

Regarding H.H. Dudjom Yangsi's Visit: Teachings on View and Conduct

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On a video call with the students gathered to clean and prepare Orgyen Dorje Den for the upcoming visit of H.H. Dudjom Yangsi, Rinpoche gave the following teaching:

H.H. Dudjom Rinpoche is an emanation of Vairochana. You are really fortunate to have that kind of lama, the reincarnation of our own teacher, H.H. Dudjom Jigdral Yeshe Dorje, coming to give empowerment. When he comes, have him consecrate the Vajrasattva statue. Have a container prepared with rice and flowers for him to use. In the future, you have to think about these things. Don't just stand with your mouth open, but think about what teachings we need, what we need to request, and so forth.

You guys need to clean not only the temple, but your brain and your karma!

Everybody, don't be excited and don't buzz up. Be more and more calm, more peaceful. Follow what H.H. Dudjom Yangsi is teaching, what he says. Sometimes you will get excited about what he says—that means nothing! Sometimes you will close your eyes to it. That means nothing, too. Whether you like or don't like what the lama says—that means nothing much. If you have faith, then remember the teaching and slowly try to understand the meaning and practice it. You can ask others if you don't remember exactly what he said.

[The students asked if we should ask H.H. Dudjom Yangsi about the future of our center.]

Why not? But really in the future if he comes or goes, that is not as important as receiving teachings and then practicing. We need teachings. We need practice. That's the most important! "His Holiness SAID..."—one way that is maybe important, one way...we will see. Regardless, however, what IS important is you guys need to learn. You guys need to receive teachings and then keep them in your hearts. Don't forget the dharma you have received!

The reason you have a temple is for your own mind. The reason you have a buddha is for your own mind. Without your temple, where are you going to use your mind? Without your temple, without your mind, where are you going to be liberated? The real temple is your brain. Buddha is your brain. Hahaha! In Dzogchen, they talk about the three kayas as the nature, intrinsic nature, and compassion. These three, you do have them.

Hey, wonderful! You guys are cleaning—that cleaning is not only for today. Not only cleaning what is dirty today, throwing away just today's garbage. Hahaha! The real way is first you recognize what your own garbage is and then recognize what is the opposite of your garbage. Recognize that your garbage is what to throw away and the opposite of the garbage is what you need. That garbage, where does it come from? From all the five poisons, that blah blah blah stuff. We think those are not our enemy. We think we have five friends: desire, anger,

confusion, pride, and jealousy. Actually, those are what we need to recognize as enemies. Where do they come from? From the three poisons: attachment, aversion, and ignorance. We can say five poisons, three poisons, or countless afflictions. That is all our garbage.

And one way, we can also say the three poisons are the three kayas; the five poisons are the five wisdoms! Everybody, don't forget these things. Try. Practice. Don't play naughty boy, naughty girl. Enough's enough!

Okay, thank you!

[After hanging up, Rinpoche added:]

Wonderful, everybody working there, harmoniously. Everything looks sparkling. Very good. That way we prepare for a real lama to come. In the future, don't forget—this is how to do it nicely. We do know how to do things nicely, if we are not lazy!

Then we need to be respectful with our actions when the lama comes, too. Don't grab at him or hug him or kiss him. Don't just say, "Hi there!" like some cowboy. Everyone should be respectful and humble, not pushing or crowding or trying to gobble him up.

The blessing is not if you hug him or kiss him. The blessing is not if you think he is handsome or thinking, "Maybe he will think I'm pretty!" No. The blessing is the dharma. The blessing comes through your faith and trust, not from grabbing the lama or embarrassing yourself.

You have all received many teachings and empowerments, you do know how to act. Therefore, don't bring shame on yourselves by being proud or insisting on doing things MY WAY. That is really to waste your opportunity. You have there what looks like a real, fresh, pure lama. To make a connection with him, we are so lucky! Tell everybody to come, humbly, dress nicely, pay attention and focus during the ceremony, be conscious and not just stepping over other people or knocking things down and breaking things—and most importantly, have faith! Then you really receive the empowerment or teaching or blessing or whatever. Everybody should know the center's rules and follow them. The center's own people should particularly not embarrass themselves. It is their opportunity to help others and show their quality or their understanding by being humble and having faith, not their opportunity to show their butt or their arrogance. Everybody, don't screw up! Don't screw up yourself; don't screw up others, either. You have an amazing chance this time. Take that chance and keep it really nicely.

Tell them, this is what I say! But I don't know if they want to listen or not...

-Gyatral

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