Changing Woman and Yeshe Tsogyel: A comparison of Women's Roles in Diné and Tibetan Tantra Buddhist Traditions

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Abstract
The solace of finding mother provides comfort in most Buddhist societies. The Diné follow the mother in proximity of all life. This abstract considers parallel significance for two mothers of tradition, who lead their respective followers to a life of spreading knowledge and wisdom. Yeshe Tsogyel is significant in spreading the teaching of Tantra Buddhism, and Changing Woman provides the Diné the importance of reproduction.

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And to Tibetan Buddhist practitioners, the story of Yeshe Tsogyal's life and the teachings contained therein are still as pertinent and topical as they were in the eighth century. The same instructions given by Guru Rinpoche to Yeshe Tsogyal, and by Yeshe Tsogyal to her own disciples, are imparted by Tibetan lamas to this day. Copyrighted material. Translators'. "That I might propagate the teachings of the Secret Mantra," he reflects, "the time has come for an incarnation of goddess Sarasvati to appear." And it is as if he literally calls Tsogyal into existence. Buddhism in general, and Tibetan Buddhism in particular, is well known for placing great emphasis on the importance of finding an authentic teacher and following his or her instructions. Role of Women in Tibetan Buddhism. There are two sectors in the Tibetan community: the lay people and the monastics (Chodron Home Page). It is said that Orgyan Chokyi laments to be a woman and female rebirth in general, and she prays often that no being should be subject to a female rebirth (ibid). This is clearly indicative of how sexist Buddhism was then. was a woman
called Lady Yeshe Tsogyal (Simhanada 1). In these early years of Buddhism, it was recorded that "women engaged in learned debates with the Buddha himself" (King 40) and that there is a recording of more than 500 verses in the Therigatha created by Buddhist nuns in the ancient Pali Canon (ibid). This shows that they are as capable as the monks.

English examples for "Yeshe Tsogyal" - In response to Yeshe Tsogyal's request, the Great Master himself explained the meaning of the mantra although there are larger secret meanings too. His consort Yeshe Tsogyal, a gift from the King is by his left knee and his other wife from his native land of Swat is by his right. Lady of the Lotus-Born is thus a testimony of Yeshe Tsogyal's enlightenment. In the Vajrayana traditions, particularly of the Nyingmapa, it is held to be a powerful mantra engendering communion with the Three Vajras of Padmasambhava's mindstream and by his grace, all enlightened beings.