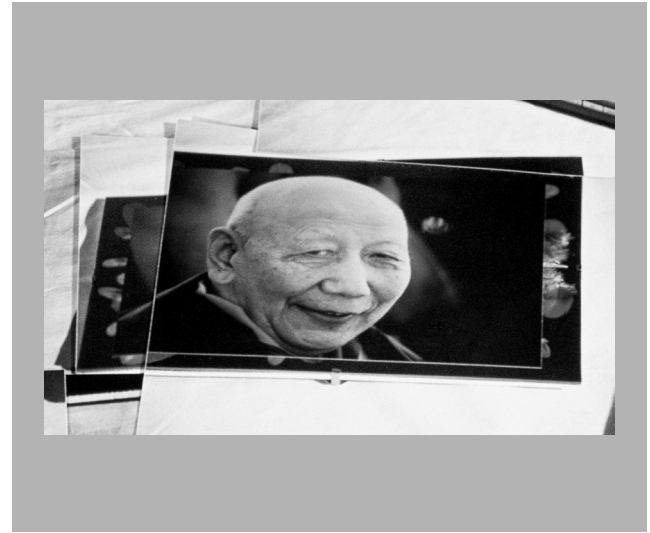




*Picture of Shakyamuni Statue at Bodhgaya*

“This is a photo of the Buddha Shakyamuni statue of Bodhgaya. Since some time ago, I’ve always kept it with me and consider this as the witness about my activities – including my motivation as a Buddhist monk – as a follower of Buddha.”



*Senior Tutor*

“This is my senior tutor – the most important of my tutors. I think I received the most important teachings from him. So I always remember him. As his student I try my best to always follow according to his teachings.”

A plethora of photographers have photographed the Dalai Lama, so I tried to think hard and come up with an alternative approach. A mentor and good friend, Erik Moore, once had told me how his father, Lloyd, had people collect items that they felt had important connections to their lives. Lloyd then arranged them on a platform to be photographed. I had not seen the photographs but decided to apply Lloyd Moore’s concept for this “still life portrait” – later to be transformed into a photo collage (inspired by the artist, David Hockney).