

DISCUSSION

BLOCK: 3
WEEK: 5
2ND JULY 2002

4th June

What are the 6 perfections, and why are they presented in the context of the Arya Bodhisattva grounds? Is the lam rim presentation of the 6 perfections different from Chandrakirti's?

Discuss types of people who are 'difficult to find' (from Nagarjuna's *Compendium of Sutra*)

Je Tsongkapa said, "Bodhisattvas shouldn't have a partial practice." discuss

11th June

What's the difference between a conventional mind generation and an ultimate mind generation?

Identify the only mind (below a fully enlightened being) that is 'untainted'. Why is an arya (person who has realized emptiness directly) still forced to see things as self-existent after they have abandoned true grasping?

Why is bodhichitta 'contaminated'?

The Bodhisattvas, self-liberators, and hearers direct perception of emptiness is qualitatively the same. How do the Mahayana and Hinayana paths differ.

18th June

What is the state (mental condition) in which a practitioner advances from ground to ground?

How does a practitioner get to the first bodhisattva ground? Discuss the progressive realizations that lead to the Path of Seeing.

25th June

Why is a bodhisattva on the first ground born into the lineage of the Tathagatas?

What are the four methods for ripening others?

What is a bodhisattva precisely?
