

Tara Institute Study Group 2008 - 'Aryadeva's 400 Verses'
Exam

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1. Why is this a profound teaching and what is a root delusion? [2]

2. Explain the difference between mind and mental factors? [2]

3. For the apprehension of an object to take place three factors must be present. What are these three factors and how does this help our understanding of the lack of inherent perception? [4]

4. Name the five ever-present mental factors. [5]

5. Give the definition of Recognition established by this commentary. [2]

6. How is the magician's conjured illusion of the horse/rabbit an analogy for the lack of inherent existence? [2]

7. The commentary explains that there are many different types of reasoning that prove the lack of inherent existence. One of the supreme reasonings is being established here. What is this reasoning? [3]

8.a) Give the different terminologies for the object of negation.[4]

b) Why is it stressed that one needs to clearly understand what the object of negation means?[2]

9.The pot is a composite because it is a compilation of the eight substances. So if the pot itself were to exist by way of its own entity or inherently then 'are the visible form and the pot one or different' i.e. separate? Give the absurdities of the pot being either one with form or different from form.[4]

10. "The tangible and the intangible
Cannot be said to coalesce
Thus it is in no way feasible
For these forms to coalesce."

Explain this verse. [2]