

Advice If Differing Advice from Two Lamas is Received

There is no mistake of either lama. Seeing a mistake is coming from your own mistaken mind, which is manifesting as your gurus' actions.

This instruction from His Holiness the 5th Dalai Lama is very powerful advice for you:

“In the view of your own mind, that which is hallucinated, perverse,
Your own mistakes appeared in the actions of the Guru.
All that is definite, is that your own heart is rotten.
By discovering it is your own mistake, then abandon it as poison!”

So whatever action is done, see it as positive, pure appearance. Whatever is said, whatever advice is obtained, do exactly as advised. With that faith and respect then whatever is done becomes Dharma: this is the profound, vital point.

Then you come to understand that whatever you think is the root of everything - and can then obtain peace and happiness.

There is no mistake from the side of either guru. Even though one advises not to practice, and the other looks like they are practicing - there is no mistake in either. It is an appearance of your own mistaken mind.

Whatever the guru shows has a specific purpose: so do not see it as mistaken. My conclusion is there is no mistake on either side.

The most important quotation comes from the *Sutra Meeting Father and Son*:

“Buddha manifests in the costume of Indra, Brahmin,
And some others in the costume of mara.
And does the work for sentient beings.
But worldly people are unable to realize this.

Buddha acts in the costume of woman,
There is also Buddha in animal forms.
Buddha shows the form of attachment,
While there is no attachment.
There is no fear, but shows fear.
Is not ignorant, but shows ignorance.
Is not crazy, but shows crazy.
Does not have a limp, but shows a limp.
With various transformations,
Buddha works for sentient beings.”

So Buddha manifests for us sentient beings in all kinds of forms. This is always a subject to remember, how they guide you.

So the guru is not practicing Dolgyal, but is manifesting practicing Dolgyal - think like that. And the conclusion is that there is no mistake of either lama. This is a very important conclusion.

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