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A mandala of cards : the Buddha tarot

This book is the only detailed description of the techniques and principles of the sacred art of Tibetan scroll painting.

Tibetan Thakgka Painting

Transcend into the celestial sphere with these meditative and spiritually rich paintings depicting intricate mandalas and divine Buddhas created in the traditional Tibetan thangka style.

Buddhas of the Celestial Gallery Postcard Book

This is a facsimile edition of Sir Charles Eliot's great work on Hinduism and Buddhism, first published in 1921. Begun in 1907, it was practically complete when the World War I broke out. The author lived for some time in the Far East, and paid many visits to India, during which time he was able to collect and collate the vast amount of information presented here. This collection examines, amongst other things, the influence of Indian thought in Eastern Asia, the origin and growth of Hinduism, Eastern polytheism, Hindu and Buddhist scriptures, and new forms of Buddhism.

The Indian Buddhist Iconography Mainly

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Based on the S?dhanam?l? and Other Cognate T?ntric Texts of Rituals

Romio Shrestha, Tibet's foremost traditional artist, uses the age-old technique of painting with rich minerals such as gold, lapis, and garnet to provide a beautiful re-creation of revered, 400-year-old, Tibetan "thangkas" on the art of healing--long considered lost. Tibetan scholar Ian Baker guides us through these exquisite paintings, unfolding their invaluable insights to remedies for a myriad of illnesses. Full color.

Tibet and India

An ultimate sourcebook to the symbolic language of Tibetan art. Hundreds of author Robert Beer's own exquisite line drawings depict major Tibetan symbols and motifs--landscapes, deities, animals, plants, gurus, mudras (ritual hand gestures), dragons and other mythic creatures--ranging from complex mythological scenes to small, simple ornaments. Line art throughout.

Buddhist Symbolism in Tibetan Thangkas

In considering medieval illustrated Buddhist manuscripts as sacred objects of cultic innovation, Receptacle of the Sacred explores how and why the South Asian Buddhist book-

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cult has survived for almost two millennia to the present. A book “manuscript” should be understood as a form of sacred space: a temple in microcosm, not only imbued with divine presence but also layered with the memories of many generations of users. Jinh Kim argues that illustrating a manuscript with Buddhist imagery not only empowered it as a three-dimensional sacred object, but also made it a suitable tool for the spiritual transformation of medieval Indian practitioners. Through a detailed historical analysis of Sanskrit colophons on patronage, production, and use of illustrated manuscripts, she suggests that while Buddhism’s disappearance in eastern India was a slow and gradual process, the Buddhist book-cult played an important role in sustaining its identity. In addition, by examining the physical traces left by later Nepalese users and the contemporary ritual use of the book in Nepal, Kim shows how human agency was critical in perpetuating and intensifying the potency of a manuscript as a sacred object throughout time.

The Little Book of Buddhist Rebirth

In the tradition of Celestial Gallery and Goddesses of the Celestial Gallery, Romio Shrestha’s latest art book gathers striking Tibetan-style mandala paintings featuring the Buddha. These hauntingly powerful paintings

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depict the life of the deity in eloquent detail and render postmodern interpretations of an age-old Tibetan artistic tradition in which images are painstakingly created using malachite, lapis, and marigolds, and painted at times with three hairs of a cat's tail. These exquisite portrayals of the celestial spheres, known as mandalas, invite viewers to meditate on the Buddha's message of love, completion, and connectedness. Also available in a lavishly illustrated oversize edition

Buddha

With this book, Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche explains with clarity and precision how we can practice the sublime meditations of Heruka body mandala, and thereby gradually transform our ordinary world and experiences into those of a Buddha, a fully enlightened being. He follows this with definitive instructions on the completion stage practices that can lead directly to the supreme bliss of full enlightenment in this one lifetime. This is a treasury of practical instructions for those seriously interested in following the Tantric path. • The first complete explanation in English of the Highest Yoga Tantra practice of Heruka body mandala • Sublime methods for transforming our ordinary minds and attaining pure selfless joy • The actual method to accomplish the supreme bliss of full

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enlightenment in this lifetime

Essence of Vajrayana

The magic tree house transports Jack and Annie to the deck of the Titanic to find the mysterious gift that will free a small dog from a magic spell.

