

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

EXAM

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BLOCK: **6**

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ASSIGNED: 4TH NOV 2003

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1. What analogy is use to refute the Realists objection of endless fruitional effects?
2. Give the meanings of the analogy
3. What is the selflessness of phenomena according to the Mind Only tenet?
4. Explain how the following verse refutes the Mind Only example of a dream for an inherently existing consciousness without external object.

If mind exists because of remembering the dream

When waking up, the same would apply to external existence

Similar to your memory thinking 'I saw',

Likewise one exists regarding external existence.

5. What is the sixfold trinity?
6. How does this verse refute the Mind Only position?

Similarly to the non-generation of your outer object

During dream mind isn't generated as well.

Eyes, visual object and the mind generated by them

All three are also false

The three of the remaining ears etc. also aren't generated.

7. What is the second example the Mind Only posit for an inherently existing consciousness without outer object and how does the following verse refute that?

Should awareness without object of knowledge exist

Then also that without defect subsequently

Looking at the location of the hairs becomes awareness

Of hairs. It isn't that, therefore that doesn't exist.

8. How does the following line refute inherently existing potential in the present?

It isn't possible for the generated to have potential.