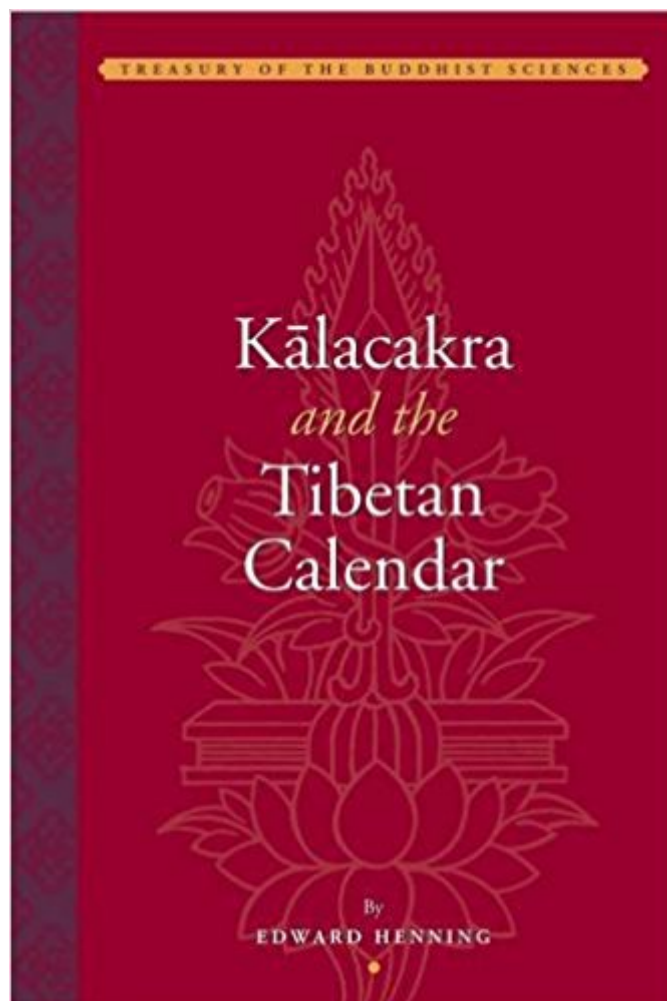


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Customer Reviews

Edward Henning is a mathematician with a long career in computer journalism and a programming. An experienced translator, he has specialized in Kalacakra literature for more than three decades.

My interest in the Tibetan Calendar is professional, as my job is to predict worldwide public holidays for many years into the future, for most of the world's leading diary and calendar publishers, as well as large multi-nationals and shipping and logistics companies. As such, having scoured the internet for sources of information as to the rules for calculating the Tibetan calendar (real mathematics, not just some gooey new-age mumbo-jumbo) I can safely say that this is "the" reference on the Tibetan

calendar. Note that the book's website supplies the needed tweaks to extend the book's coverage of the Tibetan calendar to the Bhutanese and Mongolian calendars.

this book is not for people who just want to know about the tantra and the Tibetan Calendar.. its a scholarly book, with ALOT of math and tables. It is a detailed explanation as to why the Tibetan Calendar works the way it does and how it ties into the tantra.... but mostly math..alot of math..good for a collection or graduate college student

I am a well-known astrologer, have studied and practiced Tibetan Buddhism for over 35 years, and was the first person to write a software program on Tibetan astrology. I read Tibetan script, have been on pilgrimage to Tibet a number of times, etc. All of this just to give my credentials so that I can make this clear: Edward Henning's book is a marvelous piece of scholarship and research. It answered questions I was never able to understand and lays out all of the issues with the Tibetan calendar (and the astrology connected to it) with clarity and insight. I consider this the definitive book on the subject and am very grateful to the author for making this very complex subject accessible. Thanks!

There are two miracles associated with this book: 1. Henning has penetrated fantastically obscure original texts to reconstruct the methods Tibetans used to generate their calendars and planetary tables. 2. He explains this material so clearly that any of us with even a rudimentary knowledge of astronomy and arithmetic can actually follow what he's saying. The subject is fascinating; the scholarship is impeccable.

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