

শাস্ক্র'ম'র্ম'শাম্ক্র'মান্ত্রীর'মা Karmapa Dusum Khyenpa

चक्रीट्यानापुः यहूर्यः सक्चित्याप्तः वचा वित् क्ष्र्यः श्चर्यायः वार्ष्ययः यहूर्यः स्वाद्वः स्वादः स्वाद्वः स्वाद्वः स्वाद्वः स्वादः स्वतः स्वादः स्वतः स्वादः स्वतः स्वादः स्वतः स्वादः स्वतः स्वादः स्वतः स्वदः स्वतः स्वतः

Inseparable from Avalokiteshvara, the first Karmapa Dusum Khyenpa was born in 1110. He will be the future Buddha, who is the sixth one of this fortunate eon and known as the Lion. Dusum Khyenpa became the chief disciple of the peerless Gampopa and attainted realization of ultimate unity. In establishing the Kamkhyim Temple in Litang, he began the lineage of the Kamtsang Kagyu. His main disciple was Situ Drogön Repa Chenpo, to whom he transmitted the profound inner teachings in their entirety. Since that time, the Golden Garland of the Kagyu, known as the practice lineage, has been passed down in an unbroken transmission to this day.

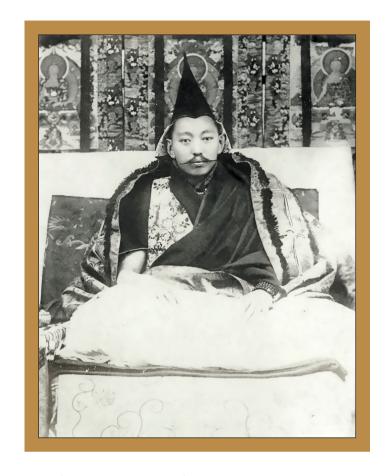
The buddhas and bodhisattvas of the ten directions empowered Dusum Khyenpa as the glorious Karmapa, and his incarnations have continued down to the present through the special method of the previous incarnation foretelling the birth of the subsequent one. In Central Tibet, Dusum Khyenpa established Tölung Tsurphu Monastery, known as Akanishta, and from this great seat, his incarnations have extended their Dharma activity throughout the upper, middle, and lower parts of Tibet as well as to China and India.

गास्य प्रति सु । व रेगा

The Incarnations of the Gyalwang Karmapa

- 1. Karmapa Dusum Khyenpa 1110-1193
- 2. Karma Pakshi 1206-1283
- 3. Karmapa Rangjung Dorje 1284-1339
- 4. Karmapa Rölpe Dorje 1340-1383
- 5. Karmapa Dezhin Shekpa 1384-1415
- 6. Karmapa Thongwa Dönden 1416-1453
- 7. Karmapa Chödrak Gyatso 1454-1506
- 8. Karmapa Mikyö Dorje 1507-1554
- 9. Karmapa Wangchuk Dorje 1556-1603
- 10. Karmapa Chöying Dorje 1604-1674
- 11. Karmapa Yeshe Dorje 1676-1702
- 12. Karma Changchup Dorje 1703-1732
- 13. Karmapa Dudul Dorje 1733-1797
- 14. Karmapa Thekchok Dorje 1798-1868
- 15. Karmapa Khakhyab Dorje 1871-1922
- 16. Karmapa Rigpe Dorje 1924-1981
- 17. Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje 1985

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स्टि चाक्षणः चे । अक्ष्यः विच चक्षेयः सूचा चूणः ला जुका क्षेत्रः स्व अर्थ्यः स्व न्यूच दे कृ. है. सूच कृष्णः विवाय विवा

In the later years of his life, the XVth Gyalwang Karmapa Khakhyab Dorje stayed in strict retreat on the mountain behind Tsurphu Monastery. To his disciple, Golok Gelong Jampal Tsultrim, he gave a protection amulet, wrapped in multicolored thread, and said, "This is a protection for you. In the future, a messenger will come in great haste from Palpung Monastery. At the time you should open this amulet." One month later, on the 17th day of the third Tibetan month, in the Water Dog year (1922), Khakhyab Dorje's mind entered into the expanse of all phenomena.