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A Record of the Buddhist Countries

Amber and her cousin Tashi long to see the Thunder Dragons and they set off on a journey of discovery that takes them from an elaborate monastery to the top of the mountains, unravelling the mysteries of Buddha along the way.

In Search of the Thunder Dragon

The Buddha Image

Chandi Borobudur

The Art of Awakening

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Revered as the Lord of success and the destroyer of obstacles, and worshipped as the god of education and wisdom, Ganesh is one of the most beloved of all Hindu gods. In his role as a keeper of sacred spaces, Ganesh is often placed at the inner gates of many temples, where pilgrims and passersby pay homage and seek his blessings.

What the Buddha Taught

This remarkable collection of postcards features beautiful depictions of the Buddha by master Himalayan artist Romio Shrestha in Tibetan-style thangkas, or spiritual paintings, offering visual manifestations of the divine. Produced by Shrestha and his team of artisan monks, Buddhas of the Celestial Gallery Postcard Book depicts the life of the deity in eloquent detail and renders postmodern interpretations of an age-old Tibetan artistic tradition in which images are painstakingly created using malachite, lapis, and marigolds, and painted at times with three hairs of a cat's tail. Gathered from Romio Shrestha's best-selling Buddhas of the Celestial Gallery, these exquisite portrayals of the celestial spheres, known as mandalas, invite viewers to meditate on the Buddha's message of love, completion, and connectedness.

Buddhas of the Celestial Gallery

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An extraordinary encyclopedia of Buddhist icons. Illustrating the Rin 'byung brgya rtsa, the Nar thang brgya rtsa, and the Vajravali, the book is based on a collection of over five hundred images of Tibetan deities. The images, presented in the book at full scale, were originally created by a master artist in the early nineteenth century to serve as initiation cards (tsakli). The original tsakli were woodblock prints, hand colored at the request of a Ch'ing Dynasty nobleman who had received the initiations. Such cards are used in ceremonies to introduce the practitioner to the deity and his or her practice. The paintings are housed in the Ethnographic Museum of the University of Zurich. Deities of Tibetan Buddhism is also an indispensable reference tool for Tibetologists, students of Mahayana Buddhism, and museum curators. Its extensive supplementary materials include English translations of the basic invocation texts; the associated visualization with descriptions of the deities' postures, attributes, and colors; and the dharanis and mantras used in their invocation. Co-editor Martin Willson spent more than a decade translating and documenting this work. He has provided detailed explanations of technical terms, enlightening explanatory notes, and glossaries documenting the discrepancies in the depictions. The extensive pictorial index, featuring drawings and text by Robert

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Beer, explains the symbolic meaning behind the deities' implements and adornments. The cross-referenced indices for Tibetan, Sanskrit, Mongolian, and English names and terms provide quick access to vast amounts of information. Co-editor Martin Brauen and the technical staff of the Ethnographic Museum of the University of Zurich have documented the relationship between this and other sets of initiation cards that exist elsewhere, as well as detailing the construction materials and methods involved in producing this set. Deities of Tibetan Buddhism is a reference book without peer, essential for any serious student of Tibetan and East Asian art and religion.

The Heart of the World

In Heart Jewel Geshe Kelsang presents two essential practices of Kadampa Buddhism, the popular Mahayana Buddhist tradition that derives from the renowned Tibetan teacher Je Tsongkhapa. The first practice is relying upon a Spiritual Guide, which lays the foundation for gaining all the blessings and realizations of the paths to liberation and enlightenment. The second practice is relying upon an enlightened Dharma Protector, whereby we can swiftly overcome all obstacles to our spiritual practice and create favourable conditions for developing and increasing pure Dharma realizations. An

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invaluable introduction to the profound and dynamic tradition of Kadampa buddhism.

The Encyclopedia of Tibetan Symbols and Motifs

This indispensable volume is a lucid and faithful account of the Buddha's teachings. "For years," says the Journal of the Buddhist Society, "the newcomer to Buddhism has lacked a simple and reliable introduction to the complexities of the subject. Dr. Rahula's *What the Buddha Taught* fills the need as only could be done by one having a firm grasp of the vast material to be sifted. It is a model of what a book should be that is addressed first of all to 'the educated and intelligent reader.' Authoritative and clear, logical and sober, this study is as comprehensive as it is masterly." This edition contains a selection of illustrative texts from the Suttas and the Dhammapada (specially translated by the author), sixteen illustrations, and a bibliography, glossary, and index.

