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The theme for the next issue is "Art and Ritual". Please send articles, photographs etc. to the Features Editor no later than October 21st. Other articles not on the theme, news articles, stories, poems, letters, drawings and photographs (please include negatives if possible) etc. are also welcomed. The next issue will be out at the beginning of December.



*Geshe Kelsang Gyatso
is the
Spiritual Director
of the
New Kadampa Tradition*

A LETTER TO GESHE KELSANG GYATSO

Dear Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso-la,

I sincerely hope this letter finds your health and body well. I do wish you to live a very long life as it will no doubt bring tremendous benefit to many as it has in the past.

Learned spiritual teachers are becoming rare. Buddhist scholasticism in itself is not really beneficial, but combined with practice is something rare. You, I feel, are one of those rare combinations. Therefore, I offer my prayers that your holy life may become stronger and live a long life.

Your books are not easy for me to get, but the few I have are excellent. I have gained tremendous knowledge from them. They are very complete, concise, organised, easy to follow, and well translated. *Guide to Dakini Land* goes with me wherever I go.

Very important to me is that the author has the lineage, states the lineage, follow a recognised text that has infallible authors themselves, and the translating authors have received the commentary themselves. Your works contain all of the above. I have confidence in your books.

Because of the rarity of books, works, and sadhanas/commentaries of Je Pabongkhapa and Trijang Dorjechang translated in full, I rejoice from the depths of my heart in your works, your students assistance, and Tharpa Publications. Also the quality of the books and illustrations are excellent.

I therefore sincerely request you and your students to please continue. Your works are highly appreciated and kept as holy objects to continuously refer to when in question.

I request you, Geshe-la, to please remain long and continue your most beneficial works.

I offer my humble prayers toward this.

Tsem Tulku Rinpoche,
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Mundgod, India