

# DISCUSSION

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1. Why is it beneficial to be afraid of cyclic existence?
  2. What attitude can we hold to prevent experiencing shock and anxiety to us when bad things happen?
  3. Like the foolish builder who erects a wall and then immediately destroyed it, why do we continue to make efforts in things that are bound to perish?
  4. How does pride affect the ability to have compassion?
  5. What problems can occur if renunciation is not cultivated gradually?
  6. 'It is appropriate to enjoy sensual pleasures because they are a result of previous virtuous actions.'  
Discuss
  7. What is a good way of ensuring that we are detached about our practice and its results?
  8. Describe the perception of the wise who have had the direct realization of emptiness (using the 'mechanical devices' analogy)
  9. **'Just as friendship between people  
Who disagree does not last long,  
Desire does not last long  
When the faults of all things are  
recognised?**  
Explain the main point of the analogy used in this verse.
  10. What proves that separation in a relationship is inevitable?
  11. What does it mean to have reached a 'correctly assuming doubt' about inherent existence?
  12. If the main understanding one needs to gain to achieve liberation is emptiness, why did the Buddha not teach just on emptiness? Why did he teach about the environment and so forth?
  13. "If everything is empty of inherent existence then what is the use of striving for liberation?" How does the Prasangika School answer this objection?