



**Course 2: Buddhist Refuge**  
Level 1 of the Perfection of Wisdom



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**Class 10:  
Who is Maitreya?**



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*chik du drel* **The Emptiness of One or Many**

Consider the three knowledges, they do not exist really, because they do not exist really as one and they do not exist really as many. They are, for example, like a reflection of an image in a mirror.

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### Class Objectives

- Understand who Maitreya is.

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### The Jewel of Realizations

Dictated by Maitreya to Master Asanga about 350 AD



Maitreya

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### Opening Lines of a Commentary

- “I bow down to ...”
  - The Conqueror
  - The Three Jewels
  - etc.
- The object gives a clue to what will follow as well as the intention of the author.
- “I bow down to the three knowledges”

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**Three Knowledges**

- Three different experiences of emptiness
- Basic Knowledge – perception of selflessness
- Path Knowledge – perception of emptiness
- Knowledge of all things – omniscience

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**Maitreya**

- Buddha?  
or
- Bodhisattva?
  
- Bodhisattva in open teaching
- Buddha in secret teachings

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**Maitreya as Buddha**

- Does a Buddha have bodhichitta?  
The wish to achieve total enlightenment for the sake of all sentient beings.
- Yes, Buddha's still have the wish.
- They have the wish for a dharmakaya and rupakaya – and it is those two bodies that fulfills both their needs and our needs

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### The Secret Teachings

- Master Haribhadra's  
– *Brief Commentary*

- Master Dharmakirti's  
– *Commentary of Valid Perception*

Two elements must be present for Tantra to work:

- The person that has spoken the tantra must be a being of exceptional spiritual power
- The person that practices the tantra must be someone that is leading a very pure life

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### Homework # 10

- Questions
- Memorization: memorize the names of the topics we have covered (the names of each reading handed out).
- Meditation: Review mentally the relation between satisfying your own needs and others needs.

*Remember to record date and time of meditation.*

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