

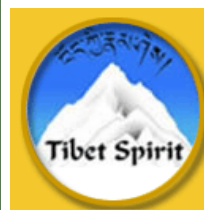
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## Talk by Geshe Pema Dorjee La - Tuesday, June 15th, 6:30pm @ Bhodkhang

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Geshe Pema Dorjee la will be at Bhodkhang on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 6:30 pm to speak on:

- **The Revival of Bodong Tradition**
- **Creating Meaning and Happiness in Your Life**

### About Geshe Pema Dorjee La:

Geshe Pema Dorjee was born in 1951 in Shillong, near the border between Tibet and India. From 1963 to 1973 he attended the Tibetan Homes Foundation School. Thereafter, he attended the Institute of Buddhist Dialectics aka Tsenyi Dratsang in Dharamsala.

From 1981 to 1997, Geshe Pema Dorjee dedicated himself to the Tibetan Children's Village School located in Dharamsala. There, he began as a teacher of Tibetan Buddhism, language, and culture. In 1990, he became Principal of the school and three years later the Director of the school.

In 1995, as a result of his continued studies in Buddhist philosophy, he was awarded the Geshe degree from the Drepung Loseling monastery. He was then appointed Principal of the Tibetan Teachers Training Center and served in that capacity for two years. At that point in time, Geshe Pema Dorjee was asked to become the first Principal of the Institute of Buddhist Dialectics Sarah, which is now called College for Higher Tibetan Studies Sarah. There, from 1997 to 2002, he was in charge of the College for Higher Tibetan Studies.

Geshe Pema Dorjee recognized that an important part of Tibetan Buddhism, the Bodong tradition, had fallen into desuetude and needed to be revived. Some of its writings were hard to find and lacked a modern translation. In 2001, at an audience with His Holiness, he presented his thoughts about how to revive and promote the Bodong tradition. His Holiness gave advice and guidance and later money to the project, and in 2003 Pema Dorjee founded and became Director of the Bodong Research and Publication Center in Dharamsala.

The Tibetan government-in-exile has honored Geshe Pema Dorjee by asking him to undertake various tasks. The Cabinet appointed him to the Higher Level Textbook Review Committee. His Holiness appointed him as a member of the Public Service Commission. The Department of Health appointed him as spiritual counselor to former political prisoners who had been tortured.

Even as a simple monk, Geshe Pema Dorjee has taken on the responsibility of organizing, directing, and raising funds for numerous charitable projects. He helped to establish a Buddhist monastery in Nepal in the Bodong tradition. He is a Trustee of the Bright Horizon Children's Home, an orphanage in Nepal. He has organized and is directing various social work projects in Nepal and India, especially in remote villages. The projects include establishing schools, building a bridge for a remote village, bringing sick and injured Nepalese and Indians from remote villages to New Delhi for medical care. His latest project involves bringing equipment and experts from Israel, Norway, and Sweden to remote villages in Nepal to teach modern agricultural techniques.

Since 1997, he has lectured and taught in countries around the world, including Sweden, England, Switzerland, Belgium, Germany, Finland, Norway, France, and Israel.

In 2009, Geshe Pema Dorjee made his first visit to the United States where he taught and lectured at The William Alanson White Institute, the Erikson Institute for Education and Research at the Austen Riggs Center, the psychology doctoral program at C.W. Post, the Namgyal Institute of Buddhist Studies, and the Rubin Museum of Art.

Currently he is on a US visit to draw attention on the Bodong Traditions of Tibetan Buddhism, which has suffered much and is close to extinction. He is working, leading a group of Researchers to bring about the revival of this ancient Tradition of Tibet for future generations to benefit, practice and study. After a very successful East coast visit, this will be his only West Coast Talk. To read more on Geshe la and his works, please visit <http://www.bodong.org/>.

*Please note: Private Half hour sessions with Geshe Pema Dorjee la are available by appointment. Suggest donations for a very noble effort. Please Call Jampa Nynedak at 503-810-7355 to schedule your private time.*

