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An Abbreviated [Practice] for Extracting the Essence of the [Five] Elements

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भ्र.य.ला.र्यं अधियः पर्मे विष्यः विष्यः तस्यः विष्यः विषयः विष्यः विषयः व

I prostrate to the lama, my personal deity, and the khandro.

बीयः यर्के.यः २८। वाष्ट्राच्चे, क्र्यं प्रमियः प्रत्यः वाष्य्यः प्रत्यः वाष्यः प्रत्यः प्रत्

Thirdly¹, absorbing the radiant luster (Sanskrit: ojas) of the elements has three parts:

- 1. [Concerning the yogi who] extracts the essence of the elements.
- 2. Absorbing the siddhi of life [for oneself] and
- 3. Teaching the method of accomplishing life for others.

Furthermore, as for the first: the *yogi* who focuses and obtains the knowledge (*dgongs pa*) [of extracting the essence of the elements].

If one does not gain power over the five elements, one's life is short, one's energy is loose, one has little virtue, and sudden obscurations [arise]. If one performs beneficial actions and blessings for others, one's potency disappears. ଚୂର୍ମ୍ ନିୟା ନ୍ୟୁ ସ୍ଥାୟ ବ୍ୟୁଷ୍ଟ ସ୍ଥାୟ ଅଧ୍ୟ ଅଧ୍ୟ ।

If one is not conscious of samādhi, then [potency] does not come forth.

¹ This text is excerpted from a larger work.

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Extracting the essence of the elements has two parts:

[The first] is the teaching of the time [of day that is best for absorbing each] of the elements.

From dusk until midnight is the [best] time for absorbing the essence of the earth element.

From sunup until just before noon is the [best] time for absorbing the essence of the fire element.

From noon until afternoon is the [best] time for absorbing [the essence of] the water element.

From afternoon until twilight is the [best] time for absorbing [the essence of] the wind element.

From midnight until dawn is the [best] time for absorbing the [essence of] space element.

The second [part of extracting the essence of the elements]: Samādhi. Having performed the preliminaries of refuge and generation of bodhicitta, then perform the cycles of the blessing of the lama [and after that] offer a mandala. In conclusion, make the offering of one's body inumerable times. Then, focus on absorbing the power of the elements as follows:

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First, as for Absorbing the Essence of Fire

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[Sit] on a comfortable cushion, with your body straight, [in the position] known as the Posture of Fire: squatting crosslegged, with your arms wrapped around your knees.

[As for] the visualization of three channels: inside your central channel, in the central [channel] at your heart, imagine a single MA RAM syllable.

Focus your awareness on that. From the melting of the MA RAM into light, [you arise as] a wrathful *khandro*, with fangs bared, possessing ornaments.

Meditate that in your right hand you hold a flashing bolt of lightning; and in your left hand you hold a skull cup filled with blood.

In your liver channel is a [second] Fire *khandro*. In her right hand is a fire ball, and a lotus marked with a RAM syllable. In her left hand is a vase filled with the distilled essence of the fire activity of the three thousand [universes].

In your navel center, imagine a single maroon RAM syllable.

चश्रमा चश्रमा क्षित्र त्या क्षेत्र क्षेत्र

Then, as you exhale, [you, as] the Fire *khandro* emanate innumerable *khandro*. Like bees sucking nectar, they [gather and absorb] all the radiance of warmth from thousands of realms. [The innumerable *khandro*] return [and arrive at] your left nostril. Imagine they increase your radiant luster of warmth.

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Then, hold your breath [in the vase breath]; from the vase [in the left hand] of the *khandro* [in your liver channel] and from the sparks flying from the RAM syllable [on the lotus in her right hand], a fire blazes. Imagine this fire flows down to the liver and blazes there.

द्यायायोणटारामः वृक्षयायोव प्रमुद्दा प्रवासिक्षायाः हित्ता त्यात् वृत्ता त्यात् वृत्ता त्यात् वृत्ता त्यात् व दे त्यात्र प्राची प्रवास प्रवास त्यात् विद्यात् विद्यात् वृत्ता त्यात् विद्यात् विद्यात् विद्यात् विद्यात् विद

Then [continue like that:] exhale and emanate *khandro*; they gather and return; and the essence of [Fire] element is absorbed. By [remaining absorbed] in your own state and sustaining the practice, warmth blazes up in your body.

