

Friends of
Green Dharma Treasury
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Dear Friends

It's been a rich and busy time since our last e-mail in March. There have been a number of changes and additions to Green Dharma Treasury. We have listed them below followed by a very short piece that Tarchin wrote for this e-mail. Then there are a few technical considerations that will help to make the site more accessible to you. Finally, there is an outline of Tarchin's upcoming teaching schedule.

Winter, this year, hasn't quite happened. Here at Orgyen we have been enjoying afternoon temperatures of 15 – 20 degrees! Flowers are blooming. Birds are singing as if it were spring. Tarchin and I hope you are all well and that we might see you at some of the teaching scheduled for this year.

with warm good wishes

Mary

Since our last e-mail we have posted a number of articles and made a few changes to the [Green Dharma Treasury](http://www.greendharmatreasury.org) site <http://www.greendharmatreasury.org>

The [Home](#) page and [Author-Teacher](#) page have both been refined.

The [Glossary](#) (found under 'Writings') continues to grow. For some people, it will be worth reading in itself. Tarchin welcomes suggestions as to further words or concepts that you feel would be useful to have in it. You can e-mail your suggestions to him at tarchin@greendharmatreasury.org

The '[Miscellany](#)' section has been expanded to contain a collection of shorter writings under '[Short Pieces](#)' and a section for '[Book Review / Recommendations](#)'.

Since our last e-mail to you in March we have posted:

Praise for "A Human Being Died That Night" by Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela
How to Stitch a Robe – Reflections on Ordination and Ordinariness
A Cubic Metre of Air – a few breaths in the life of a mystic scientist
Deep Roots and Fearless Compassion
Praise for "Becoming Animal" by David Abram

A Short Offering from Tarchin

This mid winter morning, sitting outside, gazing east towards a darkened Pacific, the great nebula of Orion, a fuzzy smudge high above Mount Maunganui. Matariki (the Pleiades) like a jewel case hovers a little to the north. A pukeko screech followed by loud fluttering, ruffles the pre-dawn stillness. A single song thrush joins, and soon bird calls are tentatively trying out the birthing newness of the day. Traffic sounds weave a muted background drone. Silhouetted trees and shrubs gradually take on colour, form and dimension. Smells of flowers and earth and sleeping creatures and aging wooden house siding, slip into me on the breath.

All of this,

arising as knowing,
this world,
this glorious new day.

I find myself falling into the koan, what would it mean for all of me to be present for all of you? What is all of me? What is all of you? The interweaving worlds of pukeko and thrush and humans driving to work and dharma farmer contemplating on a veranda. The intricacy of being. The challenge of becoming. The great quest of ever more deeply engaging this mystery of living and dying.

How has your morning been?

A Few Technical Notes for Green Dharma Treasury:

(1) Much of my writing blends prose and poetry. It is offered for contemplation and as such, is not really written for reading on a computer screen. Please consider printing the article you are interested in and then, sitting in a favourite place, take time to slow down, breathe a bit, relax a bit and let the meaning behind the words wash through you and invoke fresh experience and understanding.

(2) It is possible for you to automatically receive each new Green Dharma Treasury article as soon as it is posted. It would arrive in your e-mail folder in a simple, printable, text format.

- If you would like this then go to www.greendharmatreasury.org
- In the column on the right you will see in red letters, 'Get New Blog Posts Delivered' click 'Posts (E-mail)' and then fill in your e-mail address.
- You will receive a verification e-mail once you submit this form. If you don't receive this confirmation e-mail in a reasonable amount of time, check your spam/junk folder.
- Once you respond to the verification message, your subscription to Green Dharma Treasury will be activated. The next time we post something, it will magically arrive in your e-mail in-box!

NOTE: Some of you may have already signed up for this service and wondered why you haven't received any articles. This would be because you didn't activate the verification form. Please try again and check to make sure the verification message doesn't get directed to your spam folder.

(3) **Green Dharma Treasury** uses a software called Word Press which is a relatively user friendly blog program. Originally I had no desire to write a blog, in fact, I was quite reluctant to do so! I confess that I didn't really know what a blog was, beyond being a kind of publicly viewable diary of personal thoughts. My aspiration for Green Dharma Treasury has been, and still is, that it will serve as an archive for my writings, a kind of on-line library. It has taken me some time to realize that by initially posting each article in the blog section and then linking it to the various menus in the main 'writings' section, they will be much more findable by search engines such as Google and the like. And so, perhaps I've unintentionally become a blogger! In order to standardize the way the site is organized, we will be re-posting in the blog section a number of the earlier articles. Please excuse the repetition.

Tarchin's Public Teaching Schedule

For details please go to the Green Dharma Treasury site, under 'Teaching-Retreat' – 'Public Schedule'

July 16 – 17, Takaka, Golden Bay, New Zealand
July 22 – August 24, Wangapeka Study and Retreat Centre, NZ
August 27 – 28, Christchurch, NZ
September 4 and 11, Katikati, NZ
September 24 – 25, Auckland, NZ
September 27 – 29, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia
October 12 – 23, Melbourne, Australia
October 26 – 30, Perth, Australia
November 11 – 17, Te Moata, NZ
November 20 and 27 Katikati, NZ
December 3 – 4 Auckland, NZ
December 31 – January 22, 2012, Kaitkati, NZ