



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 Six*

1) Quote the famous verse about the different results that come from cherishing ourselves and cherishing others.

2) Master Shantideva warns us that we can never attain enlightenment if we fail to master the practice of exchanging ourselves and others. The "other guy" then says: "That's okay! I don't need to get enlightened, I just want to be comfortable in this life." How does the Master then reply?

3) Master Shantideva says that, if we fail to exchange ourselves and others, then "Those whose duty it is to serve you will do none of their work; and those masters you serve will never pay." Explain the deeper meaning of this verse.

4) Master Shantideva says that “The ignorant throw away the excellent joy that brings one happiness.” How do the two commentators—Masters Prajnyakara Mati and Gyaltsab Je—describe what “ignorant” means here?

5) Quote the famous verse about not being able to let go of fire. (Sanskrit and Tibetan tracks, also quote in your language.)

6) In what two senses must we “give up our own self,” so that we will be able by ourselves to eliminate the pain of every living being?

7) Master Shantideva advises us to say two things to our mind: one about who we belong to, and one about what the mind is allowed to think about. Explain these two things.

8) Master Shantideva says that “It’s wrong to look with eyes belonging to another,” and “wrong to look with eyes that are working for them.” What three things does he mean by this?

9) What final advice does Master Shantideva give us in this section, about priorities?

*Meditation assignment:* 15 minutes per day, analytical meditation upon one possible instance in the next 24 hours when you may be able to give up yourself in the two different ways.