

NOBLE TĀRĀ

Four Mandala Offering to the Definitive Tārā and Eyes of Tārā By Khenpo Ngawang Lodro Dragpa





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Introduction

Here are two practice texts on Noble Tārā from the Jonang tradition, composed by a twentieth-century Jonang master, Ngawang Lodro Gyatso.¹ These are the first English translations of either text. Tibetan script and phonetics are also included.

Wherever possible, I have approached the translations in a more literal, line by line version, that is helpful to the practitioner who wants to follow the meaning of the Tibetan text and follow the order of each line in the stanza verse with the English translation.

The first text is called the *Four Mandala Offering Ritual to Definitive Tārā and her Retinue, that Swiftly Grants the Two Accomplishments*.² It is regularly recited today by those in the Jonang tradition. With various descriptions of the definitive and conventional twenty-one Tārās, it is a beautiful and profound practice for both the generation and completion stages.

The second text is a short Tārā sadhana called *The Eyes of Tārā*.³ It is a concise yet powerful homage to the ultimate primordial awareness eyes of Tārā and also recommended by the author to be of benefit for the conventionally existent physical eyes too.

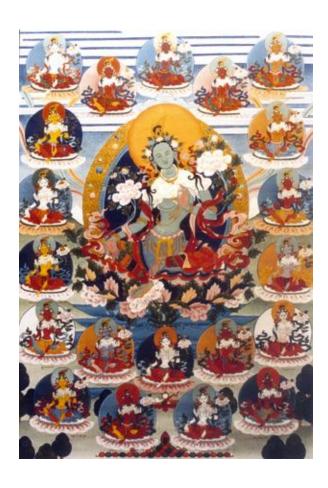
The translations were published in 2017. I am now making these translations freely available with this updated booklet version.

These sadhanas should only be practised after empowerment and transmission from a qualified lama. May it be of benefit! Sarva Mangalam!

The Four Mandala Offering Ritual to the Definitive Tārā and her Retinue, that Swiftly Grants the Two Accomplishments

टेष:ट्रॅब'न्ट'त्<u>र</u>चेल'नते हे'नर्ड्व'अ'गर्ड'त्रॉक्र'ल'अङ्कल'निकेष्टी भी क्षेत्र'क्ष्य अर्केट्'र्'त्त्रत्वल'नते विषय शुराहर्ष्ट्र

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व्रॉऑं प्यूट्ठ पूर में हुइ NAMO ĀRYA TĀRE BHYA

क्रॅबर-दीट्र-बर्गवाद्य-स्वर्ग्य-स्वर्य-स्वय्य-स्वर्य-स्वय्य-स्य-स्वय्य-स्वय्य-स्वय्य

gang dul trul pai rol gar chog ेरअक्ट्रियःकृतःक्रवाःतक्ट्रा de chöd mandal chöd chog che

The abiding nature of the expanse of ultimate reality; Mother Prajñāpāramitā, the supreme display, taming whoever needs to be tamed. Having paid reverence to the swift, enlightened activity goddess, I will explain the mandala offering sadhana.

च्रुम ८ट्या इय.चिश्चम्प्रम्

This is the Four Mandala Offering Ritual to the Definitive Tārā and her Retinue that Swiftly Grants the Two Accomplishments. There are three parts: the preparation, main practice and conclusion.

1) Preparation

यहेन.त्युं क्ष्याचेन.क्रूंन.क्ष्योयात्म्युं त्याचात्रात्यः व्यत्यः हि.सैन. प्र्यतः त्यान्त्रायात्मः पर्ट. वियय पर्ट्यः युः। क्रूंना यपुः भी हेष त्यांचात्रात्पुः अर्थे ये ति.वोहू र विवार विवार क्षितः व्यत्ति।

First, (the preparation), in front of a painting or statue of Tārā, place the round torma decorated with white butter ornamentation, the necessary material items⁴ and whatever else is suitable for making the four mandala offerings.

2) Main Practice

वित्रप्राद्यादियाविष्या

८र्गेव'सर्क्याः श्चे'सर्के८'८८'।

ध्रुंज.शपु.ध्रुंब.शक्ट्र.वाध्याज्या

Second, for the main practice, there are two sections: The general offering to the three rare supreme ones⁵, and the specific offering to Tārā.

i) Refuge and Bodhicitta

८८.स्.भैठक.मुभ्यत्र

dang po kyab sem ni

First, refuge and bodhicitta.

रट.क्रैट.वार्ट्रट.वय.ल.चंवाय.क्र्य.भेंपु.पर्संजा

rang nang dö ne ye zhug chö ku'i trul

वार्ष्य तर्वा अनुवर्ष अक्षे अ सुष तर्मे वि र्

sol deb kyab chi ma lu dro wai don

kyab ne kun ngo phag mai lha tshog la

<u> तश्चेत.हीर.ये.शुर.शुश्चा.शकूवी.तश्चेर.तर.यी</u>

drub chir la me sem chog kye par ja

Emanations of the spontaneously-arisen, primordial, infinite Dharmakāya, I supplicate and go for refuge to the assembly of all the genuine objects of refuge, Noble Tārā and her divine retinue. To accomplish the benefit of all beings, without exception, I will generate the supreme, unsurpassed mind of enlightenment.

এব.মাথীপা

Recite this three times.

ii) Blessing of the Offerings

षक्ट्राह्मयाचीत्र पङ्गपतान्त्रे

 गुव,प्रचट.पसुवायाप्याव,प्रते अर्केट् ह्वेव,र्क्ष्यावा kun zang trul la dren pai chö trin tshog व्याः आवते अवतः ग्लाव,प्राच,प्राचे प्राचे स्था ह्वेयः ह्वेयः

Within the meditative equipoise of the enlightened intention of the primordial ground of vast purity, manifests masses of clouds of offerings, comparable to those of Samantabhadra. A vast, magnificently arranged display of limitless offerings, completely transforming and filling infinite space.

क्ष्रायह् झि.स.ष्टापू

OM VAJRA SAPHA RANA KHOM

রুবাধারের প্র-স্বাধারে ह्रेटी

Say this mantra as many times as appropriate.

iii) The General Offering

दे'क्षाञ्चे'सर्केद्र'द्रदेशदी

জুঃ ĀН

र्क्स दिन्द्रेट्स वाभिषा सुवाषा क्रमा त्रक्स उद्घाषा chö ying shi luk nam kun char rung wa अन्नतः पात्रा क्षेत्र चित्र विवाषा क्षुत्र चित्र चित

The ultimate fundamental reality and expanse in which all aspects can arise; an inexhaustible display of emanations, taming beings appropriate to their needs; manifests forth an assembly of infinite pure realms of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas, in accordance with the wishes and aspirations of those to be tamed.

र्गा श्रूर सुत्य रु रहें अर्डर पर्योद् व्रवया बिहा dag nang yul du ngo tshar sö nam zhing ह्राॅंब अर्डेंग गुब त्र्व्य अर्डेंट् सुत्य झ्रेंब्र हा kon chog kun du chöd yul la me pa

This extraordinary field of merit of pure appearances emanates miraculous displays in all directions. Through faith and yearning, these embodiments of the three rare sublime ones, the unsurpassed objects to whom the offering is made, manifest as if directly here.

