



The Perfection of Desire as the Path: Three Early Indian Vajrayana Treatises (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. The three treatises translated herein from the original Sanskrit represent the earliest phase of Vajrayana expository literature. A principle expounded in common by all is that of the utilization of the special skillful means (upaya-kaushalya) of Vajrayana to transmute afflictive emotions (klesha), especially desire (kama), into Great Bliss (mahasukha) and enlightenment (bodhi). This principle has been called Kama-Siddhi, the Perfection of Desire in the Cakrasamvaratantra and cited in Anangayogi's Dakinijalasamvararahasya, the first treatise translated in this volume. The dates of composition range from the 2nd to 8th centuries CE. Their authors, Anangayogi (Anangavajra?), Aryadeva and Shantarakshita were scholar-adepts of the latest phase of Buddhism in India which recognized the Three Vehicle (Tri-yana) schema of Sravakayana (Disciple Vehicle), Paramitayana-Mahayana (Perfection Great Vehicle) and Mantra-Mahayana/Vajrayana (Mantra Great Vehicle/Adamantine Vehicle). If the author of our first treatise Mystery of the Concealed Essence of the Network of Dakinis (Dakinijalasamvararahasyam) is identical with Anangavajra, author of the Accomplishment of Determination Wisdom and Means (Prajnopapayaviniscayasiddhi), the treatise must have been composed in the early 8th cent. CE as he is recognized as the being the second in...



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