

## Discussion Questions: Mahayana Class 2 (Pages 29-41 “Heart of Daring”)

- 1) Describe the two aspects of bodhicitta: aspiration and application. Describe the various facets of each.
- 2) Explain why it is taught that application bodhicitta can only be developed upon the basis of aspiration bodhicitta.
- 3) What are the six perfections?
- 4) Describe the five different levels of practicing the six paramitas. How are they different?
- 5) What are the three aspects of purity as they pertain to the practice of the six paramitas?
- 6) What 4 additional perfections are practiced by bodhisattvas on the latter 9 bhumis?
- 7) Our text describes the paramita practices as being a path. In what ways can this practice be viewed as being a path? How does one progress along this path?