माट्यत्याः क्षाय्याः स्वायः स्वयः स्य

From the unobscured, self-originated reality 'as it is', arises an ocean of Victorious Ones, Bodhisattvas, yidams and their followers. A vast emanation display of the assembly of Noble Tārā and her divine retinue, skilled in the methods of taming whoever needs to be tamed, delightfully manifesting everywhere, for all purposes.

ngargarkargarakarakarwakarwarul zhi ying shi ne ngön sel tshul tsam le र्क्ष भुष्टिया केन्न स्मृह्म प्राप्त क्षेत्र स्मृह्म प्राप्त क्षेत्र क्षेत्र स्मृह्म प्राप्त क्षेत्र स्मृह्म स्मृह्म

Nothing other than the naked appearance of the basic essence of the fundamental expanse of reality. In actuality, not going or staying; a unity of the basic ground and result. The vast, all-pervasive, directionless, space-like nature; free from notions of good and bad, the magnificent, profound state of the Dharmakāya.

क्र्याच्याचा त्रीत्र त

OM BUDDHA BODHISATTVA ÄYRA TÄRE TISHTHA SAMAYA TAM

Making the offerings ઑક્-(ત્રસ્ત્રાપ્ત ક્રે|

क्षॅर्ट्स्थर्भ्यर्थर्थर्थर्थर्थर्थः विषयः होत्रः क्षेत्रः क्षेत्रः क्षेत्रः क्षेत्रः क्षेत्रः क्षेत्रः क्षेत्र OM ngös jor yi le trul pai chöd trin tshog विषयः चर्याः स्थाः क्षेत्रः कष्टि क्षेत्रः कष्टि क्षेत्रः कष्टि क बर्केट्-पॅब्र-ब्रे-हॅवा-चर्ना ईब्ब्र-ब्र्य-व्याव्यायान्त्र क्रिक्ट्यां क्रिकेट्-प्र्या क्रिकेट्-प्र्या क्रिकेट्-प्र्या क्रिकेट्-प्रकार्या क्रिकेट्-प्रकार्या क्रिकेट्-प्रकार्या क्रिकेट्-प्रकार्या क्रिकेट्-प्रकार्या क्रिकेट-प्रकार्या क्रिकेट-प्रकार्या क्रिकेट-प्रकार्या क्रिकेट-प्रकार क्रिकेट-प्रकेट-प्रकार क्रिकेट-प्रकार क्रिकेट-प्रकार क्रिकेट-प्रकार क्रिकेट-प्रकार क्रिकेट-प्रकार क्रिकेट-प्रकार क्रिकेट-प्रकार क्रिकेट-प्रक्ट-प्रकार क्रिकेट-प्रकार क्रिकेट

OM. Manifesting masses of clouds of offerings, materially present and imagined; limitless, amazing offerings of drinking water, flowers, incense, lights, perfumes, divine food and music. I offer these with devout respect, to this gathering of *an ocean* ⁶ of recipients.⁷

OM BUDDHA BODHISATTVA⁸ ĀRYA TĀRE SAPARIWĀRA BHYA ARGHAM PUSHPE DHUPE ALOKE GENDHE NEWITYA SHABTA ĀH HUM

बुषा:चवायोषा:दस्या:श्वाषाः है:चन्या:वीर:चबेषा

nam yang wang nga gye kye khye par

गुषा:चन्द्राच्या:श्वाषा:श्वाषा:श्वाष्ट्राच्या:वीर:चबेषा

gu pe leg bul thug je dag gir zhe

In particular, this perfect, stainless collection of attractive, desirable objects, arouses joyful delight in the completely pure five senses. I give with total devotion these supreme sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and physical sensations. Please accept these excellent offerings out of compassion!

क्षॅ'तृह्न र्चे हैं नामृ व्यू उप्ते रे वारा रे व्यू र हुं।

OM BUDDHA BODHISATTVA ĀRYA TĀRE SAPARIWĀRA BHYA RUPA SHABTA GENDHE RASASPARSHA ĀH HUM

ट्र.शक्र.ट्रम.लग्नायाचीयाचीता.सूट.स्य.क्रुय.तट्यी

स्व.ध्याक्र्यायायायाः भेषाह्या मृत्रायायाः न

ngo tshar ge leg gyel si rin chen dun गुद्र-द्रवा-प्रते-तर्देन-त्रमुद्र-प्या-सर्वद्र-प्या kun ne ge wai dö jung yam tshen pa phun sum tshog pa tra shi dze tag gye নমান্ ন্বমম'ন্ট্ৰ-'নমান্ ম্বান্-'ন্ন্-ম'ন্ট্ৰম'ন্ট্ৰম'ন্ট্ৰম'ন্ট্ৰম' sö nam nyer sag le du bul lo zhe

The seven amazing, virtuous precious possessions of a Universal Monarch,⁹ the eight excellent, auspicious symbols and articles,¹⁰ extraordinary, wishfulfilling virtue in all directions. Please accept these offerings so that merit is accumulated!

क्ष्रॅ.टीॾॕ, ज्र.टे. क्षे.य.टे. क्षेत्र.टे.य.त.र. क्षे.प.डे. या.टे. क्षे.प.टे. क्षे.त.टे. क्षे.त.टे. क्षे.त.टे.

OM BUDDHA BODHISATTVA ĀYRA TĀRE SAPARIWĀRA BHYA MAHĀ SABTA UPA RATNA PUDZA ĀH HUM

The mandala মহুশে'রী

ষ্ণু.ঝঁঃ.ৠ

OM ĀH HUM

eda, क्र्याया त्यूर, वेश्वया देवा, क्र्या प्रमाण and tshog sö nam pel dug che bar wa स्वा अक्र. चेट. स्व . ग्रीया त्यूर. रे. ग्रीया . क्ष्या röl tsho zung den gi kor ri gyel Ihun रच'चक्रव'ब्रीट'चब्रीते'द्युषा'व'ष्यिर'रे'चर्ज्व।
rab ten ling zhi'i ü na ser ri dun
के'क्रॉर्से रेज् 'क्रेव'ब्रू' ख्र'व्यव्य गुच 'केट'।
che tho rin chen na nga le drub ching

A radiantly, perfect, virtuous offering of the four, stable continents,¹¹ in the midst of which are seven golden mountains¹² and their respective oceans, which all surround Mount Meru, the highest peak made from the five precious substances.¹³¹⁴

 क्षु त्रीते 'त्याय वर्षेत्र साळ्ट सेत् 'येत 'यंत्र 'या व्याप्त प्राप्त प्र प्राप्त प्राप्त प्राप्त प्राप्त प्

I offer these marvellous resources of the outer world and its inhabitants; the total wealth and prosperity of gods and humans. In particular, I offer those extremely pure accumulations of the three times, of myself and others, and all attractive phenomena, owned and unowned.

gwi.पीयं.ट्रीया.टाभ्रीट्राप्टरावीया.आकूवी.पीयं.टि.टाज्ञटा।

वादाची क्रमा प्रस्ता त्र्युवा पादी मार्च क्रमा च्या चादाची क्रमा चादाची क्रम चादाची क्रमा चादाची चादाची

Generating mental delight in the Victorious and Noble Ones, this vast, excellently, arranged Samanthabhadra display, I offer with utmost devotion. Please accept it with compassion and grant the accomplishments!

