

Discussion Questions: Mahayana Class 10 (Pages 47-71 “Not Even a Middle”)

- 1) Define the terms kündzop and döndam.
- 2) What are the characteristics of kündzop and döndam?
- 3) In what two ways can kündzop denpa be explained?
- 4) How are correct and incorrect kündzop characterized?
- 5) Why do some schools claim that all kündzop is incorrect kündzop?
- 6) Explain the difference between actual and concordant döndam.
- 7) What is the difference between an affirming and a non-affirming negative?
- 8) What is the basis of the distinctions between the two truths?
- 9) How are confused and unconfused appearances distinguished within kündzop?
- 10) What are the two reasons given by Jamgön Kongtrül Lodrö Thaye for knowing the two truths?
- 11) Explain what is meant by the term interdependence (tendrel *tib.*, pratīyasamutpāda *skt.*).
- 12) How does the idea of interdependence impact the idea of a primary creator?
- 13) Explain the concept of “Interdependence of the Nature” as described by Jamgön Kongtrül Lodrö Thaye.