SPECIAL PUBLIC TALK: THE THREE PRINCIPAL ASPECTS OF THE PATH
by Lama Je Tsongkhapa

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Khenchen Tsultrim Lodro Rinpoche is a vice principal of Larung Five Sciences Buddhist Academy (‘Larung Gar’) in Serthar, Sichuan Province. He has overseen monastic education for more than twenty years, producing successive generations of accomplished students. Khenchen has travelled extensively in Tibetan areas and in China teaching the Dharma to diverse monastic and lay audiences. He strongly advocates for the protection of living beings, environmental protection, public health awareness, rural literacy, Tibetan language preservation, and education. He has also been an instrumental proponent of the vegetarian movement in contemporary Tibet. He has published widely on a variety of topics in Tibetan and Chinese, and recent English translations oriented at contemporary lay readerships include Are You Ready for Happiness (2015) and From Believers to Bodhisattvas (2013).

Khenchen Tsultrim Lodro was born in 1962 in Drango County (Ch: Luhuo) in the Ganzi Autonomous Tibetan Prefecture of Sichuan Province. He was ordained at Larung Gar in 1984 at the age of 22, and trained closely under Khenchen Jigme Phunstok Rinpoche, one of greatest Nyingma masters of the twentieth century. After years of intensively studying, reflecting on, and practicing the Buddhist teachings, he became greatly accomplished as both a scholar and practitioner of the exoteric and esoteric vehicles. After passing a rigorous progressive series of examinations, he was awarded the title of Khenpo by Khenchen Jigme Phunstok, whom he thereafter accompanied on overseas teaching tours serving as his Chinese interpreter.

Always taking the teaching of the Dharma and benefiting sentient beings as his primary duty, Khenchen places special emphasis on both abstaining from killing and the release of living creatures. He continues to learn about western science and philosophy, and his teaching style blends contemporary concepts and terminology with the profound Dharma in order to speak to the needs of students from different countries, age groups, and ethnicities. He expounds and interprets complex Buddhist theories in a simple way, thus opening up a gateway of convenience to spiritual practice for ordinary people.

During his visit to the United States in 2015 to take part in series of academic exchanges at several leading North American universities, disciples representing a range of traditions as well as members of the public sincerely requested that Khenchen provide them with guidance on the role of Buddhism in secular life. They were concerned to learn more about exercising right choices on the spiritual path as disciples of the Buddha in order to make great achievement in the course of a limited lifetime.