



The Asian Classics Institute



Diamond Mountain University

In-Depth Course 1

Teachings of the Future Buddha

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Track: E T S TS

Homework, Class Five: Death and Realized Beings

1) Quote the famous verse from the *Commentary on the Latter Part* which describes how realized beings (aryas, or those who have seen emptiness directly) relate to death. (Tibetan and Sanskrit tracks, entire verse as well.)

2) The textbooks of Sera Mey Monastery written by Master Kedrup Tenpa Dargye (1493-1568) say that someone can be the truth of suffering, and yet not possess the gross form of the “demon of the heaps.” Name the type of person they refer to. (T)

- 3 Choney Drakpa Shedrup (1675-1748), the Sera Mey master who wrote our commentary to the *Diamond Cutter Sutra*, says that someone can possess “an impurity involved with mental afflictions” but not possess the truth of suffering. Name the type of person he refers to.

- 4 In his description of how to attain the rainbow body, especially at death, Je Tsongkapa (1357-1419) explains that something else must come before. Name this thing.

- 5 In one of his commentaries on the tantra called the “Secret Collection” (Guhya Samaja), Je Tsongkapa states that there is something even more powerful than a bodhisattva who has seen emptiness directly. What does he mention?

- 6 Master Kedrup Tenpa Dargye, in a debate about how bodhisattvas who have seen emptiness directly still take rebirth, suggests that there would be reasons why--according to the opponent at least--they might do so through mental afflictions. Describe these two.

- 7) Can a person be free of ever again taking birth through the power of karma and mental afflictions, and yet still possess a mental affliction?

- 8 How does the author of the Sera Je textbook series, Sera Jetsun Chukyi Gyeltsen (1469-1546), address the problem that—if they possess seeds for ignorance—bodhisattva aryas would possess mental-affliction obstacles?
- 9 How, in the teachings on the Steps of the Path (Lam Rim), is the famous quotation above used?

Meditation assignment: 15 minutes per day, analytical meditation on the various debates covered in the class and reading.

Debate assignment: Some time before the next class, discuss this class with one or more friends.