

THE ORIGIN OF THE RIGZIN (RIME - NON SECTARIAN) LINEAGE

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“ I work hard and travel many places to seek pure lineages. After which, I carefully examine each of them to ascertain if they are taught by the Buddha Sakyamuni, and to check for their accuracy.

What I sought are the dharma taught by the Buddha Sakyamuni, and the lineage teachings of the accomplished ones. None of my collections are from lineages established from illusions from spiritual magical powers or illusions from dreams.

It is possible to receive blessings and empowerments from the Victorious Ones when in deep meditation. This category is known as the *Blessed Lineages* and I respect them all the same.

For the lineage and the teachings that I have received, and if there could be a *human* to continue my lineage, I will choose the *human*. This is because it is hard to differentiate the truth from the false for dharma established by magical illusions, because we can't really be sure of the origin.

In my search for the dharma, I have found about 180 different ones. I am indeed blessed to have found so many (*smiles*). May I briefly introduce my own [*Rigzin*] lineage... I took refuge with Kathog Gyalse Sonam Danchen. My two teachers for the Dzogchen practices are Padma Dechen Lingpa and Karma Rigzin.

I had received transmission of teachings from 50 teachers. I received sutra transmissions from the Jonangpa, and tantra transmissions from the Longchenpa. Thus, my lineage originated from Padmasambhava, Vimalamitra and Shanti Gupta, and also from Kagyudpa - Karma Kagyud and Drukpa Kagyud.

The fact really is I don't belong to any lineage, and I treat all lineages with a pure vision. Truly, my teacher is Guru Padmasambhava -



the teacher of all lifetimes. I don't have to depend on anyone else, because I am blessed by the Triple Gem and Guru Padmasambhava. And this exactly is my biography.

I am not bothered by people who might think that this lineage is not correct. So, what is my lineage? Well, you just need to look at my lineage to understand it (*laughing*). This truly explains my lineage: *Any lineage with blessings, and one is enough.*

I have searched for teachings for lineages of Mahamudra, Dzogchen and others because sentient beings like to be exposed to different lineages. This is the case because there are so many dharma and lineages in this world. As a result, people tend to be short-sighted, and want to accomplish quickly. They will follow the crowd and go anywhere that they could receive teachings from. This is not correct. What really is more important is having *faith* in the essence of the dharma, and the lineage.

I have written this for the benefit of sentient beings, and to keep a record of my lineage.

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May all be auspicious and complete.

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