

LETTER TO THE SANGHA PROCLAIMING JAMGON RINPOCHE'S AUTHENTICITY

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To all those genuine, unbiased, supreme tulkus who are the glorious protectors of the doctrine and beings, and to the sangha of scholars, masters, and monks, I offer the following:

The one whom the Great Fourth prophesied in many sutras and tantras, and whom the Second Victor, the Great Guru, also foretold, was the genuine being Jamgon Kongtrul Lodro Thaye. His name was renowned as the sun and moon. The Third in the garland of his incarnations was the great Jamgon Kongtrul Lodro Chokyi Senge, whose reincarnation has now indisputably appeared.

Being completely certain as to his authenticity, I have bestowed upon him the name Jamgon Kongtrul Lodro Choyki Nyima Tenpey Dronme. And I hereby request all unbiased and supreme tulkus, and the sangha of scholars and masters, to pray that through this supreme tulku's mastery of the Three Wheels and the three types of scholarship, he may bear the awesome responsibility of disseminating the Great Fourth's flawless teachings throughout the hundred directions, and in so doing make his predecessors' legacy his own; that his lotus feet be unshakeably planted here on earth; that he be as indestructible as the vajra; that he and his activity be surrounded by only the most excellently favourable conditions; and that these favourable conditions increase and increase. I request all the aforementioned to give whatever assistance to him that they, in their wisdom, know to be necessary.



This proclamation of the authenticity of the Fourth in the garland of emanations of Jamgon Kongtrul is made by Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje in his Seat of the Pure Land of Tsurphu.

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