



The Asian Classics Institute



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## IN-DEPTH COURSE II

### Master Shantideva's Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life

#### The Chapter on Killing Anger

##### *Quiz, Class Three*

1) With this class, the third in the course, we reach the second of the three kinds of patience, which is infinitely more important than the other two. Name this type and describe it, incorporating the description from *The Great Book on the Steps of the Teaching (Tenrim Chenmo)* of Geshe Drolungpa. (Tibetan track also name this type of patience in Tibetan.)

2) Perhaps one of the most important ideas of all of Buddhism—nay, one of the most important ideas of all time—is found in the patience chapter at this point. To sum it up, Master Shantideva says, “If we’re really going to deal with the bad things that happen in our lives—the things that hurt us, and upset us, and make us angry—then we’re going to have to *find out why they happen in the first place.*” He proceeds then to give us, basically, three different choices about where the bad things in the world come from. Describe these three choices, in language that modern-day people can relate to.

a)

b)

c)

3) Summarize Master Shantideva's argument against the idea of a primordial force (big bang) that creates all things, including the guy at work who bugs you.

4) Now give Master Shantideva's argument against a Creator.

5) Quote the verse in which Master Shantideva states that antidotes which are illusory are not only not ineffective, but in fact that only kind of antidotes that could ever stop all of our pain. And then summarize briefly the explanation of this verse by the incomparable Gyaltsab Je. (Sanskrit and Tibetan tracks quote in these languages too.)