

# General Outline of the Rinchen Terdzo

This outline was created with reference to: the Rinchen Terdzo empowerment record translated by Peter Roberts, the outline in the back of *The Autobiography of Jamgön Kongtrül* by Richard Barron, and the Tsurphu outline of the Rinchen Terzo (in Tibetan). The numbers in brackets give an idea of the relative length of each section; they are not exact because numbers were also assigned to about one hundred tris, and because empowerments can be divided up in different ways. This is a rough draft, and may be updated later.

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