THE VENERABLE SANGHARAKSHITA IN SEMINAR
PRECEPTS OF THE GURUS: III
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The development of Buddhist terminology

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"The beautiful, useless things are useful too!"

Final points, emphasis on individual responsibility

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