DIAMOND MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY

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THE YOGA OF DEVOTION

HOMEWORK FOR CLASS TWO

1. Lord Krishna says that He "arises through my own illusory power" (*maya).* In what way is the Lord's appearance in our lives "illusory," and in what way is not?

2. Why, according to Gita, does the Lord manifest in our reality? How can we understand such statements in terms of our own experience of our Teacher's appearance in our own lives?

3. What are the three qualities of a good student according to Master Aryadeva.

4. List the "three faults of a vessel" and explain how this metaphor pertains to how a student should properly listen to a spiritual teaching.

5. Quote the *Ten Teaching Sutra* on how we should think about the functions our Teachers play in our lives.

6. Lord Krishna says, "There is barely one man among thousands who strives for perfection. And of those few who do try to achieve the goal, only the rare one recognizes Me for who I really am." In Buddhism, recognizing one's amazing good luck to have found a Teacher and to have the "leisure and fortune" necessary to make any real progress is a preliminary to the spiritual life. What is a good way to keep focused on making the most of this precious opportunity and keeping our priorities straight?

7. Why, according to Gita, is it better to recognize the Guru for who He or She truly is for you, and then with faith worship and devote oneself to such a Figure?

8. What are the four reasons Pabongka Rinpoche lists for gaining an understanding, based on reasoning and scriptural authority, that our Spiritual Teacher is in fact a Buddha or Enlightened Being?

9. What are the four ways Pabongka Rinpoche gives for generating respect for the Spiritual Teacher by recalling the Teacher's kindness?

10. What is the most important attitude a student should have towards his or her Teacher? How should one cultivate it?