

***Rebel Buddha*** by Dzogchen Ponlop

TOPICS, TALKING POINTS

**The Book, *Rebel Buddha***

1. Why did you feel that the book *Rebel Buddha* was necessary? Some people might say that this is just a marketing gimmick to rebrand Buddhism, to appeal to the younger generation.
2. Can you think of an American icon as an example of Rebel Buddha energy? For example: Madonna? Oprah Winfrey? Angelina Jolie?
3. If I don't use my "rebel buddha" to become enlightened in this lifetime, can I transfer it to the next? Or is it a case of "use it or lose it"?
4. There are some people who couldn't be further from a Buddha, like serial murderers or child rapists. If everyone has a "rebel buddha" within, how can this be? Isn't there a point where someone's negative actions are so horrific that their Buddha quality is completely gone?
5. The title of your new book is *Rebel Buddha*. How was the Buddha a rebel? From all accounts, he was a peaceful meditator.
6. What's the difference in "buddha" and "rebel buddha" ?
7. What is rebel buddha "questioning, resisting, or opposing"?
8. If buddha and rebel buddha are both our own mind, then aren't we just starting a fight with ourselves?