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The Essence of the Heart

Sutra Dalai Lama XIV
Bstan-'dzin-rgya-mtsho
2005-07-07 Collects
teachings as presented
by the Dalai Lama in
2001 to more than eight
thousand attendees,
addressing such topics
as the nature of
emptiness and
selflessness while
providing background
information on Buddhism
and additional
commentary. Reprint.
The Faith to Doubt
Stephen Batchelor
2015-04-01 Kierkegaard
said that faith without
doubt is simply
credulity, the will to
believe too readily,
especially without
adequate evidence, and
that "in Doubt can Faith
begin." All people
involved in spiritual
practice, of whatever
persuasion, must
confront doubt at one
time or another, and
find a way beyond it to
belief, however
temporary. But "faith is
not equivalent to mere
belief. Faith is the
condition of ultimate
confidence that we have
the capacity to follow
the path of doubt to its

end. And courage." In
this engaging spiritual
memoir, Stephen
Batchelor describes his
own training, first as a
Tibetan Buddhist and
then as a Zen
practitioner, and his
own direct struggles
along his path. "It is
most uncanny that we are
able to ask questions,
for to question means to
acknowledge that we do
not know something. But
it is more than an
acknowledgement: it
includes a yearning to
confront an unknown and
illuminate it through
understanding.
Questioning is a quest."
Batchelor is a
contemporary Buddhist
teacher and writer, best
known for his secular or
agnostic approach to
Buddhism. He considers
Buddhism to be a
constantly evolving
culture of awakening
rather than a religious
system based on
immutable dogmas and
beliefs. Buddhism has
survived for the past
2,500 years because of
its capacity to reinvent
itself in accord with
the needs of the

different Asian societies with which it has creatively interacted throughout its history. As Buddhism encounters modernity, it enters a vital new phase of its development. Through his writings, translations and teaching, Stephen engages in a critical exploration of Buddhism's role in the modern world, which has earned him both condemnation as a heretic and praise as a reformer.

The Feeling Buddha David Brazier 2002-06-01 A practical guide to the Buddha's teachings unlocks the mysteries of Buddhist philosophy and practice, challenging orthodoxy and offering inspiration to readers. Reprint.

Psychoanalysis and Buddhism Jeremy D. Safran 2003 Psychoanalysis and Buddhism pairs Buddhist psychotherapists together with leading figures in psychoanalysis who have a general interest in the role of spirituality

in psychology. The resulting essays present an illuminating discourse on these two disciplines and how they intersect. This landmark book challenges traditional thoughts on psychoanalysis and Buddhism and propels them to a higher level of understanding.

Advice Not Given Mark Epstein, M.D. 2019-01-15 "Most people will never find a great psychiatrist or a great Buddhist teacher, but Mark Epstein is both, and the wisdom he imparts in *Advice Not Given* is an act of generosity and compassion. The book is a tonic for the ailments of our time."—Ann Patchett, New York Times bestselling author of *Commonwealth* Our ego, and its accompanying sense of nagging self-doubt as we work to be bigger, better, smarter, and more in control, is one affliction we all share. But while our ego is at once our biggest obstacle, it can also be our greatest hope. We can be at its mercy or

we can learn to work with it. With great insight, and in a deeply personal style, renowned psychiatrist and author Dr. Mark Epstein offers a how-to guide that refuses a quick fix. In *Advice Not Given*, he reveals how Buddhism and Western psychotherapy, two traditions that developed in entirely different times and places, both identify the ego as the limiting factor in our well-being, and both come to the same conclusion: When we give the ego free rein, we suffer; but when it learns to let go, we are free.

