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This is an argument which occurred one time between Wisdom and her opponent, whose name was The Tendency to Think that Things are Real. It all started when Wisdom was identifying what the word "Mahamudra" meant, at three different stages in a person's life: in the way things normally are for them; in the way they are as this person practices the spiritual path; and as they are when the person reaches the fruit of their practice.

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I bow down to my Lama, Angel of Angels.

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१य:य:८:से८:वर्झ्स:बेर:गुटः। १८:से८:य:८८:से८:य:बाहेश। १८वे:व:बाहेबा:गुटःस:धे८:यर।

### |भेर्यावेंत्रवर्द्ध्रभयस्य

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There are others who say they meditate
On the fact that I don't exist;
But they fail to make the most simple distinction
Between my not being there
And non-existence itself.
And so many meditate upon
Nothing more than nothing there.

निः इस्रश्नाद्यः भी से त्यास्य भी त्या निः इस्रश्नाद्यः स्था स्थान्यः स्यान्यः स्थान्यः स्थान्यः स्थान्यः स्थानः स्थान्यः स्थानः स्थान्यः

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All these types of meditation Are my holy enlightened deeds, And are nothing remotely close to you.

Who knows where you might have gone When they are deep in these?
Goodness knows I never see you
Even a moment there.

To say you will drive me from the mind Is nothing but a joke.

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Those who do possess some training Say they're meditating on you, But spend their time trying to prove One thing or another.
They analyze, and then they examine, Looking again and again For some problem in the way that others Try to meditate.

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They try to find some problem
In the conclusions others make;
Then they analyze, and analyze,
The meditations they used to get there;
And then they start to analyze
The one who's doing the analysis,
And then move on to the one
Who's analyzing that.

|दर्शेद्रायदेगित्रेद्रायदेशित्रेद्रायदेशित्र्यात्रेद्रायदेशित्र्यात्रेद्यात्रेद्र्यात्रेद्र्यात्रेद्र्यात्रेद्र्यात्रेद्र्यात्रेद्र्यात्रेद्र्यात्रेद्र्यात्रेद्र्यात्रेद्र्यात्रेद्र्यात्रेद्र्यात्रेद्यात्यात्रेद्र्यात्रेद्र्यात्यात्रेद्र्यात्रेद्र्यात्रेद्र्यात्रेत

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The antidotes of analysis come then To an infinite regression—
You can analyze on to infinity.

But all you've done is entangle yourself
In a net of long-winded ideas
That will leave you completely exhausted—
There is nothing there to meditate on.

It feels with this kind of analysis
That the next thing must be something,
But whatever you bring to mind then isn't
The next thing any more.

|रेशविष्यादः देश्चें स्ट्रास्ट्रीत्। |रेशविष्यादः सेत्यादः सेत्रां स्ट्रीस्। |रेशविष्यादः सेत्यादः सेत्रां से

# |८.२८.८हूर-केट्य.यथात्य.सून्या |यायका.जीयाका.यझूका.त.धुर-सून्यःक्षा

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And so sometimes people are meditating On nothing more than me;
And sometimes they are meditating On nothing more than nothing;
And sometimes they are meditating On trying to think of nothing.

A person who is meditating
On the way that all things really are—
Who enters a meditation upon
The object which is absolute,
And thus attains a state of mind
Incompatible with how I see things—
Is as common as a star that shines
In the middle of the day.

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Until we come to a day when you Can change this situation, I would ask you never to speak again

Of trying to drive me from the mind.

You are an udumbara flower—
One of those blooms that only appears
Once in several thousand years.

In the very best of circumstances You might come, but only once; And even that requires that one Spend an inconceivable number Of eons amassing an unsurpassed Power of virtuous deeds.

And that can only come by pleasing The one who is your Lama.

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Now for me that's all unnecessary; I am this mansion's resident lord. And sending me from this mind requires The wisdom that acts against me, In an unmistaken form: A way of looking at things Which is incompatible With how I see them myself— There is no other way.

# |मॅर्म्थर्संम्बद्धः न्याः स्ट्रास्यः म्याः स्ट्रास्यः स्ट्रास्यः

And even if there were

Some other, different ways,

Nobody would accept them—

They would come and take me as their friend

They would come and take me as their friend, And for those who take me as their friend

Freedom will never be.

|८२:अर्डेन्स्यास्य प्रम्यः प्रम्यः । |१८२:अरु. १८२:स्रेस्स्यः स्याः । |हिना स्रोट्यं स्थाः प्रम्यः स्थाः । |मात्रसः स्थाः प्रम्यः स्थाः । |१८३:स्रोटः स्थाः प्रम्यः स्थाः ।

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There is another thing that people do
That they think is a meditation
Upon the way things really are:
Rather than hammering me on the head,
They try to reach a state of mind
Free of any conceptions—
A state of mind which never says

Something is either this or that. And it makes me break out in laughter From the bottom of the heart.

