

Highest Yoga Tantra Initiations and Yamantaka Retreat

A rare opportunity for instruction on some of the most profound practices of Tibetan Buddhism

Melbourne: 18-19 September 2010

One of the most qualified Tibetan Buddhist vajrayana teachers living in the West, Venerable Serje Geshe Acharya Thubten Loden, will bestow the profound initiations of Yamantaka and Vajrayogini on the weekend of 18-19 September 2010 in Melbourne.

The initiations will be followed by a two week Yamantaka retreat from Monday 20 September until Sunday 3 October.

It would be difficult to find a more qualified or experienced teacher in the practices of Tibetan Buddhism than Geshe Loden. Ordained at the age of seven, and now 87, Geshe-la's entire life has been devoted to intensive study, meditation and teaching. Geshe-la is one of the few living masters to have completed their training in the great monasteries of Tibet. He has lived in the West for more than 30 years and teaches in English.

The initiations and retreat will be held in the traditional Tibetan temple at the Tibetan Buddhist Society's Peaceful Land of Joy meditation centre in Melbourne, Australia.

A profound practice

Through the profound methods of highest yoga tantra we can quickly remove

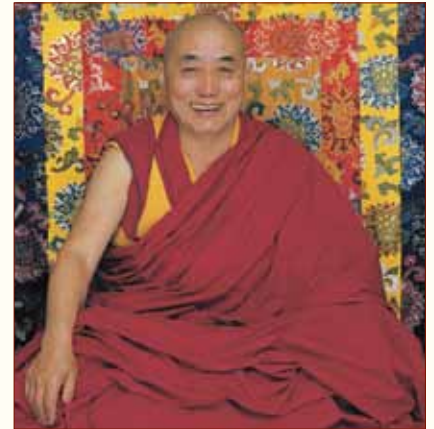
obstacles to our practice and develop realisations. During this retreat, students complete recitation of 100,000 mantras and study Geshe Loden's authoritative Yamantaka commentary, *Ocean of Indivisible Method and Wisdom*. The retreat will conclude with a fire puja, an extraordinary purification practice.

Prerequisites

Highest yoga tantra initiations carry personal commitments. Those wishing to take initiation for the first time should have some experience and understanding of the mahayana path to enlightenment (*lam. rim*) teachings and a sincere commitment to practise.

Those attending the retreat must receive, or have previously received, Yamantaka initiation. Both father tantra, Yamantaka, and mother tantra, Vajrayogini, initiations will be given on the weekend before the retreat.

The teacher



The Tibetan Buddhist Society's Founder and Spiritual Leader, Geshe Acharya Thubten Loden.

Geshe Loden achieved the Geshe Lharam degree from Sera Jey Monastic University in India, graduating at the highest level and equal first. Geshe-la also has a Master's qualification in vajrayana Buddhism from Gyumay Tantric College and a Master's degree from Varanasi Sanskrit College.

Geshe-la arrived in Australia in 1976 and founded the Tibetan Buddhist Society in 1980. Since then he has established four centres, written nine internationally acclaimed Dharma books, overseen construction of the Melbourne centre's traditional Tibetan temple, guided construction of a similar temple in Perth and given teachings and advice to thousands of students.



The Peaceful Land of Joy Meditation Centre in Melbourne. The main building is to the left and the traditional holy Tibetan temple to the right. Inset - Most Precious Venerable His Holiness XIVth Dalai Lama of Tibet with the Tibetan Buddhist Society's Founder and Spiritual Leader, Geshe Acharya Thubten Loden.

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A unique retreat experience

The Peaceful Land of Joy is set in beautiful rural surroundings just outside Melbourne. It is an ideal place for meditation, Dharma study and practice. The centre's traditional Tibetan holy temple, blessed by His Holiness the Dalai Lama in 2002, is a clear and peaceful space, with an exquisite 18 foot

Buddha statue, and adorned with traditional thangkas and Tibetan ornamentation.

Between meditation sessions, students can relax in the 10 acre gardens, including flourishing roses, exotic trees and a tranquil lake. Retreats at the Peaceful Land of Joy are a uniquely enjoyable and beneficial experience.

