

A Bouquet Garland of White Lotuses

Prayer for the Marriage of Karma Sherab

Although East and West seem to have different natures
Our altruistic intentions being in harmonious agreement,
We met by the power of karma; O long-time Dharma friend,
It is good and auspicious that you have married according to your customs.

I was unable to be there for the auspicious wedding ceremony
because of previous work commitments,
But I can offer this gift of a white lotus garland of auspicious words
Bound tightly together with a hundred knots of love.

With the two of your love that is deeper than the ocean
And harmony as stable as an unconquerable mountain
May your virtue and goodness expand like the waxing moon;
I wish you well on your celebration of marriage!

So that qualities of goodness may increase
And you be intoxicated with blissful happiness,
The rest of your life dawns with the happiness of sacred Dharma;
I wish you well on your celebration of marriage!

All temporary disharmony and hindrances pacified,
Accompanied by conducive inner light of love's illumination,
May you travel a broad highway that leads from bliss to bliss;
I wish you well on your celebration of marriage!

Mental bliss is provided by meditation and Dharma action and
Physical bliss by good food and conduct, and taking care of your health.
For the increase of auspicious bliss of your bodies and minds
I wish you well on your celebration of marriage!

This garland bouquet of white lotus words of prayer
Are offered as a loving gift for your marriage
By your long-time Dharma friend named Karma;
Keep it like a necklace garland that you wear forever.

I was sorry that I could not come to the wedding of my Dharma friend Ed Hardy, whose Tibetan Dharma name is Karma Sherab, with whom I have deep bonds of pure heart-felt love and holy Dharma. Yet because pure love is not bound by form, even though I could not be together with you, my mind is always with you. To signify this I wrote down what I thought on the morning of the 26th of June, 2019, a Tuesday which, respectfully, is my Guru Day of the week. It came in one flow during my meditation break. Again, may the two of your lives be lived with an infinite ocean of happiness!
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Sarva Mangalam
Tashi Deleks!