

Guhyaloka Ordination Course 1988 Questions and Answers

- 1 Ethical criterion for mitraship
- 2/3 Abstention from alcohol/dishonest livelihood/debt/abortion
- 4 Origin of the Three Jewels symbol
- 4/6 The five cakus (eyes) - opening of the dharma eye
- 7 Bhante's reading the Diamond Sutra as the opening of the Dharma eye
- 8 The point of insight
- 8/10 (Compassion and the Stream Entrant) - the seven rebirths
- 10/12 Breaking the fetters and access concentration
- Stream Entry and doubt
- 13 Philosophical term or phrase to summarize the nature of Buddhism
- Buddhism in one word - impermanence
- 14 Buddhism and Persian culture/Zoroastrianism.
- 14 Asoka.
- 15 Asoka's rock edicts - other rock edicts -Persian.
- 16 Body, speech and mind in Zoroastrianism.
- Asoka's Greek relatives.
- 17/18 The age of the edicts - pre Pali Canon Persian influence on the Jinas?
- Other influences on Buddhist art.
- 19 Brahma Viharas - metta, mudita , karuna, upekkha
- 20 Don't see the second two Brahma Viharas as successive.
- 21 Comments on metta
- John MacMurray 'Reason and Emotion'
- Insight via the Brahma Viharas
- 22/24 Upekkha Bhavana as an insight practice
- Why positive emotions are so important
- 24 Provoking violence through non-violence
- 25 Greenpeace nuclear protests non-violent protests
- 26 Order involvement in ecological groups and other groups
- 27 Maitri and non violence
- Talking about metta to beginners
- 28 "Normal human response"
- Advanced practise of metta
- 29 Behaving with kindness
- 30 Consciousness arising - at conception or birth?
- Talking about people who are not present
- 31 Substituting aversion for grasping on the nidana chain
- Uniformity of translation in Tibetan/Sanskrit terms
- 32 Chanting or singing?
- 33 Different tunes in different cultures - research into pujas etc
- 34 The Ten precepts and ten precious substances
- A jewel for the fifth precept?
- 35 Other precious stones
- 36 U Chandramani and Ambedkar
- 36/38 Bhante's relation to the Order and the Order to the Buddhist world
- The Buddhist "World"
- Arya Maitreya Mandala
- 39 Bhante's initial understanding from the Diamond Sutra and

Sutra of Wei Lang

40 Early links with Buddhism

41/42 Cosmic Going for Refuge

Evolution

42 Leading pujas etc. by those who have effectively Gone for Refuge

43/44 Levels of understanding and involvement in Pujas etc.

Leading Refuges and Precepts

45/46 Order members and mitras leading pujas etc.

Is leading Pujas good training for mitras?

47 The Ten Precepts as vows

48 Breaches of precepts/vows

49 The importance of the precepts

50 Early days of the Order - general questions

Contact with U Thittila and others

51/52 Has Bhante ever thought of disrobing?

52 Bodhisattva and Bhikshu ordinations

53/54 Stream Entry and the arising of the Bodhicitta

55 Questioning the commitment of an Order Member

56 Effective to Real Going for Refuge

Public Ordination as a vow to the world

57 Karmic effects of falling away from Going for Refuge

Metaphysical dualism

58 The terms conditioned and unconditioned

59 Continuity of Going for Refuge

59/60 A Buddhist's experience of phenomena

61 Karma vipaka and (Pala)

62 Karma and vipaka

62/64 The goal of the Theravada, if not Arhantship

64 Four to eight holy persons

65 Avalokitesvara's deerskin stole

66 The Conditioned perfumed by the Unconditioned and vice-versa

67/68 "The Awakening of Faith"

Asvagosha.