Information

Accommodation at the centre is limited. If you are interested in attending please register as soon as possible. The centre is a 15 minute drive from Melbourne International Airport and 30 minutes from the city centre.

For more information or to register please contact:

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Books by Venerable Serje Geshe Acharya Thubten Loden

Venerable Serje Geshe Acharya Thubten Loden has published nine high quality Dharma books based on great Tibetan Buddhist lineage teachings. These books are published through the society's publishing wing, Tushita Publications, and distributed throughout the world.

Essence of the Path to Enlightenment

The concepts of Tibetan Buddhism are explained in this clear and concise book. It is an especially readable and easy to follow introduction to Tibetan Buddhist philosophical thought and meditation practice.

Hardcover, 344 pages, 4 colour photos,
16 line illustrations. Aust.\$50



Meditations on the Path to Enlightenment

A comprehensive meditation manual, this book presents the essential points of the Buddhist path with detailed instructions in each chapter for meditation on the stages of the path. An essential book for those wishing to build a regular meditation practice.

Hardcover, 601 pages, 4 colour photos,
20 line illustrations. Aust.\$75



Path to Enlightenment in Tibetan Buddhism

This book is an anthology of Geshe Loden's teachings on the graded path to enlightenment. Based on Jetsun Tsong Khapa's extensive presentation of the stages of the path, it draws on the sutras and the great texts of the Indian pandits such as Nagarjuna, Asanga and Shantideva. It covers the full range of Tibetan Buddhist philosophy with clear explanations of how to put it into practice.

Hardcover, 1097 pages, 4 colour photos,
26 line illustrations. Aust.\$130



The Fundamental Potential for Enlightenment

That all beings have the potential for enlightenment is a central and inspiring tenet of Mahayana Buddhism. This book draws from three great Indian classic texts by Maitreya. Natural and developed potential are defined and are presented from the perspective of the two main schools of Mahayana thought.

Paperback, 310 pages, 4 colour photos,
11 line illustrations. Aust.\$49

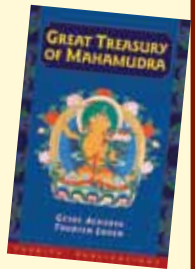


The following four books are only available to those with highest yoga tantra initiation.

Great Treasury of Mahamudra

Geshe Loden's latest title, published in June 2009, provides an extensive explanation of the profound teachings on emptiness in the mahamudra tradition from the perspectives of both sutra and highest yoga tantra.

Hardcover, 588 pages, 4 colour photos,
31 line illustrations. Aust.\$150



Prayers for the Path of Indivisible Great Bliss and Emptiness

This prayer book brings together for the first time in one edition all the major prayers and sadhanas compiled and translated into English by Venerable Serje Geshe Acharya Thubten Loden.

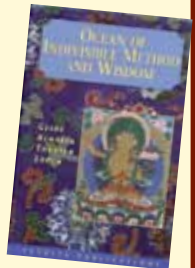
Hardcover, 261 pages, 11 colour photos,
19 line illustrations. Aust.\$100



Ocean of Indivisible Method and Wisdom

A unique and authentic guide by a highly qualified tantric master to the practices of Solitary Hero Yamantaka.

Hardcover, 441 pages, 4 colour photos,
25 line illustrations. Aust.\$120



Path to the Union of Clear Light and Illusory Body

A complete explanation of the tantric practice of Vajrayogini, this book provides detailed instruction on the eleven generation stages and the completion stage practices.

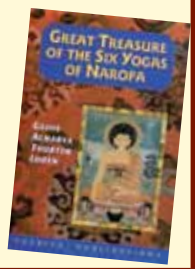
Hardcover, 615 pages, 4 colour photos,
27 line illustrations. Aust.\$140



Great Treasure of the Six Yogas of Naropa

An explanation of the advanced highest yoga tantra practices in Tibetan Buddhism, this book also provides an explanation of the foundation practices needed for these.

Hardcover, 588 pages, 4 colour photos,
27 line illustrations. Aust.\$150



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