RIME SHEDRA CHANTS

ASPIRATION

In order that all sentient beings may attain Buddhahood, From my heart I take refuge in the three jewels.

This was composed by Mipham. Translated by the Nalanda Translation Committee

MANJUSHRI SUPPLICATION

Whatever the virtues of the many fields of knowledge All are steps on the path of omniscience.

May these arise in the clear mirror of intellect.

O Manjushri, please accomplish this.

This was specially composed by Mangala (Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche). Translated by the Nalanda Translation Committee

DEDICATION OF MERIT

By this merit may all obtain omniscience May it defeat the enemy, wrong doing. From the stormy waves of birth, old age, sickness and death, From the ocean of samsara, may I free all beings

By the confidence of the golden sun of the great east May the lotus garden of the Rigden's wisdom bloom, May the dark ignorance of sentient beings be dispelled. May all beings enjoy profound, brilliant glory.

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The Seven Topics in Mipham's Beacon of Certainty (trs. by John Petit)

- 1. The dGe Idan pas say the view is an absolute negation; others say it is an implicative negation. What is our own Early Translation tradition?
- 2. Some say that sravaka and pratyekabuddha arhats do not realize phenomenal selflessness.
- 3. When pursuing the main practice of the view, some say one should not apprehend anything.
- 4. In meditating the view of the supreme vehicle, which is right—to analyze or focus the mind?
- 5. Which of the two truths is more important?
- 6. When a single instance of water appears as different substances to various sentient beings, some say there is a single object of perception and that all perceptions of it are valid.
- 7. When analyzing whether or not there is a position in the Great Madhyamaka of nonelaboration, earlier scholars univocally stated that our own Madhyamika system has no position, because existence, nonexistence, being, and nonbeing do not exist anywhere.