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BUDDHA AS A MAHAPURUSHA

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PREFACE

This booklet is composed of the three Sir Tashi Namgyal Memorial Lectures delivered under the auspices of the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok on the 26th, 27th and 28th October 1972. It was most gracious of the Chogyal and Gyalo to have been present on the occasion. It was equally kind of the Political Officer, Sri K. S. Sajpai and Mrs Sajpai to have come to listen. I cannot adequately express my gratefulness to Dr. A. M. D’Rozario, not only for having invited me to deliver these lectures on behalf of the Namgyal Institute but also for all the kindness that he showered on me during my stay at Gangtok. To him and Mrs Rozario I convey my grateful thanks. As desired by Dr. D’Rozario the lectures have been got ready with proper textual documentation and suitable illustrations to be released as a book issued by the Institute.

Buddha who was a world personality had outstanding qualities that made him the most distinguished among the great Masters of thought in Ancient India. His teachings have offered solace to innumerable nations in the world. The followers of Buddhism comprise a great chunk of the world population. This in itself is an indication of the extraordinary arresting power of Buddha’s great qualities that have made him a great Mahapurusha. The subject of this book is a recounting of these qualities, pointedly drawing attention to them, with suitable illustrations. I am grateful to the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology for bringing out a handsome book like this.

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