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Block 3

Week 6: (14 June 2011)

1. Explain what the term *stainless prayers* refers to. What does *stainless* actually mean? [4]

2. a) While there are particular causes for all of the eighty minor marks, what is the concordant cause for all of them? [2]

b) After having practiced for a long time, we might even complain, 'Why am I not closer to becoming enlightened? Why am I not a Buddha yet?' This is because...? [2]

3. Give an explanation of the four lines of the refuge prayer. [4]

'To the Buddha, the Dharma and the supreme assembly,

I go for refuge until I reach enlightenment.

From the merit that I accumulate from generosity and so forth,

May I attain Buddhahood for the sake of all sentient beings.'

4. What won't help us and what will help us unfailingly at the time of death? [4]

5. How can simply using the word 'I' help one's practice? [2]

6. Verse 211: **'If the causes of all things are small**

But they produce extensive effects,

The thought that the measureless causes of Buddhahood

Have measureable effects should be eliminated.'

a) What are the four attributes of karma? [4]

b) What does Verse 211 particularly relate to? [2]

7. Name the further two subdivisions of the form body and give an explanation of each. [4]

8. a) Explain the supreme emanation body. [2]

b) Explain the truth body. [2]

9. Give the syllogism that indicates the collections of both merit and wisdom. Give a brief explanation. [4]

10. a) On a more profound level what does the accumulation of merit refer to? [2]

b) What can we understand from this presentation, as the ultimate means to remove all levels of physical suffering in this life and in future lifetimes? [2]

c) What is the accumulation of wisdom a means to? [2]