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**To the Tibetan Buddhists around the world and fellow Tibetan compatriots
within and outside Tibet**

His Holiness The Dalai Lama is the undisputed leader of the six million Tibetans and a world renowned Buddhist leader as well as a respected statesman of great charisma for which he was awarded the prestigious 1989 Nobel Peace Prize among many others. His genuine concern for the welfare of the Tibetan people, the weak and the down trodden and his teachings on compassion to bring about a more humane and harmonious world and his call for the protection of all forms of life on our planet and their habitat in the form of what he termed as ‘Universal Responsibility’ has caught the imagination of the world and is held in great esteem by virtually the whole world irrespective of their religious affiliations or political ideology. However, it is a measure of profound sorrow that a so called “Geshe” Kelsang Gyatso and his English supporters have embarked upon a ruthless smear campaign to tarnish the International stature of His Holiness The Dalai Lama in the name of alleged “religious persecution”. It is nothing short of blasphemy in the eyes of the overwhelming majority of the six million Tibetans. At such a critical juncture of our history does it behove the fanatical supporters of the controversial medieval spirit to damage the reputation of the leader of the very people whose religion they have adopted and have benefitted from it? You claim that “what the Tibetan people need, as a country, is to gain Independence from China. We are one hundred percent in support of the Tibetans achieving this goal”. Does your action of tarnishing the Dalai Lama’s image really help to achieve the Tibetans their goal or does it make it even further? Who is benefitting from this mud slinging campaign and how do you explain that you all are infact “hundred percent in support of the Tibetans achieving their goal?.” Actions speak louder than words and we are under no illusion with whom your sympathies are despite your statements to the contrary. The Tibetans all over the world were deeply distressed by your attempt to portray the Dalai Lama as a “ruthless dictator” an “oppressor of his own people” and smash his International stature so that the Tibetan struggle will be like a rudderless ship tossing helplessly in the sea of international intrigues

and treachery. From where did you borrow your vocabulary to malign the Dalai Lama? Are they not straight from the Chinese propaganda dictionary? Is this the way the English people repay their gratitude to those whom they owe a measure of good will? We understand that you did it at the behest of Kelsang Gyatso who is today a pariah in the Tibetan community and it is important to know something about this person so that your own life is not completely destroyed in the frenzy of blind loyalty to this apostate. Without going into a lengthy story about this man, atleast for the moment, here are a few facts which may be worth pondering about for your own future good. As Buddhists, the Guru and the chela relationship is the basis of all Buddhist practise and without a healthy Guru, chela relationship there is absolutely no question of realisation or attaining any path. The Great Lamrim teaching lays great emphasis on this aspect and begins with: How to rely on a spiritual friend, which is the root of the path. It then proceeds with eight benefits of relying on a spiritual friend, the eight shortcomings of not relying on spiritual friend and the eight shortcomings of relying wrongly upon ones spiritual friend.

The last one i.e. eight shortcomings of relying wrongly are:

- 1) *Despising, abusing or leaving the Guru, one despises all the victorious Ones*
- 2) *If one generates angry thoughts towards the Guru; because of having destroyed the root of virtue; one will be reborn in the hells for as many aeons as the number of moments one was angry*
- 3) *Although relying on the Mantra Path, one will not obtain the supreme state*
- 4) *Although one practices with effort in order to attain the aim of tantric practise, one will attain rebirth in the hells on and on*
- 5) *All the good qualities not generated before will not be generated and those already generated will decay*
- 6) *In this life, many things that you don't desire, such as sickness will befall you*
- 7) *In this next life you will wonder endlessly in evil migrations*
- 8) *In all lifetimes you will be separated from spiritual friends*

As Buddhists all you must be aware of the consequences of despising ones Guru and abusing him since Kelsang must have taught you for these many years and you have exalted him to the status of the "third Buddha". But what you may have not been told is that Kelsang himself has transgressed the eight shortcomings of relying wrongly upon his own spiritual master H.H. The Dalai Lama. According to the circular released by the Sera Jhe Tsangpa Khangtsen, to whom Kelsang belonged, he had received both sutra and tantric teachings from H.H. The Dalai Lama when he was in Tibet. He had received the fifth Dalai Lama's Lamrim Jampel Shalung at the Norbu Linka summer palace and the Kalachakra Initiation in 1956 from H.H. The Dalai Lama which incidently was the first Kalachakra

initiation by the fourteenth Dalai Lama. As it were, there is simply no question of his not being a disciple of H.H. The Dalai Lama but he has ignored this aspect and launched a blistering attack on the Dalai Lama in the name of “religious persecution” along with his gullible followers. The outcome of all this attempt to denigrate the person of the of Dalai Lama by Kelsang clearly transgressed his spiritual relationship with the Dalai Lama and though he has mentioned in his letter that “all of us are destined to go to hell”, we are in no doubt that he will infact be the one who will land in hell. We have therefore stripped him of his membership from our Sera Jhe Dratsang since the holy scriptures have clearly prescribed to evict such apostates who will foul the Sanga community’s spiritual purity and serenity and will have a negative influence for the whole community. To quote from one of the Tantric treatises:

