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of Tibetan Buddhism

Ven. Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche
April 22-24, 2011

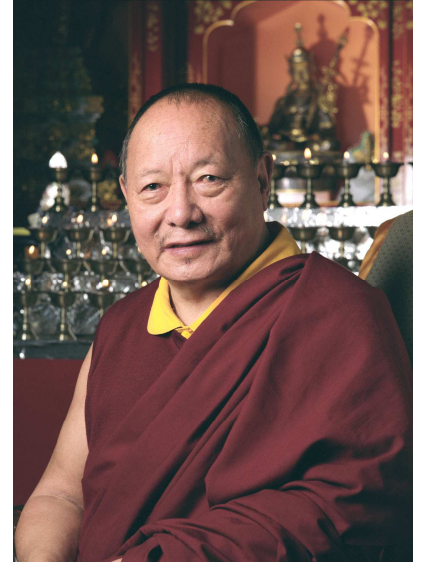
What is Wisdom in Tibetan Buddhism?

Rinpoche will speak on the importance of Wisdom, its unique meaning in Buddhism and how it matters in our lives.



April 22, 2011, Friday, 7:30 to 9:00 pm.

Unity Center of Peace, 8800 Seawell School Road, Chapel Hill
For directions, see www.unitychapelhill.org/directions.htm
Suggested donation \$10.



The Perfection of Wisdom

"We construct our own confusion if we hold on to a fixed reality and label phenomena as entities separate from ourselves. In doing this, we inevitably crave some things and reject others, and this is bewildering. Thus, the boundary between enlightened beings and sentient beings lies not in *what* is seen (because enlightened beings see things too), but in the *way* they are seen. From the perspective of enlightened mind, everything is Buddha-nature, everything is shunyata (emptiness), and everything is insubstantial. To realize this involves a letting go, the letting go that is enlightenment."

Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche, *The Experience of Shunyata: Realizing the True Nature of Mind*



April 23 and 24, Saturday and Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm.

134 Circadian Way, Chapel Hill. Suggested donation of \$60 for each day of teachings.
Pre-registration is needed to attend—phone 919-968-9426 or email: piedmont.ktc.info@gmail.com
PayPal will be available for pre-registration on our website, www.piedmontktc.org

Refuge Vow & White Tara Empowerment

Practiced by all four major schools of Tibetan Buddhism, White Tara has been the main deity practice of many well-known Buddhist scholars and siddhas in both India and Tibet, foremost among whom were Nagarjuna and Atisha. White Tara's special function is to promote long life, both for the practitioner and for others. Ultimately, she is the very nature of the dharmakaya, and her practice is a means for attaining liberation. Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche has authored the book, *The Wish-Fulfilling Wheel: The Practice of White Tara*. The Refuge Vow ceremony will be open both to participants and observers. The Refuge Vow is a prerequisite for participating in the Empowerment.



April 23, 2010, Saturday, 7pm. Location to be announced at the Friday teaching.
Suggested donation \$20.

About Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche: Born in Eastern Tibet in 1924, Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche is one of the great masters of the Karma Kagyu tradition of Tibetan Buddhism. Rinpoche, who received most of his training and education in Tibet before the Chinese invasion, is highly accomplished in meditation, philosophy, and monastic arts. At the age of twelve, Rinpoche entered Thrangu Monastery, where he did many long retreats. In 1954 Rinpoche completed his studies, receiving the title of "khenpo." He escaped to India in 1958, at the beginning of the Chinese invasion of Tibet. It was in 1975 that Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche officially received the title of "choje lama" (superior dharma master) from His Holiness the 16th Gyalwa Karmapa. In 1976, at the request of the Sixteenth Karmapa, Rinpoche established Karma Triyana Dharmachakra, in Woodstock, NY, to present the Karma Kagyu teachings and meditation practices to Western students. KTD Monastery is the North American seat of the 17th Karmapa, Orgyen Trinley Dorje. The abbot of KTD and retreat master of Karne Ling Three-Year Retreat Center, Rinpoche has innumerable devoted students. He continues to teach and guide his students and retreatants with infinite generosity, compassion, and wisdom.

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