

BEING SPECIAL

- 79.** Of course in terms of practice it helps to believe that the teachings we follow are very special and very precious. Then we will treat them with respect and try to use them well. Yet the function of the teaching is to help us to awaken to the unborn empty actuality, how we actually are and how appearances actually are. Awakening to emptiness we find all is as it is, with no division of special and ordinary.
- 80.** This whole world is the same river with each of us a little ripple within it. However when we sit in ego isolation within the bubble of ourselves, we protect our difference from other people because we want to be unique and special. Actually we are made out of the same stuff as everyone else. This does not mean that we are the same as other people. We are neither the same nor different; we are each unique forms which are inseparable from the open empty dharmadhatu.

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