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PROPHETIC TOPIC

**ACCEPTING ONE THING SHOULD NOT MAKE
YOU DARK AND IGNORANT OF OTHERS**

FORMAT

OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCE GUEST

LOVE AND LIGHT, I'M REV. PHIL AND I'M YOUR
HOST FOR "WORDS OF THE PROPHETS." THIS
AFTERNOON MY GUEST IS DON HANDRICK WHO IS A
RESIDENT TEACHER AT THE THUBTEN NORBU LING
BUDDHIST CENTER HERE IN SANTA FE. TODAY'S
PROPHETIC TOPIC IS "ACCEPTING ONE THING
SHOULD NOT MAKE YOU DARK AND IGNORANT OF
OTHERS". THIS TOPIC COMES FROM A TALK GIVEN
BY LAMA THUBTEN YESHE, IN APRIL, 1975,
ENTITLED "RELATING TO YOUR PATH". THE 5TH
PARAGRAPH OF THIS TALK CONTAINS OUR TOPIC,
WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: "IT IS COMMON TO
FIND PEOPLE WHO THINK THAT THEIR OWN IDEAS
AND PATH ARE PERFECT. BUT BY STRONGLY
EMPHASIZING HOW WONDERFUL THEIR OWN
BELIEFS ARE, THESE PEOPLE INDICATE THAT THEY
ARE AUTOMATICALLY PUTTING OTHER, DIFFERENT
IDEAS DOWN. FOR EXAMPLE, SAY I BELIEVE THAT
YELLOW IS A FANTASTIC COLOR. WITH LOGICAL
EXPLANATIONS, I CONVINCED YOU TOO, SO THAT
YOU BELIEVE, "YELLOW IS THE PERFECT COLOR; IT
IS SO GOOD." AUTOMATICALLY, THERE ARISES IN
YOUR MIND THE IDEA THAT, "RED IS NOT SO
GOOD." THERE ARE TWO THINGS; THIS IS COMMON.
ESPECIALLY IN CONNECTION WITH RELIGION WE

SHOULD AVOID THIS KIND OF CONTRADICTION. ACCEPTING ONE THING SHOULD NOT MAKE YOU DARK AND IGNORANT OF OTHERS. IF YOU CHECK UP WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, YOU'LL SEE THAT IT IS NOT THAT YOU ARE JUST BLINDLY FOLLOWING SOMETHING EXTERNAL, BUT RATHER THAT YOUR MIND IS UNBALANCED. IF ONE VIEW IS TOO EXTREME, IT AUTOMATICALLY GENERATES ANOTHER THAT IS OPPOSED TO IT. THIS IMBALANCE DESTROYS YOUR INNER PEACE. THE CULPRIT IS YOUR OWN UNBALANCED MIND. "

1. DON'S PATH

2. WHAT IS MAHAYANA BUDDHISM?

➤ **FOUNDATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE MAHAYANA TRADITION**

➤ **VARIATIONS OF TIBETAN BUDDHISM**

3. WHAT IS SUTRA?

4. WHAT IS TANTRA?

5. WHAT ARE THE ROLES OF THE SPIRITUAL TEACHER AND THE STUDENT ON THE PATH TO ENLIGHTENMENT?