

Tibetan Garuda

British Library “Gold” exhibition (May – Oct 2022)

Garuda is a bird-like deity in Indian mythology. The British Library exhibition showed a *thangka* (a traditional Tibetan scroll helping focus prayer and meditation) with Garuda drawn in gold ink on indigo-dyed paper.

In the Vajrayana Buddhist tradition Garuda protects against diseases and poisoning. Much information about Garuda in Hindu, Buddhist and Jain faiths is at [this Wikipedia entry](#).

For me this scroll was the highlight of the exhibition – hence a second visit to take many photographs which are on the following 15 pages (for my own record and the pleasure of anyone looking on my website).

This was another “grand day out”!

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Garuda with snake

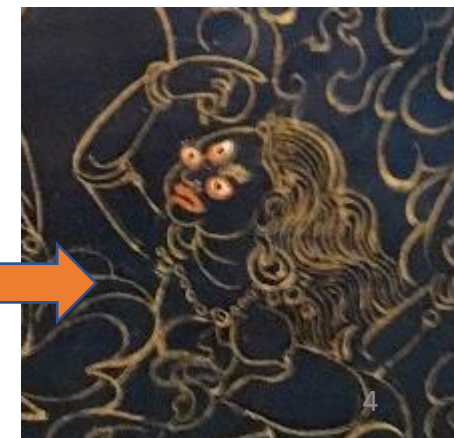
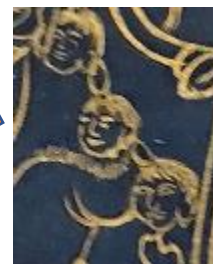
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Bird's head



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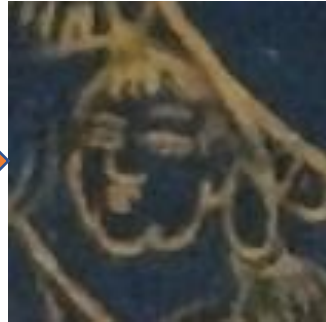
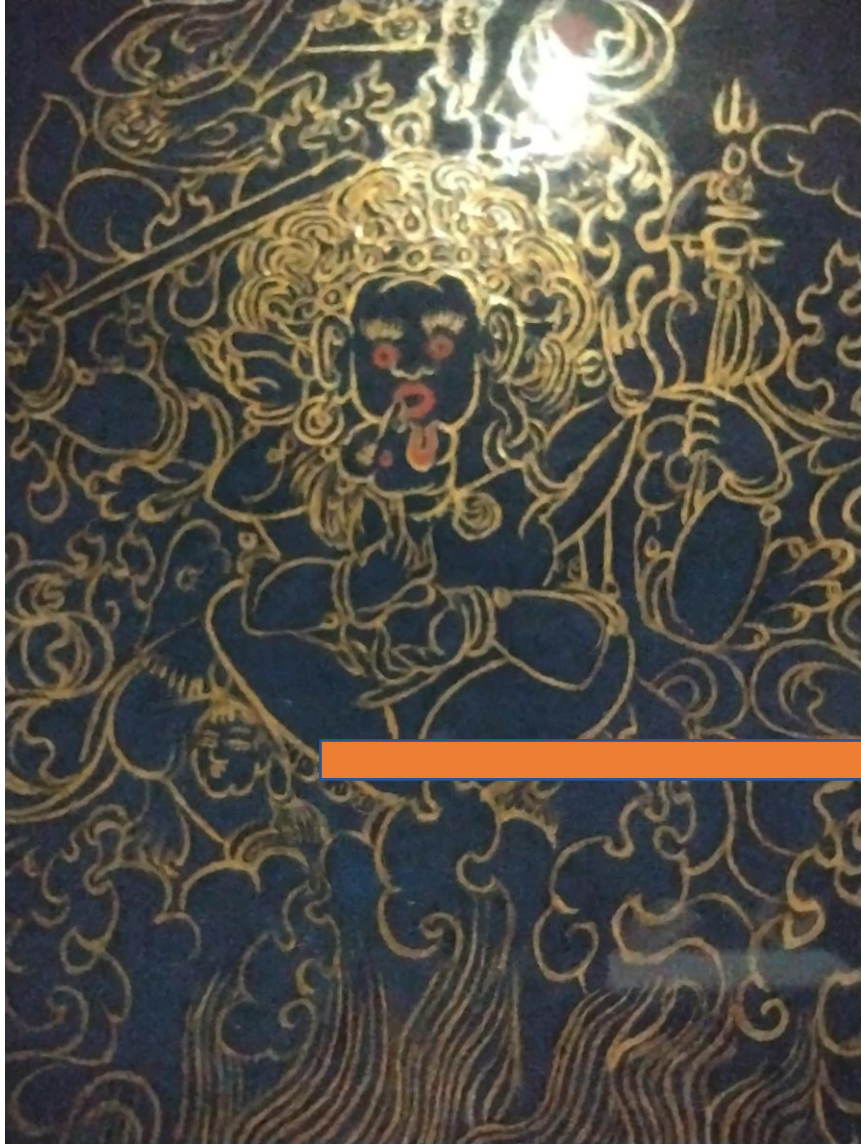
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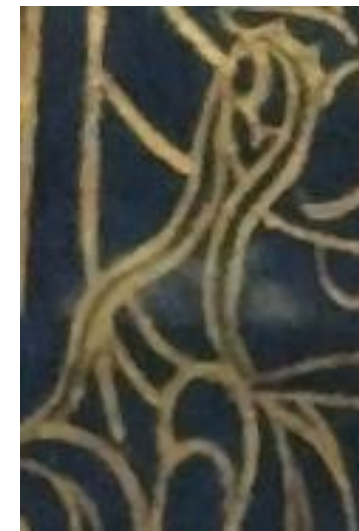


