

English Root text

- Śāntideva, *The Bodhicaryāvatāra*, translated by Kate Crosby and Andrew Skilton, Oxford University Press, 1995
- *The Way of the Bodhisattva: A Translation of the Bodhicharyavatara*, translated by the Padmakara Translation Group, Shambhala Publications, 2003, [ISBN 1590300572](#)
- *A Guide to the Bodhisattva Way of Life*, translated by Vesna and Alan Wallace, Snow Lion Publications, 1997, [ISBN 1559390611](#)
- *A Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life*, translated by Stephen Batchelor, LTWA, [ISBN 8185102597](#)

English Translations of Tibetan Commentaries

- *Bodhisattvacharyavatara: Engaging in the Conduct of the Bodhisattvas Vol. 1 and 2* by Shantideva, with commentary by Sazang Mati Panchen, trans. by Lama Kalsang Gyaltsen and Ani Kunga Chodron, Tsechen Kunchab Ling, 2006
- *Drops of Nectar: Khenpo Kunpal's Commentary on Shantideva's Entering the Conduct of the Bodhisattvas*, translated by Andreas Kretschmar, <http://www.kunpal.com/> (chapters 1-5 only)
- *The Nectar of Manjushri's Speech: A Detailed Commentary on Shantideva's Way of the Bodhisattva*, by Kunzang Pelden, translated by Padmakara Translation Group, Shambhala Publications, November 2007
- *Wisdom: Two Buddhist Commentaries*, Khenchen Kunzang Palden and Minyak Kunzang Sönam, translated by Padmakara Translation Group, 1993, 2nd edition 1999

The Center of the Sunlit Sky by Karl Brunnhölzl. Includes a translation of Pawo Tsuglak Trengwa's Commentary on the Ninth Chapter, Wisdom, of the Bodhicaryavatara. Published by Snow Lion. [ISBN 1-55939-218-5](#)

Contemporary Commentaries

- The [Dalai Lama](#), *A Flash of Lightning in the Dark of Night: A Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life*, Shambhala, 1994, [ISBN 0877739714](#)
- The [Dalai Lama](#), *Healing Anger, The Power of Patience from a Buddhist*

Perspective, Snow Lion, 1997 (A commentary on chapter 6)

- The [Dalai Lama](#), *Practicing Wisdom*, Wisdom, 2004 (A commentary on chapter 9)
- HH the [Dalai Lama](#), *Transcendent Wisdom a Commentary on the Ninth Chapter of Shantideva's Guide to the Bodhisattva Way of Life*, Snow Lion Publications, 1988; revised edition 2009)
- [Dzigar Kongtrül Rinpoche](#), *Uncommon Happiness, The Path of the Compassionate Warrior* (Boudhanath, Hong Kong & Esby: Rangjung Yeshe Publications, 2009)
- Geshe Yeshe Tobden, *The Way of Awakening*, Wisdom, 2005
- Pema Chödrön, *No Time to Lose: A Timely Guide to the Way of the Bodhisattva*, Shambhala, 2005 (Does not include chapter 9)
- Robert Thurman, *Anger: The Seven Deadly Sins*, Oxford University Press, 2006 (A commentary on chapter 6)

Important Tibetan Commentaries

Many great masters and scholars of Tibet wrote commentaries on the *Bodhicharyavatara*, and many of these commentaries were and still are used in monastic universities in Tibet, India, Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim, and Ladakh.

A selection of some of the more famous commentators follows:

- [Sönam Tsemo](#) (1142-1182)
- [Lhopa Kunkhyen Rinchen Pal](#)
- [Ngülchu Thogme Zangpo](#) (1295-1369)

[Ocean of Good Explanation](#)

- [Butön Rinchen Drup](#) (1290-1364)
- [Lama Dampa Sönam Gyaltzen Pal Zangpo](#) (1312-1375)
- [Sazang Mati Penchen Jamyang Lodro](#) (1294-1376)
- [Tsongkhapa Lobzang Drakpa](#) (1357-1419)
- [Gyaltsab Darma Rinchen](#) (1364-1432)
- [Pawo Tsuglak Trengwa](#) (1504-1566)
- [Drukpa Pema Karpo](#) (1527-1592)
- [Mipham Rinpoche](#) (1846-1912)

[The Ketaka Gem](#) (commentary on Chapter 9)

- [Khenpo Shenga](#) (1871-1927)

An Annotated Commentary on the 'Bodhicharyavatara'

- Thubten Chökyi Drakpa (1823-1905)

The Excellent Vase that Grants the Qualities of the Bodhisattvas (commentary on Chapters 1-8)

The Brilliant Torch (commentary on Chapter 9)

- Khenpo Kunpal (1862-1943)

Drops of Nectar

- Shechen Gyaltsap Gyurme Pema Namgyal (1871-1926)

Khenpo Drayab Lodrö