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

Exam
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Block: 3   **Mark:**
Week: 6 (24 June 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. [4]

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.[3]

 b) Give the faults that would arise if the three characteristics were to arise simultaneously or consecutively.[4]

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

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? [6]

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.[4]

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?[4]

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 [4]

8. a) Explain the analogy of the magician's illusion, the three types of people and the beings they correspond to.[6]

9. a) Give the definition of Conventional and Ultimate truth from the *Madyamika* text, as presented here in his commentary.[4]

b) Give the definition of Conventional and Ultimate truth from *The Bodhisattva's Way of Life*.[4]

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.[4]