

***MESSAGE AT THE CONCLUSION OF
THE 2020 LIVE-STREAMED VAJRAKILAYA RETREAT***

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Venerable Gyatrul Rinpoche has been checking in on the live-streamed Vajrakilaya retreat sessions almost every day and is delighted by the fact that so many students can join together in one mandala on the computer, as he puts it, “without having to show your corpses to each other.” For the conclusion of the practice he sent this short message, which he gave in his unique English:

Tashi Choling, you guys are wonderful, wonderful. Are you naughty buggers? I think you are not naughty, but you are buggers! Everybody, how are you guys? You guys are doing Kilaya retreat. Thank you, thank you! Kilaya is our life; Chimed Sok Tig is our owner; they are both our protectors. Sangye knows about this exactly— she can tell you.

You guys are doing everything wonderful! You have the opportunity for energy, for interest, for faith, and therefore you are practicing Kilaya. Kilaya is our lama, our life, our protector. Do you know who your lamas are? His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche, Penor Rinpoche, Yangthang Tulku Rinpoche. They ARE your Kilaya, isn't it true? They are the essence.

Kilaya is all the buddhas' enlightened activity and Guru Rinpoche's enlightened activity. He is the enlightened activity of all the lamas, yidams, dakinis, and dharma protectors. That is what the lamas say. So, if you are getting Kilaya, you are getting everything.

You guys are practicing. That's wonderful! I am so happy! Thank you for holding the tradition. In the future, please try to do the same, again and again. In particular, I would like to thank Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche for supporting our retreat. In one way, I don't need to thank him because Tashi Choling is his own dharma center, but still I would like to say “Thank you!” In the future, Khenpo, please don't forget us!

I am fine here. Everything is good, and everyone is taking care of me and giving me whatever I want. They spoil me! I am in heaven.

Maybe you think I forgot about you or I don't care, but I want to say thank you for your practice!

Tashi Delek!

- Gyatrul

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