

References to Dorje Shugden in Trijang Rinpoche's Autobiography

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xv	Dölgyal (Dorje Shukden)	Since his predecessors had close ties to the practice, as did his root lama Phabongkha Rinpoché, it is understandable that my late tutor followed them in propitiating Dölgyal (Dorjé Shukden). Nevertheless, the Great Fifth Dalai Lama was unequivocal in describing Dölgyal as “an oath-breaking spirit born from perverse prayers . . . harming the teachings and all living beings.”
8	the protector Shukden	I feel it is important to clarify here the exact nature of Kyabjé Trijang Rinpoché's association with the protector Shukden, which is mentioned in the autobiography. The practice of Shukden was not a central element of Rinpoché's commitments.
8	indigenous oath-bound protector deities	Shukden was one of many indigenous oath-bound protector deities that Rinpoché propitiated to bind them to their commitments to assist in Dharma activities.
41	the protector Shukden	They presented a list of names to Kyabjé Phabongkha and to the protector Shukden for consultation and divination for the final choice of my tutor.
41	the protector oracle	Both Rinpoché and the protector oracle reached a decision on the same candidate, my venerable teacher Losang Tsultrim of Phukhang House in Ganden, who was from Nangsang, a town in eastern Tibet.
71	by the protector with name Gyalchen Dorjé	Such instances of being cared for by the protector with name Gyalchen Dorjé during my childhood play, as if by a loving mother, are too many to count.
81	the protector in trance	Being uncertain about entrusting the affairs of the labrang to the monastic house during the visit to Kham, I sought the prophecy of the protector in trance.
81	Shukden	As Shukden would rarely enter him in trance and only in strict secrecy, one day I invited him to our house. The prophecy that he delivered while in trance was as follows:
90	the oracle of Shukden	...a letter to the oracle of Shukden at Dungkar Monastery in Dromo with details of the situation and circumstances at Chatreng, requesting his prediction and guidance in trance.
114	the protector with the name Dorjé	...and the ever-attentive actions of the protector with the name Dorjé, who from long ago has always been with me like a shadow with the body, I escaped the narrow ravines of all the obstructing circumstances, like the moon emerging from clouds.

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118	Shukden	Lama said, “It is certain that no external interfering forces will affect your life or activities. I will guarantee that Shukden will take care of everything.” He told me this with great confidence and assurance.
154	Shukden	At the conclusion of the teachings, I received oral instructions on the complete ritual practices related to Shukden, and saying “For the sake of auspiciousness,” he gave me transmission of oral advice with detailed teachings on the methods for gaining longevity through reliance on vajra recitation of wind in connection with the longevity deity White Heruka.
156	Shukden	As Lady Yangzom Tsering of Lhalu Gatsal household had a long-standing request for Kyabjé Vajradhara to install outer, inner, and secret statues and the thread-cross abode of Shukden in their protector chapel, Vajradhara instructed me to make ready arrangements for installation of the thread cross.
157	Shukden	On that occasion, I received the life entrustment for Shukden together with Finance Minister Lhalu Gyurmé Tsewang Dorjé and his wife.
157	Shukden AND the same protector	...also to offer thanks to him in advance for the composition of Shukden thread-cross rituals of providing a base, satisfying, and repelling, as well as rituals of the same protector on the toma of expelling, fire offering, and increasing wealth.
157	this protector of Dharma	In essence, he said that it was up to me to complete his work regarding this protector of Dharma, and therefore he was charging me with that responsibility.
173	Panglung Gyalchen	Regarding the reincarnation of my sole father in unrivaled kindness, the great Phabongkha Vajradhara: as the visions of Nakshö Takphu Rinpoché, the predictions of the Panglung Gyalchen and Gadong oracles, and my own repeated divinations were found to be in agreement...
197	Shukden in his five aspects	During this same period, to support the wishes of His Holiness, I oversaw the production of new thangka paintings of single-deity Vajrabhairava, the five emanations of Nechung Dharmarāja, and Shukden in his five aspects.
199	Shukden	I had a one-and-a-half-story appliqué thangka of Dharmarāja and his consort in union as its principal figure, surrounded by Jé Rinpoché, Vajrabhairava, Karmarāja, and Shukden, sewn from pieces of fine brocade.