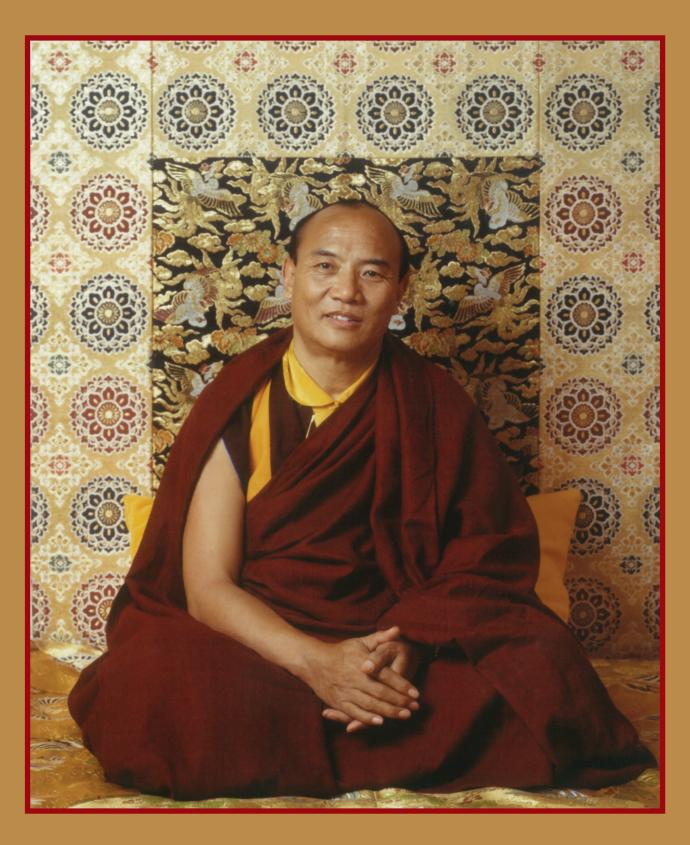
Through his pure vision, the XI Tai Situpa, Pema Wangchok Gyalpo, saw the precious reincarnation of the Karmapa, and that he was born in the town of Denkhok of the Derge region in Kham to the Athubtsang family. His father was named Tsewang Phuntsok and his mother, Kalzang Chödrön. Tai Situ Rinpoche sent a messenger to Tsurphu with the specific purpose of asking: "If you have the sacred letter of prediction from the previous Karmapa, please bring it to me." The administration of Tsurphu Monastery looked for the letter, but could not find it. Lodrö, the General Secretary of Palpung



Monastery, and Bakdro, the General Secretary of Tsurphu, met with His Holiness the XIIIth Dalai Lama in order to formally request his confirmation that this child of the Athubtsang family was the unmistaken reincarnation of the previous Karmapa. In accordance with the vision of his pure wisdom, the Dalai Lama bestowed the Buktham Rinpoche, the official letter with his seal confirming the child as the XVIth Gyalwang Karmapa.

When Gelong Jampal Tsultrim heard this news, he opened the protection amulet given to him by the previous Karmapa and found the letter inside, which was written in symbolic language. He gave the letter to Tsurphu Monastery, and when it arrived finally at Palpung and was decoded, its meaning was found to correspond exactly with the pure vision of the XIth Tai Situ Rinpoche.

When the XVIth Gyalwang Karmapa was eight years old, Tai Situ Rinpoche enthroned him at Palpung Monastery in the ceremony that brought together rinpoches and lamas from all the Kagyu monasteries. At that time, Situ Rinpoche offered the Karmapa the name, Palden Rangjung Rigpe Dorje, which came from a treasure, found by Chokgyur Lingpa and containing a prophecy of Guru Rinpoche with names of future Karmapas. Afterwards, Situ Rinpoche accompanied the XVIth Gyalwang Karmapa to his seat at Tsurphu Monastery. From XIIIth Dalai Lama, the Karmapa received the hair cutting ceremony and the name, Thubten Rikdröl Yeshe. Situ Rinpoche performed a second, profound and extensive enthronement at Tsurphu.

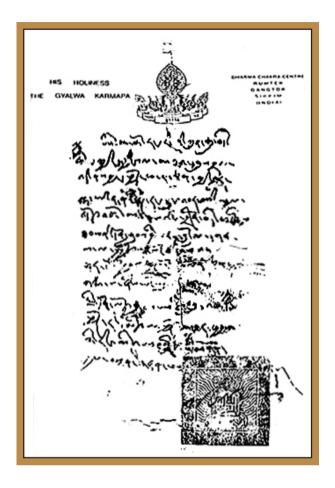


र्ग कुत्य प्रपट्ट गाझ प्रापञ्ज पुतास प्रपट्ट चुट स्वासित हे है।
The XVIth Gyalwang Karmapa Rangjung Rigpai Dorje

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In his younger years, the XVIth Gyalwang Karmapa devoted himself to reflecting on and studying the Buddhist teachings. At Palpung Monastery his root lama, the XIth Tai Situpa Pema Wangchok Gyalpo, offered to the Karmapa the novice, bhikshu, and bodhisattva vows as well as the teachings of the Eight Great Chariots and all the initiations and reading transmissions of the Kagyu lineage without exception. He received all these as water flowing from one vessel to another. From the second Jamgön Kongtrul, Khyentse Özer, the XVIth Karmapa received initiations, reading transmissions, and profound instructions, which he studied and deeply contemplated. In addition, from many rime (nonsectarian) masters, he received and perfected numerous profound instructions. At his Seat of Tsurphu, the Karmapa engaged in extensive activity for the benefit of the Kagyu lineage. He brought to the path a multitude of practitioners from Tibet, China, and many other countries.