योर्ट्रेट्रेन्य्रेट्र्य्याः अर्क्केवाया क्रु.ज.क्षे.क्वेट्रा चर्याः अर्ट्य्यः क्वेया क्रुट्रेन्यः व्यक्तः व्यकः व्यक्तः व

The benefits are: you can move faster than the wind; you do not sink in water; your radiant luster (Sanskrit: *ojas*) increases; diseases of the winds are impossible; and, even if wind diseases arise, through focusing in this manner, one has the benefit of being able to forcefully control the wind.

Through the accumulation of Fire essence, one gains a long life, and extensive merit. One's *thigle* become abundant, the mouth of the [central] channel is opened, and wisdom increases. Ultimately, having gained power over the wind of Fire, delusion is cut. That is the system of extracting Fire essence.

विष्यायात्तुमान्युन्यायात्रुन्यायात्रु

Second, As for Absorbing the Essence of Wind

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Perform the preliminaries as above: [refuge, *bodhicitta*, the cycle of blessings of the *lama*, the *mandala* offering and the offering of your own body].

[Sit] in equanimity with your body in a cross-legged posture.

चैट.तर्थिर.स्थात्म.चैयायाययातस्य तर्म्यायाया प्रत्यात्म प्रत्यात्

In the center of your three channels, inside your central channel [imagine] a MA YAM syllable. From the melting [of the MA YAM] into light, you arise as a green *khandro*. In your right hand you hold a wind-pennant; and in your left hand you hold a vase of Wind essence.

र्ज्ञेय.येथ.योट.त्य.त्यक्रा। मूँ.≆पु.र्योज.र्रे.श्वप.पर्ज्ञ्,थ.र्ज्ञेट.प्वी योलक.र्थेट.यो.प्यूय.त्यू.क्,योषा. अक्र्ये.त। योत्य्य.स्थाता.ये,क्रेंट.पिशका.ग्री.र्थेंट.तर्थेट.

In the middle of your lung channel is a green *khandro*. In her right hand is a wind-pinwheel marked by the syllable YAM. In her left hand imagine [a vase filled with] the distillation of the essence of wind of thousands of realms.

क्षेत्र.पर्जिटी ट्रे.बेबा.टिबोबा.त्यर.पर्टूट.पट्ट.टिबाबाट.एर्ज्ञ.श.चीटवा.बुट.राषा.टिबोबा.खेट.विबो.पर्छट.क्षेत्रवा.वि.ट्ट.पवा.क्ष

As you exhale, innumerable *khandro* [emanate.] Like bees sipping nectar, they [gather and] absorb the essence of breath, Wind, and blood.

क्ष्र-दियद्यात्रयाञ्चातित्वापूर्यात्रम् चित्रः ही यावयः तर्ज्ञाः यष्ट्राः व्यव्यात्रायात्रा

[Then, the innumerable *khandro*] return, [and through the inhalation] arrive at your left nostril. Imagine that they fill the vase of the *khandro* [in your lung channel with this Wind essence nectar].

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-चथा. ζ -चथा.चथा.प्यथा.प्यथा.प्यथा.प्यथा.प्यथा.यं प्रत्यः क्ष्यः प्रत्यः प्रत्यः

Then, join the [life-sustaining and downward-voiding] winds [in the vase breath], and, as you do, imagine the blue central channel is filled by the green Wind essence nectar.

Following that: exhale and emanate *khandro*; they return again; and the Wind essence is absorbed.

Sustain the practice in that state; if your awareness becomes wildly agitated, focus your consciousness on a *stupa* of crystal in the middle of your heart.

Through training in this way: your life is extended; your radiant luster is increased; you accumulate food and wealth; you can run quickly; you have great power; and, you will not sink in the water. Through gaining power over Wind, deluded appearances do not arise.

