



Diamond Mountain University  
Setting Fire to Your Meditation, Part IV

Homework One: The Bodhisattva Master

1) What is Master Kamalashila's advice for not falling into an extreme after meditating deeply on the fact that nothing at all has any true nature?

2) According to Lord Buddha, at what point does a bodhisattva become a master of "dakme", or the absence of a self-existent self?

3) In the beginning of the text, Master Kamalashila describes how compassion is the root of wisdom. But now, near the end of the text, he tells us that wisdom triggers compassion. Explain.

4) Describe the three extraordinary trainings.

5) What is the practice of “khor sum,” or the three spheres? Give an example of how you would practice it in your daily life.

6) According to Master Kamalashila, what are the benefits of remembering the three spheres?

*Memorization assignment:* Please memorize either the Tibetan or the Sanskrit lines of the heart sutra, starting from “Once I heard this teaching” and going up through “a great gathering of warrior saints.” Please be prepared to recite it from memory by the next class.