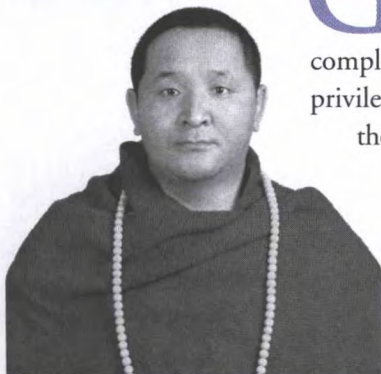


# Geshe Lobsang Jamyang REBORN

On December 25, 2004, a boy was born to a nomadic farmer family in the small village of Phera in the Solukumbu district of Nepal. He was to be recognized by His Holiness the Dalai Lama as the reincarnation of Venerable Geshe Lobsang Jamyang who died in a tragic accident in Taiwan in February 2004 [Mandala June-July 2004].



**G**eshe Lobsang Jamyang was born in 1966 in the small village of Ale in the Solukumbo area. Around 1979, he entered Kopan Monastery. In 1984, he joined the great Monastic University of Sera Je where he enrolled in Tsawa Khangtsen [house section]. He completed his studies of the five major Buddhist philosophical texts and was awarded the privileged title of Geshe Lharampa. Subsequently, he joined Gyumey Tantric College to pursue the study and practice of Vajrayana, successfully completing this extensive course.

Geshe-la was a person who not only had great devotion to his spiritual teachers in both thought and action, but he was also highly motivated and sincere in offering service to the monastery. He would follow exactly whatever instructions Lama Zopa Rinpoche and Khenrinpoche Lama Lhundup, Kopan's abbot, would give. He was close to and loved by them.

As instructed by Khenrinpoche, Geshe-la accepted the post of abbot of Shigon

Thupten Shedup Ling Monastery, established by the Tibetan Government of Religious Affairs and situated in Jalsa, Solukumbu. Under his inspirational guidance, the number of monks in the monastery increased, and he established the three basic Buddhist ceremonies<sup>1</sup> and a proper monastic education there. His guidance and benefit extended to the local community.

Eventually, as instructed by Lama Zopa Rinpoche, Geshe Lobsang Jamyang went to Taiwan and became the resident teacher at FPMT's Heruka center. There, he worked hard in the service of Buddha's teachings, and in particular the flourishing of the teachings of Manjushri Lama Tsongkhapa. He helped numerous disciples with his skilful and compassionate guidance by teaching what was most effective and suitable for them. On February 24, 2004, Geshe-la passed away.

<sup>1</sup> Sojong, entering and ending rains retreat.

**Top:** Geshe Lobsang Jamyang

**Lama Lhundrup and the three incarnations.** From left: Tenzin Phuntsok Rinpoche (Reincarnation of Geshe Lama Konchok), Thubten Kundol, and Rinzin Rinpoche (Reincarnation of Khenpo Rinzin Wangchuk).





**HE WAS REBORN** on December 25, 2004 as a boy named Pempa Gyalpo by Sonam, a local lama. "Pempa" being the Tibetan word for Saturday, the day he was born. When he was around eight months old he became ill, and was taken to see His Eminence Trulshig Rinpoche for consultation. He was given the new name of Karma Tsering.

When he was around two years of age, he would talk about the monastery he had lived in where he had many disciples, but his family paid no attention to these special indications. Yet from a young age he was quite different from other children. His play was always spiritually related, such as playing the *damaru* or making ritual cakes. Also, he enjoyed being alone.

One day, the boy came to his grandmother and advised her to recite the six syllable mantra OM MANI PADME HUM. He told her that when he went to Jalsa Monastery he would give her 100 rupees, when he went to Kathmandu he would give her 800 rupees, and when he went to Dharamsala he would give her a bag full of money!

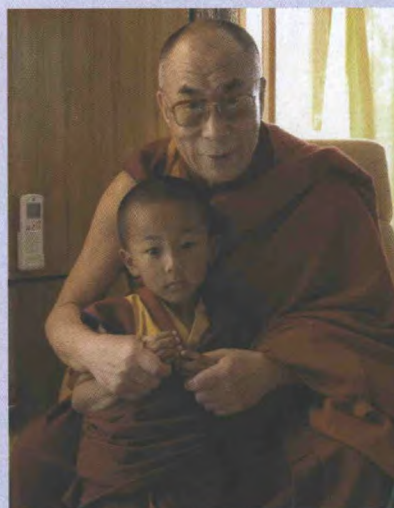
He was unusual compared to other children in that he would avoid using clothes previously worn by others, and would not share food from another's plate. He had a very compassionate nature, and even from a young age prevented others from negative actions by admonishing them that it was harmful and that they shouldn't engage in negativity.

When Karma Tsering was around four years old and his grandfather was looking after him while the parents were busy with farm work, he said, "Grandpa! We two will run away to Kopan Monastery. Also, there is a monastery in Jalsa. There are many monks in Kopan Monastery where they always do puja. If you are there, Grandpa, you will get many different kinds of good food to eat." One time he told his grandfather to stop chewing tobacco as this was a negative action, and instead he should turn a hand prayer wheel which he himself would buy and present to him.

When Karma Tsering again became very sick, he was taken once more to see His Eminence Trulshig Rinpoche. This time Rinpoche told the parents that the boy was a reincarnation of a lama, and hence should be kept clean and special care should be taken of him. One day, the brother of his previous life, together with some relatives, came to visit him. The young boy instantly ran towards him and sat on his lap, saying, "My brother!" He was also able to recognize the other relatives. His brother revealed that he had several dreams of his late brother Geshe Lobsang Jamyang, always sitting naked, then said, "Today, I am actually seeing the unmistakable reincarnation." His eyes were filled with tears of joy.

On February, 8, 2008 the young reincarnation received *rabjung* ordination from Lama Zopa Rinpoche at Kopan Monastery and was given the name Thubten Kundol. Some days later, the young Rinpoche travelled to Dharamsala in North India, and joined the great prayer festival there. At its completion, together with Lama Zopa Rinpoche, he had the great fortune and blessing of meeting His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the infallible refuge and protector of this and future lives. At that auspicious time, His Holiness made an observation concerning him, and with extreme delight His Holiness gave him the oral transmission of Buddha Manjushri's Mantra OM AH RA PA TSA NA DHI and advised that he be quickly sent to a monastic university for spiritual training.

Thubten Kundol now lives and studies at Kopan Monastery. ☸



His Holiness the Dalai Lama with Thubten Kundol in Dharamsala.

## CONFIRMATION LETTER FROM HIS HOLINESS THE 14TH DALAI LAMA

Both Kopan Monastery in Nepal and Thupten Shedup Ling Monastery, the government Monastery at Solukumbu, have requested this observation. The result for the observation came out that Pempa Gyalpo, the son of father Namkha and mother Sari, is the reincarnation of the abbot Lobsang Jamyang.

*His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama*  
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