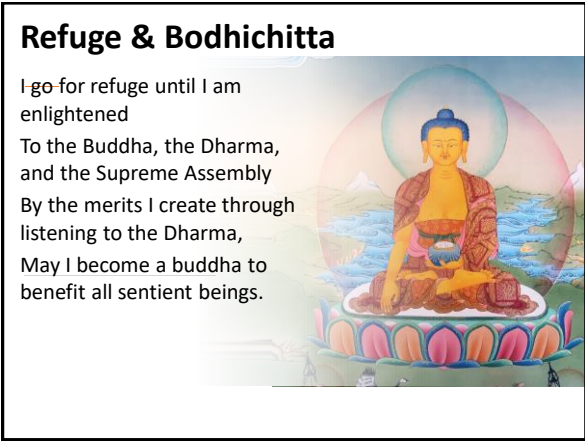
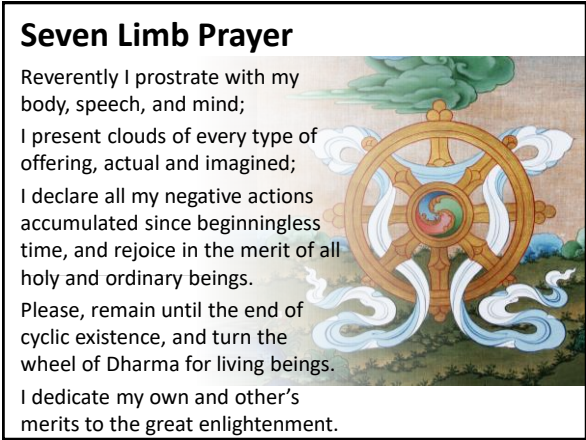


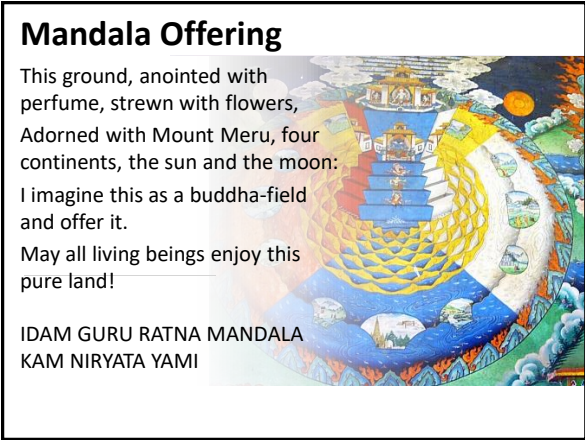
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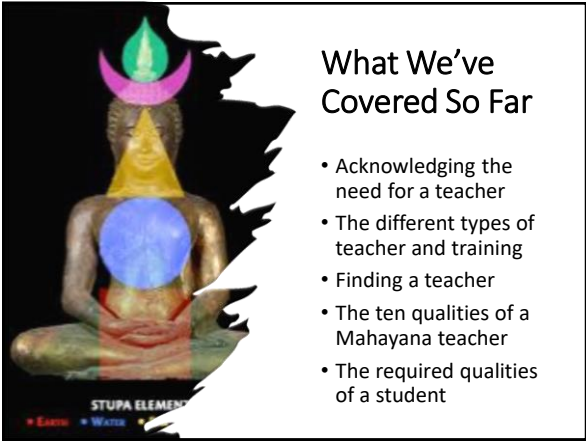
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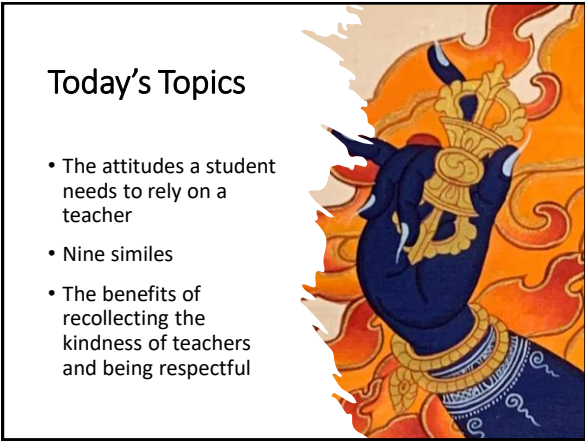
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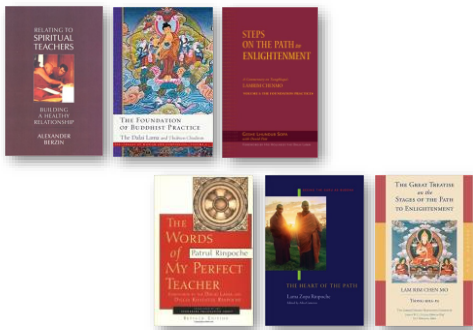