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213	Shukden	One day a group of monks that Lakak Rinpoché had organized to perform the monthly appropriate offerings to Shukden performed the averting ritual together with its accompanying dance for me.
242	Panglung Chöjē, a medium of Shukden	I summoned Panglung Chöjē, a medium of Shukden, the chief protector, who has long looked over me, to my house and invoked the protector in trance to inquire about what future course of action should be taken.
245	The Dharma protector	At the wish of His Holiness, I secretly dispatched Ratö Chubar Rinpoché to Panglung Hermitage to request a prediction from Shukden. The Dharma protector's reply came, "You must leave immediately. If you take a southwesterly route, you have my assurance that neither yourself nor anyone in your retinue will come to any harm. Someone bearing the name Dorjé must travel at the head of the victor's party, confidently wielding this sword.
247	the protector Gyalchen	The following day I visited the shrine there of the protector Gyalchen to seek his divine aid.
254	Shukden	I conferred the vows of novice ordination on around twenty monastic candidates from the area and gave some of the monks life-entrustment permission for Shukden and other related practices.
255	the protector Shukden	I stayed for seven days, giving the entire community of monks the great initiation into single-deity Vajrabhairava and gave a few groups of three monks the life-entrusting initiation and permission to practice the protector Shukden.
260	the protector Shukden	I gave Powo Sumzong Lama and Tö Shungru Lama the life-entrusting initiation and permission to practice the protector Shukden.
268	wrathful Gyalchen with his retinue	Among them was a thangka of wrathful Gyalchen with his retinue that I had commissioned in Dromo during the year of the iron-tiger (1950) that had yet to have the brocade border attached to it.
268	my protector	When I once again received these thangkas into my hands, I felt convinced that this was significant indication of the omnipresence of the celestial assistance of my protector, and so on the twenty-ninth of the fifth month, I made extensive propitiatory offerings with tsok to the protector.

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273	Shukden	I passed three weeks performing the rituals of propitiation and invocation for celestial assistance of the protecting deities Palden Lhamo, the twelve tenma, fivefold Dharmarāja, and Shukden with the assembly of Namgyal Monastery.
277	Gyalchen Shukden	I gave Ngawang Drakpa, former abbot of Sera Mé, an oral transmission of various rituals I had composed in verse for Gyalchen Shukden — for establishing supports, the thread-cross ritual, fire offerings, and so on.
295	Shukden	I gave Rakra Tulku the permission for Jé Tsongkhapa as the triple deity and the life-entrusting initiation for Shukden.
304	the protector of Panglung Hermitage AND the protector	At the request of Sera Mé's Pomra House, I started the procedure to prepare Drakpa Samdrup, son of the late medium of the protector of Panglung Hermitage, to receive the protector in trance.
307	Gyalchen Shukden	I gave the life entrustment of Gyalchen Shukden to Trehor Geshé Tamdrin Rapten and Geshé Ngawang Dargyey of Sera Jé.
310	the protector Shukden	I had been requested to write a commentary on the elaborate biographical praises for the protector Shukden that was composed by Kyabjé Phabongkha Vajradhara.
310	Shukden AND the protector himself	In the meantime, however, some people who had come from Lhasa brought me my notes as well as a thangka of Shukden that was one of the very old religious artifacts of our labrang. I was fully convinced that this was due to the celestial assistance of the protector himself.
330	the protector Shukden AND the protector	On the twenty-ninth I gave the life entrustment of the protector Shukden to two monks of Sera Mé and one monk from Ganden Jangtsé in conjunction with my monthly propitiation offering to the protector.
332	the late Panglung Gyalchen Shukden medium	Drakpa Samdrup was the son of the late Panglung Gyalchen Shukden medium...
332	Gyalchen	...and at the urging of those monks from Pomra House of Sera Mé who were caretakers of the protector, I invoked Gyalchen in my residence several times...
332	the protector	...in the hope that the protector would enter Drakpa Samdrup. There were a few signs that he had entered. After that I invited the local protector of Panglung, Tsengö Khaché Marpo.

