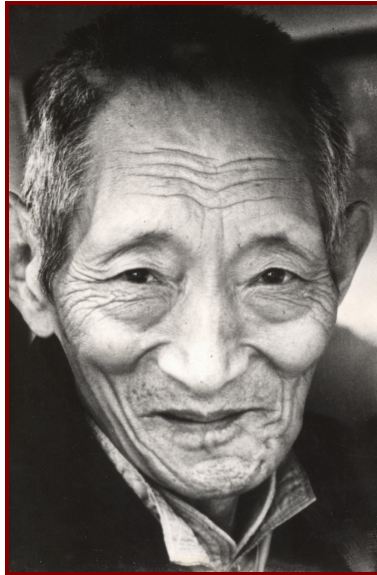


Kalu Rinpoche: Knowledge of Tibetan Extremely Important



Kalu Rinpoche (1905-1989)

The Very Venerable Kalu Rinpoche was a great Tibetan Buddhist master and teacher, widely acclaimed as one of the greatest living exemplars of the Tibetan Buddhist tradition of meditative contemplation. He was a teacher for some of the most famous and esteemed Dharma teachers alive today. He had this to say about Tibetan language study:

[K]nowledge of Tibetan is extremely important because it allows us to understand the practice texts and the traditional Tibetan commentaries....In order for Dharma to be properly understood in the West, there must be Westerners who are willing to master the Tibetan....Once the totality of Dharma is adequately translated into Western terminology, there will be no need for Tibetan. But for now, anyone wishing to study the Dharma deeply...will reap great benefit from the study of Tibetan. If you study regularly, a little bit every day, you will quickly become knowledgeable.

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