

## Biography of Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche

**H**.E. Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse Rinpoche, Thubten Chökyi Gyamtso, was born in 1961 in Bhutan, recognized as the mind emanation of one of the greatest Dzogchen masters of his time Jamyang Khyentse Chökyi Lodro (1893-1959).



The Khyentse lineage, starting with the great Jamyang Khyentse Wangpo, has always been characterized by the vision of non-sectarianism. Reflecting this tradition, H.E. Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche studied with teachers from all the four schools of Tibetan Buddhism. Rinpoche received empowerments and teachings from many of the greatest contemporary masters, including H.H. the Dalai Lama, H.H. the 16th Karmapa, H.H. Sakya Trizin, and his own grandfathers, H.H. Dudjom Rinpoche and Sönam Zangpo. His main guru was H.H. Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche. Rinpoche further studied with more than 25 great lamas from all four schools of Tibetan Buddhism.

While still a teenager, Rinpoche was responsible for publishing many rare texts that were in danger of being lost entirely, and in the 1980s, began the restoration of Dzongsar Monastery in Tibet.

He has established several colleges and retreat centres in India (in Bir and Chauntra) and in Bhutan. In accordance with the wishes of his teachers, Rinpoche has traveled and taught throughout the world, establishing dharma centres in Australia, Europe, North America, and Asia.

In 1989, H.E. Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche founded Siddhartha's Intent, a worldwide association of buddhist centers, whose principal intention is preserving the Buddhist teachings as well as deepening the understanding and awareness of the many aspects of the Buddhist teachings across different cultures and traditions.

In 2001, Rinpoche also founded the Khyentse Foundation, a non-profit organization aiming to function as "a system of patronage for institutions and individuals engaged in the practice and study of Buddha's wisdom and compassion."

Rinpoche also founded Lotus Outreach, a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring

the education, health and safety of vulnerable women and children in the developing world. Originally established to support refugee education, Lotus Outreach now also helps rehabilitate survivors of human trafficking and keep at-risk students in school.

Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche is also the director of “Deer Park,” centres of Art and Contemplation in Bhutan and India, of the “World Peace Vase Program,” a major worldwide initiative of His Holiness Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche, and of the “Siddhartha School” in Australia.

In 2008, Rinpoche founded the Manjughosha Edition, based in Berlin/Germany to publish rare and precious Buddhist texts on demand.

Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche is also a filmmaker, and his two major films are “The Cup” (1999) and “Travellers and Magicians” (2003). He is also the author of the book “What Makes You Not a Buddhist” (Shambhala, 2007).

Dharma Dhrishti is honoured and pleased to present to you the writings of this great master whose wisdom and fearlessness inspires many on the path of genuine practice.