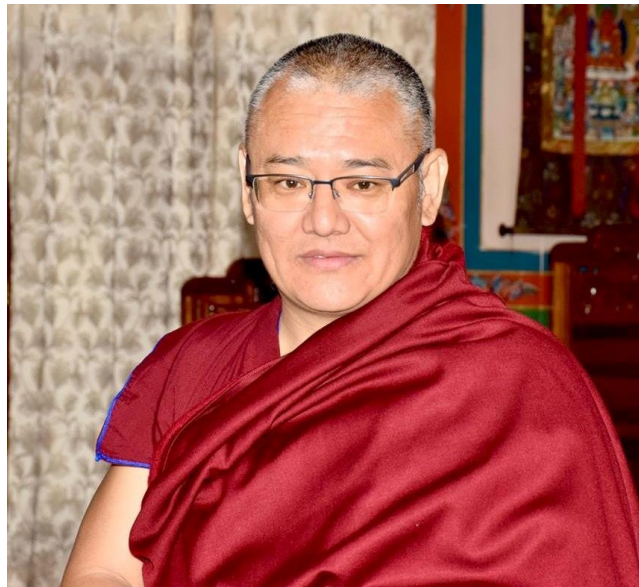


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Essence of the King of Samadhi Sutra in the Framework of Gongchig May 26 – 28, 2023

The King of Samadhi Sutra or The Samadhiraja Sutra

This Mahayana sutra with the long title *The King of Samadhis, the Revealed Equality of the Nature of All Phenomena*, is one of the earlier Mahayana sutras to appear in India. It is one of the sutras that is most recited and quoted; in particular, its teaching on emptiness is much quoted by such Madhyamaka masters as Candrakirti and Shantideva, as well as in later Buddhist literature. The sole purpose of this sutra is to show a path to realize the ultimate nature of reality, that is, equality of the nature of all phenomena as the long title suggests. In this sutra, the term samadhi is not presented solely in its meaning of immersion, concentration, or meditation. Samadhi here also refers to the complete path of buddhist practices regarding conduct, motivation, the understanding and realization of emptiness, as well as a way to refer to the sutra itself. The sutra enumerates over three hundred of the samadhi's qualities. In a very poetic language, via dialogues between the Buddha and Candraprabha, the Buddha draws from the wealth of his experiences and thus touches on an almost encyclopedic breadth of topics. The teaching given in the sutra is the instruction to be dedicated to the possession and promulgation of the samadhi, and to the necessary conduct of a bodhisattva, which is exemplified by a number of accounts from the Buddha's previous lives.

Gongchig

Gongchig, taught by Lord Jigten Sumgön (1143-1217), the founder of the Drikung Kagyu Lineage, encompasses all the Buddha's teachings and unites all various Buddhist concepts in 196 statements. Its sole purpose as in the *King of Samadhi Sutra* is to lead every practitioner to the realization of the actual nature of reality or the equality of the nature of all phenomena. One of the important messages in *Gongchig* is the universal and unchangeable nature of virtue and non-virtue, that is, none can bypass the foundational practices and the observance of disciplined conduct, which is also illuminated in the *King of Samadhi Sutra*.

Rinpoche will teach the essence of the *King of Samadhi Sutra* in the framework of *Gongchig*; in other words, how these two great works are intertwined. Rinpoche will share his vast knowledge of these two great works and profound insights based on his experiential understanding and realization.

Texts:

Download *The King of Samadhi Sutra* from: <https://read.84000.co/translation/toh127.html>

Any *Gongchig* text, for example *The Single Intention*, *The Root Text*, *a Commentary by Khenpo Kunpal*, and *an Overview by Rinchen Jangchub* from <https://dharma-shop-milarepa-center.jimdo.com/shop/books-e-books/>

Languages: Tibetan, English, Chinese, Spanish, German, and Russian

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was born in 1976. In 1986, he became a monk at Drikung Kagyu Monastery in Rewalsar, India. There he learned all the basics of Buddhism religion along with reading, writing and performing rituals till 1992. Thereafter, he joined Drikung Kagyu Institute of Dehradun to study the higher Buddhist philosophy and completed his studies in 2001. He took full monk vow from His Holiness Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche in 1996 at the Drikung Kagyu Institute, Dehradun. In 2004, he was awarded with the Khenpo (Abbot) title and since then he has been a teacher at the Kagyu College and responsible for compiling texts and instructing Western translators. From 2005 onwards, buddhist texts have been translated into foreign languages under his guidance for several months each year. In 2008, he started to teach in Dharma centers in the East and West during his annual holidays. In year 2013, His Holiness Drikung Kyabgon has entitled him with Khenchen (Head Abbot) of the entire Drikung Kagyu Lineage. Currently, he has been teaching on the subjects of Abhidharmakosha, prajaparamita, Mahamundra and Tantra subjects.

Rinpoche's knowledge and realization are vast and he is often invited to hold seminars, debates, and analysis of classics like *Gongchig* and *Madhyamaka Shastra* by monasteries throughout India. During 2009 and 2010, he participated in holy domestic and international Gongchig Seminar organized at Leh, Ladakh and Kagyu College, Dehradun where different scholars and experts of Buddhism religion were gathered. Moreover, from 2005 to 2009 he led a group to edit Buddhist texts at Kagyu College and worked as a teacher in Drikung Kagyu Translator Program. Directed by His Holiness, he currently leads the Vikramashila translation project, giving teachings and instructions to translators regularly in Germany.

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