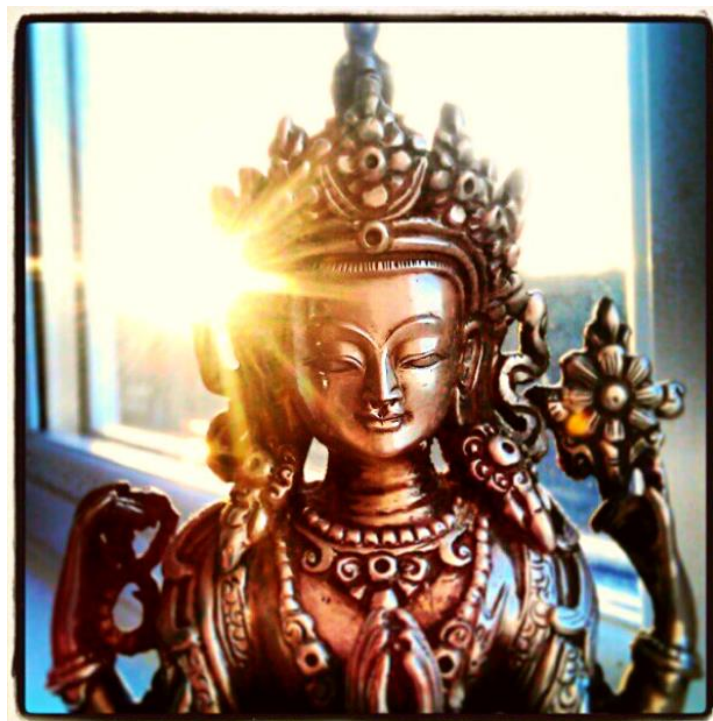


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Seventh passage

The Play of Interdependence and Impermanence

Nót long ago,
your consciousness
was wandering
álone.

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Swépt along
by Kar-ma,
it took
this presént birth.

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**Sóon, like a hair
pulled out of bútter,**

leaving everything
behind,
you *WILL* go on again
álonge.



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Eighth passage

The Eight Freedoms and Ten Advantages of a Precious Human Life

Óf course what we want
is our ówn good,

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**só we have to be honest
with our ówn selves:**

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if we do *NOT* accomplish
the essence
of the Dhar-ma
for our **o**wn sake,

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will we *NOT*
be *squandering*
our own life’s (*opportunity*)?



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Ninth passage

Determining, Doing, and Deceiving/ and the Meaning of Life

Ín this dark age,
what people think and do
is vÍle.

Nóne of them
will help you,
they *could* deceive
and **trí**ck you;

and for you
to be of any help
to them
will be hard;

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would it *NOT*
be best to quit
the whole *rát* race?



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Tenth passage

Devotion, Nurture, and Love – or – Kindness as its Own Reward

Though you serve
your (*so-called*) superiors,
they *might* never
be pleased;

thóugh you look after
your (*so-called*) inferiors,
they *might* never
be sátisfied;

thóugh you care
about others,
they *might NOT*
care abóut you.

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Think about it,
and make
a firm decision.



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Eleventh passage

Scholar, Yogi, and Ruler – Freedom from the Burden of Agenda

**Béing learned these days
might NOT help the teachings
it *could* just lead to more *débate*;**

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béing realized these days
might NOT help others
it could just lead to more criticism;

béing in a responsible position
these days *might* **NÓT** help
góvern the country well
it *might* only spread révolt.

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Think about these times
with sorrow
and disgust.



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Twelfth passage

Explanation, Motivation, and Acquiescence

Though you explain,
people *could* miss the point
or *simply NOT*
believe you;

though your motivation
is truly altruistic,
people *might* think
it is *NOT*.

These days,
when the crooked
see the straight
as crooked,

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you *might* **NOT**
(*be able to*) help anyone
give up any **hope**
of that.



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