Psychotherapy without the Self Mark Epstein
2008-10-01 Immersed in Buddhist psychology prior to studying Western psychiatry, Dr. Mark Epstein first viewed Western therapeutic approaches through the lens of the East. This posed something of a challenge. Although both systems promise liberation through self-awareness, the central tenet of Buddha's wisdom

is the notion of no-self, while the central focus of Western psychotherapy is the self. This book, which includes writings from the past twenty-five years, wrestles with the complex relationship between Buddhism and psychotherapy and offers nuanced reflections on therapy, meditation, and psychological and spiritual development. A best-selling author and popular speaker, Epstein has long been at the forefront of the effort to introduce Buddhist psychology to the West. His unique background enables him to serve as a bridge between the two traditions, which he has found to be more compatible than at first thought. Engaging with the teachings of the Buddha as well as those of Freud and Winnicott, he offers a compelling look at desire, anger, and insight and helps reinterpret the Buddha's Four Noble Truths and central concepts such as egolessness and emptiness in the psychoanalytic language

of our time.
Going on Being Mark Epstein 2001-06-19 The bestselling author of Going to Pieces Without Falling Apart combines a memoir of his own journey as a student of Buddhism and psychology with a powerful message about how cultivating true self-awareness and adopting a Buddhist understanding of change can free the mind. "Meditation was the vehicle that opened me up to myself, but psychotherapy, in the right hands, has similar potential. It was actually through my own therapy and my own studies of Western psychoanalytic thought that I began to understand what meditation made possible. As compelling as the language of Buddhism was for me, I needed to figure things out in Western concepts as well. Psychotherapy came after meditation in my life, but it reinforced what meditation had shown me." Before Mark Epstein became a medical student

at Harvard and began training as a psychiatrist, he immersed himself in Buddhism through experiences with such influential Buddhist teachers as Ram Dass, Joseph Goldstein, and Jack Kornfield. The positive outlook of Buddhism and the meditative principle of living in the moment came to influence his study and practice of psychotherapy profoundly. Going on Being is Epstein's memoir of his early years as a student of Buddhism and of how Buddhism shaped his approach to therapy. It is also a practical guide to how a Buddhist understanding of psychological problems makes change for the better possible. In psychotherapy, Epstein discovered a vital interpersonal parallel to meditation, but he also recognized Western psychology's tendency to focus on problems, either by attempting to eliminate them or by going into them more

deeply, and how this too often results in a frustrating “paralysis of analysis.” Buddhism opened his eyes to another way of change. Drawing on his own life and stories of his patients, he illuminates the concept of “going on being,” the capacity we all have to live in a fully aware and creative state unimpeded by constraints or expectations. By chronicling how Buddhism and psychotherapy shaped his own growth, Mark Epstein has written an intimate chronicle of the evolution of spirit and psyche, and a highly inviting guide for anyone seeking a new path and a new outlook on life. From the Hardcover edition.

Buddhist Psychotherapy

Hyunsoo Jeon 2022-01-06
This book explores how to utilize Buddhism in psychotherapy and how Buddhism itself acts as a form of psychotherapy, using Buddhism practices as a lens for universal truth and wisdom rather than as aspects of a religion. Based on the

author's over 30 years of study and practice with early Buddhism and his experiences of Buddhism with his patients, the book outlines a new form of psychotherapy incorporating three Buddhist principles: the properties of the body and mind, the principle of world's movement, and living with wisdom. This technique provides a unique perspective on mental health and offers new approaches for clinicians and researchers to effectively addressing mental health and well-being.

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Buddhism. Drawing upon his own experiences as a psychotherapist and meditator, New York-based psychiatrist Mark Epstein lays out the path to meditation-inspired healing, and offers a revolutionary new understanding of what constitutes a healthy emotional life. Being No One Thomas Metzinger 2004-08-20 According to Thomas Metzinger, no such things as selves exist in the world: nobody ever had or was a self. All that exists are phenomenal selves, as they appear in conscious experience. The phenomenal self, however, is not a thing but an ongoing process; it is the content of a "transparent self-model." In Being No One, Metzinger, a German philosopher, draws strongly on neuroscientific research to present a representationalist and functional analysis of what a consciously experienced first-person perspective actually is. Building a bridge

between the humanities and the empirical sciences of the mind, he develops new conceptual toolkits and metaphors; uses case studies of unusual states of mind such as agnosia, neglect, blindsight, and hallucinations; and offers new sets of multilevel constraints for the concept of consciousness. Metzinger's central question is: How exactly does strong, consciously experienced subjectivity emerge out of objective events in the natural world? His epistemic goal is to determine whether conscious experience, in particular the experience of being someone that results from the emergence of a phenomenal self, can be analyzed on subpersonal levels of description. He also asks if and how our Cartesian intuitions that subjective experiences as such can never be reductively explained are themselves ultimately rooted in the deeper representational structure of our