इं र इ सङ्घानी ने इ मि पा की

DRAM RATNA MANDALA KAM NIRYATAYAMI

[The offering sadhana that is subsequently repeated for the specific offerings to Tārā and her retinue, ends here].

Wishes and requests নেৰ্দ্ৰ-গোৰ্মনাৰী

ট্র-র্ন্টা

Kye Ho!15

Protector of beings and treasury of omniscient love; with the power of complete understanding and compassion for all sentient beings, without exception; producing vast, forceful waves of enlightened activity. Please rain down timely, joyful displays of whatever beings require to be tamed!

पर्चेर्-प्रगाद प्रतः स्वा-स्वा-प्राच्या स्वयः स्वा प्राच्या स्वयः स्ययः स्वयः स्ययः स्वयः स्वयः

धेन् रॅद्राचने न्यादे में भ्राचयाच्याचा प्रा ong ge wai go kab drel wa dag न्या हेन स्थन केंग्रायाचाया द्वीर श्रुर हेन् अहेंन्। del ten phun tshog leg jor nyur nye dzö

Due to being overwhelmed by unbearable sufferings of the three lower realms, with no opportunities or time for joyful and attractive pleasures; after liberation from great suffering and misfortune, may sentient beings quickly find resources, time, ¹⁶ and good fortune!

ब्राह्म त्रब्र्ध त्रब्र्ध त्रव्यक्त त्रव्यते त्यते त्

रट'रट'य'पाट'देर'ङ्गॅर्थ'झ्वा'च्रह्य'वे; ¹⁷
rang rang la yang der tö dug ngel zhi

पार-प्रवास्त्र-प्रह्ल-प्रते स्नुप्त्र-प्रवीवात्राः स्नु yang dag chö dang jal wai tab drig te and qo qou qeu Le ma led koud qso

In dependence on these samsaric offerings of the pleasures of the three higher realms, please pacify the suffering of each particular individual! Make them suitable to meet with the authentic Dharma! Enable them to fulfil their excellent hopes and possess whatever they desire!

ह्येत्र-व-त्यवः ग्री-द्यद्योवः त्यंत्र-त्यते याव्रवा ह्येत्र-त्यवः मुंद्र-श्वर-व्यवः श्वर-त्ये याव्रवा ह्येत्र-त्यवः ग्री-द्यद्योवः त्यंत्र-त्यते याव्रवा ह्येत्र-व्यवः ग्री-द्यद्योवः त्यंत्र-त्यते याव्रवा ह्येत्र-त्यवः ग्री-द्यद्योवः त्यंत्र-त्यते याव्रवा ह्येत्र-त्यवः ग्री-द्यद्योवः त्यंत्र-त्यते याव्यवा ह्येत्र-त्यवः ग्री-द्यद्योवः त्यंत्र-त्यते याव्यवा कर्षे: न्यवः यानः नुः श्चियः याः देवायः अर्थः न्यवः यानः नुः श्चियः याः श्चेयायः अर्थन्।

rang dang tsham pai jang chub la nyeg dzö

Generally, for all those dwelling in samsara due to the power of karma, wherever they are born, in higher or lower types of existence, may they swiftly be separated from the source of karma and afflictive emotions! May they pursue and attain awakening, in a manner suitable for each!

lu chen kye gu kun la ring min du र्वो अर्ळद् रचन्द्र र्वेद र्वाद क्रेंद्र रचन्द्र र वर्षा प्रमा ge tshan zang pö ga tön zhe du sol In particular, so that all those dwelling here in this world, and all types of sentient beings, may possess without delay the four abundances¹⁸ and virtuous attributes of perfect Dharma, please accept this excellent and delightful feast!

iv) The Specific Mandala Offerings to Tārā and her Retinue

चानुवाराङ्ग्रीयावादे र्श्वेषावार्केट्रायावाद्वयाची वार्केट्रायाचात्रुवाया

The three specific mandala offerings to Tārā

1) The First Mandala

गुन्न द्वितःकॅबाग्री-इंडिट्याः ययाः विद्यास्त्री ह्याः ह्या

તરીત્ર 'ત્યમ' શુર્ર-' અ' દ્વાર ' સંદિ ' ર્કેં ' તરીત ' યા પ્રાથ્ય ક્વાર પ્રાથ્ય ક્વાર સ્વાર ' તરીત ' સ્વાર પ્રાથ્ય ક્વાર સ્વાર સ્વાર પ્રાથ્ય ક્વાર સ્વાર સ્

The goddess arises from the all-pervasive sphere of reality, a magical emanation of the swift heroine of enlightened activity, Tārā. Longing to tame whoever needs to be tamed, this supreme field of merit of the one skilled in the means of radiating out excellent, magical emanations.

अर्केट्-(सुत्यःर्स्त्यःग्रीमः अर्क्यः चर्गाट्-(सुद्-रचरःच। chös yul tshul gi tshar köd khye par wa नुःपाटः ज्ञा-प्यरः यद्याव्यः विद्यपावा अर्थः भू॥ nya gang da war rang sel phag mai ku त्रहु'झ्या'तुर्'यो'तर्च'स्व'ह्रु'श्चेष'श्चेर'।

chu thrag zung gi dab den chu kye teng

अहॅ्ष'त्र(इंग्रंप्यूर'हॅ्य्यूष'सूर्'त्र्प्यूर'।

dze dzum lang tsho rab dzog jang ö bar

An amazing, display specifically arranged for Tārā and her retinue, to whom the offering is made.

On a full moon disc, on top of a twenty-petalled lotus, is the naturally luminous body of the noble goddess. With gorgeous smile, youthful, utterly perfect and blazing with brilliant green light.

त्रधेव 'प्यार्ग्य सुर्गः हैं आर्डर स्याप्त हैंब।

thrin le rab nyur ngo tshar röl wa tön

पार्मि (प्रेन् चेर 'प्यार हुम्य 'क्ष्णें केंदि 'र्स्याया|

gang gi ö zer le trul lha mo'i tshog

ü su chom den de ma pa mo je इ'र्क्ष्वाब'अर्द्र्वा'स्व 'सेवा'अर्द्ब'स्वाबा na tshog dog den geg dze gyen che dzog

At the centre, the one who reveals with amazing emanations, extremely swift enlightened activity; the foe-destroying, heroine, Tārā. From whom radiant light rays emanate forth an assembly of goddesses of various different colours, lovingly playful, adorned with exquisite jewellery,

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sang gye jang sem pag ye dze zang chen

क्रमः तसुत्रा के राते वार राज्ञ्चर रहें वाषा महाज्ञा thrul che wai gar gyur chog tsham su वार्ट् र वाषा विश्वास रहें र से र र र राजे व र राजा död ne zhi dre yer me rang zhin le

These delightful manifestations on each petal, Tārā and her retinue, emanate in all directions, abundant, expansive, magical manifestations of infinite Buddhas and Bodhisattvas endowed with excellent virtue.

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A vivid, naked appearance, of the enlightened intention of great primordial awareness. This field of merit, to whom the offering is made, please remain! I pay homage to these divine manifestations of the fundamental nature and state of reality, whose mind is one with the enlightened state!

