

My Bodhisattva Vow

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I took my Bodhisattva Vow on October 12, 2013. This was over a year after taking my Refuge Vow, when I became a Buddhist. The vow started with my Refuge Name, Jigme Khyung, Fearless Garuda. After the ceremony, I received a Bodhisattva Name, Jampa Trokchok, Gentle Good Friend. I did this without much consideration, but now I think it was the correct decision.

As with my Refuge Vow, I think I have done this before, which will be the subject of future essays. Part of the vow is to liberate all beings from their suffering. I tried to help just a few people and failed; a lot more training is in order. It is an ambitious idea, since there might be over a googolplex of realms of existence.

Another part is to forgo rebirth in a celestial realm until I complete my mission. Again, the numbers are staggering, and I don't understand what it even means for me to be a being.

I got a calligraphy documenting my vow.

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Trokchok



Gentle Good Friend

Chö-Drala