Buddhist Art of Myanmar

Freedom from suffering is not only possible, but the means for achieving it are immediately within our grasp—literally as close to us as our own breath. This is the 2,500-year-old good news contained in the

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Anapanasati Sutra, the Buddha's teaching on cultivating both tranquility and deep insight through full awareness of breathing. In this book, Larry Rosenberg brings this timeless meditation method to life. Using the insights gained from his many years of practice and teaching, he makes insight meditation practice accessible to modern practitioners.

Breath by Breath

Known in Chinese as Hua-yen and in Japanese as Kegon-kyo, the Avatamsaka Sutra, or Flower Ornament Scripture, is held in the highest regard and studied by Buddhists of all traditions. Through its structure and symbolism, as well as through its concisely stated principles, it conveys a vast range of Buddhist teachings. This one-volume edition contains Thomas Cleary's definitive translation of all thirty-nine books of the sutra, along with an introduction, a glossary, and Cleary's translation of Li Tongxuan's seventh-century guide to the final book, the Gandavyuha, "Entry into the Realm of Reality."

Heart Jewel

A stunning showcase of exceptional and rare works of Buddhist art, presented to the international community for the first time. The practice of Buddhism in Myanmar (Burma)

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has resulted in the production of dazzling objects since the 5th century. This landmark publication presents the first overview of these magnificent works of art from major museums in Myanmar and collections in the United States, including sculptures, paintings, textiles, and religious implements created for temples and monasteries, or for personal devotion. Many of these pieces have never before been seen outside of Myanmar. Accompanied by brilliant color photography, essays by Sylvia Fraser-Lu, Donald M. Stadtner, and scholars from around the world synthesize the history of Myanmar from the ancient through colonial periods and discuss the critical links between religion, geography, governance, historiography, and artistic production. The authors examine the multiplicity of styles and techniques throughout the country, the ways Buddhist narratives have been conveyed through works of art, and the context in which the diverse objects were used. Certain to be the essential resource on the subject, *Buddhist Art of Myanmar* illuminates two millennia of rarely seen masterpieces.

Silent Kingdom

A presentation on the Tibetan Buddhist path to enlightenment, through the lens of an artist's eye and experience. The sacred arts play an essential, intrinsic role in Tibetan

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Buddhist practice. Here, one of the great practitioners and master artists of our time presents a guide to the Tibetan Buddhist path, from preliminary practices through enlightenment, from the artist's perspective. With profound wisdom, he shows how visual representations of the sacred in paintings, sculptures, mandalas, and stupas can be an essential support to practice throughout the path. This work, based on the author's landmark Tibetan text, *The Path to Liberation*, includes basic Buddhist teachings and practices, clearly pointing out the relevance of these for both the sacred artist and the practitioner, along with an overview of the history and iconography of Buddhist art.

Alchi

Illustrations: 247 b/w illustrations

Description: This book deals with crucial though controversial questions in Buddhist art: the origin of the Buddha image and the iconography of the Buddha images. The earliest Buddhist art of Sanchi and Bharhut is aniconic : The Buddha is represented in symbols only. In the later Buddhist art of Gandhara and Mathura, the Buddha is represented in human form: he is the principal subject of sculptural art. The book seeks to explore the geographical area in which the image of the Buddha first emerged

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and whether the Buddhist doctrines—Hinayana or Mahayana—had anything to do with this transformation. The Buddha image, as developed eventually at Sarnath, became the model for the Buddha images in whole of Asia, south-east, central and eastern Asia. The iconographic features of the Buddha image are superficially an aberration, being in apparent conflict with the doctrine. The Buddha had cut off his hair at the time of his renunciation; the rules of the order enjoin that a monk must be tonsured and must discard and eschew all riches. However, in his images, the Buddha has hair on his head; later he is also endowed with a crown and jewels. After an exhaustive examination of the views of various scholars, the book answers these questions and resolves the controversies on the basis of literary, numismatic and epigraphic sources. More importantly it makes use of the valuable evidence from the contemporaneous Jaina art : Aniconism of early Jaina art and the iconographic features of Jaina images. The implications of this study are also important : Does India owe idolatry to Buddhism? Was this of foreign inspiration? Was the Buddha image fashioned after the Vedic Brahma and whether the Buddha's usnisa and Buddhist art motifs are rooted in the Vedic tradition? The book is profusely illustrated and provides rich and stimulating fare to students of Indian art in general and of Buddhist art in particular.

