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Dear Alan Turner,

Thank you for your letter of 11th April '86.

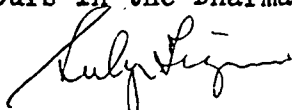
H.H. the Dalai Lama had given many vivid explanatory discourses regarding the status of Dorjee Shugden. It will be advisable to the Westerners to go through them. I have nothing more to say in addition to what H.H. the Dalai Lama had spoken on the subject.

Dorjee Shugden is not practised by Sakyapas as a group or community. But there are a few Sakyapas who practice it individually.

In my opinion, it is much better for Western buddhists to practice the Dharma Protecting deities which are transmitted from the Tantra treatises.

With best prayers and wishes,

Yours in the Dharma,

  
H.H. SAKYA TRIZIN.

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