

The Fulfillment of Our Lamas' Wishes, Hopes, and Prayers

2019 Vajrasattva Retreat Last Day Message

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Hey! I heard you all got married to Vajrasattva! Congratulations! That is really lucky!

Thank you to everyone up there practicing together. This is the reason we built Tashi Chöling and all the other dharma centers. Now you are practicing every year — thank you, thank you so much, every year!

It is very good for everybody to practice together, which also means to recognize you need to practice. To think you are just a hero who doesn't need to practice — absolutely I swear to the Buddha this is a stupid kind of hero! You might not have horns or fangs, but if you think like that, you are worse than an animal.

In the future, don't forget that this, our daily life at Tashi Chöling, the daily life and practices and teachings of all the centers, are all the fulfillment of the wishes, hopes, and prayers of Dudjom Rinpoche, the Dalai Lama, the Karmapa — it looks like all the Holinesses, our lineage lamas!

Now in America real Buddhism is here, coming piece by piece. Not just *ho ho* and *hee hee*, funky or wishy-washy Buddhism. The centers are slowly getting more and more clean. I don't mean the buildings or whatever. I mean politics and gossip and slander are getting less and less, the sangha is helping more and more, people trying more sincerely. That way clean. Not just ego clean. Looks like people kind of calming down — they sort of learned, if you buzz up, it doesn't work. Calm is best.

That is also our good news [he gives a thumbs up].

Right now I am fine here, in Mimi's beautiful place, with Sangye and Lama Chonam and Shashi taking care of me, spoiling me rotten. I have to look at Shashi's ugly face, though — oops! I wasn't going to say that but then I couldn't stop myself! Anyway, they are taking care of me here and you are taking care of the centers — that is *so* wonderful. This is the meaningful thing. Thank you!

Everyone who could come to the retreat, that is really precious. Even if five-year-old babies could come and engage for a short time with the Vajrasattva ceremony, still that is not something shallow or small. It is really meaningful. What you have all done is positive in an amazing way, 100% positive, and makes this human life meaningful. You have engaged with that kind of thing! "That kind" means something that makes both this life and future lives positive. That is an amazing connection. Thank you, thank you!

I don't know anything beyond that, just I wanted to say thank you to everybody.

And particularly to Lingtrul Rinpoche—really he is wonderful to come every year and support us.

The lama, the umze, the geku, the chopons, all the sangha, and even the naughty babies—thank you. It is wonderful everybody could connect in this way.

What I have been praying and wishing for, it looks like that wish is coming true for everybody. Wow! I didn't know if we could ever have that kind of success.

Thank you! And Tashi Delek!

-Gyatrul

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