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Urban Mindfulness

Jonathan Kaplan
2010-10-01 Discovering

an Oasis of Calm in the City The city is an exciting yet demanding place to live. Although you love the tremendous energy and diversity of the urban environment, the day-to-day grind of going to work and navigating crowds, traffic, and lines can leave you feeling weary and disconnected. Respectful of the challenges and advantages that arise when you live or work in the city, Urban Mindfulness provides practical advice for transforming everyday experiences into opportunities for contemplation, stress relief, and fulfillment. Filled with insightful reflections and exercises you can do at work, at home, or even while riding the subway, this guide will help you achieve and maintain the sense of peace and calm that you've been seeking. You'll find yourself returning to this guide again and again for gentle reminders that will help you create stillness.

within yourself as the outside world rushes crazily by.

Going on Being Geshe Tsering 2010-10 Before he began training as a psychiatrist, Mark Epstein immersed himself in Buddhism through influential teachers such as Ram Dass, Joseph Goldstein, and Jack Kornfield. Buddhism's positive outlook and the meditative principle of living in the moment profoundly influenced his study and practice of psychotherapy. Going on Being is an intimate chronicle of Epstein's formative years as well as a practical guide to how a Buddhist understanding of psychological problems can help anyone change for the better. Epstein gives readers a deeply personal look into his life, thoughts, fears, and hopes, while detailing the influences that have shaped his worldview. Inspiring in its honesty and humility, Going on Being is a compassionate, brilliant look at how uniting the worlds of

psyche and spirit can lead to a new way of seeing reality.

The Innovation Paradox

Tony Davila 2014-06-30 From the bestselling authors of Making Innovation Work (30,000 copies sold and translated into ten languages) comes a book that questions everything about how organizations innovate. Key takeaway: classical business management and corporate structures by their very nature will kill, not create, breakthroughs. The authors describe a new kind of organization--the startup corporation--that will make established companies as innovative as startups.

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The Trauma of Everyday Life Dr. Epstein
2014-07-07 Trauma does not just happen to a few unlucky people; it is the bedrock of our psychology. Death and illness touch us all, but even the everyday sufferings of loneliness and fear are traumatic. In *The Trauma of Everyday Life* renowned psychiatrist and author of *Thoughts Without a Thinker* Mark Epstein uncovers the transformational potential of trauma, revealing how it can be used for the mind's own development. Epstein finds throughout that trauma, if it doesn't

destroy us, wakes us up to both our minds' own capacity and to the suffering of others. It makes us more human, caring and wise. It can be our greatest teacher, our freedom itself, and it is available to all of us. Western psychology teaches that if we understand the cause of trauma, we might move past it while many drawn to Eastern practices see meditation as a means of rising above, or distancing themselves from, their most difficult emotions. Both, Epstein argues, fail to recognize that trauma is an indivisible part of life and can be used as a tool for growth and an ever deeper understanding of change. When we regard trauma with this perspective, understanding that suffering is universal and without logic, our pain connects us to the world on a more fundamental level. Guided by the Buddha's life as a profound example of the power of trauma, Epstein's also

closely examines his own experience and that of his psychiatric patients to help us all understand that the way out of pain is through it.

The Psychology Of

Buddhist Tantra Rob Preece 2006-11-08 Seeks to clarify popular beliefs about the nature of tantric practice, explaining how tantra practitioners confront and work with strong emotions in order to promote more creative, loving, and healthier lifestyles. Original.

The Dhammapada Gautama Buddha 2019-09-12 The Dhammapada is the most important document of the Buddhism religion. It is believed that the Buddha spoke the verses of The Dhammapada, which address themes such as ethics, happiness, and anger, on several occasions. The 423 verses in 26 chapters are an essential part of Buddhist teachings and offer helpful lessons for modern readers. The nature of the self, the value of relationships, the importance of

moment-to-moment awareness, the destructiveness of anger, the suffering that attends attachment, the ambiguity of the earth's beauty, the inevitability of aging, the certainty of death-these dilemmas preoccupy us today as they did centuries ago.

