A Spontaneous Expression of the Unequaled Kindness of Khenchen Namdrol Rinpoche

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The Blossoming Youthful White Lotus
How Wondrous!

From within the profound expanse of the unobscured original ground, O Samantabhadra-Samantabhadrī, whose omniscience and love are spontaneously present, whose unceasing compassion is equal for all fortunate disciples according to their faculties, you are the definitive view of self-awareness dharmakāya, the sole, ultimate supreme object of refuge, not otherwise.

I bow to this ultimate realization beyond conceptual mind.
O Goddess of the Ocean, Sarasvati, unsurpassed wisdom manifestation of the enlightened speech of the Victorious Ones, your beauty is like a blooming water lily in the midst of a pristine lake. Join me here today and nourish the joyful garden of my throat. Bestow upon me all supreme and glorious qualities of wisdom speech, so that this immature mind may be inspired to express the inconceivable qualities of the Sublime One.

In the supreme, sacred dwelling place where all beings rest in refuge, the precious jewel of the incomparable doctrine of the Sage, a place that is filled with the stainless, blossoming lotus flowers of the enlightened speech of the vidyādharas, O Fearless Lion of Speech, the one who transmits from within wisdom and compassion, the entire meaning of the outer, inner, and secret doctrines to fortunate ones, you were born to be an ornament of the Early Translation School.
Learned One, you are the eyes that lead all living beings on the path of liberation, just like how the enlightened buddhas manifest according to the faculties of disciples. Empowered to transmit the blessings of liberation and realization in no longer than a single lifetime, you lead disciples to the original ground—the state of dhammakāya. If one were to search for an authentic master who holds this treasury of the pure dharma on this vast earth, who is there aside from you?

The teachings of sutras and tantras without exception were transported from India to Tibet by the great kindness of translators and scholars, Mañjushri in the flesh. Likewise, you have once again transported the definitive meaning of the sublime dharma, the teachings of Mahā and Ati back from the Land of Snow. These most exceptional offerings that delight the Victorious Ones you are now transmitting upon the blessed disciples.
These pith instructions are sublime among all enlightened activities of the buddhas.
Due to astonishing merit, with your compassion, you fully uphold these transmissions.
And even in the dense darkness of these degenerate times, you avail these instructions to the fortunate ones.
O Loving Guide, holder of all enlightened activities of the Victors, any connection with you will always be exceedingly meaningful.

Through three ways, you relied upon and pleased the reincarnations of the Lake-Born Vajra, second buddha of the doctrine (Kyabje Jigme Phuntsok Rinpoche), and the great scholar Vīmalamitra (Kyabje Penor Rinpoche), master of the great transference rainbow body.
And once receiving the most profound instructions of their Heart Essence, you fulfilled their wisdom intent through the supreme offerings of scriptural transmission and accomplishment.
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Your melodic enlightened speech, without a trace of passion-based emotion, is pleasing to the ear.

Your transmission of the vidyādharas’ teachings is like pristine water, unsullied by the poisons of the eight worldly concerns. The essence of your teachings on sutras, tantras, and upadesha carries undiminished blessings that bring the mind streams of the fortunate ones to maturity as you confidently revitalize the precious doctrine through the sixty branches of melodious enlightened speech.

དྲྭ་བ་ཡེ་ཤེས་རླུང་གིས་ཉེ་བར་བཏེགས་པའི་འདུ་བྱེད་ལས།

The moment wisdom wind is activated within the matrix of your mind, the blooming lotus of your tongue fully quenches the disciples’ thirst, like honeybees, with the nectar of the profound teachings. Whatever is able to be verbalized is elucidated from the perspective of the fundamental nature, as you transform all conceptual rhetoric into the ineffable, genuine meaning.
Having sealed conditional, objective phenomena within dharmatā’s unborn essence, dualistic objective patterns dissolve within the limitlessly genuine dhatu. Having placed unprecedented certainty concerning the meaning of knowable things in the minds of your disciples, whatever you teach is like cooling showers of medicinal nectar that relieve all torment.

