



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 Ten

1) At this point in the chapter, Master Shantideva says "I will put an end to my mind." What does he mean by this?

2) Quote the verse about smashing arrogance, and clarify whom it's directed towards. (Sanskrit and Tibetan tracks in these languages also.)

3) Master Shantideva here advises us that we should give up a certain idea. What is it?

4) What does it mean when Master Shantideva says, "I have sold you now to others"?

5) What does Master Shantideva say will happen if we are careless, and slip at this point?

6) In closing, Master Shantideva says "I haven't forgotten the fights we've had." Who is he speaking to?

7) Quote the final verse of the section on exchanging oneself and others, about the best way of taking care of ourselves. (Sanskrit and Tibetan tracks in these languages.)

8) How does the old Rolling Stones song which says, “You can’t always get what you want,” apply to the practice of exchanging ourselves and others?

9) As the one master of Buddhism who is perhaps most famous of all for promoting this teaching of exchanging oneself and others, Master Shantideva has obviously excelled in this practice himself. How does his own life provide an example for how we can carry out this high practice?

Meditation assignment: 15 minutes a day—for perhaps the rest of your life!—putting yourself in the shoes of someone else you know that you might meet today, thinking of what they might want or need, in both small things and in ultimate way