

1. Introduction

meaning of mandala - kyil.kor

totality (of experience)

structure / framework to explore what we experience

Relative vs ultimate - all Buddha's teachings address this totality of experience - conventional and ultimate.

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"The ambrosial Dharma I obtained is

profound, immaculate, luminous, and unconditioned.

Even if I explain it, no one will understand.

I think I shall remain silent in the forest.

That which is free from words cannot be understood through words,

likewise, the nature of phenomena is like space,

totally free of the movements of mind and intellect." *Lankaravatara Sutra*

2. Three turnings, three yantras

View and methods

causal vehicles - Hinayana and Mahayana - bringing about the 'causes' for enlightenment slowly and gradually

resultant vehicle - Vajrayana - directly accessing or contacting the awakened state that is our Buddha-nature

3. Three Bringings, Divine Pride & Clear Appearance

3 and 4. Parts of a Mandala

protection circles

palace

deity

Conclusion. Vision of Totality

Q&A