



From the time of his youth, as if clearly remembering his former lives, David [Gonsalez], the director Dechen Ling Buddhist Center, had innate faith in the Dharma as well as benevolence and altruism towards others. Furthermore, he served many Tibetan Lamas and spiritual guides and received empowerments, oral transmissions, and commentaries together with their oral instructions. Then, through listening, contemplating, and meditating he perfectly completed many fully qualified action-permitting retreats of numerous deities. Even more, because he can speak the Tibetan language and read Tibetan texts, he is definitely able to understand the meaning of the profound scriptures. He learned well the practice tradition of the previous fully qualified lamas and so forth by receiving first-hand instruction on the practice tradition of tantra. In particular, he does not need to rely upon a translator to understand the meaning of Dharma and is definitely capable of teaching others therefore there is absolutely no doubt that it would extraordinarily beneficial to receive teachings from him. Therefore I encourage each of you disciples who wish to receive empowerments, oral transmissions, commentaries, and so forth from him to have faith and devotion to receive them and I hope this will serve to increase the confidence and faith of his first-time students. I have spent time and become well acquainted with [David] for several years now through which I come to know him well and present this letter as a formal introduction to him.

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