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338	the protector Shukden	On the eighth day of the third month I invoked the protector Shukden through the medium of Lhokha Riwo Chöling Monastery for prophetic advice on the discovery of the new incarnation of the late supreme incarnation of Kyabjé Phabongkha Vajradhara.
339	Shukden	On the twenty-second I invoked Shukden through the medium of the Ganden Chöphel Ling Tibetan monastery in Nepal.
341	Shukden	...a definitive clarification of the Treasury of Abhidharma written by Palden Chöjé, biographies of Pañchen Sönam Drakpa and Shukden written by the hermit Lhawang Gyatso and others...
341 to 342	Shukden and his retinue	By this time, novice monk Thupten Phelgyé [a.k.a. Drakpa Samdrup], the son of the late medium of Panglung Hermitage, was reliably receiving Shukden and his retinue in trance.
342	Shukden	On the twenty-sixth we invoked Shukden, Setrap, Chingkarwa, and Yumar Tsengö in succession. I requested of them their dutiful protection, bound them to their oaths, and formally accepted the new medium in the presence of the incarnation of Dromo Geshé Rinpoché, Ratö Rinpoché, and others.
343	Shukden	The next day I gave the oral transmission of my commentary to the biographical praises of Shukden to Song Rinpoché, Assistant Tutor Serkong Rinpoché, Chamdo Gyara Rinpoché, and Doboomb Tulku of Trehor's Dargyé Monastery.
349	protectors Shukden AND the new Panglung medium AND the protector	On that day I invoked protectors Shukden, Setrap, and Yumar Tsengö in trances through the new Panglung medium, Thupten Phelgyé, at which time the protector gave prophetic advice for a brief moment.
352	the praise of Shukden	I gave the oral transmission of the commentary to the praise of Shukden to nine tulkus and geshés, including Rinpoché himself.

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354	Shukden	The results of His Holiness and Kyabjé Ling Rinpoché's divinations as well as my own divinations and dreams and the predictions of the Gadong oracle and Shukden all agreed on the same candidate, Sönam Gyatso.
355	the protector Shukden	One day, at the request of Barkham Shodo Dragom Tulku, I gave him the life entrustment of the protector Shukden and oral transmission of the ritual practices of the protector.
355	main protector	Dragom Tulku's predecessor was not only a Dharma friend but was also responsible for requesting many of the rituals of the protector in writing. Shukden was his main protector.
359	Shukden	On the tenth, at the invitation of Samdhong Rinpoché of Drepung's Tsawa House, the principal of the institute, I went to his residence and gave him the life entrustment of Shukden in the morning and made tsok offerings in the afternoon.
363	Shukden	I gave the permission of the Adhipati Lords of the Cemetery to Sera Jé Lawudo Tulku, his teacher Thubten Yeshe, and their Western students Thubten Dönyö and Thubten Ngawang. I gave the life entrustment of Shukden to three of them, excluding Thubten Ngawang.
365	five emanations of Shukden AND the protector	When I had this dream, I was composing the wealth-generating rituals of one of the five emanations of Shukden. I interpreted this as an indication that the protector was pleased.
367	Shukden and his retinue AND the protector	Arrangements were made by Pomra House for me to invoke the presence of Shukden and his retinue through the medium. At my insistent requests for prophetic advice, the protector gave a few predictions.
369	the peaceful emanation of Shukden	One day I invoked the presence of the peaceful emanation of Shukden, who commended me for my efforts to further the excellent traditions of Jé Tsongkhapa through my teachings by living a long life.
413	the Shukden oracle	Because of the critical gravity of the situation for the safety of His Holiness, Trijang Rinpoché sent Ratö Chubar Rinpoché to Panglung Hermitage to consult the Shukden oracle.