Those who abuse and disparage the Guru
 Let them not be seen even in dreams
 The ones who denigrate the Guru
 Will be possessed by demons and devils
 The evil doer who indulges in such heinous acts
 Must be shunned by the wise.

Owing to the above reasons contained in the holy Tantric treatises, the Sera Jhe Dratsang’s Abbot and ex-abbots, Reincarnations of holy Lamas, Geshes, and the House Masters of the fifteen different Houses unanimously decided to strip Kelsang Gyatso of his membership in the Sera Jhe Dratsang and his own House had earlier done the same. If Kelsang insists that we are the ones who would go to hell; then our answer would be, if by obeying the words of our precious Guru, we are destined for hell while, Kelsang who spewed venom on his Guru is exonerated, You may indeed brag that as the true way of the “New Kadampa Tradition”. If however he disavows any spiritual links with the Dalai Lama; how is he going to disapprove the statements made by his own House, the Sera Jhe Tsangpa Khangtsen who knows him the best? Or is it that when he arrived in England he was able to dry clean the spiritual link between the Dalai Lama?

Kelsang Gyatso in his letter addressed to the Democratic Party of Tibet based in Dharamsala, the Regional Assembly of Rajpur and the Regional Swiss Tibetan Assembly written in July, he said there was no democratic rights in the exile Tibetan community implying that the Dalai Lama is still holding all the reigns of power. To start with, what did the Tibetan people really do to achieve democracy in our community? Has Kelsang so much as spared a breath for the sake of democracy? Who was responsible for making the first draft of the Tibetan National Democratic Constitution in the beginning of 1960s and initially announcing the Democratic Constitution on 10th October 1961 and formally in 1963? Infact a clause in the constitution where the Dalai Lama would be relieved of his duty by a majority vote in the parliament was received with great alarm by the Tibetan people and had to be redressed. Is it not the Dalai Lama who is the main force behind the democratization of the Tibetan community in exile? Besides H.H. The

Dalai Lama has repeatedly voiced his willingness to abdicate his present position and has transferred his power upon the forty-seven member elected representatives of the Tibetan people which is known as Assembly of Tibetan peoples Deputies. Today it is the most powerful political structure in the Tibetan community. A constitution for the Tibetan Exiles has been promulgated and all the rights that a free and open society enjoys is enshrined within the limits of our existing situation. Therefore the allegation of having no democratic freedom thus inferring that the Dalai Lama is holding all the reigns of power does not hold water. It is nothing but a crude form of debasing the Dalai Lama for his own selfish ends. To be frank he does not know anything about the workings of a democracy and is only tutored by his gullible followers and he gives the nod to dish out an anti-Dalai Lama sloganeering. We have nothing but pity for your ignorance. We know that he is holding a British and he has gone on record saying he is not a Tibetan. What business has he got in poking his nose into the Tibetan exile's internal problem? Since he does not accept the authority of the exile Government in his centers, why is he showing so much interest in the monasteries which are under the jurisdiction of H.H. The Dalai Lama's Government? Why not mind his own business and do what he likes in his own bigoted kingdom? The Dalai Lama has specifically made it clear during the Spring teachings at Dharamsala that restrictions on Dolgyal (Shugden) would not apply to any monastery, Lama's household or private individuals, "who does not support the Exile-Government headed by him and those who have no concern for the general interest of Tibet". Since Kelsang does not even regard himself as a Tibetan and bans the Dalai Lama's photos like his Chinese counterparts and treats the Tibetan Government with contempt, how could anyone expect his concern for the welfare of the Tibetans? Under the circumstances his nefarious activities against the Tibetan people and against the Dalai Lama in foreign lands is suspect in the eyes of the Tibetan people. Under the guise of a crusader for the medieval spirit, he is in fact out to destroy the Dalai Lama as the Chinese say, to kill a snake, it must crush the head. Otherwise, what is the need for this bigot to make a mountain out of a mole when the Dalai Lama has said, if anyone has valid reasons for the worship of this controversial spirit, the door is open for discussions. It vindicates the popular Tibetan saying, his is not craving for the apricot but destruction of the branch.

