



Diamond Mountain University  
Setting Fire to Your Meditation, Part IV

Homework Three: Four Stages on the Path of Preparation

1) Describe the heap of feeling, and how it relates to the heap of form and that of discrimination:

2) Do we need to have renunciation in order to have an intellectual understanding of emptiness? Why or why not?

3) Describe the moment when we have reached the path of preparation:

3) List and describe the four stages on the path of preparation:

a)

b)

c)

d)

4) Why is the path of preparation referred to as the level where we are “acting out of faith”?

5) On what stage do you stop being able to go to the lower realms, and why?

*Memorization assignment:* Please memorize the line of the heart sutra, either in Tibetan or Sanskrit, starting from “At that moment too did the realized being ...” Please be prepared to recite it from memory by the next class.