

mantra of Avalokiteshvara “Om Mani Padme Hum” = “See the Jewel of the Lotus is Coming” The name of Avalokiteshvara means “He who is seen”, or “He who looks down”. He is also named Padmapani, or the Lotus Carrier, and is one of the main bodhisattvas of the Northern Buddhism.

In the “Year of the Monkey” prior to his birth, his parents would have had many auspicious dreams, which indicated that a being of particular high stature would be born, who could be considered as an emanation both of Avalokitesvara and of Mañjushri. The mother during childbirth would have experienced no pain. There would also have appeared a star in the sky. All in all, the stories around his birth have resemblance to those of Buddha and Jesus.

At the age of three Tsong Khapa, took the laity vow before the Fourth Karmapa, Rolpay Dorje and he got the name Kunga Nyingpo. His first teacher was the Lama Choeje Dondrup Rinchen. After this Lama had given many gifts to his father, including horses and sheep, he was permitted to take him away from his parents.

Tsong Khapa took the novitiate vow and got the name Losang Drakpa, at the age of seven. This name he would later use as a pseudonym for the publication of his controversial work. Before he took the novitiate vow he received many teachings and initiations, including the “Heruka Permission” within the tantric practice of the generation of Mandalas inside the human body, and he got the secret name Donyo Dorje. Buddha Heruka is a manifestation of enlightened compassion.

On the advice of his teacher he first studied the great treatise of *Abhisamayalamkara* and then the other treatises.

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“One of the major Mahayana sutra texts studied by all four traditions of Tibetan Buddhism is *Filigree of Realizations (mNgon-rtogs rgyan, Skt. Abhisamayalamkara)*, a commentary by Maitreya on the *Prajnaparamita Sutras (phar-byin mdo, Sutras on Far-Reaching Discriminating Awareness, Perfection of Wisdom Sutras)*. It receives such emphasis in the Tibetan