

Buddhist Philosophy Master Program

Centre Paramita of Tibetan Buddhism



(Topics which are covered in the Curriculum established by Tsongkhapa for the 15-20 years of study in Great Buddhist Monastic Universities such as Ganden)

Collected topics, Knowers and Awareness & Reasons and Reasoning: a key to open the door to the meaning of the classical texts on validity

- Aggregates, constituents and sources of perception
- Objects, and Knowers and Awareness
- Reasons and Reasoning

◊ Philosophical foundations: philosophical systems, paths and grounds & the eight topics

- Quintessence of the philosophical systems
- General nature and classification of the paths and grounds
- Ten Bodhisattva Grounds
- Five Paths of the Unsurpassable Mantra
- Meanings of the eight topics of the Ornament of the Clear Realizations

◊ Quintessence of the Ornament of the Clear Realizations, presenting the Perfection of Wisdom

- Mahayana Bodhicitta
- Nirvana with and without remainders
- General presentation of the turning of the Dharma Wheel
- Naturally Abiding Lineage
- Classification and presentation of the Vehicles (Yanas)
- Foundation: the Two Truths
- Dhyanas and Formless Absorptions
- Brief presentation of the nature of the subjective aspects of the three Sublime Knowers
- General presentation of interdependence
- The Four Resulting Bodies (Kayas)

♦ Meaning of the Thought of the *Entry to the Middle Way*, which presents the stages of emptiness, explicit content of the *Perfection of Wisdom Sutras*

- Presentation of the First Ground, Supreme Joy, up to the Sixth Ground
- Way to identify the grasping to true existence, according to the Madhyamaka-Svatantrika tradition
- Way to identify the grasping to true existence, according to the Madhyamaka-Prasangika tradition
- Logical Establishment of the selflessness of phenomena
- Concordance & non-concordance between appearing mode & abiding mode of conventional & ultimate
- Refutation of the Chittamatra in particular
- Logical Establishment of the selflessness of persons
- Extensive presentation of the divisions of emptiness
- Presentation of the Seventh Ground, Gone Far, up to the Tenth Ground
- Qualities of the Ten Grounds and presentation of the Result

Aspects of the meaning of the nature and classification of the eight chapters of the *Treasury of Phenomenology*

• Constituents, faculties, worlds, karma, mental factors, persons, sublime wisdom and equal placements

♦ Nature, classification and stages of the practice of the Resultant Vehicle: the Vajrayana (Diamond Vehicle) of Secret Mantras

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