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An Introduction to Buddhist Psychology and Counselling Padmasiri De Silva 2014-04-08 This book, now in its fifth

edition, provides a comprehensive introduction to Buddhist psychology and counselling, exploring key concepts in psychology and practical applications in mindfulness-based counselling techniques using Buddhist philosophy of mind, psychology, ethics and contemplative methods. *The Trauma of Everyday Life* Mark Epstein, M.D. 2014-07-29 A revolutionary reexamination of trauma's role in the life journey, opening the door to growth and healing Trauma does not just happen to a few unlucky people; it is the bedrock of our psychology. Death and illness touch us all, but even the everyday sufferings of loneliness and fear are traumatic. In *The Trauma of Everyday Life* renowned psychiatrist and author of *Thoughts Without a Thinker* Mark Epstein uncovers the transformational potential of trauma, revealing how it can be

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the Buddha's story is only one of many in *The Trauma of Everyday Life*. Here, Epstein looks to his own experience, that of his patients, and of the many fellow sojourners and teachers he encounters as a psychiatrist and Buddhist. They are alike only in that they share in trauma, large and small, as all of us do. Epstein finds throughout that trauma, if it doesn't destroy us, wakes us up to both our minds' own capacity and to the suffering of others. It makes us more human, caring, and wise. It can be our greatest teacher, our freedom itself, and it is available to all of us. Check out Epstein's latest book, *Advice Not Given: A Guide to Getting Over Yourself*.

Awakening the Soul

Michael Mieade

2018-09-26

Healing Anger Dalai Lama XIV Bstan-'dzin-rgya-mtsho 1997 In this book the Dalai Lama shows how through the practice of patience and tolerance we can overcome the

obstacles of anger and hatred. He bases his discussion on *A Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life*, the classic work on the activities of Bodhisattvas--those who aspire to attain full enlightenment in order to benefit all beings. The techniques and methods presented are relevant not only for Buddhist practitioners but for all who seek to improve themselves. Through these teachings and by his own example, the Dalai Lama shows the power that patience and tolerance have to heal anger and to generate peace in the world.

Awakening of the Heart
Thich Nhat Hanh
2011-12-21 *Awakening of the Heart* is a comprehensive, single volume collection of the Buddha's key sutras, translated with contemporary commentary by Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh. It is an essential complement to *Happiness*, the bestselling collection of meditation and mindful practices released in 2009. *Awakening of the Heart*

captures the heart of Buddhist wisdom and Thich Nhat Hanh's unique talent to make the Buddha's teachings accessible and applicable to our daily lives and times. This is a wonderful gift for anyone looking to deepen their practice and understanding of the teachings, as well as a unique resource to understand the fundamentals of Buddhism from its source. With a new introduction and updated commentary, *Awakening of the Heart* contains the following sutras: *Prajnaparamita Heart Sutra*, *Diamond Sutra*, *Sutra On Full Awareness Of Breathing*, *Sutra On The Four Establishments Of Mindfulness*, *Sutra On The Better Way To Catch A Snake*, *Sutra On The Better Way To Live Alone*, *Sutra On The Eight Realizations Of The Great Beings*, *Discourse On Happiness*, *Teachings On the Middle Way*.
Going to Pieces Without Falling Apart Mark Epstein, M.D. 2013-04-17
An intimate guide to

self-acceptance and discovery that offers a Buddhist perspective on wholeness within the framework of a Western understanding of self. For decades, Western psychology has promised fulfillment through building and strengthening the ego. We are taught that the ideal is a strong, individuated self, constructed and reinforced over a lifetime. But Buddhist psychiatrist Mark Epstein has found a different way. Going to Pieces Without Falling Apart shows us that happiness doesn't come from any kind of acquisitiveness, be it material or psychological. Happiness comes from letting go. Weaving together the accumulated wisdom of his two worlds--Buddhism and Western psychotherapy--Epstein shows how "the happiness that we seek depends on our ability to balance the ego's need to do with our inherent capacity to be." He encourages us to relax

the ever-vigilant mind in order to experience the freedom that comes only from relinquishing control. Drawing on events in his own life and stories from his patients, Going to Pieces Without Falling Apart teaches us that only by letting go can we start on the path to a more peaceful and spiritually satisfying life.

