

## **Thanks to a Director – Service is the Best Offering**

My most dear most kind wish-fulfilling one,

How are you? I know you are the director and have to do everything and must be so busy, so I really from my heart want to highly appreciate you, all you are doing with all your body, speech and mind.

I want to say billions and zillions of thanks to you for every single action of your body, speech and mind dedicated for sentient beings, for the teachings of Buddha, for His Holiness the Dalai Lama and for mickey mouse me. I am very small, like dahl. I hope not black dahl, but orange dahl!

You have to know that every sentient being is cherished most by numberless bodhisattvas. They purified negative defilements collected since beginningless rebirth for them and collected all the merits; even breathing in and out they do for numberless hell beings, hungry ghosts, animals, humans, suras, asuras and intermediate state beings: to free them from delusions and samsaric sufferings and bring them to omniscient mind, enlightenment. Even Shakyamuni Buddha collected merit over three countless great eons, made charity of his own life and limbs to numberless sentient beings and practiced morality for numberless sentient beings and practiced perseverance and so forth for three countless great eons and completed the path, achieved enlightenment for every sentient being, for numberless hell beings, numberless hungry ghosts, numberless animals, numberless human beings, numberless suras, numberless asuras and numberless intermediate state beings.

So that is incredible! So numberless Buddhas became enlightened for every single sentient being, including the sentient beings who come to the center. So you are teaching Dharma and awakening the sentient beings with your body, speech and mind, this is serving sentient beings. So numberless Buddhas became enlightened for this. Every sentient being is cherished by numberless Buddhas. So of course, no matter what you can do, try to serve them, help them, bring them to happiness, even just a little bit, but as much as possible try to free them from sufferings and help them to achieve happiness, especially bring them to ultimate happiness, liberation from samsara and enlightenment. That is the greatest joy, greatest happiness, most meaningful life. You offering service each time for not only numberless sentient beings, even for one sentient being that comes to the center – this is the best offering to numberless Bodhisattvas and Buddhas – so you have to know that.

I hope to see you very soon. Maybe if there is time I will go to visit the center.

Thank you very much, hope to see you soon

With much love and prayers,  
Zopa

As Sakya Pandita said:

The merit you collect by making charity of your limbs for a thousand eons, giving away your head, legs and so forth, and even dedicating that merit to sentient beings – can all be achieved in one second by the Gurus path.

Also Sakya Pandita said:

As fire burns wood and turns it into ashes in one second, like that if the glorified Guru is pleased in one second the negative karmas are burned.

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