वासुअ'दाः कुते 'चलुट् 'वे।

Third, as for Absorbing the Essence of Water

ૹૣૼ.વોત્યન્ય.લે.લે.સુય.લો લેય.ક્ર્યા.લે.વ.લેય.તો વાત્ત્વ.લેય.તા.તરીટ.કુ.લે.તર્થટ.ધુન.પૂર્ટ.ટે.લે.ત.તા તર્યા.લેટ.થોવપ.પર્ધો.ય.ફ્ર્ય. ક્ર્યા.વાત્ત્ય.લે.લેય.તા લેય.ક્ર્યા.લે.વે.લેય.તો વાત્ત્વ.લેય.તા.તરીટ.કુ.લે.તર્થટ.ધુન.પૂર્ટ.ટે.લે.ત.તત્ત્રા તર્યા.લેટ.થોવપ.પર્ધો.ય.ફ્ર્ય

Perform the preliminaries as above: [refuge, *bodhicitta*, the cycle of blessings of the *lama*, the *mandala* offering and the offering of your own body].

[Sit with your] body in a squatting [position];

Inside your central channel [imagine] a MANG TING syllable. From the melting [of the MANG TING] into light, you arise as a blue *khandro*. In your right hand you hold a banner marked by a crocodile; in your left hand you hold a nectar-vase filled with Water essence.

In the kidney channel is a blue *khandro*. In her right hand is a jewel. In her left hand is a vase.

Then, as you exhale, [innumerable] *khandro* emanate. Imagine that they [gather and] extract the essence [of Water] from one thousand realms, and it is absorbed into your blood.

जैया.ष्ट्रं श्चिना.विट्याता अविष्यायम् स्वयाः स्वयः स्व

[Then,] the [innumerable] *khandro* return and arrive at your left nostril. Imagine that they fill the vase [held by the Water khandro in your kidney channel with the Water essence]. From the vase of this *khandro*, the blue colored Water essence nectar is poured into the blue central channel. Imagine that through that the entire body is filled [with Water essence] like a skin-sack filled with yoghurt.

ट्रे.इब.ट्येवीय.त्र..त्रेट.ट्य.शावप.पर्जे.ह्री क्र्.ट्ट.ट्य.क्ष्य.तक्ट.विवा.वी.शट्ट्य.तक्ष्य

Following that: exhale and emanate *khandro*; they return again; and the Water essence is absorbed into your blood.

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Sustain your practice in that state. Through training like this: your life becomes long; your radiant luster increases; you can drink a lot; and you gain power over sentient beings. Having gained power over the wind of Water [element], kidney diseases, and the diseases of dropsy and phlegm will not occur.

चब्रे'च'ब'धे'चन्त्रुन्'चश्चर'च'ब्रे

Fourth, as for Absorbing the Essence of Earth

क्र्य.पर्ग्र.ग्र्ट.क्षेर.जा

Perform the preliminaries as above: [refuge, bodhicitta, the cycle of blessings of the lama, the mandala offering and the offering of your own body].

Sit in Elephant Posture: [on your knees and elbows, with your chin resting in your cupped hands].

Inside your central channel, imagine a single KHANG SBRUM syllable.

From the melting [of the KHANG SBRUM] into light, [you arise as] a yellow *khandro*. Imagine that in your right hand is *yungdrung*; and in your left is a vase full of the nectar [of Earth essence]. Your body is ornamented and in the posture of a dancer.

In your spleen channel is a yellow *khandro*. In her right hand is a *yungdrung*. In her left hand is a vase full of Earth essence.

As you exhale, innumerable *khandro* emanate. [They gather] and absorb essential radiant nectar, herbs and Earth essence.

[Then, the innumerable *khandro* return, and] they arrive at your left nostril. Imagine they fill the vase of the *khandro* [in your spleen channel [with the Earth essence nectar.]

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Then, hold your breath; from the vase [in the left hand] of the *khandro* [in your spleen channel] nectar continuously arises filling the blue central channel. In this way imagine that all the channels throughout your body are filled like a skin-sack filled with yogurt.

