

8) The debate over how many ways in the end there are, like all of Lord Buddha's teachings, has application to our modern life. Describe this application, and state two considerations that we will want to keep in mind.

9) Suppose a practitioner is attracted to one of the two lower ways or vehicles, and uses it successfully to reach a lower nirvana. *The Latter Part* says that in the end all paths lead to one; how then does a person like this move up to the one path?

10) The question of whether all paths lead into one brings up the larger issue of what the final end of the paths is like; which in turn raises the question of how it all began. Choney Lama quotes a metaphor to describe the end and beginning of the cycle of suffering—describe this metaphor.

Debate assignment: Remember to review this class at least once before the next class, by sitting down with a friend over a cup of coffee or tea and simply discussing what was said.

Meditation assignment: Sit down for 15 minutes a day and do an analytical meditation about the worldview of karma, emptiness, and compassion, along with different skillful means in which you might present this worldview to more people, as Lord Buddha did with the presentation of “lower” ways.

4) Explain the difference, especially from the point of view of the Mind-Only and Independent Middle-Way Schools, between the kind of emptiness perceived by followers of each of the three ways. (Sanskrit and Tibetan tracks give the general names for the two and three types of emptiness, respectively; Tibetan track also add brief description of each of the three.)

(a)

(b)

(c)

5) Why do members of the Mind-Only School, especially those who “follow after scripture,” believe that—in the end—there are three different ways?

6) What, according to Gyalsab Je, is the real reason why those of the Mind-Only School might believe that, in the end, there are three ways?

7) There is a story for explaining why Lord Buddha would say that there are three vehicles, when in the end of ends there is only one. Relate the story.



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Homework, Class Nine: In the End, All Paths Are One

1) Name the three ways or vehicles that relate to the discussion in *The Latter Part* about there being, in the end, one way. Also explain the names of these three ways. (Tibetan and Sanskrit tracks add those languages.)

(a)

(b)

(c)

2) Explain the difference in motivation, and thus the goals, of followers of the three ways.

3) Explain the difference in core teachings used by followers of the three ways.