

Overview: 2009 Teachings

The Way of the Bodhisattva

A year long series of teachings by Geshe Jamyang Tsultirm



This series of monthly teachings and discussions by Geshe Jamyang will draw from five classic Buddhist texts to present a thorough overview of the philosophy, practices and personal actions involved in the Bodhisattva Way. These teachings are Geshe's way of commemorating his 20th year in the United States, see his bio below.

**All Talks on the Fourth Thursday of Month: 7 TO 8:45 PM
VIETNAMESE TEMPLE, 12th and WILSON**

Suggested Donation \$15.00, no one turned away

Schedule and Format for Fourth Thursday Talks in 2009

Jan 22 -- Talk #1	Apr 23 -- Discussion #2	Sep 24 -- Talk #4
Feb 26 -- Discussion #1	May 28 -- Talk #3	Oct 22 -- Discussion #4
Mar 26 -- Talk #2	Jun 25 -- Discussion #3	Nov 19 (3rd) -- Talk #5
		Dec 17 (3rd) -- Discussion #5

WHAT IS THE BODHISATTVA WAY?

In a key text, "Clarifying the Sage's Intent" Sakya Pandita describes the ten stages of the bodhisattva path from the beginning right up to full and perfect enlightenment. The first stage is spiritual propensity ; the second is faith; the third is generating the enlightenment thought; the fourth is accomplishing the perfections of generosity and the remaining perfections; the fifth is maturing sentient beings; the sixth is entering upon the stainless paths; the seventh is thoroughly purifying the realms, the eighth is non-abiding nirvana; the ninth is the highest awakening and the tenth is demonstration. This text is the most authoritative and clear explication of spiritual practice within the Mahayana tradition.

BOOKLIST FOR 2009 TEACHINGS?

Everyone who plans to attend this teaching series is encouraged to purchase and study these texts. Doing so will greatly enrich the discussion sessions on the month that follows the main presentations.

CLARIFYING THE SAGE'S INTENT by Sakya Pandita, (Main Text)

Describes the stages of the bodhisattva path from the very beginning right up to full and perfect enlightenment, following the teaching tradition of the great early Kadampas.

NAGARJUNA'S PRECIOUS GARLAND: Buddhist Advice for Living and Liberation
translated and edited by Jeffrey Hopkins

Nagarjuna is renowned for his penetrating analysis of reality. In the *Precious Garland*, he offers intimate counsel on how to conduct one's life and how to construct social policies that reflect Buddhist ideals.

MIND TRAINING by Ringu Tulku

This small, accessible book contains the essence of the Seven-Point Mind Training, expressed in the intimate, colloquial style that distinguishes Ringu Tulku's teachings.

VAST AS THE HEAVENS, DEEP AS THE SEA: Verses in Praise of Bodhicitta
by Khunu Rinpoche, Gareth Sparham, Translator

Revered by many -- especially His Holiness the Dalai Lama -- as the very embodiment of altruism, the late Khunu Rinpoche Tenzin Gyaltzen devoted his life to the development of bodhicitta—the aspiration to achieve enlightenment for the sake of all sentient beings.

GUIDE TO THE BODHISATTVA'S WAY OF LIFE by Shantideva

The classic exposition of the six perfections much beloved by His Holiness the Dalai Lama

GESHE JAMYANG TSULTRIM

- Holds the advanced Geshe (also Loppon) degree earned after 10 years of study at Monastic Colleges
- Taught Buddhist philosophy at the Sakya Institute, India for 2 years
- Assisted and translated for H.H. Deshung Rinpoche, the highest Sakya scholar of his generation.
- Earned counseling degrees in the West and is a licensed mental health counselor
- Teaches courses in Buddhism and Buddhist psychology at Evergreen
- Is highly experienced and fluent in teaching Buddhism in the West