



She is motivated by her tears of compassion to appear in the air of consciousness, the subtle vibrational realm, to positively affect those on the earth plane.

Who is Kuan Yin?

Kuan Yin/Quan Yin/Guanyin, ‘The One Who Hears the Cries of the World’, is the Goddess of Compassion. She is well-loved in many Asian cultures. In the mythology associated with her, it is said that she was about to enter the gates of heaven when she heard the cries of the suffering and turned back, forsaking the heavenly realms so that she could remain available for those who called on her.

She is often depicted with a small Buddha on her crown. It is Amitabha Buddha who is said to be her spiritual teacher. She is connected to the multi-armed, many headed Bodisattva Avalokitesvara, ‘the Enlightened One who looks down’. Legend says Avalokitesvara was created from a beam of light that came from Amitabha’s eye. Kuan Yin is sometimes depicted with multiple arms.

Kuan Yin was originally more androgenous in nature. In some representations she has a moustache. By these means she represents the open and compassionate heart in all beings, male and female alike. This makes her so important for humanity right now.

The Goddess later became associated with fertility and the conception and birth of children.

Location/Sphere of Influence

Asia/bodies of water/in tears of suffering and compassion/where she is called.

Allies

Water dragon, bird

Nature & Description of Dakini

Kuan Yin is seen floating above the ocean. She is dressed in white flowing robes, holding a willow branch in one hand, which bends but does not break, and an elixir vase of immortality in the other, from which she pours her compassionate blessing. A blue parrot, her disciple, hovers close by, carrying her rosary of pearls of illumination.

Her realm is walking in the clouds and on the water. She is the embodiment of compassion, turning back at the gates of heaven to harken to the calls of the suffering. She is very graceful and elegant, removed yet totally engaged. In the sea beneath her feet we see a sea dragon, her vehicle, amongst the waves – revealing that she works in co-operation with the elemental forces and the powers of transformation.

Her mode is one of action, but her mood is serene.

She is seen too in the sky above, representing her omni presence and her constant vigilance. A single tear falls from her eye as she surveys the ocean of suffering below. We see Kuan Yin constantly rebirthing herself in the mind sky of consciousness through her tears, her personal compassion. One teardrop shed from the eye of the Goddess has the power to transmute all poison through its sacred alchemy.

In her realm, the sky kisses the earth. She is seen living in the clouds, but constantly reaching down to the plain of reality as she responds to the calls for her help. She aids the suffering. She protects those in peril at sea. She helps people cross the oceans of life, literally and metaphorically. She ferries souls across the seas of life and death. She is the embodiment of compassion, eternally standing at heaven's gate.

Divinatory Meaning

Kuan Yin is here to offer you her unconditional blessing of compassion.

You have called compassion into your life.

Be more compassionate - to yourself and others.

Cultivate this sentiment as a root position. All other considerations should stand behind this primary position of compassion.

Temper your passion with compassion.

Seek to bless all you encounter.

Think of others first.

The wisdom of compassion lies in being able to be selfless, while at the same time cultivating that which enriches the self. It depends on where one believes the self begins and ends...

Kuan Yin's act appears to be one of self sacrifice, but if there is the understanding that everything is connected, then the sufferings of others/the world become her sufferings and their relief is her joy. Looked at from this perspective, Kuan Yin was also acting with compassion towards herself.

There is great joy and satisfaction to be found in helping others once you experience the true nature of compassion.

Cultivate the art of empathy, so you can feel what others feel. This will engender feelings of compassion. Those who have tasted it can no longer be content with the limited rewards of selfish actions.

It is generally not considered appropriate in society for men especially to cry. Expression of deep emotion, particularly sadness, is not given a place in our society (with the exception of funerals and wakes), although it is an aspect of the range of sentiments we are here to experience on earth. It cannot be denied and it is often an important safety valve to help wash away experiences that are almost too much for us to bear.

One argument against the shedding of tears is that it is said to bring forgetfulness. But even this in some circumstances may be the blessing of tears.