In 1959, due to the political turmoil in Tibet, the Gyalwang Karmapa went to Sikkim. The King and the faithful followers there helped to build the Karmapa's monastery, Shedrup Chökhor Ling in Rumtek. His Holiness gave the complete Kagyu initiations and reading transmissions to his heart sons and to numerous rinpoches and lamas. Turning the wheel of the genuine Dharma, he extended his vast activity throughout the world. In January of 1981, the XVIth Gyalwang Karmapa gave to his heart son, the XIIth Tai Situpa, a protection amulet with a brocade cover and said, "This is your protection amulet. In the future, it will confer great benefit." On November 5th, 1981, the XVIth Gyalwang Karmapa passed into parinirvana in a hospital located in Zion, Illinois in the United States.



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The Sacred Letter of Prediction from His Holiness the XVIth Gyalwang Karmapa

Emaho. Self-awareness is always bliss;

The dharmadhatu¹ has no center or edge.

From here to the north [in] the east of [the land] of snow

Is a country where divine thunder spontaneously $blazes^2$

[In] a beautiful nomad's place with the sign of a cow^3

The method is Döndrup and the wisdom is Lolaga. 4

[Born in] the year of the one used for the $earth^5$

[With] the miraculous, far-reaching sound of the white one:⁶

[This] is the one known as Karmapa.

His is sustained by Lord Dönyö Druppa;

Being nonsectarian, he pervades all directions;

Not staying close to some and distant from others, he is the protector of all beings:

The sun of Buddha's Dharma that benefits others always blazes.

- 1. Chos kyi dbying, the expanse of all phenomena and equivalent to shunyata or emptiness.
- 2. The XVIIth Karmapa's place of birth is Lhathok: *Lha* means "divine" and *thok* means "thunder." In the text, thunder is poetically called *gnam lchags* or "sky iron."
- 3. The name of the nomadic community where the Karmapa was born is Bagor; *ba* means "cow" and Dharma term for cow, *dod jo*, is used in the text.
- 4. Method refers to the father and wisdom to the mother.
- 5. His Holiness was born in the Wood Ox year, a tree lives from the earth and an ox is used to plow it.
- 6. This refers to the sound of the conch shell that miraculously resounded in the air for about an hour after His Holiness' birth.

Translated in July, 1992, in Rumtek, Sikkim, by Michele Martin.



On the March 19, 1992, the heart sons of the XVIth Karmapa, the leaders of the Kamtsang Kagyu lineage, gathered at the Dharmachakra Monastery in Rumtek, Sikkim. On this day, they were offered the sacred letter predicting the reincarnation of His Holiness. At first, they determined the actual letters and words of the sacred letter, and the late Jamgön Kongtrul Rinpoche entered this confirmed version into his computer. Then the four Rinpoches together interpreted the meaning of the letter and Jamgön Rinpoche took personal notes. They all agreed that Jamgön Rinpoche should carry out the search during his visit to Tsurphu Monastery, which had been arranged beforehand. At this time, definite plans were formulated and an announcement was made to the public. Subsequently, Jamgön Kongtrul Rinpoche, Tai Situ Rinpoche, and Tsurphu Gyaltsap Rinpoche communicated with Tsurphu Monastery about the reincarnation of the Karmapa in order to prepare for the forthcoming visit of Jamgön Rinpoche. But on April 26th, 1992, Jamgön Rinpoche suddenly passed away in a tragic event that prevented him from fulfilling his life span. After this, despite their great sadness at the loss of Jamgön Rinpoche, Tai Situ Rinpoche and Tsurphu Goshir Gyaltsap Rinpoche together carried on the search for His Holiness' reincarnation without losing any momentum.



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Having the same aspiration and a single goal, H. H. the Dalai Lama and the XVIth Gyalwang Karmapa worked with great energy to preserve and propagate Buddhism, which protects and benefits all living beings. In 1961, His Holiness composed this poem.

An Inspired Song, the Resonance of Joy

Glorious Tölung Tsurphu, this Akanishtha, highest region of the mind,

Is a place where an ocean of dakinis gathers like clouds.

The mountain behind is Tukpoköpa, the pure realm of Chenrezik.

On the mountain in front is a vast and dense forest, the place of Draktso Chölwa.

The mountain between is Tushita, the joyful mind, pure realm of great Maitreya.

Let us go to that pure realm where lamas, yidams, and dakinis gather like clouds.

Having planted the victory banner of the Buddha's teachings in the land of Dharma,

Let us raise in the country of Kailash the sun of happiness and well-being for all people.