He has asked how does the propitiation of Dolgyal harms the Dalai Lama's life? To start with we would like to ask him if Dolgyal is provoked by an individual holy Lama which results in a rancour between the two, will the rancour continue with the successive incarnations or will it disappear? If your answer is that it will disappear we advise you to go through Phagoed Lamae Shal-lung; the spine chilling and controversial book written by the late Zemed Trulku in 1976. If on the other hand your answer is that the rancour will continue, then don't pretend that you are ignorant of the rancour Dolgyal nurses against the fourteenth Dalai Lama since there existed a rancour between his predecessors the fifth Dalai Lama Ngawang Losan Gyatso and the Thirteenth Dalai Lama Thubten Gyatso. It is not true that H.H. The Dalai Lama was responsible for this present predicament. You

know it and you have also heard of it. If you haven't heard, find somebody else if possible who will explain the real cause of this situation. Besides, His Holiness The Dalai Lama, in his capacity as the spiritual and temporal leader of the Tibetan people is only guiding us concerning the spirit Dolgyal in the larger interest of the Tibetans. Is it not therefore fair that just as you want your freedom of speech respected, the Dalai Lama's freedom of speech be equally respected?

He states that for the last eighteen years the Dalai Lama has done nothing!!!

His hatred towards the Dalai Lama obscures him from seeing any merit of the Dalai Lama. There is nothing really surprising about it because we have historic evidence of people like Kelsang who have seen only fault even in the holy person of the Buddha and Lama Tsongkhapa during their life time. It is not the fault of the holy Buddha, nor Lama Tsongkhapa nor H.H. The Dalai Lama but the beholder like Kelsang Gyatso whose demonic instinct get the better of them and are thus overwhelmed by them and see even Buddhas in a darklight. He is an object of pity and nothing else. Apostate Kelsang has had the audacity to say that we will land in hell as he knew in advance but does he know where he will go after this life? Well, if he doesn't know here is a guide which would give him a fairly good idea of where he is headed for hereafter.

If after listening to even a verse
One does not regard him as Guru
After being born as dog for hundred times
Will he be reborn as ones that eats ones own flesh.

While conscious of being ones own Guru
Knowingly insults and disparages him
It amounts to insulting all the Buddhas
Such a person will forever experience sorrow.

He also goes on to say that H.H. The Dalai Lama has not mentioned independence in any of his declarations. It is merely an accusation though he does not know head or tail about politics or the international political scenario. However, if he is really interested we will give him a reply that might help him so that he does not remain a blind lunatic marooned in a Victorian Gothic mansion. Frank Anthony the wellknown Editor of the Indian Express News Paper writes in his book "The Revolt in Tibet" "Two months later, on June 20, the Dalai Lama chose to receive press correspondents at Mussoorie and to circulate a two-thousand-word statement which went specifically and categorically far beyond his Tezpur statement. NOTHING SHORT OF THE PRE-1950 STATUS OF TIBET, he flatly declared would be acceptable to him, and this would be a condition precedent to the reopening of negotiations with the Chinese, wherein he would welcome a foreign mediator". For Kelsang's information the so called "17 point agreement" was signed on May 23, 1951. Therefore the Dalai Lama's pre-1950 status means

complete Independence. You should not hold the Dalai Lama responsible for your own ignorance.

In the widely acclaimed "FIVE POINT PEACE PLAN FOR TIBET" envisaged by the Dalai Lama and presented at the U.S. Congress on September 21, 1987. He wrote, "The Chinese authorities have attempted to confuse the issue by claiming that Tibet has always been a part of China. This is untrue. Tibet was a fully Independent State when the People's Liberation Army invaded the country in 1949/1950".

In the Strasbourg Proposal announced in the European Parliament on June 15, 1988, he said "Our history, dating back more than two thousand years, has been one of Independence. At no time, since the founding of our nation in 127 B.C., have we Tibetans conceded our sovereignty to a foreign power".

During an interview with the Times of India reporter Sabina Sehgal on December 13, 1991, after the conclusion of the Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng's visit to India, he was asked about the reference to Tibet in the joint communiqué signed between India and China where China had insisted the inclusion of Tibet as part of China. H.H. The Dalai Lama was asked, What do you feel about it? He answered: "TIBET IS NOT A PART OF CHINA". So Kelsang should try to open his eyes rather than his foul mouth and attempt to diminish the stature of the Dalai Lama by his vituperative outbursts. He cannot cheat and mislead everybody like he does his fawning disciples.

