



Reverently I prostrate with my body, speech, and mind;

I present clouds of every type of offering, actual and imagined;

I declare all my negative actions accumulated since beginningless time, and rejoice in the merit of all holy and ordinary beings.

Please, remain until the end of cyclic existence, and turn the wheel of Dharma for living beings.

I dedicate my own and other's merits to the great enlightenment.

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**Mandala Offering** 

This ground, anointed with perfume, strewn with flowers, Adorned with Mount Meru, four continents, the sun and the moon: I imagine this as a buddha-field and offer it.

May all living beings enjoy this pure land!

IDAM GURU RATNA MANDALA KAM NIRYATA YAMI

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## What We Have

Studied...

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- Causes for refuge
- Three rare sublime ones
- The meaning of refuge
- The Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha Jewels





Today's
Outcomes

The benefits of going for Refuge

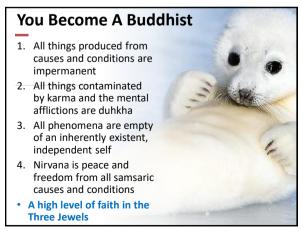






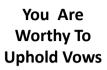


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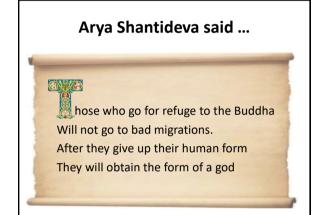
Renunciation of suffering and its causes produces the desire to take and keep vows.



We Reduce and Eliminate Karma

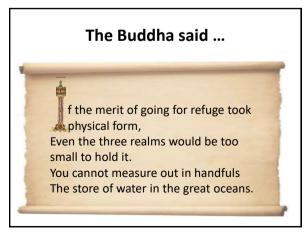
Taking refuge protects you from birth in the lower states

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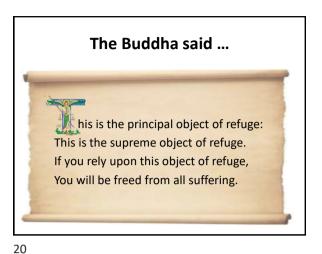




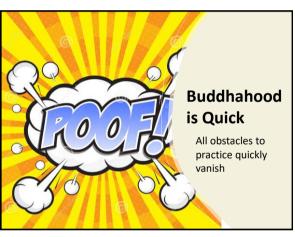
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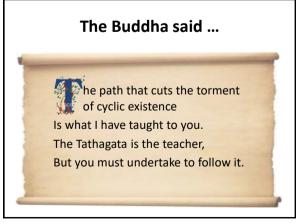












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## Read:

- Pages 1-7 (any of 3) Refuge meditations
- Excerpts from LRCM; 6 (p37)

## Coming up:

- · General precepts
- The five lay vows and their benefits

**Dedication** Due to the merits of these virtuous actions May I quickly attain the state of a Guru-Buddha And lead all living beings, without exception, Into that enlightened state

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## **Bodhicitta Verses** May the supreme jewel bodhicitta Not yet born, arise and grow May that born have no decline But increase forever more And as long as space endures, As long as sentient beings abide, May I too remain To dispel the sorrows of the world

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