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ĀRYA TĀRE TISHTA SA MA YA TAM

क्षें'व्'र्वेष

OM NAMO

 dul ja der nang tsam du dze tshul tön यादःशुरु:देरःश्वर-रुम:र्श्वर्यातः स्वित्यः क्षेत्रः। gang gyur de kun lu me thug je zung

This dancing magical display of noble goddesses, teaching those to be tamed by way of mere appearance, with enlightened activity appropriate to each individual. In the realms of those to be tamed, please behold all those to be transformed, with unerring compassion!

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Here when repeating the **completely perfect offering** above, replace **'ocean'** in the first four lines of the offering prayer, with **'Noble Tārā'**. ¹⁹ During the mantra recitation offering, remove **Buddha Bodhi Sattva**. Then recite the **Praises to the Twenty-One Tārās** twice.

औं ON

श्र्रायाद्यत्यात्र्यात्य्र्यात्य्र्यात्यात्र्या

nyur ma pa mö dro wa kun dröl

Swift, courageous heroine,²¹ Nyurma Phamo, liberate all beings!

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yang chen lha mö ngag chog tsöl chig

Goddess of melodious voice, 22 Yangchen Lhamo, grant supreme speech!

पर्सिट् वस्रमः स्रेर संया र्वेर स्रक्रिया यापाट र्स्स्रिया

sö nam ter mö nor chog yang kyöl

Treasury of supreme merit, 23 Sonam Termo, bring us the prosperity of the supreme jewel!

इस्रामुलाञ्चार्स्राक्ष्याळें पी प्राप्ता स्पा

nam qyal lha mö tshe yi pel phob

All-Victorious goddess,²⁴ Namgyal Lhamo, rain down the siddhis of long life!

रेगाचुन्-त्यम्ऑस्यत्वंर-तन्स-त्यन्-सर्हिन्

rig jey dag mö khor de wang dzö

Wise, powerful female,²⁵ Rigjey Dagmo, give power over samsara and nirvana!

पह्रवायाचित्राच्चें अंया पर्टे मंज्ञ क्ष्या चिव

jig jey thro mö dü dey chom shig

Terrifying, wrathful goddess, ²⁶ Jigjey Thromo, conquer the demons and harmful influences!

वावन सियान्यतः भूभावावन स्रोतः नस्यान्या

zhen thub pa mö zhen de'i pung tor

Heroine female warrior,²⁷ Zhenthub Pamo, defeat the hordes of outside forces!

वाषय.मैज.इ.श्र्य.मैज.वि.गोय.जूट्या

zhen gyel je mös gyel kha kun long

All-Victorious, Zhengyel Jemo, seize ultimate victory over others!²⁸

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seng deng lha mö ngös drub kun tsel

Khadira goddess, Sengdeng Lhamo²⁹, grant all accomplishments!

वार्षेत्रा भेजात्वता सूर्या प्रह्मी स्थान्त्रेय वार्ष्य वार्ष्य

sum gyel dag mö jig ten nön dzö

Conqueror of the three realms, masterful Sumgyel Dagmo³⁰, trample on worldly concerns!

र्वेर गानेर प्राथा केंबा लिंद्या हुँदा द्वारा हिंदा

nor ter pel mö long chö tsal chig

Precious treasury of wealth³¹, Norter Palmo, bestow resources and pleasures!

चग्. चैया झे. ब्र्या नेवा अक्व क्षेत्र स्वाया

tra shi lha mö ge tshen nyur phob

Auspicious goddess,³² Trashi Lhamo, quickly rain down advantages and virtuous signs!

न्गु'तह्स्या-न्यतःस्यान्याःस्यान्यान्याः

dra jom pa mö phe göl pung chom

Foe-conquering, heroine warrior,³³ Drajom Pamo, defeat the armies of opposing forces!

ह्यं याने र दें अर्थे अर्थ याचे या अर्थ या विका अर्हित्।

thro nyer ngom mö geg rig zhom dzö

Scowling, wrathful lady, 34 Thronyer Ngommo, subdue harmful spirits and obstructions!

रपावि क्षार्वेषायहिषा हेता क्षेत्रा शिष

rab zhi lha mö jig ten kyong shig

Thoroughly peaceful goddess, 35 Rabzhi Lhamo, protect and guard worldly beings!

प्तर.पूर्ट.सुट.शूब.कूब.झट.शूर.झैन

bar ös threng mö chö nang nyur tsal

Blazing garland of light,³⁶ Barö Threngmo, quickly bestow the illumination of the dharma!

८राया से८ यार्वेव संबागावन सूरिया नेया यार्वेव।

pag me nön mö zhan tob zil nön

Subduer of immeasurable forces,³⁷ Pagmey Nönmo, overpower and subjugate the countless outside forces!

भ्र.चि.कुब.सूबार्चा.बर.सूजाजा

ma ja chen mö dug ne söl la

Great Peacock Goddess, Maja Chenmo, protect us from poisons!³⁸

भ्र.तथामिजा<u>भ्र</u>याक्ष्यात्त्रयात्त्रयाः

mi pham gyel mö te ngen dog chig

Invincible Queen, Mipham Gyelmo, repel negative omens!³⁹

र्र.ब्रिट.यट्वी.क्र्य.र्रथ्यय.त्त्रथा.क्र्ट्र.जी

ri thrö dag mö rim yam chö la

Mountain-dwelling lady of the peaks, 40 Ritrö Dagmo, eliminate epidemics and catastrophes!

र्देन् चेर छव अषान्या मुव पर्छट अर्हेन्।

ö zer chen me dra kun ching dzö

Brilliant rays of light goddess, 41 Özer Chenma, imprison thieves and enemies!

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nyer chig lha mö rang rang le drub

These twenty-one goddesses, each in their own way accomplished,

श्चित्रवार्त्वारागावायाचेवायेवाकोताः

kyab ög pa kun yel me kyong dzö

please protect all those subjects wandering without protection!

ग्रवाबित्र विष्याचित्र म्याचित्र म्याचित्र म्था

kun ne ge wai pel yon tsöl chig

Bestow completely virtuous, majestic qualities!

डेबार्ज्ञ्चवारात्म्बरपादिकारम्हित्। Repeat this concise Tārā sadhana twice.

2) The Second Mandala

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chö yul phag ma dröl mai lha tshog le

तर्स्वरायते.पूर्ताग्रीया.ब्रून् पर्वर प्रदेश क्षा bai ö ki nö chu dri ma jang

भ्री.पर्जू.भीय.गीट.टासूट.येशवा.धूटवा.थी.मीवा

kye dro kun kyang sö nam tob su gye

ब्रिट्रिट्याः स्रेयः तबटः ट्वटः क्र्रेवः यथा उटः ब्रीटा

gyu dag kel zang wang nön le rung gyur

From the assembly of noble Tārās, to whom the offering is made, brilliant rays of light radiate outwards, purifying sentient beings and their environment; increasing the meritorious force of all living beings; and enabling them to purify their mindstreams, possess good fortune and have sharp faculties.

दे.वया.श्चर.ततः **श्चेया.वाष्ट्रर.** व्याद्माया विष्या.वाष्ट्रया विषया व

Then repeat again **the specific offering**⁴² as before and recite three times **The Praise to the 21 Tārās** or the **Concise Praises to Tārā**, whichever is suitable.

