



An Evening Teaching With

Geshe Dondup Tsering

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Geshe Dondup Tsering was born in 1971 into a peasant family in Tawang in 'Arunachal Pradesh, an area of Indian Himalayas near the border with Tibet. He has 9 brothers and sisters, and because of the economic difficulties the parents initially did not allow him, "Geshe-la", which means the son smaller, to go to school. He was instead to work as a shepherd following the cows and the sheep of his neighbors. As a young man, however, Geshe-la felt very inspired by Buddhist monks he observed, and greatly desired to study Buddhist philosophy. He repeatedly asked his parents to be able to study, and finally they allowed him to attend school. In 1981, when the Dalai Lama opened the Kalachakra initiation in Arunachal Pradesh, Geshe-la encounter many monks, who advised him to go to one of the great monasteries of southern India, and when he was 15 years old he was able to move into Sera Je monastery with a friend from his own village. He was immediately accepted in philosophy class and settled in the house of Drati-Kamtsen designed by the monks of that area of the Himalayas, under the guidance of Lama Zopa Rinpoche.

Although Geshe Dondup felt very lucky to be accepted to the great monastery to fulfill his dream of becoming a monk. Life was very hard. Though he had enough to eat, living conditions were not very good. Fortunately, after three years, a lady, Trieste Start, sponsored him and this allowed him to follow a very challenging course of study, which lasted 16 years, until the final examination of Geshe Lharampa in 2002. He completed his studies attending to the Tantric College, Gyumed, for a year.

From 2004 to 2006 Geshe was a member of the committee to oversee the construction of the new temple for the Drati Kamtsen, and from 2005 to 2008 he taught Buddhist philosophy to the young monks and has also served on the board for Philosophical Studies of Sera-je.

In 2009 Lama Zopa Rinpoche asked Lama Geshe Dondup to become resident at the Center Kushi Ling Arco (Tn) and teach in other Italian centers which Geshe Dondup gladly accepted. On April 14, 2010, and a week later gave his first teachings.