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There are several collections of the words of the Buddha—the baskets of the sutras, abhidharma, and vinaya, as well as the tantras. The foundation of them all is the Pāli Canon preserved in the Theravada tradition. But it was the collection sutras, tantras, and scriptures in Sanskrit that encompassed the widest breadth of the Buddhist teachings. It contained the sutras of the eighteen original schools as well as the Mahayana sutras and the tantras of all four classes. When the words of the Buddha were translated into Tibetan, these were the primary works that the great Tibetan *lotsawas* translated and carefully checked against the originals. Though many of the Sanskrit works were lost, the Tibetan *Kangyur* preserves the largest collection in any language of teachings given by the Buddha.

Now *84,000: Translating the Words of the Buddha* has undertaken to translate the Kangyur into English, a language spoken and understood throughout the world. This will not merely preserve the precious teachings of the Buddha, but also make them understandable and accessible to a great number of fortunate people. This will help the Buddhadharma spread and flourish for a long time. I would ask all who have resources to please consider supporting and assisting 84,000 in this project as much as you are able.

Sincerely,

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