# Tara Institute Study Group 2003 - 'Entering the Middle Way'

# **DISCUSSION**

BLOCK: **3**WEEK: **5**ASSIGNED: 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 03

## 3 1 (27<sup>th</sup> May)

- 1. What are the five ever-present mental functions, and why are they brought up during the 'refutation from other' argument?
- 2. Does the fact that the 'generation and disintegration of seed and sprout are simultaneous' prove that the seed and sprout are synchronised, like the weighing scales?

#### 3 2 (3<sup>rd</sup> June)

- 3. How does Chandrakirti refute generation from other by analysing the four possibilities of the result? Does this analysis cover all possibilities?
- 4. The Realists say to the Prasangikas, "worldly beings understand directly that other is generated from other, and that no other proofs are necessary. You Prasangika's contradict worldly direct perception." Ho w do the Prasangika's respond, and how does their response answer the Realists' point?
- 5. Why is conventional truth regarded as false and ultimate truth regarded as true?

# 3 3 (10<sup>th</sup> June)

- 6. In the context of the two truths, how does a Buddha see a vase?
- 7. Discuss the different types of worldly perception. What is the type the Realists refer to?

### 3 4 (17<sup>th</sup> June)

- 8. Discuss the differences between the following pairs:
  - 1a- Distorted object possessor according to worldly perception,
  - 1b- Accurate object possessor according to worldly perception,
  - 2a- Distorted object according to worldly perception,
  - 2b- Accurate object according to worldly perception.
- 9. Discuss why 'true grasping' is not considered a 'distorted conventional truth'?