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The Flower Ornament Scripture

Silent Kingdom reveals the world beneath the waves in an ethereal collection of black-and-white underwater photography. Through stunning black-and-white images, award-winning photographer Christian Vizl uses a masterful control of light and shadow to portray the creatures of the sea as they are rarely seen, at home in the ethereal world beneath the waves. From capturing the ferocity of sharks to the playful dance of dolphins, Vizl turns aquatic creatures and marine seascapes into visions of sublime grace and beauty suspended in time and space. With each turn of the page, venture deeper into the one realm in which humans do not reign and discover an unforgettable world that few have ever seen. Though the ocean covers over 70 percent of planet Earth, over 80 percent of that vast wilderness remains unexplored. As human activity begins to impact these once-untouched regions, it is more important now than ever to acknowledge both the beauty and value of our seas and the necessity of preserving one of the last true wild frontiers of our world. Silent Kingdom is both an ode both to the beauty of the ocean and the magnificent creatures that inhabit it and a call to action to preserve the fragile underwater world of our planet.

Journeys on the Silk Road

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When a Chinese monk broke into a hidden cave in 1900, he uncovered one of the world's great literary secrets: a time capsule from the ancient Silk Road. Inside, scrolls were piled from floor to ceiling, undisturbed for a thousand years. The gem within was the Diamond Sutra of AD 868. This key Buddhist teaching, made 500 years before Gutenberg inked his press, is the world's oldest printed book. The Silk Road once linked China with the Mediterranean. It conveyed merchants, pilgrims and ideas. But its cultures and oases were swallowed by shifting sands. Central to the Silk Road's rediscovery was a man named Aurel Stein, a Hungarian-born scholar and archaeologist employed by the British service. Undaunted by the vast Gobi Desert, Stein crossed thousands of desolate miles with his fox terrier Dash. Stein met the Chinese monk and secured the Diamond Sutra and much more. The scroll's journey—by camel through arid desert, by boat to London's curious scholars, by train to evade the bombs of World War II—merges an explorer's adventures, political intrigue, and continued controversy. The Diamond Sutra has inspired Jack Kerouac and the Dalai Lama. Its journey has coincided with the growing appeal of Buddhism in the West. As the Gutenberg Age cedes to the Google Age, the survival of the Silk Road's greatest treasure is testament to the endurance of the written word.

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Hinduism and Buddhism

The thangka is a way for Tibetan Buddhist monks to bring the life and teachings of the Buddha to the people through the visual medium of paint. These paintings were rolled up and taken on journeys, used as traveling altars, or hung when certain deities were honored. Meulenbeld takes us through 37 thangkas that present a pictorial journey of the life of Buddha, Siddhartha Guatama, and the evolution of Tibetan Buddhism. 37 color plates. Glossary. Bibliography. Index.

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The Tibetan Art of Healing

The myth of Shangri-la originates in Tibetan Buddhist beliefs in beyul, or hidden lands, sacred sanctuaries that reveal themselves to devout pilgrims and in times of crisis. The more remote and inaccessible the beyul, the vaster its reputed qualities. Ancient Tibetan prophecies declare that the greatest of all hidden lands lies at the heart of the forbidding Tsangpo Gorge, deep in the Himalayas and veiled by a colossal waterfall. Nineteenth-century accounts of this fabled waterfall inspired a series of ill-fated European expeditions that ended prematurely in 1925 when the intrepid British plant