Pillar of all the Buddha's teachings, [Dalai Lama], great wish-fulfilling gem,

Pervading the world with myriad lights,

[May you be] permanent, stable, and unchanging as a diamond

In the Red Palace of Lhasa on the golden throne held high by lions.

Your melodious teachings pour forth in the tones of Brahma.

In this endless universe, please turn the three wheels of Dharma.

Unconditioned primordial wisdom, the expanse of your mind, sees without obstruction into the three times.

You maintain the Buddha's teachings without prejudice and they do not decline, but grow.

May you [reign] as the three great Dharma kings, with Dharma and worldly power entwined in a silken knot.

How joyful, how happy are sentient beings. The teaching of the Buddha spreads;

The sangha holds its head high; the honeyed rain of Dharma falls;

And the world of living beings is brought into happiness.

Numbers of living beings vast as space, although they prize happiness, gather only suffering.

With the first moment of self-awareness, comes freedom from the net of the three realms.

Let us bring the vast universe into joy—that is called peace.

From the expanse of the inexpressible nada, sprang this joyous song.

Let us join in a happy dance, graced with the melody of delight.

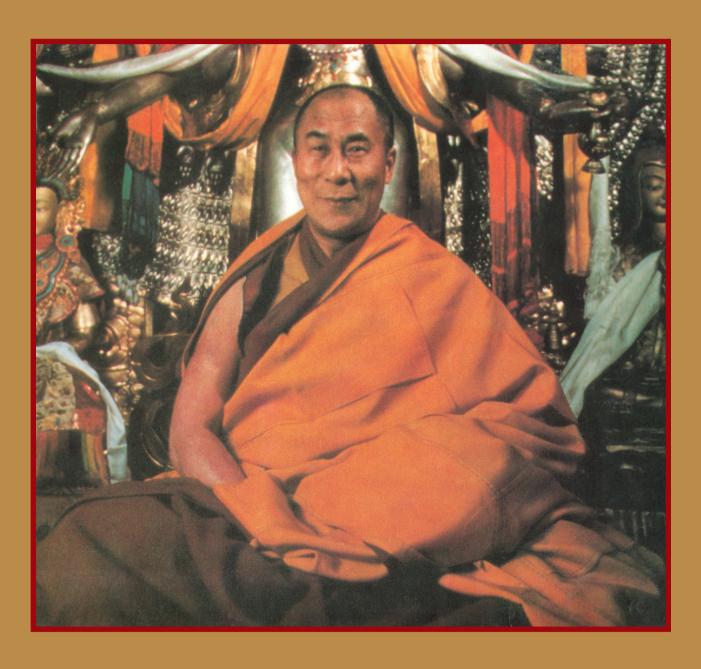


त्रच्चित् र्ट्वः सि.व.शुर्-ता-वश्चर-श्राच्या ।

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In the center of the photograph are H.H. the Dalai Lama, H.H. Sakya Tridzin, H.H. the Gyalwang Karmapa, H.H.Dudjom Rinpoche, and the two senior tutors of the Dalai Lama. With these non-sectarian spiritual masters taking the lead, other important, authentic lamas had the same wonderful aspiration to preserve and promote Tibetan Buddhism for the benefit of the teachings and all living beings. As a part of this activity, they have established monasteries along with centers of learning and practice in Nepal and India, and founded Dharma centers in many countries to fulfill the wishes of individuals from both the East and the West, who have faith and are interested in the Dharma. They sent Rinpoches, khenpos, lamas, and spiritual friends to encourage practice of the Dharma, and through developing places of retreat and study, as well as Dharma centers, they continued to benefit the teachings and sentient beings.

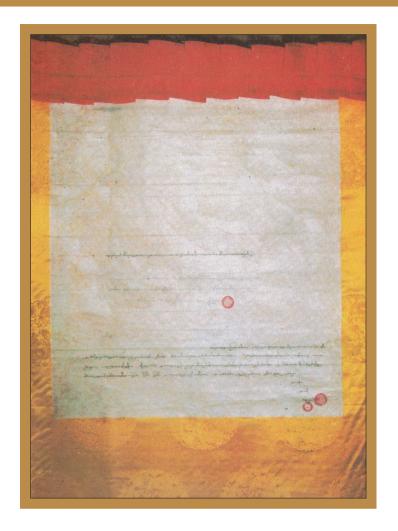


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From 1981 to 1992, His Holiness the Dalai Lama has been constantly informed by high incarnate lamas of the Kagyu lineage about the developments relating to the discovery of the XVII Gyalwang Karmapa. All the leaders of the major schools of Tibetan Buddhism and masters of the non-sectarian teachings were requested to pray for the swift incarnation and discovery of the XVIIth Karmapa.

