



The Asian Classics Institute



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IN-DEPTH COURSE III

Master Shantideva's Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life

Exploring the Border Between You and Me

Homework, Class Nine

1) Quote the schizophrenic verse about what we should do with anything that we find in our possession that someone else might need. (Tibetan and Sanskrit tracks in these languages also.)

2) Describe the very essence (in half a verse) of how we should actually proceed in our lives, once we have exchanged ourselves and others.

3) How does Master Shantideva say that the bodhisattva should think about himself or herself from moment to moment through the day?

4) Quote, only in English, the verse about what to do if we see someone else do something wrong, and if we ourselves do something wrong.

5) Now that we have improved as bodhisattvas, how shall we react when someone else begins to get some fame?

6) Once we are in the frame of mind of taking on the troubles of others, we are in a unique position concerning our own previous bad karmas. Explain.

7) Explain the idea of “style” in wishing upon others what we used to wish for ourselves.

8) Master Shantideva here says that we should “Take control of him saying, ‘Do this, and do it this way; and that you shall not do.’ We should cut him off too, if he strays.” Who is “he” that the Master is talking about?

Meditation assignment: 15 minutes per day, analytical meditation on how you might practice exchanging yourself and others in the next 24 hours, with special attention to the “style”: acting quietly, transparently, gracefully, anonymously.