

Tara Institute Study Group 2006 - 'Aryadeva's 400 Verses'

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1. What is the title of this year's text and explain why Aryadeva's original title differs. [2]

 2. Briefly mention two mistaken ideas Ven Dharmapala held with regards to this text. [2]

 3. If both Aryadeva's text and Nagarjuna's text are of the same thought, then does that not make Aryadeva's text redundant? Clarify this objection. [3]

 4. Give an overview of the first half of Aryadeva's text by summarizing the first eight chapters [16]

 5. Describe the usefulness of the mental factor '*conscientiousness*'. [3]

 6. 'Since one is under the control of mental afflictions there is nothing once can do about dying. But there is something that one can do about the way that one dies...' Comment [2]

 7. Why according to Buddhism is one 'born to die'? [3]

 8. To enjoy life in the present moment and only worry about death when the time comes is considered a mistaken attitude in Buddhism. Why? [2]

 9. "There are many conditions for death
The conditions for life are very few.
Even those become conditions for death.."
- Discuss these lines from Nagarjunas *Precious Garland*. [2]
10. How does the attitude of a person who does not fear death encourage *recklessness*? [3]