3) The Third Mandala

प्रस्वाबात्रात्राञ्चीवात्रात्रीच्यात्रात्रीच्यात्रात्राची phag ma drol mai jin lab la ten ne

ईयाषाःस्वॱकॅषाग्रीःयातृत्यःबिद्रास्त्याश्चरःच। dzog den chö ki dul zhing phul jung wa दहेवा हेत्र (वस्रका तदिर वाद वात्रका दे द्वा ग्रुह्। jig ten kham dir gang ne de dag kyang

श्चेत्रायान्यराक्ष्याञ्चराक्ष्याच्चराक्ष्याच्चराव्येत्य। min ma rag par chö nang che cher phel

In dependence upon the blessings of Noble Tārā, for those beings here in this universe, and wherever else, for those who are ripe and ready for the most excellent realms of profound Dharma, please increase and vastly expand the appearance of the Dharma!

श्चरःपाटःश्चेंबाःअकूटं.तूटः,केरःटि होवो.एक्षाःकेरःवाञ्चवो.लबं.वर्थे अधरःतयः तूषं वर्ष्ट्रंतःरापत्रा ताटः वर्श्चेलाशः वर्ह्नेवाशः वर्ह्नेवाशः वर्ह्नेवाशः वर्ह्नेवाशः वर्ह्नेवाशः वर्ष्टिः।

Repeat again the **specific offering** as before. Recite the **21 Praises to Tārā seven times** and finish with **The Benefits.** Otherwise, **recite the Concise Tārā seven times**, however you wish.

4) The Torma offering

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क्षॅं खूरु नू ने राष्ट्र ने खू न की नै पार्थि न खू ने

OM ĀRYA TĀRE SA PĀRIWĀRA IDAM BA LIMTA KHĀ HI⁴⁴

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Recite three times.

jang tog bar wai zag drel dam pai dze पदे क्रेब प्या नेषा भूदा पाकेषा तपरा है। de chen ye she nang wa che bar te I offer this thoroughly purified and refined substance, supreme and inexhaustible, to the perfect Noble Tārā and her divine assembly, vastly increasing the appearance of great bliss primordial awareness. So that whatever is requested be perfectly accomplished, please perform enlightened activity!

5) Wishes and Requests

ने'वयातर्नेन'गर्येय'वी

Wishes and Requests

TAM

र्केषः पृष्ठित्षः भेतः द्वेत्रः यादः तर्तृषः झे स्रोतः भ्रमः chö ying sher chin gang dul lha mo kur शुष्पः प्रतिः र्सेषः यादः हेः श्रेतः प्रदः प्रक्षः प्रमा thrul pai röl gar ji nye dang che par

र्षेट्य प्रवेद्य (यय : श्रुक्त : स्राप्त : स्रोट्य क्षित्र : स्रोट्य क्षित्र : स्रोट्य क्षित्र क्षित्र चित्र क्षित्र चित्र क्षित्र चित्र क्षित्र चित्र क्षित्र चित्र क्षित्र क्षित्

From the expanse of ultimate reality, Prajñāpāramitā, the form of the goddess, taming whoever needs to be tamed, completely arises. Swift heroine, Noble Tārā, enlightened activity personified. To these miraculous manifestations of reality 'as it appears', from the depth of our hearts, we request you to behold us with loving-kindness!

त्रॉबर प्राचा रचाका चाद पुत्र व्याप्त प्रति क्रियाचा khor wa thra rag gang du tog pai tshog चाद अध्य द्वा प्रेयाचा प्रति क्रियाचा प्रति क्रियाच क्रियच क्रियाच क्रियच क्र

रदः रदः त्यः त्या अध्यक्षम् र्ध्वयामा स्वयः विद्या rang rang la ös mi thun chog sel zhing ज्यः पृदः पृषः सुः मुग्नः स्वरः अप्- अर्ह्पः । du dang du su nam yang che me dzöd

Whatever is included in this assembly, the subtle and gross aspects of samsara of each individual, may unconducive conditions be eliminated!

May whatever is wholly in accordance with the supreme intention and excellent virtue increase, continually, without interruption, forever more!

प्यतः र्स्नेष्यः तहंत्रः श्चीदः पुष्यः श्चीदः श्ची

ग्रवणः भ्रेयत्रा होरः त्र केरिः रेग्रावा ग्रुरः अद्यतः त्र्या हो।

ne kab nyer tshe'i rig gyur tha dag zhi

त्रह्मणः हेत्रः स्व्र कॅंग्रावा त्रावा ग्रुरः अद्यतः होगा

jig ten phun tshog pel yon che cher pel

In particular, for all embodied beings in this world, may harmful situations and suffering be completely pacified! May long life, good fortune, wealth and reputation flourish and abundant worldly resources and majestic qualities increase!

त्र्ग्'गुर्द्र-भ्रद्ध्य'य'गुर्द्द-भ्रद्ध्य'य'गुर्द्द-भ्रद्ध्य'य'गुर्द्द-भ्रद्ध्य'य'गुर्द्द-भ्रद्ध्य'य'गुर्द्द-भ्रद्ध्य'य'गुर्द्द-भ्रद्ध्य'य'श्रद्ध्य'य'श्रद्ध्य'य'श्रद्ध्य'य'श्रद्ध्य'य'श्रद्ध्य'य'श्रद्ध्य'य'श्रद्ध्य'य'श्रद्ध्य'य

र्म्याच्याञ्चर होत्र यात्राय होता अर्क्रवा व्याप्त विवास वि

The Buddha's teachings are the essence of medicine for sentient beings!

The path of the great vehicle of Secret Mantra, swiftly grants liberation!

Help us attain the power of conduct and practice in accordance with the ultimate Dharma! Bless us to be liberated into the stainless, Dharmakāya in one lifetime!

दे.क्रं.गुद्र'प्रचिपाय'द्येद्य'क्रेद्र'अर्क्ष्य'ग्रुर'प्रे de tshe kun zig gong chen ngön che ne क्षे:प्रपार'प्रग्रेट्र'प्रदेश चेद्र'र्स'अर्क्ष्य'ग्रुर'प्रे kha nyam dro la lab chen ge leg pel बैट्- तद्दिते 'गुषा रुव 'गुट- कुच केव 'र्चन 'ब्लॅब्ब् zhing di'i lu chen jang chub chen por mön

At that time, having manifested the magnificent noble intention of the allseeing one, a supreme wave of virtue and excellence, erupts forth towards sentient beings as infinite as space. A most excellent creator, freely manifesting whatever is desired. I make the aspiration for the full awakening of all sentient beings in this realm! दे'सुर्याद'यार्क्स्य'र्द्रव्य'गुव योग्नस्यस्य'द्र्य de tar gang söl dön kun geg drel du

शुरः अ:८्रायः कॅलं कॅलः ८ ग्रीट्र लंगातुर्वा अदो : श्रूर।

nyur ma pal mo chö ying nyug mai Ihar

रेअ'पर्याहे'प्रविद्यार्थेप्त्यात्याप्यारे'प्रति'र्देद्या rim pe ji zhin yong drub re wai don

ऍट्यासु पर्स्य प्राच्याया व से त्याया हुँ या yong su chol wa lag na re dre tsöl

In that way, gradually may all the aims, of whatever is requested, become free of obstacles; thoroughly accomplishing the goals of those aspirations exactly as they are. Swift Tārā, primordial awareness deity of the vast expanse of ultimate reality, we sincerely entrust you to grant our hopes and wishes!

