

Finch & C^o



TWO SETS OF TIBETAN MANTRA ROSARY BEADS

TWO SETS OF TIBETAN MANTRA ROSARY BEADS MADE OF SACRED 'RUDRA' FRUITS , WITH AN OLD VELLUM LABEL
READING : 'TENGA , THIBETAN ROSARY . MADE OF FRUITS OF THE 'RUDRA' ; A SACRED PLANT ; SINGLE FRUITS ARE
USED AS CHARMS AND CARRIED AROUND THE NECK IN SILVER CASES . FROM ALEPCHA , MUNGPU , SIKKIM INDIA 1905'

LATE 19 TH CENTURY

SIZE : 61 CM LONG – 24 INS LONG

147 CM LONG – 58 INS LONG

LITERATURE

EVERY TANTRIC SADHANA , OR DAILY MEDITATION PRACTICE , INCLUDES A PHASE INVOLVING MANTRA RECITATION AND
THE ROSARY IS USED AS A COUNTER . THE PRACTITIONER COMMITS HIMSELF TO RECITING A NUMBER OF 'ROUNDS' OF
MANTRAS EACH DAY AND THE BEADS ARE USED TO COUNT THESE .

IN FORMAL BUDDHIST MONASTIC RETREATS THE MEDITATOR DETERMINES TO COMPLETE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS
AND SOMETIMES EVEN MILLIONS OF MANTRA RECITATIONS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A HIGHER SPIRITUAL PLANE .