

Extra Suggested Readings based on Student Questions - Seminar 4_CMD2023

Dear CMD Students,

As promised, below I have listed some suggested readings following on from your questions and the interests some of you expressed during our seminar yesterday (28 Feb. 2023).

Please note that I am not including links/information as to where you can download, borrow or purchase these publications since, as Masters-level students, I believe it is very important you have and/or develop the research skill of being able to use library catalogues and online resources to source any references to publications you wish to read for yourselves.

Enjoy!

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On the Kālacakra tantra and its Commentary

The reference for Vesna Wallace's translation of chapter 2 of the tantra and its commentary can be found on the last slide of the PPT slides from yesterday's seminar. Vesna Wallace has also completed a translation of chapter 4 (which describes the deity-yoga practice instructions for Kālacakra).

- Mullin, Glenn. H. 1991. *The Practice of Kālachakra*. New York: Snow Lion Publications.
- Newman, John. 1998. 'The Epoch of the Kālacakra Tantra', in *Indo-Iranian Journal*. Vol. 41, No. 4 (October 1998), pp. 319-349
- Stril-Rever, Sophie. 2002. *Kālachakra: Guide de l'initiation et du Guru Yoga*. Paris: Desclée de Brouwer.

On Tibetan Buddhism and Gender

A good place to start with this topic is the work of Janet Gyatso. For example...

- Gyatso, Janet and Havnevik, Hanna (eds). 2005. *Women in Tibet*. London: Hurst & Co.

On Buddhism and Quantum-Physics

- Ricard, M. and Trinh Xuan Thuan. 2004. *The Quantum and the Lotus: A Journey to the Frontiers Where Science and Buddhism Meet*. New York: Crown Publishing Group.

An interesting article outlining some parallels: <https://www.buddhistdoor.net/features/mahayana-buddhism-and-quantum-physics-illusion-emptiness-and-reality/>

An article which explores the topic through conversations between a scientist and a monk and gives some references for further reading:

<https://www.templeton.org/news/what-does-a-1800-year-old-buddhist-classic-have-to-say-about-quantum-physics-and-the-nature-of-reality>

Some thoughts from a physicist who is a (Zen) Buddhist practitioner:

<https://bigthink.com/13-8/quantum-mechanics-buddhism/>

On Buddhism and Psychology

This paper by Padmal de Silva from *Current Psychology* vol.9, pages 236–254 (1990) and its list of references are useful for this topic:

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/BF02686862>

as is the following paper by Daniel Goleman (from which it can be seen that discussions around this have been taking place in scholarly circles for quite some time):

<https://www.proquest.com/openview/6cab3ec0e423474733b9dfaebb208176/1?pq-origsite=gscholar&cbl=1816469>

On Deity-worlds in Buddhism

An online search on any and all literature on Pure Lands / Realms and/or Pure Land Buddhism will yield rich results. A wonderful Tibetan scholar who has performed extensive research on Pure Land Buddhism in India, Tibet and Central Asia is Georgios Halkias -

<https://orinst.web.ox.ac.uk/people/georgios-t-halkias>