Most Venerable Khentrul Rinpoche

**Essence of Uttaratantra**

*Buddha-Nature*

Khentrul Jamphel Lodrö Rinpoche was originally born in the mountain ranges of the Golok region of Tibet. After taking full ordination, he studied in 11 monasteries and practiced with more than 25 teachers from all of the major Tibetan Buddhist traditions, earning himself the title of “Rimé Master” and teacher (Khenpo) of the Tsangwa Monastery in Dzamthang, Tibet. He was later officially recognized as the second reincarnation of the great masters Lama Ngawang Chözin Gyatso. After a time in retreat, he came to India to continue his practices and make pilgrimage to Buddhism’s most sacred sites. It was here that Rinpoche met His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama. The Dalai Lama supported Rinpoche’s plans to travel to the West and to spread the teachings of the Kalachakra Tantra. In 2003, Rinpoche moved to Australia and founded the Tibetan Buddhist Rime Institute. Since then, Rinpoche has written and translated a number of books to guide students in the practice of the Kalachakra Path as presented by the Jonang-Shambhala lineage. While his main focus has been on the Kalachakra system, Rinpoche emphasizes a non-sectarian approach helping his students draw from the vast wisdom of the Tibetan Buddhist tradition.

The Mahayana Uttaratantra Shastra, one of the “Five Treatises” said to be dictated to Asanga by the Bodhisattva Maitreya, presents the Buddha's definitive teachings on how we should understand this ground of enlightenment and clarifies the nature and qualities of buddhahood...which forms the basis for Vajrayana, and especially Mahamudra practice. This it builds a bridge between the Sutrayana and Vajrayana levels of the Buddha’s teaching.

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