

Week 7 homework

1. Is it true to say that the two truths are present in the first [turning of the] wheel of the dharma?
2. Explain the difference between the two truths of 'appearances and emptiness' shown in the second [turning of the] wheel of the dharma and the two truths of 'appearances and reality' shown in the third turning of the wheel of the dharma.
3. Explain the different karmic propensities using the example of water.
4. Explain the difference between mundane cognition of limited scope and supra mundane cognition of unlimited scope.
5. What are the similarities and the differences of the two truths according to the turnings of the wheel of dharma?
6. Why are the two truths inseparable and indivisible?
7. Explain the three stages of "Mind is devoid of mind for the nature of mind is luminosity." in relation to the three turnings of the wheel of dharma. As shown by Khenpo Sonam's presentation using the mindmap on the two truths.
8. What is the difference between a buddha and a bodhisattva, regarding their realisation?
9. Why is it so important to arouse bodhicitta, even just for an instant before we study and practice?

10. What is the meaning of “one taste” in relation to appearance and emptiness?
11. How does the Nyingmapa school explain that countless Buddha realms can be perceived in a single atom?
12. How can reflecting on and having an understanding of the two truths help one in daily life