



The Tree of Wisdom: She-Rab Dong-Bu (Paperback)

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Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. The She-rab Dong-bu (Tree of Wisdom) is a metrical translation in Tibetan of a Sanscrit ethical work entitled Prajnya Danda, written by Nagarjuna who flourished in the fourth century of the Buddhist era. Nagarjuna s primary contribution to Buddhist philosophy is in the use of the concept of sunyata, or emptiness, which brings together other key Buddhist doctrines, particularly anatman not-self and pratityasamutpada dependent origination, to refute the metaphysics of the Sarvastivada and Sautrantika (extinct non-Mahayana schools). For Nagarjuna, as for the Buddha in the early texts, it is not merely sentient beings that are selfless or non-substantial; all phenomena are without any svabhava, literally own-being, self-nature, or inherent existence and thus without any underlying essence. They are empty of being independently existent; thus the heterodox theories of svabhava circulating at the time were refuted on the basis of the doctrines of early Buddhism. This is so because all things arise always dependently: not by their own power, but by depending on conditions leading to their coming into existence, as opposed to being. As part of his analysis of the emptiness of...



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