

At the Conclusion of the 2019 Vajrakilaya Retreat

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Hey, Tashi Chöling sangha! Tashi delek!

I am looking at your pictures and video of the Kilaya retreat, and everyone is doing wonderful, wonderful things! Thank you, thank you! Man and woman, old and young—it looks like everyone is working hard, with interest, faith and trust. Everyone is standing up and happy! That is how you get real success, in your practice and in your center or whatever you do, to do it that way together.

It looks like finally really you guys are getting it!

I am really happy to see that, because I worked for many years but it was very difficult because I didn't know anything. I was just like a crazy funky person and so it was difficult for everyone to learn how to do things nicely because I'm not qualified to teach anything. Outer qualities, I don't have; I am empty of inner qualities like something hollow; and forget about secret ones! Anyway, now you have learned, step by step, so now you are doing all the tormas and ritual and everything. Finally!

Nobody with their nose in the air, it looks like. Everybody helping like a real, positive family of decent human beings. Not like nasty complaining relatives who just come eat everything.

You have your lama, Khenpo Tsewang, he was really close to His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche, almost like his baby. Who really knew Holiness? Who watched him continuously and knows his teaching and his lineage? That Khenpo. Therefore, you can learn so many things from him, if you are not too lazy or naughty. If you sincerely want to learn, he can teach you everything, he is honest and true. You also have Sangye, she was like Holiness's number one daughter, he taught her piece by piece. You have Lama Chonam and others who can teach you also. What you need, you have it! You have amazing opportunities right now. Looks like you are using them. I hope so!

What you are doing right now, Holiness was really continuously wishing and praying for this, for so many years. He was continuously focusing for all the dharma, but particularly so this kind of dharma could happen here in the United States. You can ask Khenpo about that, he knows, he saw with his own eyes. Through Holiness's prayers and blessing, we are getting some outer success and it looks like people are taming their own minds, too. That means the dharma's root is firm. Of course, for that you have to check yourself, what is going on in your own mind, but it looks very good.

Anyway, what I saw today with *my* own eyes, all you guys up there practicing, that makes me really happy. Thank you, Khenpo, for coming to be our lama and teaching us, sharing Holiness's teachings and lineage and everything. And thank you everybody for learning and working so hard. It looks like everybody did really nicely.

That is the real lineage, trying and learning, learning and trying, stage by stage.

Tashi Delek!

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