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collector Frank Kingdon-Ward penetrated all but a five-mile section of the Tsangpo's innermost gorge and declared that the falls were no more than a "religious myth" and a "romance of geography." The heart of the Tsangpo Gorge remained a blank spot on the map of world exploration until world-class climber and Buddhist scholar Ian Baker delved into the legends. Whatever cryptic Tibetan scrolls or past explorers had said about the Tsangpo's innermost gorge, Baker determined, could be verified only by exploring the uncharted five-mile gap. After several years of encountering sheer cliffs, maelstroms of impassable white water, and dense leech-infested jungles, on the last of a series of extraordinary expeditions, Baker and his National Geographic-sponsored team reached the depths of the Tsangpo Gorge. They made news worldwide by finding there a 108-foot-high waterfall, the legendary grail of Western explorers and Tibetan seekers alike. The Heart of the World is one of the most captivating stories of exploration and discovery in recent memory—an extraordinary journey to one of the wildest and most inaccessible places on earth and a pilgrimage to the heart of the Tibetan Buddhist faith.

**Buddhism in Its Connexion with
Brahmanism and Hind?ism and in Its
Contrast with Christianity**

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Presents works of art selected from the South and Southeast Asian and Islamic collection of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, lessons plans, and classroom activities.

Buddhas of the Celestial Gallery: the Poster Collection

This title presents photographs of more than 150 works of Buddhist art, accompanied by simple but powerful verses from the sacred teachings of the Buddha.

Deities of Tibetan Buddhism

Romio Shrestha's depictions of White Tara, Green Tara, the Medicine Buddha, and many other celestials invite meditation and reflection. The original artworks were made from natural ingredients like marigolds and hand-ground malachite and lapis, and were painted at times with just three hairs of a cat's tail. Each work of art took months to create and is reproduced here in hauntingly powerful detail. Celestial Gallery: The Poster Collection, Volume I brings the most popular and breathtaking paintings from Shrestha's Celestial Gallery series into a new poster format. The large size and full-color printing allows for a greater appreciation of the intricate details in each piece, and the removable pages make it easier than ever to display these beautiful

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paintings throughout the home and office.

Receptacle of the Sacred

The Little Book on Buddhist Rebirth looks at questions related to how the Buddha's teachings on rebirth apply to Buddhist practice. It starts with some fundamental questions, starting with "Did the Buddha actually teach rebirth?" And if he did, was he talking about the transmigration of a being from one lifetime to the next, or was it a metaphor for other types of phenomena like mental activity? Next the Little Book looks at whether there is evidence that rebirth is a reality. What do studies on past life experiences tell us? What does our knowledge of Near Death Experiences tell us, and does this relate to how Buddhists describe rebirth? There is also a discussion of The Tibetan Book of the Dead and how its description of the death process compares to Near Death Experiences. Then there is an examination of whether belief in rebirth is necessary to attain Awakening. Even if rebirth is part of the Buddha's teachings, is it necessary to believe in rebirth in order to liberate our minds from suffering and stress? Or is rebirth a cultural artifact from ancient India, and we can dispense with it? Finally there is a description of the Buddhist cosmology, how the Buddhist tradition came to understand the different

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realms in the universe. This Little Book takes us beyond views and practices that fit comfortably into conventional reality. It prepares us for the transcendent teachings of the Buddha, and into the mystical world that lies beyond time and space.

Celestial Gallery Meditation Deck

This publication and the related exhibition at the Rubin Museum of Art, in September 2014, are the culmination of a long but intermittent story that began with the acquisition of fifty-four paintings directly from an elderly priest, who had served in the Belgian mission in Inner Mongolia for many years, beginning in the 1920s. Father Raphael Verbois gave the paintings in 1977 to the then Director of the Ethnographic Museum in Antwerp, Dr. Adriaan Claerhout. The set of paintings, what we refer to as the Antwerp album, forms the core of the current project. While initially they were thought to represent the life of the Buddha and some unknown tantric rituals, there is now scholarly unanimity about the fact that the life of the Buddha is just a small part of what the album represents. The major part deals with the meditation on the mandala of Sarvavid Vairocana, who is the central Buddha in the constellation of the five Dhyani Buddhas, or Meditation Buddhas. Sarvavid is Sanskrit, meaning "All-knowing." Although

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some initial research was done to thus clarify the import of the album, it has been little seen or published since its acquisition by the Ethnographic Museum. With this publication, the curators at the Rubin Museum offer new research and further clarification: the album's possible historical context (Karl Debreczeny), meanings and ritual use (Elena Pakhoutova), and the rise of Buddha Vairocana and the connection to Esoteric Buddhism (Christian Luczanits). These essays should read as the reopening of a scholarly conversation on the album, and it is hoped that with this publication new information will come to light on this fascinating and unusual set of paintings. In addition to the fifty-four plates with commentary by the Rubin Museum curators, the three essays are illustrated with approximately twenty-five additional images of the All-knowing Buddha and related material.