Supreme Master, regent of the Victors, treasure holder of method and wisdom, through the cooling moonlight of your sublime dharma teachings, and by whatever means are necessary, you soothe the heat of the passions. How stunning! A true life pillar of the doctrine! A shining star in the midst of all lineage holders! You are the light that is never deterred by the darkness of delusion as the very ambrosia that profoundly cures the distress of all beings.
Supreme Virtuous Friend, your arrival in the darkness of this degenerate time to tame beings in whatever way necessary is so timely.

O Guide, your physical form is an unprecedented expression of inconceivable merit amassed for the doctrine and sentient beings.

With a sublime master such as yourself, O Wish-Fulfilling Jewel, there is no doubt that any decline of worldly and spiritual qualities will be dispelled, and that the doctrine of transmission and realization will remain undiminishing in the world.

From the mind-to-mind lineage of the original Buddha Samantabhadra, the pinnacle of all vehicles, the profound oceanic teachings of the symbolic and hearing lineages ensued.

O Guide, who possesses omniscience, loving kindness, and strength, you are held by the warm blessings of the three secrets of Omniscient Longchenpa, who fully realized the Heart Essence instructions of the three sublime masters (Guru Rinpoche, Vimalamitra and Berotsana)
Like a pristine waterfall cascading from the majestic slope of a snow-peaked mountain, you have received the stainless sutras, tantras, and transmissions directly from authentic lineage masters. You then conferred them upon suitable recipients connected with you through previous karma and aspirations. Without any doubt, you were entrusted by the lineage masters as a unique paradigm for the teachings and sentient beings.

However much the conventional or definitive dharma has been taught by the Buddha for the welfare of taming disciples, with your supreme skills of transmission, disciples are enabled to gain the most profound understanding of the meaning. Similarly, through the light of logic and scriptural citations, you clear away any confusion in their minds. O Lord of Speech, you are adorned with an abundance of study and learning that resembles the steady continuity of the ocean’s waves.
Having determined conditional phenomena with precise logic of twofold valid cognition, through self-discerning wisdom and valid true seeing, you resolved the fundamental nature of the profound dharmatā. Your sublime prajñā that wells forth from contemplation is like eyes that see both phenomena and its essence. This blazing jewel of your threefold scrutiny wells forth from the depth of oceanic intelligence.

With unwavering samadhi that continually flows like a river, the twofold accumulations of merit are perfectly complete. Your meditation with and without characteristics is permeated by the moisture of nonconceptual wisdom. And by having fully perfected familiarity, your samadhi of nonmeditation is in harmony with the innate nature of unceasing clear light. This genuine clear light of prajñā arising from meditation resembles the self-radiance of the cooling water moon as a cherished ornament of the doctrine and sentient beings.
At the moment of witnessing the mandala of your blessed rupakāya, yearning devotion fills my mind.
At the moment of hearing a single word of your profound enlightened voice, the key to the crucial meaning of hundreds of scriptures is received.
Your enlightened mind beyond imagination is the treasure of unsurpassed secret instructions.
O Lord of Speech, your inconceivable qualities and enlightened deeds have arisen in these ways.

From the firm roots of your bodhicitta, the four magnetizing activities branch out for the benefit of others.
Having brought the two great accumulations to fruition, the resultant state of the two aims matures.
Impartially fulfilling the wishes of all disciples who have connected with you through previous pure karma and prayers,
O Supreme Heir of the Buddhas, without deception, you are the guide of all who are fortunate, including myself.
From the loving kindness of the Dharma Lord (Kyabje Jigme Phuntsok Rinpoche), you received quintessential advice, such as when he told you,

“Now in this degenerate time, as the sun of the doctrine is nearly set, do not imitate the ways of rulers, but rather accomplish the two aims of self and others by propagating the doctrine without deception.”

Just as instructed, you continue to partake of his nectarlike advice.