On numerous occasions H.H. The Dalai Lama said that the Chinese were trying to pressure him to recognise Tibet as part of China but he cannot do it because he said, he was a Bikshu and he cannot tell a lie and even if he did, it will only make a fool of himself. The historical aspect of Tibet having been an independent sovereign nation cannot be erased, he said. But Kelsang refuses to hear the Dalai Lama's statement and then creates his own brand of tirade to blaspheme the holy person of the Dalai Lama. The Dalai Lama's steadfast adherence to the true historical fact of Tibet and his non-violent movement has won him laurels and good will of the international community for his tireless effort to solve the Tibet problem which has gained urgency owing to the massive influx of Chinese into Tibet which will finally seal the fate of Tibet by swamping the indigenous Tibetan population by Chinese settlers. As a consequence the United States Congress adopted a resolution on 23, May 1991, declaring the whole of Tibet and occupied country whose true representatives are the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan Government-in-Exile. So Kelsang's canard that the Dalai Lama "has made no declaration of independence and having done nothing for the last eighteen years" is like the owl saying there is no sun even in daylight. We would further ask him to go through the Chinese monthly periodical so called "China's Tibet", Vol. No.1 Spring 1990 where they have discussed the Strasbourg Proposal in depth and Vol.6No.1 1995, where they have discussed in detail what the Dalai Lama is doing to achieve Tibetan Independence. To quote for the benefit of Kelsang, "In the

1960s and 1970s, the world had little knowledge of Tibetan separatists in exile in India. Since the 1980s, however, the world has gained an increasing understanding of their existence largely because of the Dalai Lama's separatist efforts in the international community. In the 1980s and especially since the mid-1980s the Dalai Lama has redoubled his efforts in regard to Tibetan Independence. He has travelled extensively each year, with visits to dozens of countries in Europe, Asia and the Americas. He has met with Government leaders and offered numerous interviews with correspondents, all the while talking glibly about Tibetan Independence. Ironically, his separatist efforts won him a Nobel Peace Prize. He has emerged as a religious figure who has gained increasing influence internationally, and has impressed the world as a mature and experienced statesman and diplomat". We sincerely hope that the cult leader and his fanatical supporters go through this and think twice before their vitriolic outpourings on the holy person of the Dalai Lama. We believe you would trust the Chinese version more than ours and because of this we took the liberty to quote from the Chinese communist periodical. It would be even better if you would care to go through the whole article and you will be surprised that even the Chinese communists have far greater respect for the Dalai Lama than cult leader Kelsang Gyatso and his cultists in Cumbria, England!!!

The cultists have used the Strasbourg Proposal which the Dalai Lama usually refers to as the "Middle Path" the whipping horse to further malign the Dalai Lama. In the Strasbourg Proposal, the final verdict is left with the Tibetan people and the Dalai Lama envisaged it as a basis for talks with China and keep the issue of Tibet alive in the international arena. As a leader he has to take the initiative and manoeuvre and towards that end he has brought about the proposal but it has long been dead and what is the necessity of digging it up? The Tibetan people are gearing up for a referendum to either demand Independence, self-determination, the Middle Path or Satyagraha. Why not work to that end instead of slurring the fair name of the Dalai Lama? We know that as far as that is concerned he will care two hoots for it. He is like a sieve which collects only the dirt and allows all the wholesome ingredients pass through.

He also goes onto allege that it was the relief organisations which has sustained the exile community and that the Dalai Lama and his government has done nothing. Whose vision was it that created the Tibetan diaspora and helped the preservation of our culture through these tumultuous years and the many schools that gave education to thousands of Tibetan children and whose fruits we are now benefitting with the whole work force of the Exile-Government being manned by our up coming new educated generation. If the Dalai Lama is not responsible for the prosperity and wellbeing of the Tibetan exiles who is responsible, will he tell us? More than eight thousand new monk students who have joined their respective traditional monasteries in India are given an annual allowance of five hundred rupees and some seven thousand students from Tibet have joined different schools affiliated to the Department of Education of the Tibetan-Exile- Government to give

a sample for his perusal. On the other hand, what has this obscure man done in these past thirty or forty years of exile? When the Sera Monastery was transferred south India from Buxa, he left the monastery for Mussoorie (a hill station in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh) and stayed there as a chronic T.B. patient. When he was picked up by the FPMT (Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition, founded by the late Lama Yeshe) to go to England, he not only went there but he usurped the FPMT centre and made it his own NKT!! What does this demonstrate of the nature of this lean and hungry looking man in a religious garb? What does it smack of? Vulgarity or purity? On top of it he has used his stay in Mussoorie as a publicity stunt as having “meditated in the Indian Himalayas for fifteen years”!!!

