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Answer Key, Homework, Class 4

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1) The ten levels of a bodhisattva are divisions of which state of mind?

The ultimate form of the Wish (that is, the direct perception of emptiness), imbued with great compassion.

2) Generally speaking, how are the levels distinguished?

The levels represent different states of spiritual attainment – such as the degree of perfecting the various perfections. It is not however the case that bodhisattvas perceive some different kind of emptiness as they progress through these levels. The levels are all equal in being states of unstained wisdom.

3) Master Chandrakirti's autocommentary refers to the 'stainless wisdom' of the bodhisattvas. What does Master Kedrup Tenpa Dargye say that 'stain' and 'unstained' refer to in this context?

Write also the Tibetan for 'stainless wisdom' as it appears in the quotation.

Here, 'stain' refers to either our tendency to hold to things as existing truly or the mental seed for this tendency. 'Unstained' refers to not possessing either of these two things.

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