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My very dear students,

I am very happy to hear that the authorized biography of Lama Yeshe is now finished and is to be published by the Lama Yeshe Wisdom Archive. I really would like to congratulate LYWA on producing this incredible book on Lama Yeshe.

The book has been written by Adele Hulse, one of Lama's early students, who spent eighteen years researching and compiling hundreds of students' stories and memories of Lama and the effect he had on their lives. For the past four years, LYWA has been editing the manuscript, preparing photos and generally getting it ready to put into production. We are hoping to publish it next year.

As you know, Lama Yeshe, whose holy name is difficult to express, has been kinder to us than the buddhas of the three times, and he was my main teacher. I owe everything to Lama.

As you also know, Lama founded the FPMT in 1975. By the time Lama passed away in 1984 there were not that many centers compared to now, about thirty or forty, but they continue being created and there are more and more every year. This is Lama's blessing, the fruition of Lamas' prayers and the result of Lama's activity.

When at the centers I speak about the kindness of our lamas, I speak first about the kindness of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, then sometimes I say that, even though the students there might not have met Lama Yeshe in person, every single Dharma they learn by coming to the centre is due to his kindness, as is every single karma that gets purified and every single merit that is collected.

All who meet Dharma do so due to the kindness of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. To those who meet the Dharma by coming to an FPMT centre do so due to Lama Yeshe's kindness. Even though you haven't met Lama, you learn from the resident teachers. All this education happened due to Lama Yeshe, therefore you are all receiving Lama Yeshe's guidance, no matter which FPMT teacher you are learning from.

*Big Love* is not only the story of Lama Yeshe. It is also the story of the early years of the FPMT, this amazing international Dharma organization that is Lama Yeshe's legacy.

Therefore I hope you will support the LYWA in its efforts to bring us this wonderful book.

With much love and prayers,

Lama Zopa Rinpoche