Though he has been in foreign land for some twenty years, what has he done to support the Tibetan people? He is known to have some two hundred centers but all these years he has been stashing away the millions of pounds extracted from his credulous disciples for his own insatiable greed. He has only recently renewed his contact with his house (Sera Jhe, Tsangpa House) and asked young monks' photos to be sent. But most of the monks from the Tsangpa Khangtsen already knew the sacrilege he was committing by banning the photos of the Dalai Lama and even the utterance of his name in the premises of his cult kingdom. It is an unheard piece of news which every Tibetan will condemn with the severest indignation. The motivation behind this act was, he was now planning to wean away innocent, unsuspecting, young minds towards his cultist school called the “New Kadampa Tradition” which imposes a ban on Tibet's Spiritual and Temporal leader the Dalai Lama and thus undermine his authority even in the exile community. His single minded motivation now is to undermine the authority of the Dalai Lama and maroon the Tibetan people. This is unacceptable to the six million Tibetans and we will challenge him for this.

As for his allegation that the Dalai Lama is using Kalachakra as a means of congregating masses, it is nothing but jealousy. If he were able to do it like the Dalai Lama, will he hesitate to do it?

We advise him to accept the fact that he is an ordinary being and stand no chance whatsoever to challenge the Dalai Lama. He is not even a Geshe. The so called “third Buddha” is a figment of imagination conjured up by his fawning disciples as a propaganda tool to attract more people to his centre and that it should not go to his head. It is said in the holy scriptures that:

No matter howsoever sharp a thorn may be
If poked against a rocky face, it will be blunted
If by jealousy, one disparages a holy being
It will only self-destruct and insult oneself

His venomous invectives against the Dalai Lama is unbecoming of a Buddhist and he should have at least remembered the time when he escaped to India from Tibet. According to Dr. Dawa Norbu's book, (Red Star Over Tibet) were it not for the dramatic escape of the Dalai Lama and his seeking sanctuary in India, the Tibetans may have faced great uncertainty in the aftermath of the rounding up of Tibetans in India at the beginning of 1959, before the Dalai Lama escaped into India. But of course all those are forgotten as a bad dream by cult leader Kelsang as he is now basking in the glory of the "third Buddha". In his apparent ecstasy, he even disowns being a Tibetan and works against the very people where he was born. He has also recognised the reincarnation of his own mother in the daughter of an English couple, Ruth Liste and Ron. The incongruity about the whole thing was she was made to hold a ritual bell and a vajra (scepter) in her tender hands ! Not many mothers do that, at least among the Tibetans. But with Kalsang anything goes, after all he is the "third buddha" in the British Isles. What's more, if any one disagrees with his "pure" cult, he gets the boot. When an ex-member was overheard telling a visitor that he admired the Dalai Lama within 40 minutes he was thrown out of his centre. Another family who had close contact with the centre for 15 years was banned from the centre because they had other spiritual teachers. All other Tibetan Buddhist traditions are anathema to him. It would not be out of place to confer upon him the second title, the Mohammed of Gazni the second.

Another former member wrote to Kelsang with a number of concerns about the NKT but in his reply, Kelsang rejected all criticism and threatened with legal action if any of the criticisms were ever published. He shot back a letter to the grieved follower saying "you are going against my spiritual wishes and as you say.....rebellious against my system, such a thing has never happened in Buddhist history". But when he himself rebels against the Dalai Lama that is altogether another matter according to this bigot. Complete subservience to the "third Buddha" was expected and dissent was met with severe indictment. Any activities by the members who questioned Kelsang's integrity or the centre's way of conducting things was shown the door. But this despotic person and these very intolerant people around him are making a hue and cry about alleged "religious persecution" of the Dalai Lama. Who is calling the kettle black?

It is our sincere hope that he will cease to indulge in acts that go against the interests of the Tibetan people. The future of six million Tibetans lies in the wellbeing of His Holiness The Dalai Lama and it is our bounden duty to support and protect the person of His Holiness for our own interest for this life and hereafter. We expect Kelsang and his fellow travellers not to harm the Tibetan People's struggle even if they cannot support it.

Lhowa Khangtsen



Jadel Khangtsen



Tehor Khangtsen



Lawa Khangtsen



Hardong Khangtsen



Teikong Khangtsen



Samlo Khangtsen



Ngari Khangtsen



Drati Khangtsen



Tsethang Khangtsen



Tsawa Khangtsen



Denma Khangtsen



Gomde Khangtsen



Erpa Khangtsen



Dagpo Khangtsen



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- ③ ATPD
- ④ Religious Affairs
- ⑤ Security Office
- ⑥ Branch Offices of the Tibetan Government
- ⑦ All the Tibetan Monasteries
- ⑧ Office of Three Provinces, TNDP, TYC & TWA etc.