Appears to be an offering

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Snake or reins?

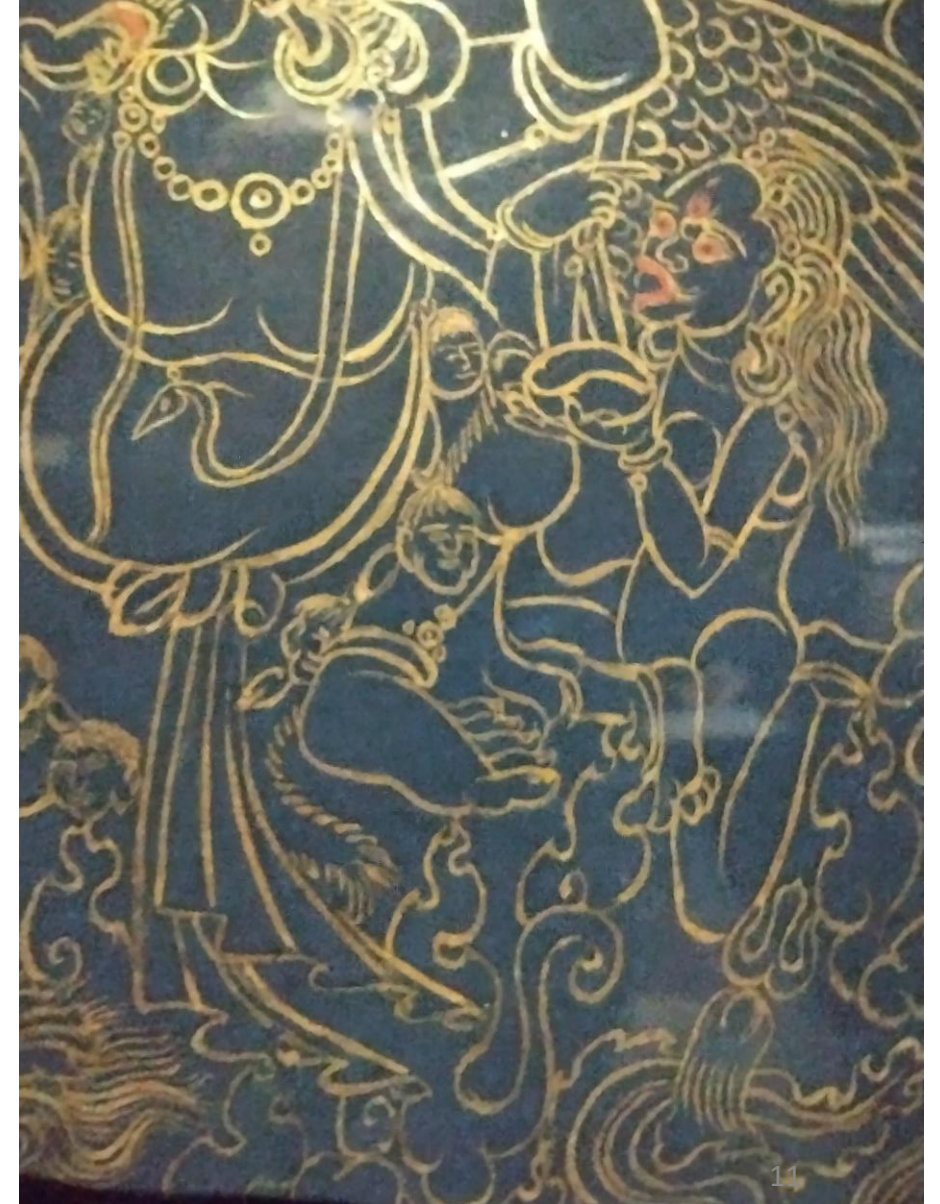


Elephant.

