

# ENLIGHTENED QUOTES



## WORDS OF WISDOM BY SHANGPA RINPOCHE

Flowers are pure and bright. Often, they give a pleasant feeling to the viewer. They do not have an intention but they fulfill everyone's purpose. For devotees, flowers are an offering to the Buddhas and Bodhisattvas for accumulation of merits. Others may sell them for an income for survival. They can also be a gift for friends or loved ones to make them feel happy and feel our care and concern. In this way, many purposes and needs are fulfilled unconditionally. Universally, we

use flowers as symbols of beauty, clarity and purity. They are one of the best substances to use for the purposes of religions, traditions and different activities in the world. So flowers are similar to great Bodhisattvas or enlightened manifestations, who remain in Samsara but do not contain samsaric defects. They inspire us be like the Bodhisattva who is pure like a flower and yet is within Samsara to benefit all of us accordingly.

