

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR SUNDAY, 29 MARCH 2015**

1. Among the seven vajra topics, the first three are objects of attainment. How does the remaining four vajra topics act as causes and conditions for achieving these objects of attainment?
2. The Buddha Jewel possesses eight qualities. How are the first three qualities related to the fulfilment of one's own purpose and the next three qualities related to the fulfilment of the purpose of others?
3. With reference to Verse 9, how is "Obeisance to the sun of excellent doctrine, not non-existent, / Not existent, not existent and non-existent, and not analyzable as other/ than existent and non-existent, devoid of description, / Known by oneself individually, quiescent" an explanation of true cessations and how is the remainder of this verse an explanation of true paths?

## Verse 9

Obeisance to the sun of excellent doctrine, not non-existent,  
 Not existent, not existent and non-existent, and not analyzable as  
 other than existent and non-existent, devoid of description,  
 Known by oneself individually, quiescent, undefiled, illumined with  
 the light rays of exalted wisdom,  
 And thoroughly destroying desire, hatred, and obscuration with  
 respect to all objects of observation.

4. With reference to Verse 13 and the first six qualities of the Sangha Jewel, identify the words in this verse that relate to each of the qualities.

## Verse 13

Obeisance to those who, having thoroughly realized the limit or  
 quiescence of selflessness in all transmigrators  
 Through perceiving the non-[inherent] existence of the entities of  
 the afflictive emotions due to the natural clear light of the  
 mind,  
 Perceive perfect Buddhahood as residing in all, to those whose  
 intelligence is unobstructed,  
 And who are endowed with sight of the exalted wisdom that has as  
 its objects the purity and infinity of sentient beings.