

# Discussion Questions: Mahayana Class 9 (Pages 23-44 “Not Even a Middle”)

- 1) Explain the main differences between the views of the Sautrāntika-Svātantrika and Yogāchāra-Svātantrika schools of Mādhyamaka.
- 2) What assertions are common amongst all schools of Svātantrika Mādhyamaka?
- 3) How does the Prāsaṅgika Mādhyamaka view of relative truth differ from that of the Svātantrika Mādhyamaka schools?
- 4) How does the Prāsaṅgika Mādhyamaka distinguish between absolute and relative truth?
- 5) What is meant by “the unity of the two truths?”
- 6) How do we bring the unity of the two truths into our post meditation practice?
- 7) How do the Rangtong Mādhyamaka divide the teachings of the Buddha into indicative and definitive teachings?
- 8) Explain the main reasoning used in Svātantrika Mādhyamaka to demonstrate that all inner and outer appearances are empty.
- 9) Explain the reasonings used by the Prāsaṅgika Mādhyamaka to assert the emptiness of all inner and outer appearances.
- 10) Enumerate the ways in which the Svātantrika Mādhyamaka and the Prāsaṅgika Mādhyamaka differ in their views.