पश्चित्य। ट्रे.इ्य.धेंट.त्य.वोट्ट्रेट.ट्य.भावप.पज्ञ्.भाज्ञ्च ट्विवोय.क्य्.पर्झेट.ट्य.पर्झेट.यप्य.या.नायक्ट्रेट.पर्झ.प्रु

Following that: exhale and emanate khandro; they return again.

Sustain the practice in that state, absorbing the nectar of Earth.

चय.ज.कूर्य. चेय.लीय. टे.जिल्लानय. प्राचा अट्ट्या मीया क्रु.प्रट. । जया क्रूंचया क्री विवेर अट्टा विवेर स्ट. व

Through training in this way: you no longer need to eat food; your radiant luster is increased; your life is extended; you have a powerful body; wrinkles will not arise; and you can eat large amounts of ordinary food. Through training in eating until contented, you [eventually] will no longer need to eat.

Through mastery of the wind of Earth, diseases of the [three] humors (Sanskrit: doshas) [of wind, bile, and phlegm,] will not arise. When Earth essence is absorbed, deluded experiences are cut.

इ.त.वेश.भोवपु.चर्टेट.चर्झे.च.बु

Fifth, as for Absorbing the Essence of Space

Perform the preliminaries as above: [refuge, *bodhicitta*, the cycle of blessings of the *lama*, the *mandala* offering and the offering of your own body].

From the state of emptiness [you] arise as the *khandro* of innate self-awareness, dark blue in color, wrathful with fangs bared.

In your right hand is a banner; and in your left is a white skull cup filled with red and white thigle.

In the blue central channel, in the center of the heart is a white A syllable. From that [syllable] five-colored rays of light emanate. They absorb the radiant luster of the *thigle* of the consciousness of the six classes of migrating beings in the thousands of realms. [The rays of light return and] are absorbed into a HŪM [syllable], and in the HŪM, a redwhite *thigle* arises like melted fat. Imagine that light dripping [from the HŪM] strikes the white A [syllable].

Through joining the [life-sustaining and downward moving] breaths [in the vase breath], red and white nectars, like melted fat, arise in the A syllable. Imagine that [these nectars] continually fill the channels of the body.

Forcefully join the [life sustaining and downward moving] winds [in the vase breath]. While in an uncontrived state of mind, establish your awareness in the A [syllable] in the dark blue [central] channel.

Through sustaining this practice, wind-and-mind are absorbed in the central channel. Generate an extraordinary continuity of experience.

Through the increase of *thigle*, your radiant luster is increased. Through gaining power over the wind of Space, deluded appearances are cut and naturally purified.

Through the increase in *thigle*, life and merit are made more abundant.

That is [the practice of] absorbing the essence of Space.

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Syllables

MA RAM 赵光 MA YAM 赵光 MANG TING 数清 KHANG SBRUM 常續 HŪM ஜ A 怒 र्टा. खेबा. थु. से. ब्रिट. तपु. ट्रेट. की. केट. पट्टूब. क्ष्यूय. ब्रीट्य. तपु. क्या. प्रत्या विषा. त्या. प्रत्य रूटा. खेबा. थु. से. ब्रीट. तपु. प्रत्या क्या. विषा. प्रत्या क्या. प्रत्या क्या. प्रत्या क्या. प्रत्या क्या. प्र

पद्मट.र्षया.यर्थे.यखी घ.ष्रया.र्षया.यर्थेय.ग्री.यर.रे.म्रीटी

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यग्रावा,श्रय्ट्या,र्ज्ञेब,त्यर,त्यश्रा टु. ह्या.श्रु. ट्रिश्वाया,त्यु. ट्ट. या. त्यवा,। टु. यु. एक्टिट. त्यु. तश्र्य, त्यू. त

वयाःश्चिरःताःशवःट्याःशुवः । दुः कुषुः रेट्याःचीयः यर्षाः व्याःश्चिरः यर्षाः वयाःश्चिरः ययाः विद्याः याः विद्याः व्याः विद्याः विद्य

८नं क.पट्न. ब.८नं अंच. दुनं व्यंत. श्रूंच. पहींच. लया. खे. ब. दुनं क. बाकू वाया. वया. पहींचा