

# Thinley Norbu Rinpoche

Kyabje Dungse Thinley Norbu Rinpoche (Tibetan: འཇམ་དབྱངས་ཐིན་ལེན་ནོར་བུ་རིན་པོ་ཆེ།, Wylie: phrin las nor bu, THL: Trinlé Norbu, ZYPY: འཇམ་དབྱངས་ཐིན་ལེན་ནོར་བུ་རིན་པོ་ཆེ། ) (1931 – December 26, 2011) was a major modern teacher in the Nyingma lineage of Tibetan Buddhism, and patron of the Vajrayana Foundation. He was the eldest son of Dudjom Rinpoche, the former head of the Nyingma lineages, and also the father of Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse Rinpoche and Dungse Garab Rinpoche. His association with the Dudjom Lineage is a long one: he is held to be the incarnation of Tulku Drime Oser, who was one of seven sons of Dudjom Lingpa. He also was considered to be an emanation of Longchen Rabjam, the great 14th-century Nyingma scholar and siddha who composed the Seven Treasuries. He died in California on December 26, 2011, according to the Tibetan Buddhist Lunar Calendar the 2nd day of the 11th month of the Iron Rabbit year. His cremation was held in a public buddhist cremation ceremony in Paro, Bhutan on March 3, 2012, which was attended by several thousand people, including some of Bhutan's royal family. [wikipedia]