



A Tribute to A Great Practitioner

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The first teaching I received from Kyabje Lama Zopa Rinpoche was a precious short teaching on ‘Lojong, remembering the impermanence of death’ and the last one, when he left this world leaving us all behind, was a stark reminder, too. There is no doubt that Rinpoche is the upholder of the Kadam lineage of practices and every word that he spoke comes from his practice which makes him a unique and rare gem in this world. Yet he left this world for a short moment to teach lazy students like me to practice dharma and make good use of this precious human rebirth.

This is a difficult moment for all of us yet we should not grieve today, but rejoice in those precious times that we spent with Rinpoche and make commitments to follow his advice and practice more. Rinpoche's aim is to make us a better human being, better Buddhist, and a better practitioner and we should all take this opportunity to remind ourselves of these words.

Rinpoche has inspired people from all walks of life and his books are read in many prestigious academic worlds, too, including Harvard University. I wrote this short tribute while remembering Rinpoche and offering prayers along with fellow Buddhist friends at Harvard Divinity School.

With deep prayers for the swift return of Rinpoche to benefit all sentient beings!

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