

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

DISCUSSION

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16TH MAY 06

MARK:

1. 'It is cowardly to fear death, and brave not to fear death'. Discuss.
2. Compare the two perspectives [Buddhist and worldly] of gain and loss in this life.
3. What is wrong with engaging in some small non-virtue in order to gain benefit and pleasure now? Give an example to support your answer.
4. What is wrong with thinking 'I will have a long life'?
5. How is an understanding of subtle impermanence possible if it's imperceptible?
6. List the four points of impermanence taught by Lord Buddha.
7. In general terms, explain the point of the verses dealing with the appropriateness and inappropriateness of having grief when someone dies.
8. What is it about attachment that causes us pain?
9. How does one train to be able to deal with separation of a loved one?
10. '*...once I have my worldly affairs in order then I will have time to go off and meditate and practice the Dharma.*' Discuss this and other possible wrong ideas about making priorities in life. Furthermore, can worldly activities / city life and seclusion / isolation be mutually inclusive?