दे 'चर्र तहेवा' हेव 'वर्द' व 'वेर 'वर्द्धते' रेवाबा de war jig ten di na nyer tshe'i rig व ्या केवाब 'ग्रीक' वाद 'व्या वर्द्धत' केदा sha za sog ki gang la nöd me ching seng lang me drul chom kun chag drog tsho પ્રાથમ: દ્વારે : ક્રેંબ: પ્રાથેત્ર: ત્યાપા સામા સ્થાપા સામા sam don chö zhin drub par dze du söl

Until that time, may those in this world afflicted by obstacles and difficulties, whoever they are, be unharmed by dangers like lions, elephants, fire, snakes, robbers, imprisonment, water, flesh-eating spirits and so on⁴⁵; and may their goals and aspirations connected with the Dharma be accomplished!

6) Recitation of mantra

phag ma drol mai chö ku'i gong long ying
गुन चुःकॅरा नेट्-नेट छेन 'ट्रम' चेत्र' गृनिषा
kun gi chö nyi sher chin dam pai shi

चन्वा'य|बद्द'य|देव'रेव'रेव'रेव'ये'रेव्या'ये|स्था dag zhen nyi me ye she chig gi tsal रूट'व|व्यय'रिद्दंद'र्च्य'र्ट्ट्ट्'द्वा

Ārya Tārā, enlightened intention of the vast expansive sphere of the Dharmakāya, inseparable from the primordial awareness of the non-duality of self and other. The ultimate nature, Prajñāpāramitā, entire expanse of fundamental reality. From within this inherently luminous state, free from clinging, recite the essence.⁴⁶

Recite the ten-syllable mantra of $T\bar{a}r\bar{a}$ as many times as you can. Then finally, recite three times the 100-syllable mantra of Vajrasattva.⁴⁷

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om vajrasattva samaya manupālaya vajrasattva tvenopatiṣṭhadṛḍhomebhava sutoṣyome bhava supoṣyomebhava anuraktomebhava sarva siddhim me prayattsha sarvakarmasu tsa me tsittam śreyaḥ kuruhūm ha ha ha hoḥ bhagavan sarvatathāgatavajra mā me muntsa vajrī bhava mahā samayasattva āḥ

श्चादःवावि,दिश्चेद्यःदे,खेद्राय्याय्यः स्ट्राय्याः भ्रायादःवावि,दिश्चेद्यः दे,खेद्राय्यायः स्ट्राय्या क्षः हैंग्वां हिट तिहें वु के ग्वां का क्ष्यां क्षा प्यां क्षा क्षयां क्षा क्षयां क्ष

In terms of any misunderstandings⁴⁹ or unclear samadhi, of the way the divine ones⁵⁰manifest from the ultimate space and ground of reality 'as it is'; as well as any omissions and additions to this ritual, all imperfectly produced practice and so on, whatever negative actions and mistakes have been committed, please be tolerant!

2) Conclusion

i) Dissolution

गिनेषासुःपञ्ची Dissolution into the fundamental nature

ब्रायद्वेषःत्रद्धाः प्रवाधिः प्रवाधः प

गृतिबःसुगाबःगुत्रः द्विपः पृड्डीट्बः सुःश्चरः प्रमुखः व्या shi lug kun khyab ying su lar du la दे 'तेन् 'वः क्रॅट्बः गुत्र 'वः श्वेटः चॅवे :र्स्व्या de nyi la mong kun la nying po'i tshul

The unstained, inherently luminous mandala of the yidam deities, once again dissolves into the all-pervading, expanse of the fundamental ground of reality. The ultimate nature of all aspects, an inseparable basis and result; the way the essence⁵¹ clears all the delusions into the reality as it is.

ii) Auspicious dedication



OM TĀRE

कॅबा-दिनुद्धान्त्र होत्र होत्र त्युत्पान्द्र द्याया dra wa le वादः तद्दुत्पः कॅबा ह्वेते हेबा तर्यो प्यायक्रव द्या gang dul mö lo'i je dro yam tshen pa sang wa sum gi cho thrul nam kha'i tha रं अर्ळर प्वो लेवाबा अर्ळेवा वी प्या विवार्षेवा ngo tshar ge leg chog gi tra shi shog

From the ultimate expanse of reality, Prajñāpāramitā, emanates an illusory web of miraculous manifestations of the three secret states⁵², as vast as space; the amazing one, taming whoever needs taming. May supreme, amazing virtue and goodness be accomplished!

लु.बु.स्.बु.अकुट्.बी.'ह.कें.ट्रापूट.बुक्र.टबुक्र.स.ट्रुंग.जुवक्षा अक्.अहै.जुंग च्या.चुक्र.स.कीट.डुव इवा.चयथ.कु.त.बीच.टवेप.अन.रूच.बुक्र.च.कु.च.च.क्रेंग.बुट्ग. कूळ.अकुट.ट्य.तपु.हीवक्ष.यूब्र.टु.लीका.चबुच.जा.चक्रेच.क..टुक्.ब्रीट.च.कुंग. बुक्ष.ट्या.पूच.ट्ट.पचुना.चपु.हु.चर्थ्य.अ.बादू.पांकूट.जायबु.लुक्ष.अकुट.टापु.हाचका.बीच.बोबुका.श्रीट.कुंग.बुका.चे.च.पट्ट.लट्ट.स.स.स.स.त..ट्रिंगच्य.तपु.स्ट.प्ट.स.स.कुंग.वुक्य.चीच.चुच्या कुट.क्य.पर्चावा.बुक्र.अहप.चक्रेच.तप्ट.चुच्च पत्तवीका.बा.टूच.ट्या.क्षेत्र.वी.बाटी.चि.च.चुक्.स.झ्वावा.चेन.चे.ट्र कुक्ष.कूवावा.बुक्र.अहप.चक्रेच.तप्ट.चुच्च पत्तवीका.बा.टूच.ट्या.क्षेत्र.बा.बाटी.चि.चट.बोका.झ.झ्वावा.चेन.चे.ट्रंगच्या.ट्या.चुक्य.च्या.च्या.चे.

This ends it with a beautiful ornament. The Ultimate All-Aspects Noble Tārā, arose due to the various needs of disciples. From this, arose the tradition of the Definitive Tārā. May we immediately realise even a small part of that called the *Four Mandalas Offering Ritual to the Definitive Tārā and her Retinue that Swiftly Grants the Two Accomplishments*.

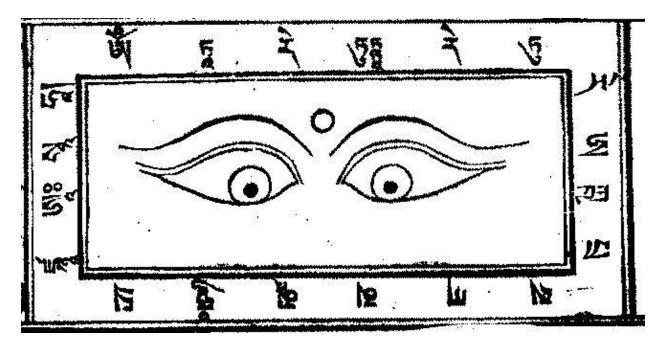
This teaching of our tradition, arose in the place called Ngayul, due to the supreme, vast intention of the request of Kunga Kalden. As a result of this Dharma friend's excellent wish, it was composed by Mati (Ngawang Lodro Dragpa) in accordance with the tradition. The one who wrote it down, is Dharma companion, Gunu Bandra (Lama Yonten Zangpo). May virtuous goodness increase! *Sarva Mangalam*! May all be auspicious!

