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MEDITATIONS ON EMPTINESS

HOMEWORK FOR CLASS SEVEN

1. At this point in the text, Master Shantideva moves from a major discussion of one kind of emptiness to another. The distinction between the two is the answer to a natural question raised in our minds when we begin to examine the emptiness of any object, especially our own selves. State the question, and briefly describe the two kinds of emptiness.
2. How does the process of going down in levels through the parts, and the parts of the parts, and so on, work as a method to establish that things are actually empty?
3. What do we tend to think of as the ultimate "raw data" for each of the two great divisions of a person? (These are the same as the two things which lower schools of Buddhism believe have some existence from their own side).
4. Why don't either of these two kinds of raw data exist?

