

REBEL BUDDHA: ON THE ROAD THIS NOVEMBER

**Author Dzogchen Ponlop and Leading Voices of Western Buddhism
host provocative discussions across North America in November.**

*“With uncommon clarity and authority, [Dzogchen Ponlop] offers a new vision
for the future of Buddhism that is at once shocking and hopeful.
This is a small book with a big message that is timely and important.”*

—**Pema Chödrön**, bestselling author of *When Things Fall Apart*

This five-city North American tour celebrates the publication of [Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche's](#) provocative new book — [Rebel Buddha: On the Road to Freedom](#) (Shambhala Publications, November 9, 2010).

The tour, sponsored by [Nalandabodhi](#), comes to [Toronto on Saturday November 20th](#). Doors open at 9:30 a.m. at the Bram and Bluma Appel Salon in the Toronto Reference Library for a full-day examination of the current state of Western Buddhism and an exploration of its possible future. Panelists [Polly Young-Eisendrath](#) (author and Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology at the University of Vermont) and [Mitra Tyler Dewar](#) (senior teacher, Nalandabodhi) will join Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche for a lively panel discussion.

Throughout the day, in different formats – teachings, music and video, contemplative exercises, debate – participants and panelists will explore the experience of the modern-day traveler on this road to freedom.

Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche's recent article [“Is Buddhism a Religion?”](#) on The Huffington Post blog went viral in a matter of hours, inspiring commentary by a broad readership from many traditions, about the development of an authentic North American/Western Buddhism free of Asian cultural trappings.

There's a rebel within you. It's the part of you that already knows how to break free of fear and unhappiness. This rebel is the voice of your own awakened mind. It's your rebel buddha—the sharp, clear intelligence that resists the status quo. It wakes you up from the sleepy acceptance of your day-to-day reality and shows you the power of your enlightened nature. It's the vibrant, insightful energy that compels you to seek the truth.

—**Dzogchen Ponlop**, *Rebel Buddha*

The book tour begins on [Saturday, November 14 in New York City](#) (The Great Hall at Cooper Union); and continues in [Halifax on Thursday November 18th](#) (The McInnes Room Dalhousie University); then (after Saturday, November 20 in Toronto) moves to [Boulder on Saturday November 27th](#) (Boulder Theater) and concludes on [Sunday, December 5 in Seattle](#) (ACT Theater).

[Get Toronto tickets and more details here](#)

[Get Halifax tickets and more details here](#)

Author **Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche** devotes much of his energy to developing a vision of a genuine Western Buddhism for our times. Born in 1965 in northeast India, Rinpoche trained in the meditative and intellectual disciplines of Indian and Tibetan Buddhism under the guidance of many of the greatest masters from Tibet's final pre-exile generation. Known for his sharp intellect, humor, and the lucidity of his teaching style, fluent in English and well-versed in Western culture and technology, Rinpoche is also an accomplished calligrapher, visual artist and poet.

Nalandabodhi is an international network of meditation and study centers for students of Buddhism, under the guidance of Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche.

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