Although possessing the skill and capacity to acquire all worldly necessities, such as a superior dwelling place, the best of food, attendants, and so forth, Sublime Master, you remain content, maintaining a modest lifestyle while focusing continuously on the temporal and absolute welfare of all beings.
བསྟན་དང་འགྲོ་བའི་དོན་ཉིད་ལ་དགོངས་ཛམ་གླིང་འདི་ཡི་ཁྱོན་ཀུན་ལ། །མཐོང་ན་གྲོལ་བ་ལེགས་པར་སྟེར་བའི་སློབ་དཔོན་པདྨའི་སྐུ་བརྙན་བསྐྲུན། །མི་མཐུན་ནད་མུག་འཁྲུག་བརྩོད་ལ་སོགས་ཐོས་ན་འཇིགས་ཤིང་ཡ་ངའི་རིགས། །ཡངས་པའི་ཁྱོན་འདིར་མིང་ཙམ་མེད་པའི་ཐུགས་སྨོན་རོམ་དག་ཁྱོད་ཀྱིས་གནང་།

For the purpose of the doctrine and living beings, you erected golden Padmasambhava statues around the world, bringing liberation upon sight.

You then offered pure prayers that even the name of fear-provoking, unconducive circumstances, such as disease, famine, war and so forth will never be heard on this earth.

དེ་རུ་བྱམས་བརྩེའི་ཆུ་འཛིན་ཉེར་འཁྲིགས་ལེགས་བཤད་ནོར་བུའི་གྲུ་ཆར་འཇོ། །དེ་ཙམ་མ་ཡིན་ཟས་གོས་གནས་མལ་སྨན་དང་འཇིག་རྟེན་འཚོ་རྟེན་སོགས།

Wherever there are those of lower status or those who lack good fortune, as well as the opportunity for education, through your loving kindness, like massing clouds emerging, showers of the most excellent educational opportunities rain down.

Not only that, like a loving parent caring for their children, it is remarkable how you have equally nurtured many children by providing food, clothing, shelter, medicine, and the like.
As a long-time student of yours, I recall always being nourished by the blessings of your enlightened body, speech, and mind, and it has never been the case that you were pleased by being praised in this way. In addition, I am unskilled in any form of pretentious speech, yet this poem is my heartfelt expression of the drops of ambrosia that are always in the core of my heart.

I do not presume to understand the meaning of the extremely profound dharma. I do not claim to have written this poem as a perfect composition with ancient terms that delight the learned. I am also not concerned that I am lacking in fame or reputation based on hope and fear. In truth, this poem was born from threefold faith and is presented as an offering without hesitation.
In brief, Authentic Spiritual Master, your enlightened mind has perfected the profound and vast categories of teachings. Your trustworthy, noble character is stable, like a majestic mountain. Your body, speech, and mind are not other than the three sublime qualities of omniscience, compassion, and power. How astonishing! O Protector, what excellent fortune to have met you and be nourished by your enlightened speech.

The value of your unsurpassed kindness is weightier than a mountain and as priceless as solid gold. Through the accumulation of merit, not only in this very life, but from rebirth to rebirth, may there be the fortune to partake in the nectar of your enlightened speech, And to gradually traverse the staircase of higher rebirths to reach the state of perfect liberation.

May I become one with the dharmakaya nature of your mind!
I Chöying Namgyal, also known as Chönam, through previous aspirations have enjoyed the fortune to be at the end of the row of the gathering constellation of disciples for more than twenty years enjoying the nectar of Khenchen Namdrol Rinpoche’s enlightened speech. Based upon that, on the auspicious day of July 22, 2022, while staying in the great center of dharma known as Lerab Ling, I wrote these words from the depth of my heart with uncontrived faith and devotion.

May it be virtuous and auspicious!

This precious booklet is offered to the Heart Essence Sangha who are the recepients of the Precious Treasury of the Dharmadhatu transmission, on the auspicious occasion of its conclusion, Guru Rinpoche Day, October 5, 2022.

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