The Eyes of Tārā

क्रियायते स्रेगा गा त्राच्या स्त्रिय स्त्रा

ट्यार्ट्यटः भ्रुं मुंबा म्यायावायाया

by Khenpo Ngawang Lodro Dragpa



Within a four-sided rectangle, surrounding a central golden base, are the seed syllables of Noble Tārā. Between the two eyes a hair-tuft, [i] similar to the eye colour. By means of a painting or image, this mantra is arranged above, below and around the sides of the eyes.

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om tāre tuttāre ture āksha prasa kamā hūm jñāņa āh svā hā

यालकायालूच, याकुकाशी, लावी, पर्ची, युं। युंच, युंच, सूच, त्वरा, यो प्रेच, सूची, प्राची, प्राच

This is known as the twenty-syllable mantra. Gradually arrange the syllables from the top, clockwise in order around the central enclosure. The outer rim is a beautiful green in all

directions. There are six mantric seed syllables above and below the two eyes, and four syllables arranged at the sides of each eye sphere (see picture above). In that way, one perfectly arranges the eyes.

rang nyi phag ma jang mor gyur

One transforms oneself into Green Tārā.

thug kar da teng TAM yig thar

In her heart, on top of a white moon disc, is the green syllable TAM.



श्रेट र्रे 'थे 'वे 'वे 'वे 'वे रा

nying po yi ge nyi shu kor

Around which are the twenty syllables.[ii]

ने'धे'र्सेन्'ग्रेब'च्चेब'ग्रेब'ङ्गपबा

de yi öd ki jin gi lab

From her radiant light, blessings emanate.

मुँजाअते क्षेटार्, प्रविभात्त्वी मुजालूट्यायी त्यालूट्यायी त्यात्री स्वायीय द्यात्रीय ट्या प्रविभाग्यी स्वायीय

From the heart of Tārā emanates hundreds of thousands of the mantra. After that:

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TAM

क्रॅंट'वाबल'र्रवा'रादे'र्रट'अट्टब'लबा

tong sel rig pai rang dang le

Out of the empty luminosity of the natural radiance of mind,

भूट.कृता.धुट.ज.एसवाबा.धर.वाबजा

in an instant, Noble Tāra clearly manifests.

अर् व ः स्वारा अया यी तिर्दर त्या निर्

dun chog mig gi khor lo nyi

In front, the eye spheres themselves;

तत्ववायात्रात्रात्रां भेषाञ्चव रत्या त्या

phag mai ye she chen re zung

the two primordial-awareness eyes of Noble Tārā.

भ्रेव 'अर्ळअषा'८गार'गाषाया'अर्हें ८'शु'पठषा

min tsham kar sel dzö pu che

In the spot between the eyes is a hair-tuft of pure, white, radiant light

अर्देव'सुअ'हे'पविव'क्षूप'टेर'ग्राया

ngön sum ji zhin lhang nger sel

a brilliant illumination, wide awake, the direct perception of reality itself.

रट'पविव'देवे'टट'ग्र्यें'बेट्'ट्रा

rang zhin de'i nang yo me du

From within that nature, with a fixed, unmoving gaze,

भूतार्देति सेवा वीषा है वार्रवा परा

drup po'i mig gi tse chig par

the practitioner focuses one-pointedly,

यर्व'शु'षे'मेष'पर्विर'र्षेर'पङ्ग

dun gyu ye she khor lor ta

on the spheres of primordial-awareness in front.

chen dang yig dru rang sel ngang

Tārā's eyes and seed syllables are inherently radiant and luminous.

phag mai sang sum go sum dang

One should recall with longing, the non-dual, inseparability of

nyi su me par dren dun ja

Noble Tārā's three vajras[iii] and three doors.

Recite the 20 syllable mantra one hundred times.

om tāre tuttāre ture āksha prasa kamā hūm jñāņa āh svā hā

dö ma chö ying kye me du

The unborn face of the Dharmadhātu,

dag dun ö sel ngang du thim

one dissolves into that luminous state in front.

न्यो'तन्यान्न संत्रां व्यव्यव्यायात्रात्रात्राः

ge di ring min phag mai ku

By this merit, may we quickly attain the body of Noble Tārā!

चिट.क्य.अक्र्या.ज.वार्ष्ज.क्रेंच.क्र्य

jang chub chog la zhol gyur chig

May we dedicate ourselves to the supreme state of awakening!

कुवात्तर् त्रञ्चात्रेव रात्त्रेव कुवावाक्तात्र्य स्वात्र्यं राष्ट्रीय विषय स्वात् स्वात्र्यं राष्ट्रीय स्वात्

Recite this daily. If one continually strives to practice, with this uninterrupted yoga, it will definitely be of benefit to one's physical eyes.

लुवा. मुवा. मुवा.

This written composition was requested by Kunga Chog, composed by Mati Sharma, [Ngawang Lodro Dragpa], and written down by the Dharma friend [Lama Yonten Zangpo].

[i]The circle/ringlet of hair between the eyebrows [one of the {skyes bu chen po'i mthan sum bcu rtsa gnyis} the thirty major marks of a great being) Urna (buddha) hair-tuft.

[ii] These are also green in colour.

[iii] The three vajras is an English rendering of gsang ba gsum; which has been variously translated as: three Secrets, three Mysteries, three Seats, three Doors and three gateways. The full Tibetan title may be rendered into English as 'the three secrets of the noble ones' (phags pa'i gsang ba gsum) which are: body (lus and sku); voice/speech (gsung) and mind (thugs).

¹ Khenpo Ngawang Lodro Dragpa (Ngag-dbang-blo-gros-grags-pa) (1920-1975) was a great Jonang master of the 20th Century. For more information on his life, see Treasury of Lives see: http://treasuryoflives.org/biographies/view/Ngawang-Lodro-Drakpa/8752

²There are three extant editions of this text. First, *Nge don dang drel wai je tsun ma tso khor mandala zhi yi chod pai thab drub nyi nyur tsol (nges don dang'brel ba'i rje btsun ma gtso 'khor maN+Dal bzhi yis mchod pa'i thabs grub gnyis myur stsol)* taken from the *Zhel don chog drig (gnas mchog rdo rje gdan jo nang smon lam chen mo'i skabs kyi zhal 'don phyogs bsgrigs rdzogs ldan chos kyi sgra dbyangs*), published by the Jonang Well-Being Association (2010) a compilation of select writings by Jonang authors on various rituals, liturgies, and short practice texts used in Jonang monasteries. Compiled and arranged by Khenpo Ngawang Yonten Zangpo (1928-2002), who was the root lama of Khenpo Chokyi Nangwa Rinpoche. I also checked this against two other editions, and the more accurate edition is from the Dzamthang block print edition *nges don dang 'brel ba'i rje btsun ma gtso 'khor la maN+da+la bzhi yi sgo nas mchod pa 'bul ba'i thabs grub gnyis myur stsol*.

