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4. Is it true that a person can temporarily stop the manifest appearance of the mental afflictions solely through a good understanding of the sixteen aspects of the four noble truths? If so, why can't this same person attain nirvana (liberation)? [3]

5. What comparison does Shantideva use to show that, unless one realises emptiness directly, the mental afflictions will always come back – even in a case where one has been able to stop them from appearing in a manifest way for a while. [2]

6. What kind of rebirth does an Arya Bodhisattva wish for and why? [2]

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10. Discuss what the Samkyas refer to as '*the primary principle.*' How does this support their consciousness-like self? [3]

11. Why does this particular Samkya argument appear in this part of the text? [2]