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## Sacred Classics Translator Program – Fall Term, 2005

### Answer Key, Homework, Class 7

1) One of the three types of great compassion is known as the ‘great compassion where you focus upon living beings’. Does this mean that the other two types of compassion do not take living beings as their object of focus?

**No. Master Kedrup Tenpa Dargye makes it clear that an expression of great compassion is not necessarily that type which is known as that where you focus on living beings specifically. However, it is the case that every expression of great compassion is necessarily focused upon living beings and wishing that they be freed of pain.**

2) How does Master Kedrup Tenpa Dargye’s presentation of ‘great compassion that focuses upon things or qualities’ reveal a graduation in one’s compassion and wisdom?

**One graduates from the ordinary, completely ignorant perception of living beings as the object of one’s compassion to focusing upon certain qualities of living beings (without going so far as to perceive their lack of a self-nature). This type of compassion, for example, involves perceiving that living beings are continually changing and have subtle impermanence (i.e. that even young, healthy people are dying with every passing moment), and perceiving that living beings lack a self-standing, substantially existent self.**

3) What is the significance of the type of great compassion that that has no focus/ that has nothing it sees?

**This type of great compassion involves an understanding that living beings lack a self-nature. It is the most significant type of compassion because only compassion imbued with this wisdom has the power to cause the karmic projections of living beings becoming freed from their pain – which is what it is for living beings in one’s world to become liberated.**