



Drikung Kagyu Lineage

Drikung Kagyu Lineage is one of the Kagyu lineages which was founded about 850 years ago, by the enlightened spiritual master Kyoba Jigten Sumgön (1143-1217). Teachings came directly from Buddha Shakyamuni and the primordial Buddha, Vajradhara and were handed down to Gampopa (1079-1153) through fully enlightened masters such as Tilopa, Naropa, Marpa, and Milarepa. Gampopa in turn gave all these teachings to Phagmodrupa (1100-1170). Jigten Sumgön was one of the closest and chief disciples of Phagmodrupa. After receiving all the complete teachings from Phagmodrupa, Jigten Sumgön then gave them all to his chief disciple, Gurawa Tsultrim Dorje (1154-1221). All these enlightened energies, blessings and teachings were then handed down unbroken to the present 37th and 36th lineage holders, H.H. Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche who lives in Dehra Dun, India and H.H. Drikung Kyabgon Chungtsang Rinpoche who lives in Tibet. Lord Jigten Sumgön prophesied again and again, "In the future my teachings will flourish by the two Bodhisattvas, who are like the sun and the moon, through their compassion and wisdom." H.H. Chetsang Rinpoche is like the sun. He is the emanation of Chenrezig, the compassionate deity. H.H. Chungtsang Rinpoche is like the moon. He is the emanation of Manjushri, the wisdom deity. As a member of the Kagyu family, it shares with the other Kagyu lineages practices such as Mahāmudrā and the Six Dharmas of Naropa. Within this context of a shared heritage with the other Kagyu lineages, the Drikung Kagyu is known for the philosophical view expressed in Gong Chik, and the stages of Mahāmudrā practice known as "The Five-fold Profound Path". Furthermore, from the 16th century onward, the Drikung Kagyu has held the main transmission of a treasure-cycle known as the *Most Profound (yang zab)*. The Drikung is also known for its Great Phowa Practice and great meditators. There are many stories about those who have attained Enlightenment in one lifetime. More information at <http://www.drikung.org/>

Ratnashri Meditation Center

Ratnashri Meditation Center is a nonprofit organization which was established 1997 by most Venerable Khenchen Konchog Gyaltsen Rinpoche. The purpose of the Center is to promote Buddha's precious teachings by providing opportunity for Dharma practitioners to study, practice, and progress on the Dharma path. To achieve this goal, the Center invites highly qualified masters to visit regularly for teachings and retreats. The Center is under the supreme guidance from His Holiness Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche.

The Center opens on Sundays for Dharma study and practice. Ratnashri Newsletter is published regularly to promote and inspire enthusiasm in the study and practice of Buddha's Dharma teachings in our everyday life.

Lord Jigten Sumgön's Biography (continued)

Receiving 4 yogas of Mahamudra from Dakpo Gomtsul, he spent seven years at Echung Cave where he attained enlightenment. With the realization of unity of discipline and Mahamudra, he took the vow of fully ordained monk. He then took over the abbot seat of Phagdru Monastery, but later on left to benefit more beings.

Arriving at Drikung Thil, at the age of 37, he established Drikung Jangchubling; the largest and main seat of Drikung Kagyudpa in Tibet. He miraculously drew many streams to deal with water shortage at Drikung. He is also credited for starting Sojong; the purification ceremony. He built monasteries and special Stupas with many doors.

Great scholars such as Mahapandita Shakya Shri Bhadra, Ngorje Repa and Karmapa Dusum Khyenpa saw Jigten Sumgön as Nagarjuna and as Buddha himself; thus arose great devotion and received many teachings from him.

With the fame, followers grew by the thousands, many of whom became great practitioners and realized yogis. Once in a summer retreat at Drikung, number of participants recorded was over 130,000. His chief disciples were the two Chengas, the great abbot Gurawa, Nyo Gyalwa Lhanangpa and others.

