

Week 4 Reading List 2026

Divination and Oracles in Ancient Tibet

Required Reading

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Roney-Dougal, S. M. 'Tibetan Psychic Traditions'. *The Tibet Journal*, Vol. 43, No. 1 (Spring/Summer 2018), pp. 3-15. Library of Tibetan Works and Archives. **Available at EBSCOhost Academic Search Premier.**

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Yoeli-Tlalim, Ronit. 'Bodies in Balance', in Theresia Hofer (ed.), *Bodies in Balance*, New York: Rubin Museum of Art/University of Washington Press, pp. 91-104. **Available on JSTOR.**

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Cornu, P. 1990. *Tibetan Astrology*, Massachusetts: Shambala Publications.

Wallace, V. (trans.). 2004. *The Kālacakrat Tantra: The Chapter on the Individual together with the Vimalaprabhā*. Columbia: American Institute of Buddhist Studies.