

BON GOODS

The New Collection of the Bon Katen 298-volume DVD

Over the centuries, the Bon Canon's two parts – the *Kanjur* and the *Katen* have, like so many important Tibetan texts, been lost, destroyed, or hidden due to a variety of political circumstances. When a set of *Kanjur* manuscripts reappeared after the Cultural Revolution, it was believed to be the only existing copy and was published in the 1980s. The *Katen*, however, does not seem to have survived in any single, complete version. Sogde Tenpai Nyima, the publisher of this *Katen* collection, could not initially find the funding and support needed to publish these texts in a systematic way, and, as a result, this “New Collection” was assembled urgently and indiscriminately in an effort not to lose them.

In order to create a catalogue for this vast array of material, Samten G. Karmay and Yashuhiko Nagano worked with several monks at the Triten Norbutse Monastery in Nepal. That project resulted in the Catalogue of the New Collection of Bonpo Katen Texts that was released as one of the Senri Ethnological Reports (24) and published by the National Museum of Ethnology in Osaka, Japan in 2001. Further details can be found in their catalogue. Please note that the Osaka catalogue shows Volume 239 to be missing, although it exists in some printed versions of the *Katen* that have appeared elsewhere. Also, the Osaka catalogue lists Volumes 75 and 76 as having been merged into one volume. As a result, the total number of volumes in this current set is 298. Menri Monastery acknowledges that this publication is not complete and intends to publish in the future a final edition that presents the texts in a more coherent order.

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