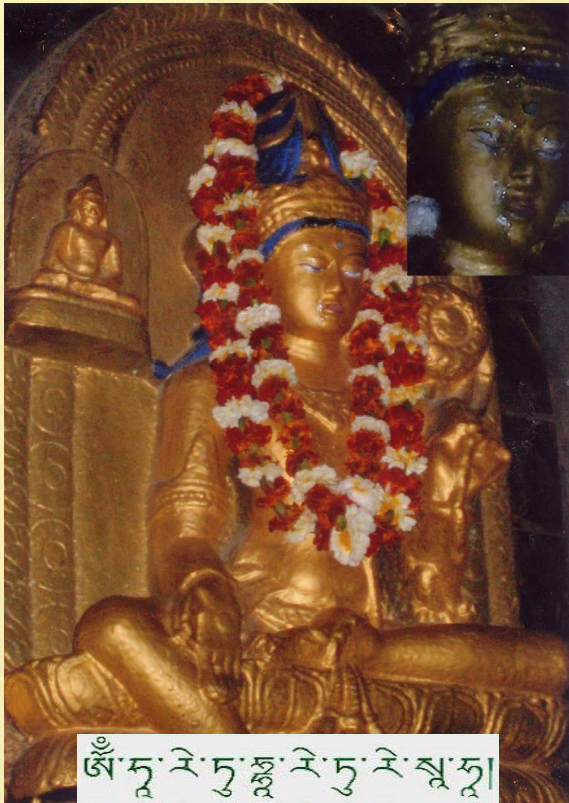




RECENT HOLY MIRACLE OF THE ARYA GREEN TARA IMAGE AT BODH GAYA

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Drops of Nectar coming from the forehead of the Arya Green Tara Image at Bodh Gaya

A great holy miracle occurred on 10th February, 2006 when there were drops of nectar found to be coming out of the forehead of the Holy Image of the noble Arya Green Tara at the Mahabodhi Temple of Bodh Gaya (please see the photo).

This particular image of noble Arya Green Tara was revered as a Holy Image (as has been recorded), since the time when this Holy Image of Arya Green Tara suddenly spoke to Lord Atisa, while he was paying his pilgrimage to the Holy Place of Bodh Gaya where the Lord Buddha had attained enlightenment.

The Sanskrit root for Tara is târ, which means "to traverse" or "cross over", as in using a bridge to ford a stream. In the Indian sacred tradition, Târâ refers to the second of Ten Means to Realization. As a Târîni, she carries you across; she serves as a bridge for you to get to immortality. In Tibetan, she is called Drolma or Do'ma.

It is said that, despite his having taken a vow before Amitabha Buddha to enable everyone without exception to achieve liberation from the endless round of rebirth, Avalokiteshvara (Tib. Chenrezi, or Guan Yin in Chinese) became so discouraged at the untold numbers of sentient beings that he began to cry. From his tear was formed Arya Tara. Thus, **The 21 Praises to Tara** says "On the face of Chenrezi, she is born from a tear as a bud from a lotus" or "born from the opening corolla of the lotus face of the Lord of the triple world."

Hence, in her iconography, the association with the red Buddha Amitabha is usually indicated by a tiny image of him in her topknot. Arya Green Tara is typically pictured as a

young lady wearing striped leggings and with her shoulders covered. She wears the many characteristic ornaments of the samboghakaya.

Arya Green Tara has her right foot extended as if about to rise. Her left hand, in the gesture of granting refuge, holds the stem of a blue water lily, or utpala, that waves over her left shoulder, while her right hand is also holding a flower, offers that which we desire, a boon.

The practice of Arya Green Tara, which is most common in Tibet just like Guan Yin in the Chinese soil, helps to overcome fear and anxiety. At the same time, devotees also believe that she can grant wishes, eliminate sufferings of all kinds and bring happiness. When called upon, she instantaneously saves us from the eight specific calamities, namely:

- 1) lions and pride;
- 2) wild elephants and delusions;
- 3) forest fires and hatred;
- 4) snakes and envy;
- 5) robbers and fanatical views;
- 6) prisons and avarice;
- 7) floods and lust;
- 8) demons and doubt.



In times of great difficulty, millions of people call upon this "Great Noble Tara" for their protections.

This recent miracle of the Holy Image of Arya Green Tara at Bodh Gaya is indeed a rare occasion. **"Nectar" represents the "true essences of the Buddhist teachings", which is a Holy Medicine to cure and liberate all kinds of sufferings.** Hence, this recent miracle has important symbolic meanings to it: **that the true meanings of the Buddhist teachings in its correct modern interpretations, which will eliminate all doubts and liberate all misled and deluded minds, will be propagated by the noble Arya Green Tara Herself.**



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