

**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION ON SUNDAY, 18 JUNE 2017**

1. (a) In tantra, how are both method and wisdom present in one consciousness?  
  
(b) What is the purpose of this?  
  
(c) What would be the fallacy of positing method and wisdom as separate entities as in sutra?
2. Are the practices of refuge and mind generation in tantra more powerful than in sutra?
3. (a) What are the initiations in the three lower classes of tantra?  
  
(b) What is the meaning of receiving an initiation, i.e., how is an initiation received?
4. It is said that when you take a tantric initiation and keep the vows purely, you can achieve enlightenment in seven or 16 lifetimes even if you don't practise the path (p. 10, Lesson 12). How is this the case?
5. Yoga with signs is said to be the concentration with repetition and the concentration of abiding in fire and the concentration of abiding in sound. Yoga without signs is said to be the concentration bestowing liberation at the end of sound. What is the difference between yoga with signs and yoga without signs?
6. Do you need to achieve calm abiding prior to achieving bodhicitta?