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TWO SETS OF TIBETAN MANTRA ROSARY BEADS

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SIZE: 61 CMLONG - 24 INS LONG 147 CMLONG - 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.