

Discussion (25.10.2011)

Week: 1 (27 September 2011)

.1. a) The Buddha explained that one’s students or disciples, who are eager to learn, must be told the truth. Explain the manner of giving the advice. [4]

b) “It must also be meaningful and salutary and delivered at a proper time.” What does this indicate? [2]

2. “When we reflect back on earlier points, we can see that there is an explicit sequence to giving advice or explaining the Dharma,” Explain this sequence. [6]

3. What is the real message we need to derive from the text and what does this mean? [4]

Week: 2 (4 October 2011)

4. What is the appropriate way to view beggars? Why? [4]

5. When we engage in the act of generosity what should our intention be? [2]

6. a) What is the exalted mind? [2]

b) How does a deed naturally become an exalted deed? [4]

7. Verses 313 and 314 are exhorting the king to engage in the practice of dharma without delay. Why? [4]

Week: 3 (11 October 2011)

8. Explain, a) what practicing the Dharma is understood to mean. [2]

b) how one incorporates a virtuous mind into daily life. [4]

9. What is the practical benefit of adopting a lifestyle where the primary focus is on benefitting our future life? [4]

10. Explain how the six perfections becomes a complete practice. [6]

Week: 4 (18 October 2011)

11. Explain verse 324. *Appoint generals who are generous,
Without attachments, brave, kindly,
Who use [the treasury] properly, are
steadfast,
Always conscientious, and practice the
doctrine.*