(TBRC Work: W19762; volume: 3520; pages: 251-263) and a pecha edition published in Beijing in 2002 (*mi rig dpe krun khang*) (TBRC Work: W23923; volume: 3528; pages: 665-679).

³Drol mai mig gi khor lo'i thab (sgrol ma'i mig gi 'khor lo'i thabs). The edition I have used for this translation is from the Dzamthang Samdrub Norbu Ling block print of Lodro Dragpa's Collected Works ('Dzam thang ba blo gros grags pa'i gsung 'bum).

⁴Nyer spyod: This often refers to the seven outer offerings or seven water offering bowls but can also mean material offerings in general.

- ⁵The *three rare, supreme ones* here refers to the three jewels of refuge, the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha.
- ⁶ Here is where the word 'ocean' is replaced by 'Noble Goddesses', i.e 'to the assembly of noble goddesses, recipients of the offering'.
- ⁷ 'Recipients of the offering here does not mean they actually receive anything. However, in the interests of conciseness I have used 'recipients'.
- ⁸ For the recitation of the specific four mandala offerings to Tārā below, remove the words 'Buddha Bodhisattva' from the mantra.
- ⁹The seven precious royal possessions of a Universal Monarch are 1) the precious golden wheel(*khor lo*) 2) the precious wish-fulfilling jewel (*nor bu*) 3) the precious queen (*btsun mo*) 4) the precious minister (*blon po*) or *khyims bdag* 5) precious elephant (*glang po*) 6) the precious horse (*rta mchog*) 7) the precious general (*dmag dpon rin po che*).
- ¹⁰ The eight auspicious symbols; 1) excellent umbrella 2) paired gold fish 3) a treasure vase 4) lotus 5) a white conch shell coiling to the right 6) knot of eternity 7) victory banner 8) an [8 spoked] wheel of doctrine].
- ¹¹ In Buddhist cosmology there are eight smaller continents (*gling phran brgyad*) that, two each, are next to four large continents: In the centre, is the monarch of mountains, *ri rab* (meru). Surrounding all of these is an outer rim of mountains.
- ¹²According to Abhidharma cosmology, seven golden mountain rages (*kāñcanaparvata*; *gser gyi ri bdun*) completely enclose Mount Meru. In the Buddhist mythology, Mount Meru exists at the same time in both the physical and the spiritual plane, and the golden palace of the gods is located on top. It is surrounded by seven rings of golden mountains, each separated from each other by sea, and the mountain itself separates four main continents, one of which is inhabited by the mythical kingdom of Shambhala.

¹³Gold, silver, turquoise, coral, pearl. It is said that Mount Meru is not made of Earth.

¹⁴Mount Meru is described as having five peaks (*rtse mo/rwa*, śṛiṅga). The central emerald core protrudes from the surface as the mountain's central peak or summit. Similarly, from the eastern sapphire surface arises the blue eastern peak or summit, and so forth. These five peaks or summits are 25,000 yojanas in height and they look like five pointed tormas placed on a mirror (maṇḍala offering base).

- ¹⁵ This expression is used as a way to call attention to someone or oneself, similar to 'Hey!'
- ¹⁶Rinpoche explained that this is referring not only to the precious human body but also to the eighteen
- ¹⁷ Here the Dzamthang block print uses the word pacifiy (zhi) whereas the Jonang Well-Being Association book uses the topical particle ni.
- ¹⁸ These are the Abundance of Dharma, Jewels, Aspirations and Liberation. *chos kyi sde / nor gyi sde / 'dod pa'i sde / thar pa'i sde'o //*.
- ¹⁹ Here is it referring to the offering liturgy.
- ²⁰ In the Buddhist tradition there are two main lineages of Tārā, Suryagupta (*nyi ma be pa*) and that of Nagarjuna and Atisha. In the Tibetan Buddhist tradition, there are also the terma lineages of Jimge Lingpa and Chokme Lingpa. It seems that this sadhana is following more the Atisha/Nagarjuna tradition in terms of the names of the Tārās. Although they do not match exactly. Where possible I have listed the colours associated with the different Tārās below. Empowerment and instruction is essential to practise this sadhana.
- ²¹ Colour is red.
- ²² Colour is white. In Sanskrit she is called both *Sarasvati* and *Vajrasarasvati*.
- ²³ Colour is yellow (with a slightly bluish hue).
- ²⁴ Often called Tsugtor Namgyal (*gtsug gtor rnam rgyal*; Skt. *Ushnishavijaya*) for long life. Yellow or white in colour.
- ²⁵ Colour is red. She is *Kurukulle* in Sanskrit and *Rigjema* or *Rigje Lhamo* in Tibetan.
- ²⁶ Darkish-red in colour. She is renowned for protecting against any negative force we feel is disturbing us, whether it is due to invisible beings and negativities or visible obstacles.
- ²⁷ Dark-blue in colour.
- ²⁸ Colour is reddish-black.
- ²⁹ She is the main Tārā, green in colour. The Sengdeng is a very large tree, known as teak in English. Sengdeng is considered a wrathful tree. In Tibet damaru and chod drums are made from this strong, dense wood. In Tibetan medicine the bark and resin are used to make a tea considered very beneficial for the blood. As nag means "forest", she is the Green Tārā of the sengdeng forest.
- ³⁰ Colour is red.
- ³¹ Colour is orange.
- ³² Colour is Reddish-yellow.
- ³³ Not sure about the colour of this Tārā.
- ³⁴ Colour is reddish-Black.
- ³⁵ Colour is White.

³⁶ Colour is red.

³⁷ Colour is reddish-yellow.

³⁸ Colour is white.

³⁹ Colour is white.

⁴⁰ Colour is reddish-yellow.

⁴¹ Colour is white.

⁴² Here is it referring to the offering liturgy.

⁴³ This mantra blesses the torma.

⁴⁴ This is the mantra for offering the torma.

⁴⁵ This is referring to the eight types of dangers (*'jig pa brgyad*). 1. The danger which is like a lion, analogous to pride. 2. Danger like an elephant, analogous to ignorance. 3. Danger like fire, analogous to hatred. 4. Danger like a snake, analogous to jealousy. 5. Danger like a robber, analogous to wrong view. Danger of being imprisoned, analogous to miserliness. 6. Danger like an ocean, analogous to desire. Danger like a flesh-eater, analogous to doubt. ⁴⁶Rinpoche explained that the ten-syllable mantra Tārā mantra is apparent reality, not inherently existing. However, this mantra includes the ultimate essence of the mantra which is the non-dual, non-conceptual state free from clinging that is the Ultimate Tārā, inseparable from the ultimate primordial awareness.

⁴⁷ These mantras are not included in the text itself but are given here for the convenience of the reader.

⁴⁸ Khenpo Chokyi Nangwa Rinpoche says that one can also recite OM TARE TAM SOHA here as well.

⁴⁹ Rinpoche states this refers to not having realised the ultimate deity, Tārā.

⁵⁰ This is referring to Tārā and her retinue.

⁵¹ Here Rinpoche states it is referring to the essence of Buddha Nature, The One Gone Thus.

⁵²The three secret states are the three vajras of Body, Speech and Mind.