

Dear Friends,

As spring rains fill the creeks and watersheds of Northern California, here at Odiyana we've embarked on an extraordinary new journey: to create 1,000 sets of a brand new, 108-volume edition of the Kangyur, the words of the Buddha, that we hope to print in Brazil and offer to the Tibetan Sangha in January, 2024. To achieve this goal, as lofty as our snow-covered Sierras, we are asking you to join hands with us.

As you know, Yeshe De has made offerings of the Kangyur many times; in fact, since the founding of the World Peace Ceremony in 1989, nearly 40% of all the works distributed by us at Bodh Gaya have been Kangyur texts. In all, we've given out 10,000 sets of Kangyur in five distinctive historical editions. Why, then, are we doing it again?

The truth is, Kangyur is at the very heart of Tibetan culture. It matters so much and has been so deeply cherished for generation after generation, that when we made Kangyur available for free, Dharma centers from all four schools of Tibetan Buddhism rejoiced at the chance to get copies of their own. Over the years, our distribution has reached thousands of Dharma centers throughout India, Nepal, Bhutan, Eastern Tibet, and the lands of the Himalayas. Now, Kangyur is not only for reverence on an altar, but for deep, engaged study. Now, not only large, prosperous monasteries, but small, remote centers have Kangyur available. And thanks to our efforts, now, nuns and lay people, traditionally limited in their access to Kangyur, are studying, too—in higher numbers than ever before in Tibetan history.

The Sangha is calling for Kangyur. We are doing our best to meet their need by creating a superb new edition in the familiar loose-leaf format Tibetans love—but costs are high. Without help, we might not make it.

We are told that Dharma preservation brings supreme benefit to those who participate as well as those who receive the texts. According to the Sūtras, reproducing even a few lines of a sacred text generates merit beyond compare. It's true that in the past that our founder, Tarthang Rinpoche, has asked for your support to help us ship our books to India; but only rarely has he asked if you'd

like to help actually sponsor the production of the books—an activity that gives rise to extraordinary merit.

The task will not be easy. Even though we operate on an all-volunteer basis, the costs for materials alone are running close to \$1M. But through careful management of our own resources, Yeshe De has already raised more than half of this total. Will you help us get the rest of the way, and realize our goal of printing 108,000 books?

If you decide to join us in this project, you and any person you wish to name will receive prayers and butterlamps on your behalf at the 2024 World Peace Ceremony. What's more, serious donors and full-time volunteers will be welcome to join the Yeshe De team and personally assist in the distribution of the new Kangyur at Bodh Gaya.

For those in the West who love the Dharma, participating directly in the creation of Kangyur is a rare opportunity, one that might only come once in a lifetime. Rinpoche has opened up this opportunity because he believes that this particular Kangyur printing and distribution is a critical one, coming at a major turning point for human history that could mean the difference for the Dharma's future on our planet.

Please don't miss this chance to directly aid in the survival of Tibetan culture, whose treasures of healing wisdom can help the entire world, but only if they are preserved, studied... and shared.