

The Miraculous Key
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Summary Outline

- I. The Development of the Dharma**
 - A. The realms that appear in the kalpa of light**
 - 1. Causes and results generally
 - 2. The extraordinary explanation of causes and conditions
 - B. How the teacher who tamed the beings in those realms appeared**
 - C. The teachings, the genuine dharma**
 - D. How the victorious one's teachings have grown and flourished in this world**
- II. How to train in right conduct that is supreme**
 - A. The types of vows**
- III. The Development of Wisdom through listening, reflecting and meditating**
 - A. How to give rise to the wisdom that comes from listening**
 - 1. The common reasonings**
 - a) Objects and entities
 - b) Types of cognitions
 - c) Elements of reasoning
 - 2. The objects of knowledge that are explained in both the foundational vehicle and the great vehicle**
 - a) Aggregates (skandhas)
 - b) Elements (ayatanas)
 - c) Sources (dhatus)
 - 3. The various views and tenets in the causal vehicle of characteristics**
 - a) Foundational vehicle
 - b) Four Truths
 - c) Great vehicle schools
 - 4. As an ancillary topic, a brief examination of the vajrayana**
 - B. How to gain certainty through reflection**
 - 1. The keys to understanding**
 - 2. That which is to be understood**
 - a) The provisional and definitive meanings in the three turnings
 - b) The two truths
 - c) Dependent arising
 - 3. The main thing, the view**
 - a) Preliminaries: an explanation of the four seals that epitomize the sutras
 - b) Entering the path of giving up the two extremes
 - c) The main topic, an analysis of the two types of selflessness
 - 4. The four turnings of the mind from the tradition of pith instructions**
 - C. How to verify what one has studied and reflected upon through meditation**
 - 1. The way of accomplishing calm-abiding and superior insight according to the Middle Way tradition
 - 2. A summary of the types of calm abiding and superior insight
 - 3. Particularly the Middle Way school's explanation of meditative equipoise and subsequent attainment
- IV. The Path and the Result**
 - A. The manner of progressing along the grounds**
 - B. The ultimate fruition, the kayas and wisdoms**