

## Dancing for Gyatrul Rinpoche

*In 2003 the Maui Tara dancers offered a Mandala Dance of the 21 Praises of Tara to Gyatrul Rinpoche during his visit to Maui.*

*Gyatrul Rinpoche was one of the first Tibetan Lamas to come to the west. He settled for awhile in the Hawaiian Islands and in 1976 built the first stupa in the Western World in Huelo, the jungle side of Maui. In 1980 he built Tashi Choling, a traditional Tibetan Monastery in the foothills of the Siskiyou Mountains in Southern Oregon. At the base of the property is a garden containing a 35 foot Vajrasattva Statue and Green and White Tara statues that are more than life size.*

*After the dance offering he addressed the dancers. He had recently seen the video, ["The Quiet Revolution"](#) a documentary about the pilgrimage of Tara Dancers offering the dance to His Holiness the Dalai Lama.*

I saw the video and seeing the video made me very, very happy. Now this evening I have witnessed with my own eyes and with my own ears. This is real dharma practice. It can bring complete fulfillment if engaged in properly. By manifesting the body, speech and mind of the Wisdom Buddha Tara people cannot help but be blessed by this presence. I am very happy with this work.

“Buddhas appear in the world in various ways and means in order to answer the needs of suffering beings.

If you truly visualize your body as Tara’s Body, and your Mind is placed in the vast wisdom of Tara then you can’t help but bring benefit, because it is the pure essence of the enlightened feminine, that incisive wisdom.

Don’t ever dilute that pure essence with anything that isn’t pure because it would be like putting poison into this precious substance. Always make sure that everything is done to uphold the purity of the practice. Be careful not to mix worldly obsessions with this activity.

I ask you to keep doing what you are doing and to keep sharing this work. Keep singing these songs, especially the Four Immeasurables.

We Tibetans call Her Drolma. That means 'the Liberated One' because she is completely free from all ignorance and confusion. There is a small Tara in Boudgaya, facing Tibet that actually spoke. She insisted that the dharma be taken to Tibet because it was a land where people were considered to be truly barbaric.

The blessings of Tara are very great. Very wonderful