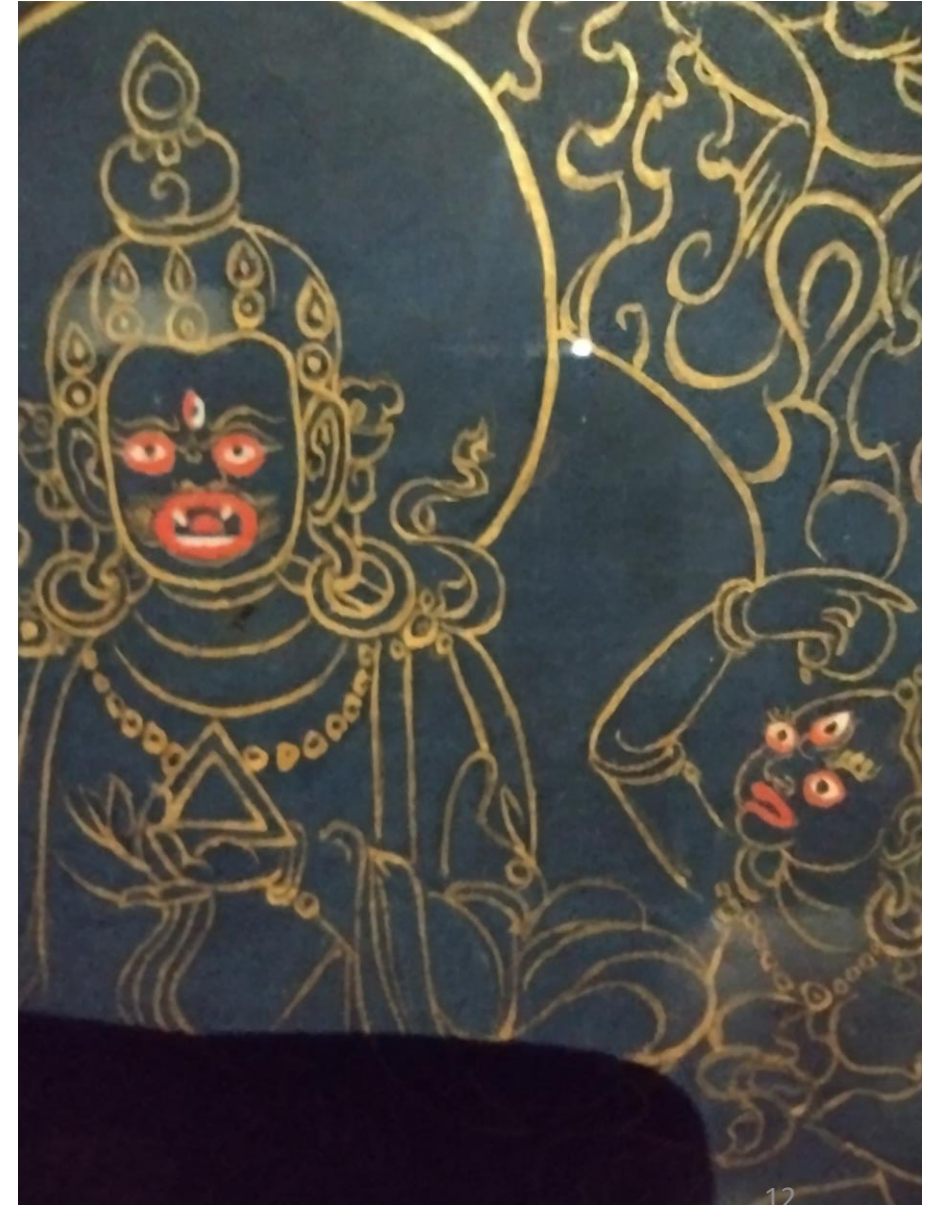
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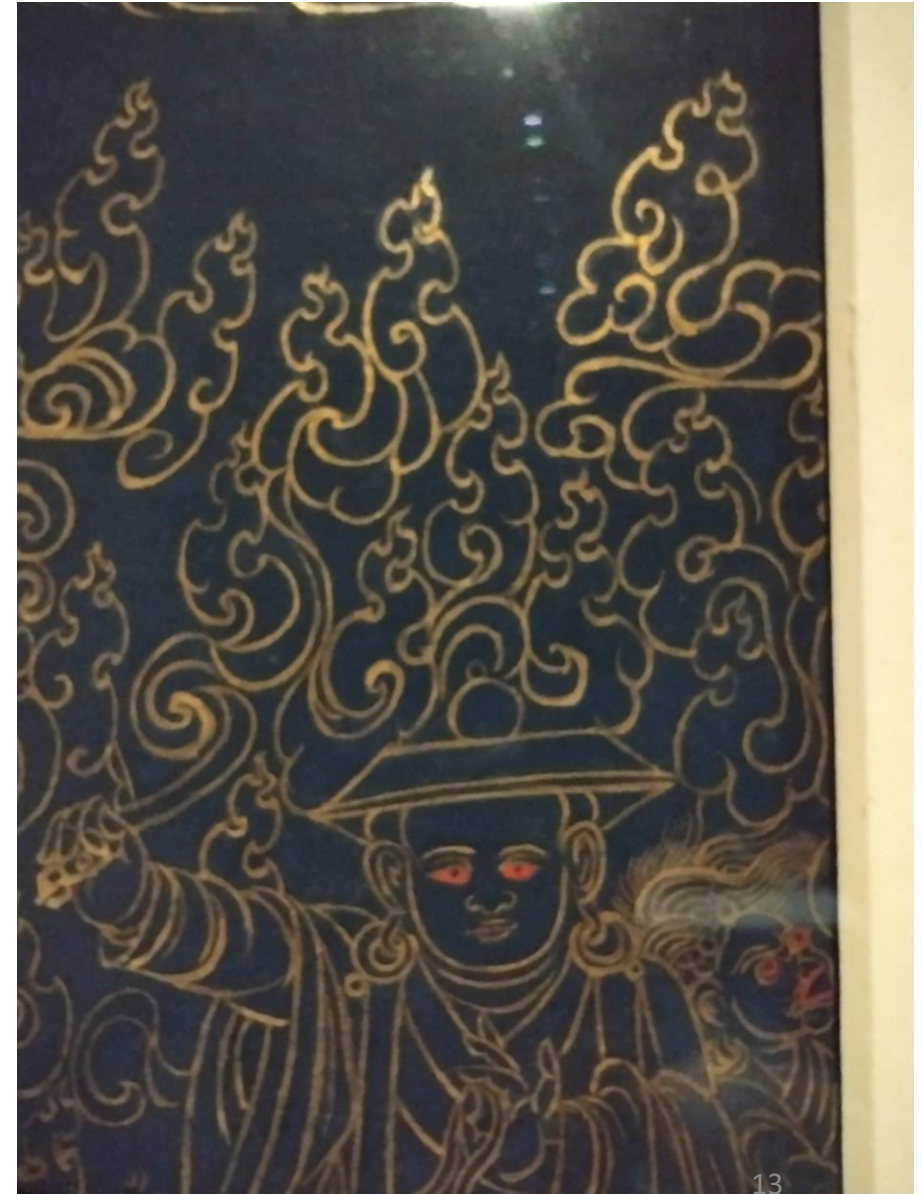
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This is the full scroll – hence the need to photograph to pick out detail.