

## TARA INSTITUTE

STUDY GROUP DISCUSSION NIGHT - 24 June 1997

Covering discourses 27/05/97 to 17/06/97

- 1/ How do the small and medium scope stages of the path serve as foundation the the great scope stages of the path? Discuss the main practices and goals of each scope.
- 2/ What qualifies one to be called a "Mahayanist"?
- 3/ What is the essence of Bodhicitta? Discuss how we should try to integrate Bodhicitta into our daily life.
- 4/ The Mahayana and Hinayana differ on the basis of deeds, whereas the Buddhist school of tenets differ on the basis of philosophical view. Explain.
- 5/ List the 10 benefits of Bodhicitta mentioned in the Lam Rim.
- 6/ In what respect do Bodhisattvas outshine the qualities of Hearers and Solitary Realisers. Give examples.
- 7/ List the 6 Perfections and the 4 means of gathering disciples.
- 8/ In order to achieve Buddhahood, it is necessary to complete the two accumulations of merit and wisdom. Discuss why Bodhicitta is the main cause for these accumulations.
- 9/ Why is one who generates Bodhicitta referred to as a child of Buddha?

### **Compulsory question**

Elaborate on the meaning of the following refuge prayer:-

"I go for refuge to the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha until I achieve Enlightenment."