Buddhist Psychology

Caroline Brazier

2012-10-25 Western

therapeutic approaches have often put

considerable emphasis on building self-esteem and enhancing a positive sense of self. This book challenges the assumption behind this approach. Most of us protect ourselves against being fully alive. Because we fear loss and pain, we escape by withdrawing from experiences and distracting ourselves with amusements. We fall into habitual ways of acting and limit our experience to the familiar. We create an identity which we think

of as a 'self', and in so doing imprison our life-energy. For 2500 years Buddhism has developed an understanding of the way that we can easily fall into a deluded view. It has shown how the mind clings to false perceptions and tries to create permanence out of an ever changing world. Written by a practising therapist and committed Buddhist, this book explores the practical relevance of Buddhist teachings on psychology to our everyday experience. By letting go of our attachment to self, we open ourselves to full engagement with life and with others. We step out of our self-made prison.

Buddhism and Psychotherapy Across Cultures Mark Unno
2006-07-12 As Buddhism and psychotherapy have grown and diversified in Asia and the West, so too has the literature dealing with their intersection. In this collection of essays, leading voices explore many surprising

connections between psychotherapy and Buddhism. Contributors include Jack Engler on "Promises and Perils of the Spiritual Path," Taitetsu Unno on "Naikan Therapy and Shin Buddhism," and Anne Carolyn Klein on "Psychology, the Sacred, and Energetic Sensing." [Encountering Buddhism](#) Seth Robert Segall
2012-02-01 Practicing psychologists explore the mutual impact of Buddhist teachings and psychology in their lives and practice. *Being and Becoming* Franklyn Sills
2008-09-23 Being and Becoming is a wide-ranging analysis of the nature of being and selfhood. The book presents an original, integrated paradigm with the aim of creating a comprehensive overview of the human condition—and finding ways to alleviate suffering. In essence, the book explores the question, "What does it mean to be?" Being and Becoming begins with fresh interpretations of

the work of Martin Heidegger and Buddhist, Taoist, and Christian writings as they relate to this question. Most of Being and Becoming, however, is about the nature of self and selfhood as a process of "I-am-this," "my becoming" rather than "my being." Author Franklyn Sills interweaves concepts from object relations theories, psychodynamics, pre- and perinatal psychology, and Buddhist self-psychology, along with his own rich experience as a Buddhist monk, somatic therapist, and psychotherapist, into his inquiry. The works of Fairbairn and Winnicott are discussed in depth, as are Winnicott and Stern's insights into the nature of the early holding environment, the infant-mother relational field, and early perceptual dynamics. A thoughtful guide for psychologists, therapists, counselors, and other health professionals, the book is also ideal for

Buddhists and anyone looking for alternative therapy models.

Attention and Interpretation Wilfred R. Bion 1995 Considers the concept of the container and the contained.

What the Buddha Taught

Walpola Rahula

2007-12-01 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.

Zen Therapy David Brazier 2012-10-25
Buddhism, from Abhidharma to Zen, offers a practical path to harmony of head and heart. For over 2,000 years Buddhists have been developing sophisticated psychologies to guide the work of achieving freedom from mental suffering. Now East and West are beginning to learn from each other. In a readable and practical manner, this book challenges basic assumptions of Western psychology, demystifies Buddhist psychology and presents Zen as a therapy. Giving examples of its effectiveness in psychotherapeutic practice, the author shows how Zen derives from the Buddhist theory of the mind and throws new light upon the Buddhist theory of relations and

conditions. This seminal work is a resource full of intriguing and controversial ideas. *Open to Desire* Mark Epstein 2005-01
Challenging spiritual and psychological belief systems that teach that one must let go of desire in order to be free from suffering, a guide to achieving deeper self-awareness through an understanding of one's desires draws on Buddhist parables to counsel readers on overcoming self-defeating habits, the perceptions of others, and feelings of incompleteness. 30,000 first printing.