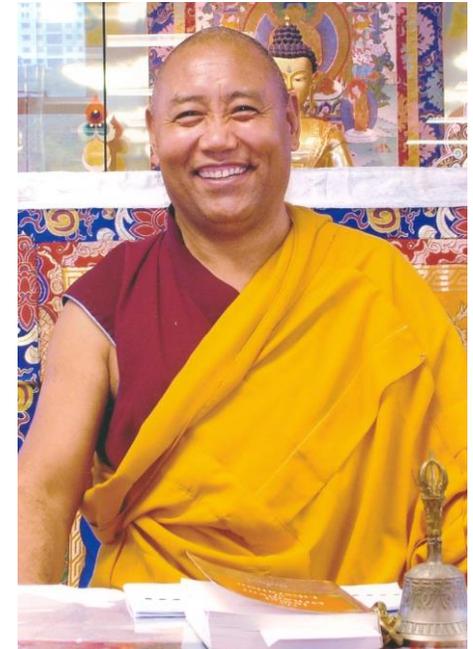
His most important teaching Gong Chik consists of 150 topics and 40 appendices that were compiled by his disciple Chenga Sherab Jungne.

At the age of 75, in the Fire-Ox year (1217 AD), he entered Parinirvana and was cremated on 13th of Vaishaka amidst many auspicious signs.



Most Venerable Khenchen Konchog Gyaltsen Rinpoche

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Public Talk: Source of Genuine Happiness
Heart Sutra Teaching
Gong Chik Teaching

Rinpoche teaches directly in English.

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This program is dedicated to the commemoration of Lord Jigten Sumgön's 800th Maha Parinirvana.

Khenchen Konchog Gyaltsen Rinpoche

was born in the spring of 1946 in the sacred Tsari in Tibet. In 1959, because of the political situation in Tibet, Rinpoche fled to Darjeeling in India with his family, there he began his education. Already at a young age, Rinpoche was an excellent and dedicated student.

Being among its first students at the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies that had opened in Varanasi, India, Rinpoche began a nine-year program of study including *Madhyamika*, *Abhidharma*, *Vinaya*, *Abhisamayalankara*, and *Uttarantra*. In early 1968, he had the good fortune to take full monastic ordination from the great Kalu Rinpoche, and, shortly after graduation, he received teachings from the 16th Gyalwa Karmapa on the realization songs of the Indian mahasiddhas. Rinpoche also received teachings and instructions from great Buddhist masters such as Venerable Khunu Lama Rinpoche, with whom Rinpoche studied two works of Gampopa: *The Jewel Ornament of Liberation* and *The Precious Garland of the Excellent Path*, together with Mahamudra and many of Milarepa's songs.

Rinpoche began a three-year retreat in 1978 under the guidance of the enlightened master Khyunga Rinpoche. During the retreat, he was able to deepen and enhance his understanding of *The Fivefold Path of Mahamudra* and the profound *Gong Chik* text of Lord Jigten Sumgön. Rinpoche also received many other transmissions.

In 1985, Rinpoche was able to receive personal blessings, as well as instructions and transmissions of Mahamudra and the Six Yogas of Naropa, from the enlightened master, the Venerable Pachung Rinpoche at the main seat of the Drikung Kagyu lineage in Drikung Thil, Tibet.

In 1982, Rinpoche travelled to the U.S. Since then, his compassion and dedication to the Dharma have taken him to all parts of the world, tirelessly giving teachings and organizing Dharma centers. He singlehandedly translated all the major Drikung Kagyu meditation practices into English. Dedicated to make Dharma available to the West, Rinpoche has published many books including *Great Kagyu Masters*, *Jewel Ornament of Liberation*, *Complete Buddhist Path* and *Opening the Treasure of the Profound*.

As the Great Abbot for the Drikung Kagyu Lineage, Rinpoche selflessly shares his knowledge with ordained monks and nuns in monasteries in India, Nepal and China Tibet. With his heart and mind firmly turned towards the Dharma, Rinpoche truly blazes with magnificence, goodness, and virtue. Rinpoche's teaching can truly change your life if you take them sincerely to heart.

