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SEEING OUR OWN SITUATION CLEARLY

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Part 8

One Flower Garden of Enlightened Body, Speech, and Mind

From 1974 until now, I have worked as hard as I could for you. So many lamas have come and given teachings. Was this self-serving of them? Was this to benefit themselves? No. The lamas in their kindness have worked tirelessly for you. They came to benefit you.

Shashi, Ila, and the other students have studied, and I have been squeezing and pushing them to learn—also for your benefit. I don't have an endless life. I thought that this might be of some benefit to you. I don't know anything myself, I have no qualities, but other lamas and translators have taught these students and answered their questions, nourishing their studies. Now they are learning, slowly, and I have asked them to start teaching. But if you don't want to listen, that is up to you. If you think, "That's a Tashi Chöling teaching," or "That's an O.D.D. event," or "That's a Portland thing," that's fine. You are just cutting off your own opportunity, screwing yourself up. That's not my business, if you want to be so stupid.

If you want to know what will be of benefit to you, though, then in the future, don't be biased or preferential like this. All of the dharma centers are your dharma center, and if you think of each of them as your own home and your own dharma garden, you will benefit all. Don't engage your three poisons, and if you don't then you will all be one—you will be one mandala, you will be one flower garden of the Buddhas' enlightened body, speech, and mind.

Please consider this and always work to promote this kind of harmony and togetherness. What goodness you have, enrich it, outerly, innerly, and secretly.

For me, I am impermanent and can't go here and there easily anymore. If I get up, it is hard to sit. If I sit, I can't get up. When I die, whatever dharma I have taught, study and

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contemplate and meditate on it. Take that from me—I can't bring it with me. I will be taking my negative actions with me, and I have plenty! You don't need to add to them. So be loving and harmonious toward each other as much as you can.

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