On June 9th, 1992, Situ Rinpoche and Gyaltsap Rinpoche informed His Holiness the Dalai Lama about the details of the search and discovery of the XVIIth Gyalwang Karmapa according to the letter of prediction left by the XVIth Karmapa. On the basis of his flawless wisdom, His Holiness the Dalai Lama gave his approval to the reincarnation. On June 30th, 1992, he granted the official letter with his seal of confirmation, the Buktham Rinpoche. At the same time, His Holiness also gave advice, which was taped, to all Kagyu followers, and he also gave a blessing for the long life and activity of the XVIIth Gyalwang Karmapa. He blessed the two Rinpoches on their journey to Tibet and sent with them a blessed scarf, a blessing cord, a special protection cord, and his personal mala to be presented to the XVIIth Karmapa.



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The Buktham Rinpoche

Granted by His Holiness the Dalai Lama: "The boy born to Karma Döndrub and Loga in the Wood Ox year (of the Tibetan calendar) identifies with the prediction letter (left by the late Karmapa) and is hereby recognized as the reincarnation of the 16th Karmapa. With prayers for his well-being and for the success of his activities. The Dalai Lama

Translation by Kalön Tashi Wangdi

The 3rd of the fourth Tibetan month in the water monkey year, June 3rd, 1992.

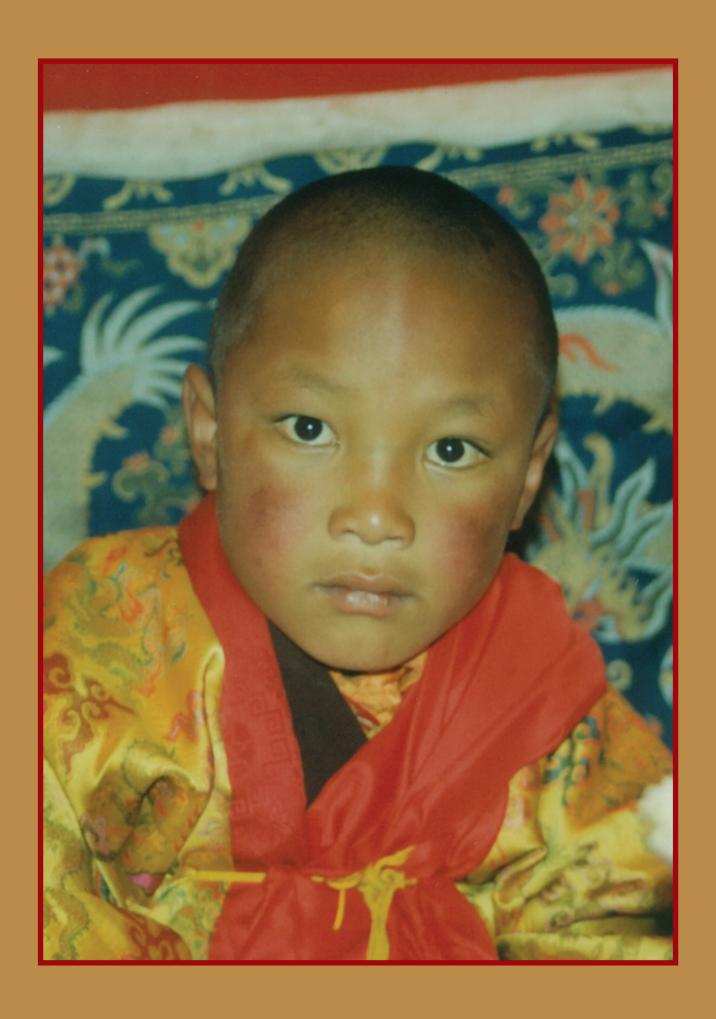


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A Summary of the Kind Advice Given by His Holiness the Dalai Lama

It is mainly Situ Rinpoche along with Tsurphu Gyaltsap Rinpoche and those closely connected, who are responsible for finding the reincarnation of the XVIth Gyalwang Karmapa, and I am very happy about this. There is a proverb that says where there is great Dharma, there is immense Mara. Although there have been some difficult situations, from now on, everyone should firmly maintain their faith and samaya. I pray that this precious reincarnation will have a long life and that his activity will flourish. I wish you all Tashi Delek.



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त्रम्य वट टी. प्रत्ति स्मित्र प्रत्ति स्मित्र प्रत्ति स्मित्र स्मित्य

His Holiness the XVIIth Gyalwang Karmapa was born on the eighth day of the fifth Tibetan month of the Year of the Wood Ox in the place of Lhathok, located in the nomad community of Bagor, eastern Tibet. His father is Karma Döndrup and his mother, Loga. Just before the sun rose, he was born without any difficulty. In the afternoon of the third day after his birth, the wide-ranging sound of a conch shell resonated for about one hour. For another half hour, the tones of various musical instruments were clearly heard by all the people in this nomad community. This resounding of the conch shell in the sky and on the earth was a wondrous event.