Public Talk: Source of Genuine Happiness

Wednesday, August 30, kl. 18.30 - 20

Venue: **FOLKUNIVERSITETET**, Kungstensg. 45
(**T-Rådmansgatan**)

Fee: Free of charge (donation is appreciated)

HEART SUTRA

Thurs. – Fri., Aug. 31 – Sept. 1, kl. 18.30 - 20.30

Venue: **RATNASHRI MEDITATION CENTER**
Friggavägen 11, Lidingö

(*T-Ropsten, from Ropsten, take bus to Lidingö Centrum. Walk on Odenvägen. Then turn left onto Friggavägen.*)

Fee: 100 SEK per evening. Text will be provided.

Heart Sutra provides such a powerful antidote to dispel our ignorance (not knowing things as they are) which is the root cause of sufferings in samsara. Great bodhisattva Avalokiteshvara under the blessings of the Buddha explained how to train ourselves in order to actualize the practice of Profound Transcendent Wisdom (realization of absolute emptiness). The pillars of this precious Mahayana sutra include the 5 skandas, 6 ayatanas, 18 dhatus, 12 nidanas (links of interdependent origination), 4 Noble Truths and the stages of practice such as bodhicitta, 6 Paramitas, 5 Paths, 10 Bhumis and Perfect Buddhahood.

GONG CHIK Sat. – Sun., Sept. 2 - 3, kl. 10 – 17

Venue: **RATNASHRI MEDITATION CENTER** (see above)

Fee: 350 SEK per day (any participation during the day)

Registration by email to info@ratnashri.se is required.

Lunch is included if you register by August 30.

The book that will be used can be purchased at the center.

Gong Chik, the single nature/ground/intent, refers to the dharmakaya which is of one nature (the most profound emptiness). From within that nature, all phenomena of samsara and nirvana are manifested within the framework of causality and they are perceived according to the realization of individuals. Those who do not realize, see the confused projections; from that state, samsara (with suffering as its characteristic) is experienced. Whereas those who realize dharmakaya, have dissipated all the confused projections; from that state, nirvana (with freedom from suffering as its characteristic) is experienced. *Gong Chik*, written by Jigten Sumgön (the

reincarnation of Nagarjuna and the founder of the Drikung Kagyu lineage), conveys clearly the essence of the Buddha's whole teachings. It delineates the universal law of causality, Nagarjuna's philosophy of interdependence, and opens one's mind to moral ethics that help to guard oneself against confusion and deceit. The 8th Karmapa even praised it as the "*doctrine of the Kagyupa*". Khenchen Rinpoche said, "*In order to free oneself from Samsara and to achieve enlightenment, Gong Chik teaching is indispensable. It describes precisely the fine line between Samsara and Nirvana.*"

Private Audience with Rinpoche

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Biography of Jigten Sumgön (1143-1217)

The glorious Phagmodrupa had five hundred disciples honored with white parasols. However, he repeatedly proclaimed that his successor would be an Upasaka of the tenth Bodhisattva stage. That person was no other than the peerless Kyobpa Jigten Sumgön, emanation of Tathagata Lurik Dronma and Nagarjuna.

Prophesied in many Sutras, Kyobpa Jigten Sumgön was born in a noble family of Kyura clan in Tibet. His father Naljorpa Dorje was a great Yamantaka practitioner and his mother was Rakyisa Tsunma. Many marvelous signs occurred during his birth. He started his formal education under his father at the age of four and later under his uncle, the great abbot, Ra-dreng Gom-chen, the reverend Khorwa Lung-khyer and others. He was initially named Tsunpa Kyab and later as Dorje Pal.

When he was eight, he had a vision of Yamantaka while meditating at Tsib Lungmoche. He saw the nature of Samsara and Nirvana as insubstantial like a reflection in a mirror. He received and mastered various teachings on Luminosity, Mahamudra, Kadampa tradition and Guhyasamaja etc and became a renowned yogi in Kham.

Just hearing the name Phagmodrupa from Gonda Pandita, great devotion aroused in him and thus he went to Central Tibet to seek Phagmodrupa's teachings. Travelling day and night, he reached Phagdrü Monastery. Phagmodrupa received him by saying, "Now all my disciples are present". He was then given Upasaka and Bodhichitta vow and was named Ratna Shri. He attended Phagmodrupa for two and half years and soon became his heart son and successor after he passed away.

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