

Statement regarding Dorje Shugden



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Declaration by Domo Geshe Rinpoche

At the sincere request for clarity from Rigdzin Namkha Gyatso Rinpoche, and in spite of my natural hesitancy to become embroiled in any aspect of controversy, I acknowledge that I was surprised to discover the photograph of my just previous incarnation as Domo Geshe on a Dorje Shugden website. I was listed as one of the "prominent masters" of Dorje Shugden on that website without my permission.

I would like to state clearly that His Holiness the Dalai Lama is the unquestioned leader of Tibet, all Tibetans inside and outside of Tibet, and many Buddhists worldwide, and he has my total respect.

I received the initiation of Dorje Shugden from Kyabje Trijang Rinpoche in my just previous incarnation. Up until passing away in September of 2001, I quietly respected my root lama's instructions to rely on the enlightened protector. My confusion about the aggressive methods others used in the name of the protector distressed me greatly. The political furor continues to this day, and I feel concerned enough to clearly state that I do not do the practice of Dorje Shugden, and have not the slightest intention of beginning again. My samaya with that practice ended with the end of that life in accordance with time, place and circumstances. I have not, do not and will not promulgate the practice of Dorje Shugden under that name or any other name of that being. I continue to abhor the fear mongering and distress this is causing to the Tibetan community, to His Holiness, and now to some confused Western practitioners of "political spirituality". I am under no duress to make these statements - these are true words.

-the 9th Domo Geshe, September 2008