Before the Karmapa was born, a beautiful bird never seen before landed on the roof of the family's tent and sang a lovely song. At another times, a rainbow appeared over the tent. In this way, many wonderful signs appeared, which were directly perceived, and which led all the people of the area to believe that this child was a very special one.

When he was four years old, Amdo Palden from Kalek Monastery invited the Karmapa to come there and so he began his studies. In general, the Karmapa possessed great qualities within his physical from, great compassion, and wondrous qualities within his mind, such as the knowledge of past and future times. For example, one day when he was playing with his youngest sister, he said: "Father's car has fallen down." When his sister rebuked him, "Don't talk like that," he answered, "Everything is all right." When the Karmapa's father came back, they found out that the Karmapa had known exactly what happened: his father's vehicle had fallen off the road, but no one was hurt.





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Through his pure vision, the Dalai Lama saw green mountains covered with meadows, and on the right and left of the valley were two streams. In the air, resounded the name Karmapa. This corresponded exactly to the high pastureland of Bagor where the Karmapa's family lived during the summer. The above picture shows the homeland of the Karmapa's family, a mountain valley with two streams on either side.

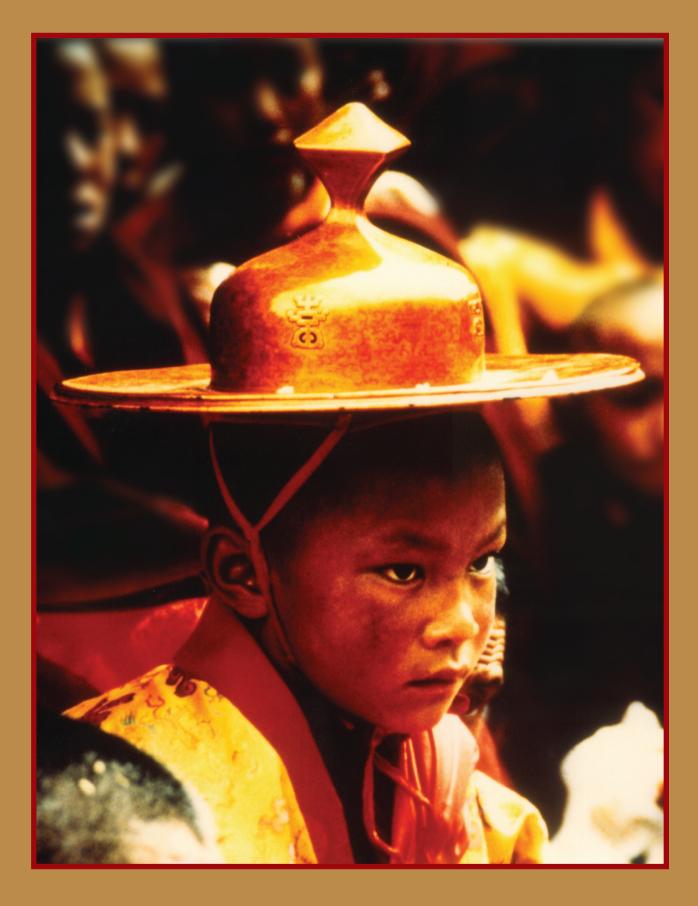
In May, 1992 (the month that the search party arrived in Lhathok), the young Karmapa, following his own idea, left Karlek Monastery with the purpose of returning to his parents' home. He packed of his clothes on the back of his goat, a special one without horns, and said, "Now I'm ready to go to my monastery. I'd be happy to take with me a few gifts from Kalek Monastery."

Previous to this, the Karmapa had insisted that his family move a month early from their winter to their summer residence and so they had no choice but to do so. This allowed the search party from Tsurphu Monastery that was looking for the reincarnation, to find the Karmapa in the area of Bagor, just as his home had been described in the sacred letter of prediction. So there was a miraculous and perfect correspondence between the XVIth Karmapa's sacred letter of prediction and the place where his reincarnation was found. Later, when the Karmapa was leaving his home for Karlek Monastery, three suns appeared in the sky and were seen by all the people in the surrounding area.



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On June 30th, 1992 (corresponding to the seventeenth year of the sixty year Tibetan cycle, on the thirtieth day of the fourth Tibetan month of the Water Monkey year), His Holiness the Dalai Lama, omniscient and far-seeing, bestowed the final confirmation of the XVIIth Karmapa's reincarnation in the form of the Buktham Rinpoche. With Tai Situ Rinpoche and Tsurphu Goshir Gyaltsap Rinpoche, the Dalai Lama sent a long white scarf, a blessing cord, and so forth, to be given to the Gyalwang Karmapa. With joy and loving-kindness, he gave clear, profound advice to two Rinpoches. This advice was communicated to the Rumtek community and broadcast on All India Radio. Soon afterwards, Situ Rinpoche and Gyaltsap Rinpoche went to Tibet to meet His Holiness the XVIIth Karmapa.



