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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 Five

1) When others lose faith or trust in us, this can adversely affect our ability to support ourselves and others materially. Give the second half of the verse in which Master Shantideva counters this concern.

2) Relate and explain the metaphor that Master Shantideva uses to help demonstrate why it is wrong to crave possessions.

3) The “other person” in this section of the chapter then comes to Master Shantideva and argues that they really do need things, in order to live a longer life—because then they will have more time to work off their past negative deeds, and accomplish the good deeds they have not yet done. How does the Master reply, and how does this relate to the question of the *style* with which we do our good deeds? Complete your answer, finally, with the powerful second half of the verse on this subject. (Tibetan and Sanskrit tracks in these languages.)

4) Some of the greatest violence ever committed in the course of our human history has been the violence done to each other by religious groups. Master Shantideva’s specific comments on this point are certainly some of the most noble sentiments ever expressed in the literature of any of the world’s major religions. Explain first how the Master advises us to deal with the religious violence in the form of slander or destruction of places of worship, sacred images, or holy books.

5) Describe finally how Master Shantideva advises us to respond to violence done to our own dear Lamas, as well as family or other people we hold close.