



New Kadampa Tradition

International Kadampa Buddhist Union

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Mr Gary Beesley
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Dear Mr Beesley,

I am writing to you on behalf of the New Kadampa Tradition (NKT) concerning your forthcoming book entitled *A Cuckoo in the Peacock Palace: The Decline of Tradition and the Rise of the New Kadampa Tradition in 21st Century Western Buddhism*.

In the title and subtitle of this book you are deliberately and directly implying that the development of the New Kadampa Tradition has caused the Gelug Buddhist Tradition to decline. This is entirely false and misleading, and very negative and extremely harmful to the Buddhist Faith.

You have publicized this false implication widely through the Internet, and in this way you are denigrating the reputation of the 1,200 Buddhist Centres of the New Kadampa Tradition throughout the world. This will of course cause great damage to the public moral and financial standing of all these Centres, now and far into the future.

Because we are Buddhists it is always important to try to solve our problems by peaceful means. For this reason, the NKT would like with this letter to propose to you that you completely remove all the negative information about the New Kadampa Tradition, Geshe Kelsang Gyatso and Dorje Shugden from your forthcoming book. If you sincerely agree to do this, then the 1,200 Buddhist Centres of the New Kadampa Tradition will patiently accept the immense harm that you have already done to their reputation by spreading

this false information on the Internet. If you accept this proposal, we request you to you give us the opportunity to read and consider the book before it is published so that any false or defamatory statements or implications can be clarified with you.

If you do not accept this proposal, then the NKT will have no choice but to engage in legal action against you and your publisher to protect all the Buddhist Centres of the New Kadampa Tradition. The NKT would sue for compensation for the further great damage to its moral and financial standing that the book would cause.

With this letter we ask you to tell us whether or not you will accept our proposal that you completely remove all the negative information about the New Kadampa Tradition, Geshe Kelsang Gyatso and Dorje Shugden from your forthcoming book.

We need to receive your answer before 1 June 2010. If we do not receive your answer by then, we will conclude that you have not accepted our proposal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John McBretney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John McBretney
Representative of the New Kadampa Tradition