Kuan Yin says it is the tears, the calls of anguish and suffering, that call her to her devotees. If such an expression of heart wrenching grief can call the Goddess to you, then you see how tears have a purpose?

Your raw and heart-felt emotions, expressed and channeled, can be your rocket fuel to the divine realms.

The Goddess path is not one of detachment, but of full engagement. And as we embrace our joys, by the same token, we must embrace our sadness. There is no life without the experience of pain and separation. That is why some of the great spiritual paths recommend detachment so that aspirants are not overcome by the sufferings of the world.

Kuan Yin represents that vibrational field of consciousness that has reached full realization, but is still prepared to step down into the world of suffering and duality because she cares.

She knows that caring is not going to affect her enlightened state of being, but allow her to extend her being beyond herself to touch myriads of beings with her compassionate heart.

So she spreads and helps render immortal the standing wave of compassion.

There are different kinds of tears that we shed. Some out of self pity, some out of loss, some from compassion and some from sheer joy.

The tears shed in heightened states that are not confined to the above reactions, but just seem to spring forth from a connection to source and pour from the very soul have special qualities.,

They were known as the 'Tears of Isis' in ancient Egypt, kept in special vials and revered for their healing powers.

We are afraid to open our hearts because we do not want to experience pain. But if we, like Kuan Yin, reach out to the suffering and make it our friend, we will not have to barricade our hearts against it anymore and we can use all our emotions and sentiments to aid us as the allies that they are.

The actual experience of pain is felt most in our resistance to it. Remove the resistance, the fear, and the actual sensation is quite transformed.

Indications

Make decisions that are, to the best of your knowledge and ability, for the good of all concerned. Do not take advantage of others for your own personal gain. This will come back to you eventually.

Take special care around bodies of water. If in peril or distress, call for Kuan Yin's help. The Goddess often cannot come unless she is called.

Kuan Yin is particularly attentive to those who call for help at sea.

Kuan Yin is known for helping couples conceive. If you wish for a baby, make a special prayer to Kuan Yin.

A blessing from Kuan Yin for your child.

Practices

The Dakini requests that you open your heart even wider to bring more compassion into your being.

1. Ask how you hold yourself in your heart. Are you truly compassionate towards your own being?

Ask yourself how you hold others in your heart – your enemies as well as your friends.

2. Allow yourself to really feel. From your own direct experience bring something or some things to mind that elicit deep reactions from you, to the point of tears. Allow yourself to have that experience.

Now bring to consciousness an experience that is not yours, but something that has deeply impacted someone or some others in a grievous way. Find the place of empathy within and experience the feeling for them as if it was your own.

Allow yourself to feel all this and feel it opening your heart, releasing all the stress and tension it has taken to keep it closed, closed for so long.

1. Visualize the kind and beautiful face of Kuan Yin before you. Expressions cross over her face as she reflects the sadness and suffering she perceives, the beauty and the joy. All expressions pass across her glorious countenance like clouds blown by the wind.

Now feel her attention come to you. She focuses on you fully as her eyes brim with tears, but none falls, and her mouth twinkles with the smile that plays across her lips. Feel her love emanate from her, bathing you in her light. Receive the blessing.

Now absorb the vision into yourself, breathing her light into you, so you become one with her. Let her sweet smile permeate you from the inside out, from the corners of her mouth to your mouth let your inner smile manifest. Feel the qualities of Kuan Yin as your own.

2. Perform at least one compassionate act and offer it at the feet of Kuan Yin.

3. Keep your heart in a state of open compassion towards all beings – from East to West and North to South. Your heart is your true compass. Let it guide you. It has to be open for you to read it.

Dakini Transmission

I turn back to earth
Because I hear you
Calling
For my deepest joy
Is to catch you

When you're
Falling
However much you suffer
You can take refuge in me

Affirmations

The Goddess hears my calls
Her compassion for me
Knows no bounds
I cultivate infinite compassion
For all beings
The value I give others
Adds value to my own being