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On July 13th, 1992, Situ Rinpoche and Gyaltsap Rinpoche arrived together at Tsurphu Monastery to meet His Holiness the XVIIth Karmapa. They were received in an elaborate ceremony by the upper and lower monasteries of Tsurphu as well as other Kamtsang monasteries in the surrounding area. This meeting was their first formal one with the XVIIth Karmapa. Subsequently, at the request of Tsurphu Monastery, the two Rinpoches conducted an elaborate hair-cutting ceremony at the Jokhang Temple of Lhasa in the presence of the most precious statue of the Buddha in Tibetan Buddhism. This extensive ceremony began with the presentation to the XVIIth Karmapa of the scarf, blessing card, and other precious articles kindly sent by His Holiness the Dalai Lama. According to the prophecy of Guru Rinpoche, found in the treasure of Chokgyur Dechen Lingpa, the name Pal Khyabdak Ogyen Gyalway Nyugu Drodul Trinley Dorje Tsal Chokle Nampar Gyalway De was offered to the Karmapa during this profound ceremony.



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On July 13, 1992, the father, H.H. the XVIIth Karmapa, and two of his heart sons, Tai Situ Rinpoche and Tsurphu Goshir Gyaltsap Rinpoche, meet in a formal ceremony at Tsurphu Monastery.



The parents of the Gyalwang Karmapa: his father, Chödo Karma Döndrup and his mother, Gazi Loga, both of whom came to Tsurphu with His Holiness.



According to the wishes of all the lamas, monks, and lay community of Tsurphu Monastery, as well as the Karma Kamtsang monasteries of upper, middle, and lower Tibet, the Karmapa was enthroned in an elaborate ceremony at Tsurphu Monastery, the main seat of all the Gyalwang Karmapas, on the auspicious day of September 27th, 1992.



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The Buktham Rinpoche, the sacred letter of prediction, and the prediction of the Nechung Oracle were offered to the XVIIth Gyalwang Karmapa during the enthronement ceremony.



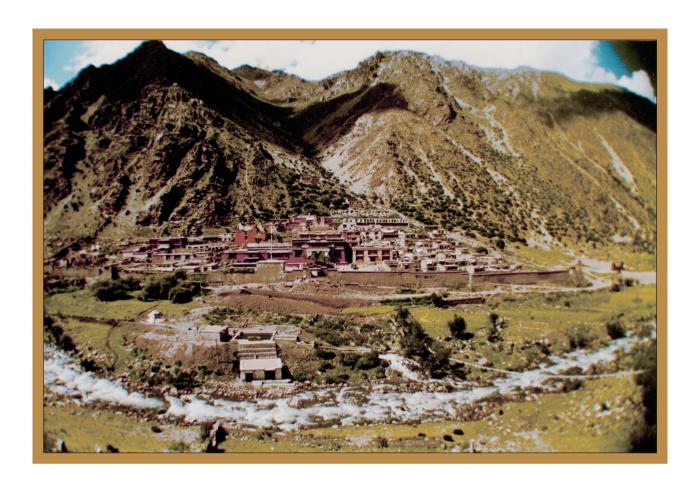




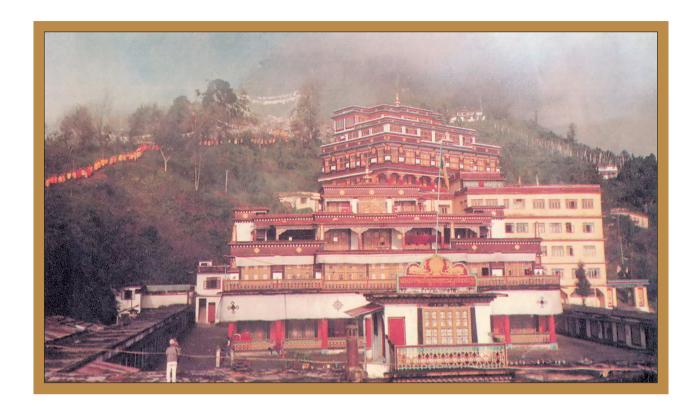
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On September 29th, 1992, H.H. the XVII Gyalwang Karmapa performed his first public ceremony, an empowerment of Avalokiteshvara known as Overturning the Depths of Samsara. The empowerment was received by over twenty thousand of his fortunate monastic and lay disciples.

Participants in the enthronement ceremony included: tulkus and lamas or their representatives from the many Karma Kamtsang monasteries and from the main schools of Tibetan Buddhism along with representatives from the government of the PRC and the government of the Tibetan Autonomous Region as well as disciples from Dharma centers abroad and monks and devotees from all over the world.



