

Draft READING SCHEDULE Jun - Sep 2018

Students may choose to read either book or both books. Those interested in receiving IBA certificate must read at least The Three Visions. First Thursdays list Dharma Talk topics. Weekly reading assignments are selected to cover approximately the same material in either book. Consider reading Chapter 28 in Three Levels before monthly Dharma Talks. The "outline" in the 3rd column is from The Three Visions. The outline for The Three Levels of Spiritual Perception is pp 493-496 in that book.

| THE THREE VISIONS |         |  | THE THREE LEVELS OF SPIRITUAL PERCEPTION |  |
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|                   | 19-205  | THE MAIN TEACHING (cont.)  | 67-489                                   |  |
|                   | 20-111  | I. THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE IMPURE VISION   | 67-232                                   |  |
| 06/07/18          |         | <b>Teaching: First Vision (Part 2): "IMPERMANENCE and DEATH"</b>                                     | 135                                      | 16. Ceaseless Roaming                              |
|                   | 55      | B. The instructions on the difficulty of obtaining the prerequisites                                 | 143                                      | 17. Imagine a Blind Tortoise                       |
|                   | 56      | 1. The difficulty to obtain this human body endowed with the prerequisite                            | 151                                      | 18. A Lump of Charcoal and a White Conch           |
|                   | 63      | 2. The great benefit of this body that has been obtained   |  |  |
| 06/14/18          | 67      | 3. The prerequisites obtained will not last long   | 159                                      | 19. Just Somebody Dressed in Red                   |
|                   |         |  | 169                                      | 20. The Great Fisher, Death                        |
| 06/21/18          | 67      | a. The inconceivable benefits of reflecting on impermanence  | 175                                      | 21. Discarded in Some Dark Hole                    |
|                   | 68      | b. Contemplating impermanence  |  |  |
| 06/28/18          | 87      | C. The instructions of virtuous and nonvirtuous deeds and their results                              | 185                                      | 22. A Protector, an Island, a Great, Friendly Host |
|                   | 88      | 1. Producing the desire to discard nonvirtue   | 197                                      | 23. Deeds, Like a Shadow, Will Follow              |
|                   | 95      | 2. Producing the desire to practice virtue   | 211                                      | 24. A Great Vessel Filled by Drops of Water        |
|                   | 104     | 3. Transforming neutral deeds into virtues   | 223                                      | 25. Black Pebbles and White Pebbles                |
| 07/05/18          |         | <b>Teaching: "KARMA and ETHICS"</b>  |  |  |
|                   |         | [Thursdays continue through July & August as student-led practice and review. No August Dharma Talk. |  |  |
|                   | 112-200 | II. THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE VISION OF EXPERIENCE   | 233-484                                  |  |
| 09/06/18          |         | <b>Teaching: Second Vision (Part 1): "CONVENTIONAL BODHICITTA: ASPIRATION and APPLICATION"</b>       |  |  |
|                   | 112     | A. Meditating until the common experience arises in one's mindstream                                 | 233                                      | 26. As Helpless as a Worm                          |
| 09/13/18          | 116     | 1. Loving kindness   | 247                                      | 27. Giving Our Parents a Piggyback Ride            |
|                   |         |  | 257                                      | 28. A Mind Like an Overturned Pot                  |
| 09/20/18          | 125     | 2. Compassion  | 261                                      | 29. The Flavor of Compassion                       |
|                   |         |  | 269                                      | 30. Rudderless on the Sea of Life                  |
| 09/27/18          | 131     | 3. The thought of enlightenment  | 277                                      | 31. A Coiled Rope in the Gloom of Night            |
|                   | 135     | a. The wishing enlightenment thought   | 285                                      | 32. "Beloved Daughter" Kicks His Mother            |