

**His Eminence Tertön Namkha Drimed Rinpoche**  
**On Discovering the Reincarnation of Ven. Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche**  
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**Venerable Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche (KTDR)**

[KTDR is speaking in English.] His Eminence is going to give us a few reminders related with the empowerment he has just given, but first I am going to say a few words. I would like to start by saying that I’m so grateful and I rejoice that His Eminence and his entourage accepted our invitation to come to Padma Samye Ling. His Eminence has a very busy schedule and is engaged in many Dharma activities, but he did not neglect our request—he accepted it, and came here to bless us. So, I am so grateful and thankful to His Eminence, his entourage, and everyone who helped arrange this visit. Thank you so much. I would also like to thank everyone very much for coming and participating in this special occasion.

I have requested His Eminence to say a few words about discovering the reincarnation of our gracious teacher and beloved master Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche, since he was really the one who helped us discover him. [KTDR is now addressing HE Namkha Drimed Rabjam Rinpoche directly.] So, again, I am very grateful to you and thank you for that. His Eminence says he will now speak about discovering the reincarnation of Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche.

**His Eminence Namkha Drimed Rabjam Rinpoche**

[His Eminence is speaking in Tibetan and KTDR is translating in English.] As I said earlier, Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche was a scholar as well as a siddha. When he got sick and began to enter mahaparinirvana, we were all saddened by that situation. Before he entered mahaparinirvana, I myself and his close disciples really wished for and put forward the intention

that he emanate as a reincarnation. So, we put that wish forward, and he also decided to reincarnate. His Eminence explains that not everyone has a reincarnation, or not all lamas reincarnate.

He says that I—Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal—took responsibility for discovering the reincarnation of Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche. Now, the lama who is in charge of and looks after our monastery and nunnery in Varanasi is named Lama Sherab Tharchin. At my request, he went to Nepal and then Pharping—the holy place of Guru Padmasambhava—where he met with some other monks. Together they went to visit His Eminence and asked if he could find the reincarnation of our great master. [His Eminence is now speaking.] To find a reincarnation you have to be omniscient, such that you know the past, present, future, and everything else. As for myself, I am not really omniscient. However, I occasionally receive many predictions or prophecies from great enlightened beings that [visit me in dreams, visions, and so forth]. This used to happen quite often, particularly in Tibet—maybe it happens in India a little less, but I still receive a lot of predictions and prophecies foretold by various great enlightened beings. So, I have that.

At the same time, of course, predictions are not always accurate: it's almost like a blind man walking on the street [laughter]: he's not completely sure how everything is going, but he is still walking! [Everyone laughs.] In any case, I do a Gesar divination with arrows, and these arrow divinations are very accurate most of the time. If we are speaking in percentages, the divinations are close to 100 percent accurate. Maybe about 2-3 percent do not come true, but about 97 percent really do. So, since the monks representing Khenpo Tsewang requested me to find the reincarnation, I said I would do my best.

The search for Khenchen Rinpoche's reincarnation was delayed for several years. I myself was a little concerned about this, but I thought, "They asked me, so I really have to find him." Later, Lama Sherab Tharchin and the monks for Pharping Monastery came to me and again requested that I find the reincarnation. Still I was a bit concerned, but I thought, "Now I really have to find him," so they began searching. They made a list of many children, one after another, and finally we found the reincarnation.

When they gave me [the information about] the final child, I performed the Gesar divination, which came very perfectly for that child. At the same time, I had some visions, prophecies and dreams. During his life, Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche was really one of the great scholars and siddhas—that I knew very well. He was a great master, both on the level of realization and on the level of intellect, study, and scholarship. But I didn't know who he was during his former lifetimes; however, I then had some dreams and visions as well as other [indications] of his former incarnations.

In one dream, I had a vision of some of Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche's past lives. Among the Eighty-four Mahasiddhas, he was known as Lalipa. And during the time of Guru Padmasambhava, he was one of the twenty-five disciples of Guru Rinpoche known as Sokpo Lhapal [Sokpo Palgyi Yeshe]. During the time of King Gesar of Ling, the king had many emanated ministers and warriors, and one of Gesar's most well-known or highest warrior-

emanations was known as Denma. Now, one of Denma's foremost minister-assistants was known as Guru Gyaltzen. So, Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche was the emanation of Guru Gyaltzen. Since all these indications came so clearly, I don't have any doubt about the [authenticity] of the reincarnation. It was based on these indications, predictions, and visions that I decided upon and confirmed the reincarnation of Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche.

Just the day before I came to Padma Samye Ling, I was not really thinking about the reincarnation of Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche. But I had another vision of the yangsi [reincarnation] of Khenchen Rinpoche and the yangsi's mother. They were in some kind of assembly hall, and she was with the reincarnation, who was really quite tall and strong-looking. At that time, directly behind Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche's reincarnation and his mother was a warrior-deity of Gesar known as Akar Werma. His Eminence explains that Akar Werma has been with him continuously since he was about eight years old; like a body and it's shadow, His Eminence and Akar Werma have been inseparable since that time. This deity is always giving him instructions and predictions. So, in his vision, Akar Werma was standing right behind the reincarnation of Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche and his mother, and he proclaimed, "This is the true reincarnation of Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche! Since this reincarnation is unmistakable, you don't need to have any doubt!"

At the time of Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche's mahaparinirvana, his students requested and put forward the inspiration and wish that he reincarnate and return as an incarnate lama. Many people asked Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche to discover his reincarnation, and he eventually asked me to help find the reincarnation. Having received many indications, and by carefully and thoroughly examining the situation through many divinations, one after another, Khenchen Yangsi Rinpoche was found and truly confirmed. You do not need to doubt this at all. As I said, even the day before I arrived here I had the dream or vision I just mentioned—so, truly we have found the unmistakable reincarnation of Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche.

Many of you have received a lot of teachings from Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche, and now that you have discovered his reincarnation, keep these teachings in your heart and practice them. Along with this, you have beautiful Dharma centers and all these facilities, and everything is really quite good. Therefore, keep up your practice and activate the teachings. That's it! You should all enjoy these circumstances and be happy, relax, and make this life meaningful. I am going to pray for the expansion, progress, and development of this center, and of course particularly for the [flourishing of the] Nyingma school of Tibetan Buddhism. So let us all pray that everything goes so very well... [Everyone recites prayers together.]

[KTDR is speaking.] Okay, thank you everyone. Again, I welcome everyone and really thank you all for coming. Now, please come up and receive personal, direct blessings, and offer your personal offerings and khatas. We will all chant the mantra of Guru Padmasambhava together. OM AH HUNG BENZA GURU PADMA SIDDHI HUNG... [The sangha repeats this mantra for a long time.]