

Legend of the Wheel of the Meritorious Elephant Generating Power

King Trisong Detsen, respectfully with prostration, requested thus to Örgen Arisen from a Lotus:¹

“Oh Venerable Guru Rinpoche,
In order to implement the law of the Kingdom [of Tibet] according to Dharma
And make it governable from the center to the outskirts without exception,
To have merits blazing like fire,
By all means, please bestow upon me
An instruction from the heart, a secret among all the secrets.”

Having made this request, Guru Rinpoche sat in meditation for a brief moment and then gave this oral transmission; a yellow scroll that was hidden in the pillar of Mönbumthang, at Chimpu Mountain, [the place] of five hermitages.

At the end of the Year of the Male Dog, Drog Tönchung took the treasure out from there and it is still in use. It is extremely profound.

As it is mentioned in the *Precious Treasure Teaching on the Three-fold Tertöns*:²

Ajo Pälpo of Jukhar, Dre Sherab Bar and Nyälpa Nyima Sengge – these three tertöns approached one another to compile the instructions for the Profound Wheel of the Meritorious Elephant Generating Power, which is based strictly on some old notes of oral advice. Their intention was, thus, to put [the advice together] purely and clearly.

This wheel can be placed on the golden throne of stupas and such, inside a treasure house, or at the heart of a treasure vase. This has been observed as, traditionally, what is done.

The benefits [of this Wheel] are that, in general, it can accomplish all activities and it especially increases and multiplies life, merits, wealth, power of influence, fame, and so forth – all positive and good qualities. Likewise, all desired things of the external world and its inhabitants, both animate and inanimate, come under one’s control according to one’s wishes. Many inconceivable benefits are found.

¹ One of the names of Padmasambhava (Guru Rinpoche).

² *Tertöns* are those who have a siddhi to find precious treasures, especially those left by Padmasambhava.

Colophon:

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Compilers' Dedication

Due to the root of this merit, may my kind root gurus have long and stable lives and may the infinite migrating sentient beings enjoy samsaric excellence and the peace of Nirvana.

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