

Seizing the Crucial Point of Every Utterly Perfect Discourse

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Om. May all be auspicious!

This is the crucial point to seize from every utterly perfect discourse:

To the masters imbued with sublimity,
And the entire perfected nature of the sublime,
I prostrate and go to refuge.

With tremendous care, at all times, may I seize hold of this!

If it's ultimate, it can't be rangtong.
If it's rangtong, it can't be ultimate.

If it's the expanse of phenomena, it can't be rangtong.
If it's rangtong, it can't be the expanse of phenomena.

If it's the nature of phenomena, it can't be rangtong.
If it's rangtong, it can't be the nature of phenomena.

If it's the ultimate dimension, it can't be rangtong.
If it's rangtong, it can't be the ultimate dimension.

If it's the perfected nature, it can't be rangtong.
If it's rangtong, it can't be the perfected nature.

If it's actuality, it isn't rangtong.
If it's rangtong, it isn't actuality.

If it's the ultimate real, it isn't rangtong.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate real.

If it's abiding phenomena, it isn't rangtong.
If it's rangtong, it isn't abiding phenomena.

If it's a flawless dharma protector, it isn't rangtong.
If it's rangtong, it isn't a flawless dharma protector.

Rangtong is not the profound prajñāpāramitā.
If its rangtong, it isn't the profound prajñāpāramitā.

Rangtong is not the profound madhyamaka.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the profound madhyamaka.

Rangtong is not mahāmudrā.
If it's rangtong, it isn't mahāmudrā.

Rangtong is not self-manifesting pristine awareness.
If it's rangtong, it isn't self-manifesting pristine awareness.

Rangtong is not the truth of cessation.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the truth of cessation.

Rangtong is not the yoga of co-emergence.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the yoga of co-emergence.

Rangtong is not the genuine ultimate.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the genuine ultimate.

Rangtong is not ultimate buddha.
If it's rangtong, it isn't ultimate buddha.

Rangtong is not the ultimate dharma.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate dharma.

Rangtong is not the ultimate saṅgha.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate saṅgha.

Rangtong is not the ultimate refuge.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate refuge.

Rangtong is not ultimate pristine awareness.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate pristine awareness.

Rangtong is not the ultimate retinue of deities.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate retinue of deities.

Rangtong is not the ultimate maṇḍala.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate maṇḍala.

Rangtong is not the ultimate secret mantra.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate secret mantra.

Rangtong is not the ultimate mother series tantra.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate mother series tantra.

Rangtong is not the ultimate mudrā.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate mudrā.

Rangtong is not the ultimate realization.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate realization.

Rangtong is not the ultimate vajra.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate vajra.

Rangtong is not the ultimate hero.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate hero.

Rangtong is not the ultimate lotus.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate lotus.

Rangtong is not the ultimate womb.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate womb.

Rangtong is not the ultimate sperm and egg.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate sperm and egg.

Rangtong is not the ultimate sun and moon.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate sun and moon.

Rangtong is not the ultimate planet Rāhu.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate planet Rāhu.

Rangtong is not the ultimate fire planet Kalāgni.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate fire planet Kalāgni.

Rangtong is not the ultimate three planes of existence.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate three planes of existence.

Rangtong is not the ultimate three worlds.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate three worlds.

Rangtong is not the ultimate three times.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate three times.

Rangtong is not the ultimate three enlightened dimensions.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate three enlightened dimensions.

Rangtong is not the ultimate four enlightened dimensions.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate four enlightened dimensions.

Rangtong is not the ultimate five enlightened dimensions.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate five enlightened dimensions.

Rangtong is not the ultimate omniscience.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate omniscience.

Rangtong is not the ultimate desire.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate desire.

Rangtong is not the ultimate aversion.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate aversion.

Rangtong is not the ultimate ignorance.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate ignorance.

Rangtong is not the ultimate conceit.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate conceit.

Rangtong is not the ultimate envy.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate envy.

Rangtong is not the ultimate avarice.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate avarice.

Rangtong is not the ultimate constituent.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate constituent.

Rangtong is not the ultimate domain.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate domain.

Rangtong is not the ultimate field of sense.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate field of sense.

Rangtong is not the ultimate connection.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate connection.

Rangtong is not the ultimate perfection.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate perfection.

Rangtong is not the ultimate emptiness.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate emptiness.

Rangtong is not the ultimate mindfulness.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate mindfulness.

Rangtong is not the ultimate renunciation.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate renunciation.

Rangtong is not the ultimate magic.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate magic.

Rangtong is not the ultimate influence.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate influence.

Rangtong is not the ultimate power.
If it's rangtong, it isn't the ultimate power.

Rangtong is not the ultimate factor of enlightenment,
Nor is it likewise the exalted path,
Nor is it the illimitable equipoise of exalted truth,
Nor is it all the phenomena of ultimate omniscience.

If it is and/or isn't rangtong,
It's not due to every perpetual phenomena of the ultimate.

In this way, through realization, through realizing the distinctions between rangtong and zhentong, the teachings can be clear. This is how the Kṛtayuga tradition is arranged, that which is exceptionally superior to the Tretayuga tradition.

Sarva Mangalam! Bhagavandu!

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