

2022 VAJRAKILAYA RETREAT TEACHINGS

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While watching the offerings being continuously made during accumulations of the tsok offering verse:

Wonderful! Thank you! You all have gathered for practice and now you are trying to help and support each other. Do you think you are just supporting yourselves? No. You are supporting your whole country. Thank you, thank you!

Hey, do you know me? I am your funky old man. I am called Dhomang Gyatrul. Dhomang is my monastery's name. The "Gya-" in "Gyatrul" is for Gyalrong, the country where I was born. The "-trul" is hopefully for "emanation" ("tulku")! So "Gyatrul" means an emanation of my country. You guys made me "Rinpoche" ("precious") with your respect as if I were something valuable, but I'm not anything rinpoche. What you are doing is rinpoche. Wow!

Myself? I am rejoicing, and saying thank you, thank you, everybody! *[He waves at the screen where the students are practicing.]*

And then again while watching:

All of you practicing—wonderful!

Please, everyone, recite the Kilaya mantra. Why? Because by thus dispelling obstacles you can have a long life without illness, and every kind of happiness and joy. Will you also be pretty, handsome, or rich? Who knows! Regardless of being pretty or handsome, if you are without obstacles, then perfect joy will be yours, won't it? If you want to benefit others, it also comes from that, doesn't it? And likewise your own benefit? Being without obstacles, you will be able to benefit yourself and others, as well as holding, maintaining, and uplifting the Buddha's teachings. So please practice as much as you can so that your obstacles can be dispelled. And Tashi Delek! from your funky Gyatrul.

At the concluding tsok on the festival day of Lha Bab Duchon, the final day of the retreat:

Everybody practicing, wonderful! Wonderful! My work is successful, finished now! Wonderful, wonderful, everything's success! Now you guys be harmonious, take care of whatever we have. What we have is not just ordinary. We have Buddha, Dharma,

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Sangha, and particularly Tersar—Dudjom Rinpoche's treasure tradition. Now everybody is understanding this is important, therefore everybody's practicing. I'm so happy! Thank you, thank you, everybody! Harmony, stay!

Then he added:

Our teachers, whether things are good or bad, they never complain.
Be harmony—not “my way” or “her way.” Harmony.

All this is His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche's blessing, Yangthang Tulku Rinpoche's blessing, and Ani Baba's blessing. Don't pollute the lamas' blessings through your complaining.

Be harmonious.



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