The Eight Verses of Thought Transformation





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 Dag ni sem chän tham chä la Yi zhin nor bu lä lhag päi Dön chhog drub päi sam pa yi Tag tu che par dzin par shog

Determined to obtain the greatest possible benefit From all sentient beings, Who are more precious than a wish-fulfilling jewel, I shall hold them most dear at all times.

2. Gang du su dang drog päi tshe Dag nyi kün lä män ta zhing Zhän la sam pa thag pa yi Chhog tu che par dzin par shog

When in the company of others, I shall always consider myself the lowest of all, And from the depths of my heart Hold others dear and supreme.

 Chö lam kün tu rang gyu la Tog ching nyön mong kye ma thag Dag zhän ma rung chhe pä na Tsän thab dong nä log par shog Vigilant, the moment a delusion appears in my mind, Endangering myself and others, I shall confront and avert it Without delay.

4. Rang zhing ngàn pài sem chàn ni Dig dug drag pö nön thong tshe Rin chhen ter dang thra pa zhin Nye par kaa pài che dzin shog

Whenever I see beings who are wicked in nature And overwhelmed by violent negative actions and suffering, I shall hold such rare ones dear, As if I had found a precious treasure.

5. Dag la zhän gyi thrag dog gi She kur la sog me rig päi Gyong kha rang gi len pa dang Gyäl kha zhän la bul war shog

When, out of envy, others mistreat me With abuse, insults, or the like, I shall accept defeat And offer the victory to others.

6. Gang la dag gi phän tag päi Re wa chhe wa gang zhig gi Shin tu me rig nö che naang She nyen dam par ta bar shog

When someone whom I have benefited And in whom I have great hopes Gives me terrible harm, I shall regard that person as my holy Guru. 7. Dor na ngö dang gyü pa yi Phän de ma nam kün la bul Ma yi nö dang dug ngäl kün Sang wä dag la len par shog

In short, both directly and indirectly, Do I offer every happiness and benefit to all my mothers. I shall secretly take upon myself All their harmful actions and suffering.

 De dag kün kyang chhö gyä kyi Tog päi dri mä ma pag shing Chhö kün gyu mar she päi lö Zhen me chhing wa lä dröl shog

Undefiled by the stains of the superstitions Of the eight worldly concerns, May I, by perceiving all phenomena as illusory, Be released from the bondage of attachment.

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