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Useful Books



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### Nine Attitudes

1. A wise young son
2. A vajra
3. The earth
- 4 – 9. Carrying out responsibilities

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### Like a Wise Young Son

**May I be like an obedient son,**  
Acting in accordance with  
The Guru's advice

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### Like a Vajra

Even when maras, evil friends and the like  
Try to split me from the Guru,  
**May I be like a vajra,**  
Inseparable forever


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### Like the Earth

When the Guru gives me work,  
Whatever the burden,  
**May I be like the earth,** carrying it all.



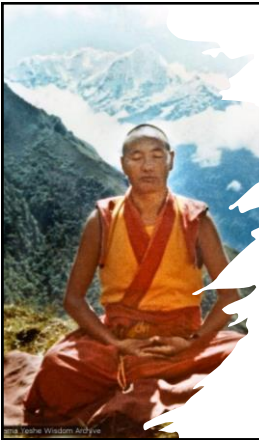
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### Carrying Out Responsibilities

4. An all-encompassing mountain
5. An ordinary servant
6. A sweeper
7. A rope
8. A dog
9. A ferry

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### An All-Encompassing Mountain

When I devote myself to the Guru,  
Whenever suffering occurs  
**May I be like a mountain,**  
Immovable.

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### A Servant

Even if I have to perform all the unpleasant tasks,  
**May I be like a servant of the king,**  
With a mind undisturbed.



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### A Sweeper

May I abandon pride.  
Holding myself lower than the Guru,  
**May I be like a sweeper.**

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### A Rope


**May I be like a rope,**  
Joyfully holding the Guru's work,  
No matter how difficult  
Or heavy the burden



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### A Dog


Even when the Guru criticizes,  
Provokes or ignores me,  
**May I be like a dog**  
without anger,  
Never responding with harm.



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### A Ferry

**May I be like a boat,**  
Never upset at any time  
To come and go  
For the Guru.




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### Cultivating Appreciation and Respect

This joyful attitude removes obstacles and facilitates our practice.

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### More kind than Shakyamuni Buddha

All the past Buddhas did not guide us  
He now guides us on the path  
He is kind in teaching us the dharma  
He is kind in blessing our mind stream  
He looks after us materially & spiritually

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### Calling the Guru from Afar

Magnificently glorious Guru,  
Dispelling the dark of ignorance,  
Revealing the path of liberation,  
Liberating from the waters of cyclic existence,  
Eliminating the diseases of the five poisons,  
Who is the wish granting jewel.



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### Lama Tsong Khapa says...

our thoughts and activities will be virtuous  
You will please your virtuous friends  
You will not bring suffering to yourself or others  
You will complete all your collections of good qualities  
You will be able to work for the welfare of living beings  
You will be able to help those who have entered wrong paths

--LamRimChenMo p88

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### What's the Take-Away?

- Nine similes for nine attitudes.
- The benefits of being respectful and recollecting the teacher's kindness

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### Read


- Pages 8-12, FPMT Notes

### Memorise

- 9 attitudes for student cultivation
- The "Lama, think of me" prayer

### Coming up

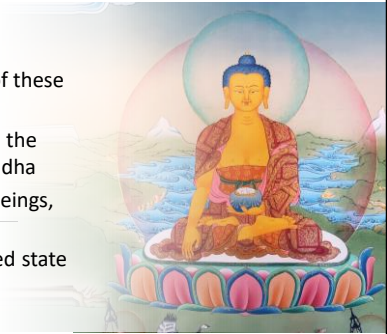
- Developing a proper reliance on the teacher through practice



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**Dedication**

Due to the merits of these  
virtuous actions  
May I quickly attain the  
state of a Guru-Buddha  
And lead all living beings,  
without exception,  
Into that enlightened state



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**Bodhicitta Verse**

May the supreme jewel bodhicitta  
Not yet born, arise and grow  
May that born have no decline  
But increase forever more



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