Zen and Psychotherapy

Joseph Bobrow 2020-06-16
A new take on the interplay of emotional and spiritual development. "Please read this book. Joseph Bobrow is a true meditation teacher who walks his talk and enjoys his practice."—Thich Nhat Hanh This book is an intimate dialogue that examines the interplay of emotional and

spiritual development through the lens of Zen Buddhism and psychotherapy. Zen and Psychotherapy artfully illuminates the intrinsic connections between the two practices, and demonstrates how the traditions can be complementary in helping to live a truly fulfilled and contented life. Zen teacher and psychologist Joseph Bobrow deftly shows how the major themes of trauma, attachment, emotional communication, and emotional regulation play out in the context of Zen and of psychotherapeutic practice, and how, in concert, both provide a comprehensive, interactive model of fully functioning human life.

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The Courage to Be

Present Karen Kissel Wegela 2010-12-07 The quality of presence a psychotherapist or counselor brings to the therapeutic relationship makes all the difference in effective treatment. With this application of Buddhist practice to psychotherapy, Karen Kissel Wegela offers mental health professionals a new perspective on bringing compassion, patience, generosity, and equanimity to their work with clients. She also shows how counselors can apply this wisdom in their own lives, and how they can help their

clients to cultivate these qualities in themselves.

Open to Desire Mark Epstein, M.D. 2006-01-05

“A masterpiece. . . . It teaches us how not to fear and repress, but to rechannel and harness the most powerful energies of life toward freedom and bliss.”

—ROBERT THURMAN It is common in both Buddhism and Freudian psychoanalysis to treat desire as if it is the root of all suffering and problems, but psychiatrist Mark Epstein believes this to be a grave misunderstanding. In his controversial defense of desire, he makes clear that it is the key to deepening intimacy with ourselves, each other, and our world. Proposing that spiritual attainment does not have to be detached from intimacy or eroticism, *Open to Desire* begins with an exploration of the state of dissatisfaction that causes us to cling to irrational habits. Dr. Epstein helps readers

overcome their own fears of desire so that they can more readily bridge the gap between self and other, cope with feelings of incompleteness, and get past the perception of others as objects. Freed from clinging and shame, desire's spiritual potential can then be opened up.

To Heal a Wounded Heart

Pilar Jennings

2017-12-12 Early on in her clinical practice, psychoanalyst Pilar Jennings was presented with a particularly difficult case: a six-year-old girl who, traumatized by loss, had stopped speaking. Challenged by the limitations of her training to respond effectively to the isolating effect of childhood trauma, Jennings takes the unconventional path of inviting her friend Lama Pema—a kindly Tibetan Buddhist monk who experienced his own life-shaping trauma at a very young age—into their sessions. In the warm therapeutic space

they create, the young girl slowly begins to heal. The result is a fascinating case study of the intersection of Western psychology and Buddhist teachings. Pilar's story is for therapists, parents, Buddhists, or any of us who hold out the hope that even the deepest childhood wounds can be the portal to our capacity to love and be loved.

The Sanity We Are Born With
Chogyam Trungpa

2005-02-01 More and more mental health professionals are discovering the rich tradition of Buddhist psychology and integrating its insights into their work with clients. Buddhist tradition teaches that all of us are born with what Chögyam Trungpa terms "basic sanity," or inherent goodness, health, and clear perception. Helping ourselves and others to connect with this intrinsic ground of sanity and health is the subject of this collection of teachings,

which the author gave to Western psychologists, psychotherapists, and students of Buddhist meditation over a number of years. *The Sanity We Are Born With* describes how anyone can strengthen their mental health, and it also addresses the specific problems and needs of people in profound psychological distress. Additionally, the author speaks to the concerns of psychotherapists and any health care

professionals who work with their patients' states of mind. The collection includes teachings on:

- Buddhist concepts of mind, ego, and intelligence, and how these ideas can be employed in working on oneself and with others
- meditation as a way of training the mind and cultivating mindfulness
- nurturing our intrinsic health and basic sanity
- guidance for psychotherapists and health professionals