

Week: 1 (13 May 2008)

1. 'When dependent arising is seen as it is, it is like a created illusion and not like a barren woman's child.' This part of the commentary is differentiating two different analogies. Explain this difference.

2. a) Give the syllogism in relation to the refutation of inherently existing characteristics occurring either simultaneously or consecutively. Identify the subject, predicate and the reason.

b) Give the faults that would arise if the three characteristics were to arise simultaneously or consecutively.

3. Give the syllogism that relates to phenomena, that has the three characteristics, being one or different. Identify the subject, predicate and reason.

Week 2: (20 May 2008)

4. Explain the difference between mistaken consciousness and wrong consciousness in relation to the perception of blue. Why is it very important that we understand and realise this point?

5. Explain verse 365:

A thing does not become a thing,
Nor does a non-thing become a thing.
A non-thing does not become a non-thing,
Nor does a thing become a non-thing.

6. Explain verse 370:

When a thing is produced there cannot be
Anything in the process of production.
If the produced is in the process
Of production, why is it being produced?

Week: 3 (27 May 2008)

7. Explain this verse:

The completed is called existent.
The uncompleted is called non-existent.
When there is nothing in the process of production
What is being referred to as such

8. a) Explain the analogy of the magician's illusion, the three types of people and the beings they correspond to.

9. a) Give the definition of Conventional and Ultimate truth from the *Madyamika* text, as presented here in his commentary,

b) Give the definition of Conventional and Ultimate truth from *The Bodhisattva's Way of Life*

Week 4 (3 June 2008)

10. Give our system's refutation of the opponent's assertion that:

When the author and subject also exist
It is incorrect to call them empty
Also with regard to these three, whatever
Arises in dependence does not exist.