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“Attainment of buddhahood is not about getting somewhere else or transforming ourselves into something else. Rather, it is about realizing and perfecting the fully awakened nature of our own mind. This nature cannot be attained by holding on to something tightly or seeking something externally but only by awakening the openness nature, the intrinsic awareness, of our own mind itself, as it is.”—Tulku Thondup, from the Preface to the Revised Edition

#### About the Author

LONGCHEN RABJAM (1308-1363) is the most celebrated scholar and adept of the Nyingma school of Tibetan Buddhism. A prolific writer, his works on the Great Perfection are still considered to be the most authoritative and comprehensive writings on the subject.

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