

Greetings All,

We are very much looking forward to being with you soon for the annual NDF Vajrayana retreat, August 2-6, 2021. Here, please find the reading assignments for the retreat. If at all possible, it would be best if you could read through these sections before the retreat begins. As you will see, we will be focusing our time primarily on Chapters 5-8, but we are also including the introductory material because it provides such good information for building a foundation upon which we can base our reading practices.

### **Reading Assignments for *The Dakini Teachings***

Before the retreat begins, please try to read the following sections from the text:

*The Translator's Preface*

*A Short Biography of Padmasambhava by Jamgon Kongtrul the First*

*Introductory Teaching by Tulku Urgyen Rinpoche*

*Chapter One: First of All*

During the retreat, we will focus on the following sections from the text – all from Chapters 5-8. If you have time to read through these before the retreat, that would be excellent, as you will have some ground prepared to begin exploring the text in more depth.

Tuesday Morning: pp. 104-108

Tuesday Afternoon: pp. 108-112

Wednesday Morning: pp. 113-118

Wednesday Afternoon: pp. 118-127

Thursday Morning: pp. 135-141, 142-144

Thursday Afternoon: pp. 144-148 and p. 66

Friday Morning: pp. 153-157