

THE HEART SUTRA & THE SIX PERFECTIONS

Questions for discussion on Sunday, 21st July 2013

1. Why is there the need to accumulate the collections over three great countless eons in order to achieve enlightenment?
2. Can one be reborn in the lower realms when one has the realisation of bodhicitta and emptiness?
3. Is a bodhisattva who has realised emptiness directly a Mahayana superior?
4. Why are the knowledge obscurations not divided into intellectually acquired and innate forms like the afflictions?
5. Does one necessarily have to realise emptiness before generating the bodhicitta that will enable one to enter the Mahayana path?
6. Is the *Heart of the Perfection of Wisdom Sutra* spoken by the Buddha?

Note (from Khen Rinpoche): These are not questions where the answer is “Yes” or “No”. Scriptural sources should be quoted where applicable and one should indicate one’s line of reasoning for one’s answer.