वित्रायासूदः वास्त्रेस्यास्त्रम् । वित्रायासूदः वास्त्रेस्यास्त्रम् । वित्रायासूदः वास्त्रेस्य । वित्रायासूद्रम् । वित्रायास्त्रम् । वित्रम् । वित्

#### 112

The appearance of things around us Some count as being the mind, Deciding the mind must be empty. Then they decide that being empty Must mean the mind's an illusion.

Meditating on this illusion
Is then what it means to say the mind
Possesses no nature of its own;
This then they hold to be meditation
On the way things really are.

But the object here is nothing more Than the deceptive nature of things; At best they are only meditating On what it means to be an illusion. 

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If one were to find in a meditation That I was something that didn't exist, Then that would damage me, because I can't not be here and be here too.

But until such time as a person reaches A meditation where they conclude That I'm not here, then their view of things And mine are not in contradiction, And they could never hurt me at all.

विश्वाम्याविषाः वृत्तः स्ट्रीयः त्रेत्तः त्रेत्तः वृत्तः वृत्तः स्ट्रीयः व्याप्तः स्ट्रीयः व्याप्तः स्ट्रीयः व । त्रेत्तः क्षेत्रस्य स्ट्रीयः व्याप्तः स्ट्रीयः । । त्राय्यायः स्ट्रीयः स्ट्रीयः व्याप्तः स्ट्रीयः । । त्राय्यायः स्ट्रीयः स्ट्रीयः । त्राय्याः स्ट्रीयः । । त्राय्यायः स्ट्रीयः स्ट्रीयः । त्राय्याः स्ट्रीयः । । त्राय्यायः स्ट्रीयः स्ट्रीयः । त्राय्याः । त्रायः । त्रायः

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Some other people reflect upon how There are no edges or middle To the emptiness of space; And then they meditate on this, Mixed with the mind itself.

And they think this is the view Where things are just like space; They think that this is the meditation Where things are just like space.

|म्बान्यकार्यः स्त्रुक्षः स्रोदः यः देर। |क्षेत्रकार्यः स्वरः द्वुकः स्रोदः यः दे। |क्षेत्रकार्यः सम्बद्धः स्वरः स्वरः स्वरं स्वरं

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I can't imagine why anyone
Would think that thinking that space
Has no edges and no middle
Would somehow be incompatible
With my continued presence.

As far as the fact that the mind Has no edges and no middle, The reason we see no edges there Is simply because the mind Is not a physical thing!

|८.लु.चाधेथ.तूर्यकीर.घ.वर्षिल| |८.ज.रुच!त्तर.थाचीर.थ| |८.धु.सुथस्त्राजीर्द्धिट.री.वजीट.|

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And so I continue My delightful dance,

Here within your thoughts;

If you think that something can stop me When it cannot even touch me, Then quite mistaken you are.

|त्यायाः इस्राहेनाः श्लेषायतेः दुर्गा |इत्रायसाञ्जेतायमः श्लेषाः द्रशास्त्राः स्थाः स्थाः |त्यायाः इस्राह्मेश्लेषाः स्थाः स्थाः स्थाः

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Some people believe in yet another version Of what it means to meditate Upon the way things really are.

They say that when a thought pops up You should simply focus upon it: Watch as it makes its arrival, Stare at how it looks.

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And when this thought then slips away, All of its own accord, Understand that this is nothing less Than a Buddha's body of reality.

The more random thoughts you have then,
The more reality bodies you have—
So why make any effort to stop
Random thoughts in your meditation!

This they claim is the practice Of transforming things into The body of reality.

|द्रमःह्रेन्द्रन्यः वानुस्यः अः स्राध्यः व्यान्तः वयान्तः व्यान्तः वयान्तः व्यान्तः व्यान्तः व्यान्तः व्यान्तः व्यान्तः व्यान्तः वयान्तः वयान्यः वयान्तः वयान

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Seeing that your random thoughts Are not a physical thing,
Understanding that our mind
Is not a physical thing,
Is not a point of view that stands
In any way opposed
To the way that I consider things.

So to claim that you could use this

To drive me from the mind Is nothing but a joke, Much less saying that it's a way To see the reality body.