Tsurphu Monastery and the government of the Tibetan Autonomous Region have approved the visit of the XVIIth Gyalwang Karmapa to his seat in Sikkim. The time of departure and all the necessary arrangements are being made.



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Tai Situ Rinpoche and Goshir Gyaltsap Rinpoche along with the administrative branches, Kagyu tulkus and lamas are all working with great energy so that H.H. the XVIIth Karmapa can continue to benefit the teachings and living beings, in particular through visiting his monastery Shedrup Chökhor Ling, constructed by the previous Karmapa in Rumtek, Sikkim. H. H. the Dalai Lama has also sent a letter to the Prime Minister of India regarding the visit of the XVIIth Karmapa to Sikkim.



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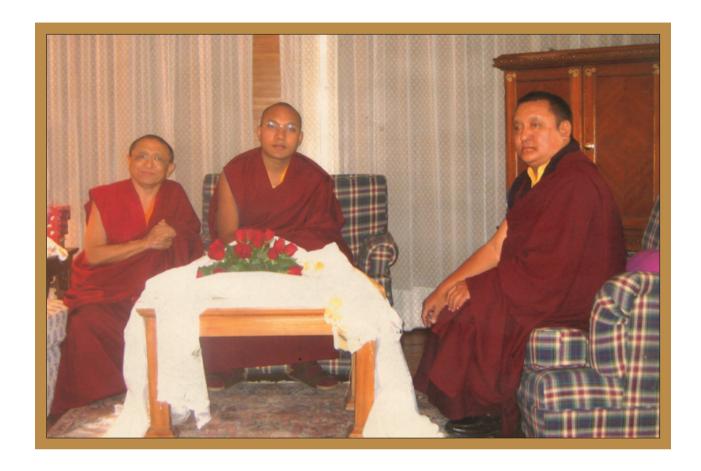
On March 19, 1992, Tai Situ Rinpoche, Jamgon Kongtrul Rinpoche, Gyaltsap Rinpoche and I held a meeting in which Tai Situ Rinpoche presented us with His Holiness' handwritten letter of prophesy, the sacred testament. which was found in Situ Rinpoche's protection talisman. At that time, a little doubt arose in my mind, but now I have attained complete confidence in Situ Rinpoche, and the contents of this letter, according to which the reincarnation has definitely been discovered and further confirmed by His Holiness the Dalai Lama as the incarnation of His Holiness the Gyalwang Karmapa.

I offer my willing acceptance and henceforth, I will no longer pursue the matter of examining the sacred testament, etc.

Shamarpa

Witnessed by Orgyen Tulku Rinpoche

Translated by Michele Martin



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On January 9, 2007 in the Indian capital of New Delhi, Kunzik Shamar Rinpoche and the son of Orgyen Tulku, Chokyi Nyima Rinpoche, appeared in the presence of the glorious Gyalwang Karmapa.

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Afterword

In 1992 this publication, known as *The Seventeenth Incarnation of the Glorious Gyalwang Karmapa*, was first printed and later, it was printed a second time in 1994 as it is the first among all the accounts of how the supreme king, the Seventeenth Karmapa Ogyen Drodul Trinley Dorje, came into the world and was discovered.

Recognizing this important chronicle to be a true record of the events, many learned authorities suggested that it would be good to print it again. Although the meaning of the words remains unchanged and nothing of note has been added or removed, for reference we have placed at the end, the letter of Kunzik Shamar Rinpoche, in which he fully accepts the Karmapa's reincarnation found in Lhathok, a photo of him with His Holiness Karmapa Ogyen Drodul Trinley Dorje.

Now this publication has been printed in Nepal for a third time by Karma Lekshey Ling. In line with the way books are made these days, the size is smaller, the pages are more numerous, and the production is of higher quality. In brief, all best pratices were followed.

The essential purpose of this reprint is to benefit limitless numbers of living beings and, in particular, to benefit the one whom we are fortunate to call our supreme lama, Gyalchok Karmapa Ogyen Drodul Trinley Dorje. With a single focus, we pray that the myriad blazing lights of his activities, manifesting through the vajras of his body, speech, and mind, will dispel all darkness; that his every wish will be spontaneously accomplished; and that all possible harm will vanish of itself. May the life of this one, who leads all the living beings of this world into peace and true happiness, be long and stable.

On the twenty-second day of the ninth Tibetan month (November 13) in the year 2014—the day of the Buddhas descent from the celestial realm—this was written by the Neshangpa Phuntsok, a humble disciple of the Karmapa, at Karma Lekshey Ling in Nepal. May it blaze in auspicious glory as an ornament of this world. Sarva Mangalam.





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