

Discussion

Block: 7 Week: 5 (7 September 2010)

Week 1 (2 November)

1. a) Give the syllogism (subject, predicate and reason) relating to 'coming and going'.
b) Explain the syllogism.
2. Name and explain the four extremes.
3. How is it possible to understand the subtle and profound doctrine, which ordinary beings cannot perceive directly with their senses?

Week 2 (9 November)

4. Explain how karma is created.
5. The causes for high status are subsumed into the sixteen practices.
 - a) Which three practices are specifically emphasised in this text?
 - b) What are the sixteen practices?
6. What will ensure that any activity that one engages in is a meaningful activity or Dharma and will cause no harm in future lives?

Week 3 (16 November 2010)

7. Explain verse 134
*Just as by themselves true words
Of kings generate firm trust
So their false words are the best means
To create distrust.*
8. Define truth and falsehood.
9. a) Describe the process that leads to a distracted and reckless mind.
b) What are the results of having applied restraint?

Week 4 (23 November 2010)

10. 'Speakers who utter beneficial words are themselves rare but those who listen to those beneficial words are even rarer still. Explain.
11. Death is certain. Having taken that into account and accepting the reality, one needs to consider what comes next. Discuss in relation to completing and throwing karmas.