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IN-DEPTH COURSE III

Master Shantideva's Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life Exchanging Self & Others

Quiz, Class One

1) The practice of exchanging self and others has a sister practice. Name this practice, and then give four reasons why Master Shantideva teaches the two in the chapter that he does. (Sanskrit and Tibetan tracks also name the two practices in these languages.)

2) As Master Shantideva begins to explain what it means to treat oneself and others the same, the "other guy" makes the objection that we could never learn to think of all the many different kinds of living beings there are as being "me." Explain how the Master counters this objection, quoting the appropriate verse. (Sanskrit and Tibetan tracks in these languages.)

3) Perhaps the most common objection to the idea that I should treat others as I treat myself is the idea that, since someone else's pain does not directly hurt me, then I must naturally find myself unable to care for them in the same way that I care for myself. How does Master Shantideva answer this objection?

4) State the logical proof that Master Shantideva presents to demonstrate that we must work to remove the suffering of others. (Tibetan and Sanskrit in these languages.)