



**TEACHER TRAINING: PART I (Fall Term)**

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**COURSE SYLLABUS**

Sept. 23: Course overview and introduction – Reading: *The Magic of Empty Teachers*, Day 1.

Sept. 26: Why it's necessary to find a good Dharma teacher -- Reading: Pabongka Rinpoche, Day 7 (photocopied handout)

Sept. 30: The teacher-student relationship; the qualities of a good student -- Reading: Je Tsongkapa, *Lam Rim Chenmo*, Chapters 3 and 4 (photocopied handout)

Oct. 3: DMU WORK DAY (no class)

Oct. 7: Types of Dharma teachers and Qualities of a good Dharma teacher (part 1) -- Reading, Berzin, Chapters 4 and 5; Pabongka Rinpoche, Day 8 (photocopied handout)

Oct. 10: Qualities of a good Dharma teacher (part 2) -- Readings: Geshe Michael Roach, *The Magic of Empty Teachers*; Day 2; "Qualities of a Good Teacher" (photocopied handout)

Oct. 14: How students should think and act toward a Dharma teacher (and how the Dharma teacher should think about the students) -- Readings: Berzin, Chapters 8 and 9; Pabongka Rinpoche, Day 9 (photocopied handout)

Oct. 17: Perfecting your teacher (and yourself); the logistics of teaching (and taking) a Dharma class (preparing the materials, finding space, advertizing, preparing a class; organizing and delivery of the material, handling questions; etc) -- Readings, Geshe Michael Roach, "The *Magic of Empty Teachers*," Day 3

Oct. 21 and 24: CLASSES CANCELLED FOR TANTRIC INITIATION

TAKE HOME FINAL DUE OCT. 24



**SOURCES FOR THE COURSE READINGS**

Geshe Michael Roach, *The Magic of Empty Teachers*, Quiet Retreat Teachings at Diamond Mountain, AZ, March 8-11, 2001. Available for free download on-line at <http://diamondmtn.org/downloads/#magic>

Alexander Berzin, *Relating to a Spiritual Teacher: Building a Healthy Relationship* (Ithaca, NY: Snow Lion Publications, 2000). Available as a free downloadable e-book at <http://www.berzinarchives.com/e-books/index.html>

Tsong-kha-pa, *The Great Treatise on the Stages of the Path to Enlightenment (Lam Rim Chen Mo)*, Vol. 1, translated by the Lamrim Chenmo Translation Committee (Ithaca, NY: Snow Lion Publications, 2000). Order from Snow Lion by calling 800-950-0313 or online at [www.snowlionpub.com](http://www.snowlionpub.com).

Pabongka Rinpoche, *Liberation in Our Hands. Part Two: The Fundamentals*, transcribed and edited by Yongzin Trijang Rinpoche Losang Yeshe Tenzin Gyatso; translated by Sera Mey Geshe Lobsang Tharchin with Artemus B. Engle (Howell, NJ: Mahayana Sutra and Tantra Press, 1994). Order from MSTP by calling 732-367-5898, email [mstp@monmouth.com](mailto:mstp@monmouth.com), or online at <http://www.monmouth.com/~mstp/>

**FOR FURTHER READING**

Jamgon Kongtrul, *The Teacher-Student Relationship*, translated by Ron Garry (Ithaca, NY: Snow Lion Publications, 1998)

Je Tsongkhapa, *The Fulfillment of All Hopes: Guru Devotion in Tibetan Buddhism*, trans. by Gareth Sparham (Boston: Wisdom Books, 1999)

Rig'dzin Dorje, *Dangerous Friend: The Teacher-Student Relationship in Vajrayana Buddhism* (Shambala, 2001)

The Dalai Lama, *The Union of Bliss & Emptiness: A Commentary on Guru Yoga Practice*, translated by Geshe Thupten Jinpa (Ithaca, NY: Snow Lion Publications, 1988)