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Karma Lekshe Tsomo’s Presentation
Verses from

The Tree of Wisdom

by Nagarjuna

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4. Avoid that friend who is greedy for wealth.
Avoid a wife who is fond of fornication.
If unskillful in curing and hard to respect,
Avoid such a doctor.
14. If you keep your weapons in order, your enemy will be subdued.

By wearing poor clothes, a woman will be subdued.
By treatment illness will be subdued.
Ignorance will be subdued by effort.
183. Not by gifts nor by attentions,  
Not by worship nor by veneration,  
Not by (constant) association nor by assiduity,  
By none of these is a woman to be satisfied.
22. Regard not an evil prince.
   Regard not deceitful relatives.
   Regard not a lustful woman.
   Regard not a great sinner.
63. A conqueror, a water channel, a creeping plant,  
    Women and the blind, these five,  
    How they are led by the crafty!  
    And this leading places them in the power of others.
162. The way of the wise man is knowledge,  
The way of the cuckoo is a sweet note,  
The way of the ascetic is patience,  
The way of a woman is perversity.
182. A woman’s appetite is twice (that of a man),
    Her deceitfulness four times (as much),
    Her shame six times,
    And her passions eight times – so it is said.
184. When he was carried off by the King of the Birds
The White Lotus Serpent God said:
“He who tells secrets to women,
His life is lost there and then.”
194. When milk is got from a horn,
   When the reed-flower drops honey,
   Then, when a woman is true,
   The lotus will grow in dry ground.
246. An evil man, gold, a drum,
   A wild horse, women and cloth
   Are controlled by beating.
   These are not vessels for elegant doings.
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