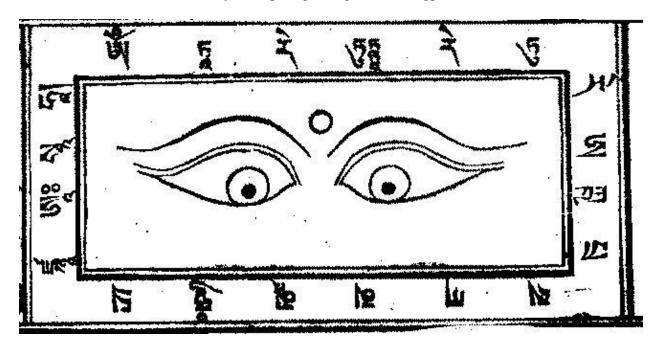
The Eyes of Tārā

क्रिया बादी की यो वित्र क्रिया वापण

टवा.ट्टट.ष्ट्रॅ.ब्र्अ.च्ववायाया

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Introduction

In the first English translation of his text, the Tibetan script and phonetics are also included. It is

a short Tārā sadhana called The Eyes of Tārā (Drol mai mig gi khor lo'i thab (sgrol ma'i mig gi

'khor lo'i thabs) a concise yet powerful homage to the ultimate primordial awareness eyes of

Tārā. Also recommended by the author to be of benefit for the conventionally existent physical

eyes too. The diagram of her eyes and visualisation are taken from the text itself. I first

translated it in 2018, and this second edition is now available here.

This short sadhana was written down by Jonang lama, Khenpo Ngawang Yonten Zangpo (1928-

2002). There are three extant editions of it available. First, an edition published by the Jonang

Well-Being Association (2010) (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). I also checked

this against two other editions, and the more accurate edition is from the Dzamthang block print

edition. 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).

The supreme head of Jonang in Tibet is currently Jigme Dorje Rinpoche, I hope one day I am

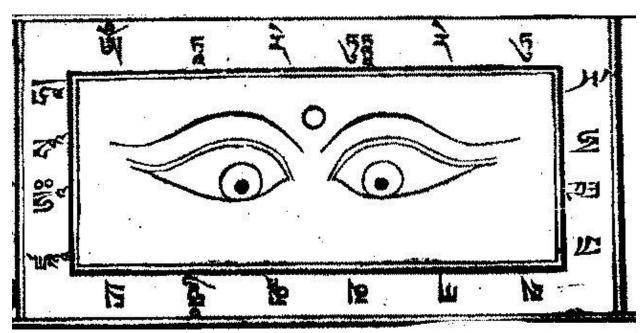
able to visit the seat of Jonang, Dzamthang monastery there and receive the full transmission of

Tāranātha and Kālacakra empowerment and teachings from masters of the tradition there. May

all beings realise Tārā and Kālacakra!

Adele Tomlin, July 2020.

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ग्रीयाञ्चेयायाञ्चेट.पूर्वा.स्ट.। वीलयावीलूय.क्ष्ययायी.क्ष्यावित्रवीयायपुर,पर्यासी याच्यायाच्यायाच्यायाच्यायाच्य स्व.ची.ताचु.क्षेट.पूर्वा.स्ट.। वीलयावीलूय.क्षिट.ताचु.स्टीयावाचु.युर्गापत्रवीयायपुर,पर्यी.क्षेयायचु.युर्गाच्याय

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.

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

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.

रट.धेट.पत्रवा.श.र्जट.ध्रूर.क्रेरा

rang nyi phag ma jang mor gyur

One transforms oneself into Green Tārā.

विषायागार ह्वा होट 'हूंश धेषा' अवरा

thug kar da teng TAM yig thar

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



श्रेट र्च 'धे 'वे 'वे 'वे स्वर्थ पर्भेर

nying po yi ge nyi shu kor

Around which are the twenty syllables.[ii]

ने'धे'र्सेन्'ग्रेब'च्चेब'ग्रेब'क्वचबा

de yi öd ki jin gi lab

From her radiant light, blessings emanate.

र्क्षेत्रात्रात्रे द्वेत्रास्य विष्यास्य विषयित्रास्य विषयित्राः स्वाप्य विषयित्राः स्वाप्य विषयित्राः स्वाप्य

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

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TAM

ब्रूट्-वाबावा-देवा-रादी-रट-अट्टबा-वाबा

tong sel rig pai rang dang le

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

भूत्-रुवा-वृत्-त्य-त्यवाषा-स्रतः वाषाया

in an instant, Noble Tāra clearly manifests.

बर्वः सुवाबा श्रवा वी त्यार्वर व्या नि

dun chog mig gi khor lo nyi

In front, the eye spheres themselves;

यसवायात्रायदे त्याः भेषाः श्रेषः रूपः चटा

phag mai ye she chen re zung

the two primordial-awareness eyes of Noble T \bar{a} r \bar{a} .

श्चेत्र अर्ळ्यया नगर ग्रायया अर्हेन् श्चु पठ्या

min tsham kar sel dzö pu che

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

ngön sum ji zhin lhang nger sel

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

rang zhin de'i nang yo me du

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

drup po'i mig gi tse chig par

the practitioner focuses one-pointedly,

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

गविषासु से न पर देव पर व

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 jñāṇa āh svā hā

वर्द्रित्यः क्रॅबः द्वीद्रवः श्चेः ब्रेट्र

dö ma chö ying kye me du

The unborn face of the Dharmadhātu,

यन्ग्'अन्व'र्देन्'ग्राक्षत्य'रूर्'न्द्रेअ।

dag dun ö sel ngang du thim

one dissolves into that luminous state in front.

न्वो'तन्त्रा'रेट'क्षेत्र'तस्यव्यायाः स्री

ge di ring min phag mai ku

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

चिट.क्य.अक्र्या.ज.वार्ष्ज.क्रीर.क्र्य

jang chub chog la zhol gyur chig

May we dedicate ourselves to the supreme state of awakening!

क्रयान्यते पञ्चानेत्र ने ने प्रतिवा क्षेत्र याक्ष्य न्यात् वित्र स्वाप्ति ने वास्ति ने वासि ने वास्ति ने वास्ति ने वासि ने

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

धेवा रेका रेवा वावका सुवा शुरू वा गाव प्रवाद अर्केवा वा आर्वे प्रवेश प्रवाद अर्केवा वा अर्वेवा वा अर्वेवा वा अर्वेवा वा अर्वेवा वा अर्केवा वा अर्वेवा

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ENDNOTES

[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).