

Tibetan Buddhism: Bibliography

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The bibliography below begins with some general works, then gives reading lists and references in relation to each lecture. I have added comments in some cases.

See also the links and resources on my web page at

<http://www.bodyhealthreligion.org.uk/BAHAR/tibetan-resources.html>

These will be progressively updated and extended.

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