



Dharma Announcement: Nyingtig Yabshi Empowerments and Reading Transmission

This message is an invitation for those interested in receiving the following transmissions and teachings. The heart of the exceedingly short path of the 6.4 million verses of the Dzogchen Tantras, and the quintessence of the seventeen tantras, is the Pith Instruction Class of Luminosity Great Perfection.

In Tibet, the progenitors of this great chariot were Vimalamitra and Padmasambhava. These teachings were passed by Vima to Nyang Tingzin Zangpo, beginning a lineage of practitioners who attained rainbow body. Subsequently and in secret these teachings were passed to Lodro Wangchuk, Drom Rinchenbar, Neten Dangma Lhungyal, Chetsun Senge Wangchuk and others, establishing the lineage known as Vima Nyingtig. The Master Padmasambhava imparted these teachings to Dakini Yeshe Tsogyal and other wisdom dakinis. They were then passed successively to Pema Ledretsel, establishing the transmission of the Khandro Nyingtig.

These two cycles make up the two Mother Heart Essence Teachings (*nyingtig ma nyi*). The entirety of these two streams of teachings fell to the omniscient Dharma King Longchen Rabjam who combined them together. His commentary on the Vima Nyingtig is known as Lama Yangtig, and his single summation of the quintessential meaning of the Khandro Nyingtig is known as the Khandro Yangtig. These four—Vima Nyingtig, Khandro Nyingtig, Lama Yangtig, and Khandro Yangtig—are known either as the Four Mother and Child Nyingtig or the Nyingtig Yabshi (Four-fold Nyingtig). Longchenpa's encapsulation of the profound key points of pith instructions of both mother and child cycles is known as the Zabmo Yangtig.

The entryway into this class of secret pith instructions consists of the stages of empowerment, which ripen the mind, and receiving the liberating instructions. The supportive teachings for these texts are the extensive Pandita Cycle, the Seven Treasuries, both profound and extensive teachings that show a complete and unmistakable path, a great chariot of the definitive meaning. Additional supportive texts include the Three Cycles of Relaxation, Three Cycles of Natural Liberation, Three Cycles of Dispelling Darkness, and others.

The confluence of the streams of the short and long lineages of these teachings was held by the supreme refuge, the lord of the mandala, Dilgo Khyentse Vajradhara. For more than a decade, while serving at the lotus feet of this sublime being, our own incomparable guide, the magical wisdom manifestation of the glorious Gyalwa Choyang, one of the nine heart sons of the Guru Rinpoche, the sixth emanation of Drime Lingpa, supreme Gochen Tulku, Namchak Sang-ngag Tenzin Rinpoche, received these teachings. He received them not just once, but again and again.

He also received the pith instructions of Dzogchen from the great disciple of Khenchen Ngagi Wangpo—Pema Ledretsel—Urgyen Chemchok, a supreme emanation who achieved rainbow body. For nine years Tulku Sang-ngag relied upon this master, taking him as his refuge and lord of the enlightened family. These teachings included the entirety of the whispered lineage of pith instructions of the Luminosity Secret Essence (*osel sangwa nyingtig*), which he was taught and contemplated deeply.

When the time came, in accord with prophecy, Tulku Sang-ngag Rinpoche began to spread these teaching in America, the land of the west. For almost twenty years Tulku Sang-ngag has taught at his main seat, Ewam Montana's Sang-ngag Ling, The Garden of 1000 Buddhas; and in Ewam Santa Fe, at Pema Khandro Ling, and Longchen Ritro. He has turned vastly the wheel of the ripening and liberating teachings of the Pith Instruction Class of Great Perfection. He imparts these teachings to fortunate students who have already trained their minds well through the preliminary practices (*ngondro*). We are extremely fortunate and grateful that he teaches and continues to teach.

In accord with the requests made by a number of western students in America who are striving in spiritual practice, this spiritual protector graciously accepted to begin offering, in particular, the reading transmissions and empowerments of the above mentioned lineage of Dzogchen Nyingtig, and the stream of transmission of supporting teachings including the Three Cycles of Relaxation, Three Cycles of Natural Liberation, the Seven Treasuries of Longchenpa, and the extremely rare lineage of the summation of key points of the pith instructions of the Nyingtig Yabshi, a commentary on the Mother and Child Nyingtig called Stainless Guidance (Drime Shelung).

This year the teachings will be imparted in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on November 2-11, 2018.

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