

## SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF TULKU DRAKPA GYALTSEN.

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Tulku Drakpa Gyaltsen is the reincarnation of Rong Tsal Pal Gé. He was recognised by H.H. Dalai Lama and H.H. Minling Trichen Rinpoché. Rong Tsal Pal Gé was the owner of the Gé Kong Monastery in Dzachuka, Khams, Eastern Tibet. He was one of Dza Patrul Rinpoché's root teachers, to whom he transmitted the teachings on channels and air.

There is a lot to say about Rong Tsal Pal Gé. But here I will briefly relate the life story of this reincarnation.

Tulku Drakpa Gyaltsen was born in 1976 in a nomad family who did not have much interest in property, food or money. His father, Tubten

Kalsang, is a great practitioner.

When Tulku Drakpa Gyaltsen entered the Dzogchen Monastery at the age of about seven he could already read and write and unlike any other child he had great ability to learn. At that time I was in the monastery and I taught him literature. He used to learn between 20 and 25 pages a day, that he nearly knew off by heart after having read them once. He was a special child and I had great expectations for him then.

A few years later, when I was still in Tibet, he left. He first went to Lhasa, then spent a little time in Nepal and after that went to India. Although he was still very young he entered the University of Dzogchen, South India, where a Gelukpa Géshé was teaching. Amazingly it seemed that the student was more intelligent than the teacher.

The year after I left for India and we met in Dordjé Den (Bodhgaya) where we spent a short time praying together. I observed him carefully and again he proved to be unlike ordinary people. At all times he behaved according to the authentic Dharma. Then we went to Varanasi where he met some very learned people. He was asked some very difficult questions during a debate, and the answers he gave showed huge insight.

From Varanasi I went to the Dzogchen Monastery in South India while Tulku Drakpa Gyaltsen went to Nepal. He used to study alone because there was no university in Nepal and because he had a lot of renunciation he decided to go to India to H.H. Minling Trichen Rinpoché Monastery. He entered the University called "Ngagyur Nyingma College", where he has now been studying for 5 years. On arrival he wrote a few verses of devotion to his root teacher Minling Trichen Rinpoché, which are now famous all over India. Tulku Drakpa Gyaltsen has always behaved in a remarkable way and his studies continue to go from strength to strength, leaving him the best student of the university.

This was a very short biography of a great teacher, an eminent guide.