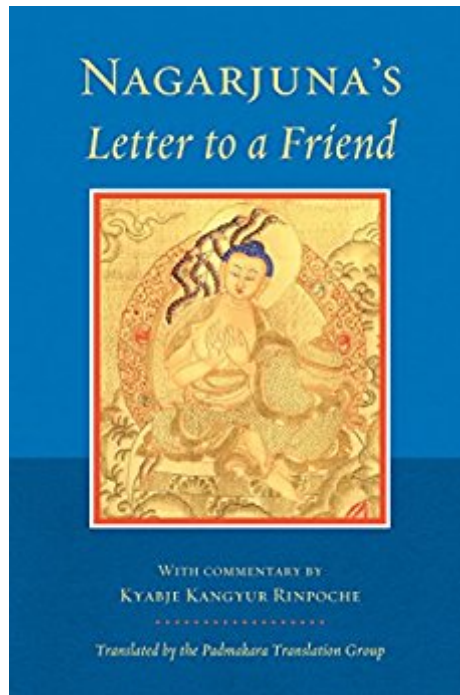




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Synopsis

The great Indian Buddhist master Nagarjuna wrote his celebrated poem Letter to a Friend as a gift of advice to a South Indian king, and it has since become a monument in the Indian shastra tradition. Despite its short length (only 123 verses), it covers the entire Mahayana path, combining a practical approach to daily conduct with a theoretical exposition of the different stages leading to enlightenment. It has thus been an ideal source for many of Tibet's greatest scholars seeking a scriptural authority to enhance their own descriptions of the Buddhist path. In addition to a new English translation of the poem followed by the original Tibetan, this book includes commentary and a structural outline by the great twentieth-century scholar Kyabje Kangyur Rinpoche.

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In this letter the great Nagarjuna describes and summarizes the Buddha's teachings about the Shravakayana and Mahayana from the Sutra perspective. His clear and simple writing, although

archaic in some verses, with a general ascetic approach , makes the text accessible to any Buddhist practitioner, and the Kangyur Rinpoche's comments dispels any doubt. A beautiful hardcover presentation with the original Tibetan text, a contextualizing introduction, besides explanatory notes in the back.

Nagarjuna means to me the greatest and more profound thinker that ever walked this earth. His analysis of reality, his observations, his logic and dialectic has convinced me of his incredible talent and insights. As an advice, his writings are mainly in stanzas and must be read very slow and every word has its hidden meaning! This is a deep philosopher with an astonishing view of reality, with a very different approach to those we are familiar with! I recommend ALL his texts and writing. I have read most of them and revise them once in a while. Unfortunately, I'm not an scholar on this field. Nagarjuna makes me dream with Nalanda University and all the explosion of ideas that existed there 2000 years ago, same ideas and doubts we question and try to understand today!

never finished it, but so far so good.

Nagarjuna's letter to a Friend is an easy reading approach to basics in Tibetan Buddhism. Presentation in hardcover makes it comfortable, and content is quite clear on what to follow in one's life and what to disregard in order to follow the Path.

If you are new to buddhism or a grizzled vet - this is a fantastic book.

Inspiring!

I love this book!

The content of this book, written hundreds of years ago, is as relevant today as when it was first written. This translation is easy to follow and very inspiring with clear direction on what to do to live a meaningful life.

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