



## A Gift of Liberation

### Course Six—Preparing for Our Teacher

#### Homework, Class Three: Please Stay and Teach

1) Lord Buddha did not, just after his enlightenment, teach the path he had found to other people. Why not? And how was it that he did eventually turn the Wheel of the Dharma?

2) What is the custom of our lineage with regard to turning the Wheel of the Dharma for another person?

3) What are the two forms of the Wheel of the Dharma? How do they depend upon each other, and on something else? What do these say about how we spend our own life?

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4) Pabongka Rinpoche quotes the Sutra of the Golden Light in order to demonstrate why we should engage in the sixth of the seven practices for collecting and cleaning karma. Explain!

5) Please relate, briefly, the story of the Great Mistake which his disciple Ananda made, in the time of Lord Buddha.

*Coffee shop assignment:* Please meet with at least one other person—or better, a group of people—whom you didn't know well before this teaching; do your homework together and discuss together any questions you have. Please write here where, when, and with whom you did your homework:

*Meditation assignment:* Repeat the meditation from the previous class—15 minutes early in the day, and 15 minutes later in the day, identify one good habit or quality about yourself. Then fantasize about who you were and what you were like, perhaps in a previous life, in a similar way to cause yourself to be this way now. And then fantasize briefly on how the current seeds planted by being like this now may lead you to be—what kind of person, and where in the world—doing the same things multiplied many times, perhaps in future life. Please write here the two times that you started these meditations.