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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 Eight

1) Here in the verses about practicing a competitive state of mind towards ourselves, Master Shantideva says that we should get more offerings and honor than the bodhisattva. These are things that monks in India in the eighth century might compete in; what would they be here and now, for us?

2) How should we act if something bad happens to the bodhisattva?

3) When we practice pride towards the bodhisattva (who is now lower than us), what kinds of qualities can we feel pride about?

4) Once we are superior to the bodhisattva in many different ways, how can we further develop our pride?

5) We are still vastly superior to the bodhisattva in our financial means; but suppose that he or she does happen to get some money or the like. What shall we do with it?

6) Suppose the bodhisattva is relaxing or enjoying something; what should we do then?

7) Quote the verse about the results that we have gotten over our many lifetimes from watching out for ourselves. (Sanskrit and Tibetan tracks, in these languages.)

8) What does Master Shantideva cite as evidence that we have not in the past devoted ourselves to the practice of exchanging ourselves and others?

9) What is the one method that Master Shantideva repeats will help us succeed at the practice of cherishing other people?

Meditation assignment: 15 minutes per day,, analytical meditation practicing the attitude of pride towards the bodhisattva.