Goddesses of the Celestial Gallery

Cave Temples of Dunhuang

The world-famous Buddhist monastery of Alchi in Ladakh, India, is the best-preserved temple complex in the Himalayas. Proposed for inclusion in the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage list in 1998, the monastery's

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artworks reveal influences from India and Tibet across Central Asia and Iran, even as far back as Ancient Greece. Housing thousands of rare paintings and sculptures from the area dating back to the eleventh century, it provides fascinating insight into the spiritual and secular life of medieval Kashmir and Western Tibet. The Dalai Lama has authorized the publication of images of these Buddhist masterpieces for the first and only time. Beautifully photographed by Peter van Ham, the images in this volume capture the miniaturesque delicacy and broad range of color of these precious works. With essays by renowned Tibetologist Amy Heller, and a foreward by His Holiness the Dalai Lama himself, this once-in-a-lifetime volume offers fascinating new insights--including a large panorama double gate fold--into one of the most beautiful monasteries in the Himalayas.

The Art of South and Southeast Asia

Opening the oversized pages of Celestial Gallery is akin to entering a grand museum. This impressive, high-quality production features White Tara, Green Tara, the Medicine Buddha, and many other celestials, while lending new meaning to the terms full-size and full-color. Four color printing with spot varnish throughout.

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The All-Knowing Buddha

The Mogao grottoes in northwestern China, located near the town of Dunhuang on the fabled Silk Road, constitute one of the world's most significant sites of Buddhist art. Preserved in some five hundred caves carved into rock cliffs at the edge of the Gobi Desert are one thousand years of exquisite wall paintings and sculpture. Founded by Buddhist monks in the late fourth century, Mogao grew into an artistic and spiritual center whose renown extended from the Chinese capital to the far western kingdoms of the Silk Road. Among its treasures are 45,000 square meters of murals, more than 2,000 statues, and over 40,000 medieval silk paintings and illustrated manuscripts. This sumptuous catalogue accompanies an exhibition of the same name, which will run from May 7 through September 4, 2016, at the Getty Center. Organized by the Getty Conservation Institute, Getty Research Institute, Dunhuang Academy, and Dunhuang Foundation, the exhibition celebrates a decades-long collaboration between the GCI and the Dunhuang Academy to conserve this UNESCO World Heritage Site. It presents, for the first time in North America, a collection of objects from the so-called Library Cave, including illustrated sutras, prayer books, and other exquisite treasures, as well as three full-scale,

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handpainted replica caves. This volume includes essays by leading scholars, an illustrated portfolio on the replica caves, and comprehensive entries on all objects in the exhibition.

Ganesh Art Postcard Book

Following the best-selling Celestial Gallery, comes a portable alter and beautifully oversized meditation cards which include new and inspired insights, prayers and blessings from the wisdom journals of visionary Nepali thangka artisan Romio Shrestha. Never before rendered in this prayerful format, keys to the offerings of the divine deities—including Buddha Sakyamuni, Green Tara, White Tara, Amitabha and more—honored in these magnificent scroll paintings can be discovered through guided practice and meditation.

Buddha's Word

In the tradition of Celestial Gallery, this unique collection of striking Tibetan-style thangka paintings of the Goddesses of the Celestial Gallery are presented together for the first time, in this book-shelf sized format. Reproduced from the master painter Romio Shrestha and his team of artisan monks, who render postmodern interpretations of an age-old Tibetan artistic tradition. Made from

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malachite, lapis and marigolds and painted at times with just three hairs of a cat's tail, these paintings are produced in hauntingly powerful detail. Goddesses depicted include: "the goddesses of the arts" Saraswati; "the Divine Mother" White Tara a protector and preserver; "the Protectress " Green Tara : "the Dark Goddesses" Palden Lhamo, guardian of the lineage of the Dalai Lamas; and Kali, a wild and uncontrollable consort of Shiva, a devotee of time and keeper of the shadows within ourselves.

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