

Knowing the Nature of the Mind
The Classifications of Mind and Logical Reasonings
Rime Shedra Foundation Course 102:
13 Tuesdays, January 17 to April 18, 2023

Syllabus

Source Text: *Science and Philosophy in the Indian Buddhist Classics Volume Two: The Mind*, John Dunne and Thupten Jinpa, Wisdom Publications, 2020

1) Class 1: Review

- a) Summary Materials for *Science and Philosophy in the Indian Buddhist Classics Volume One: The Objective World*, pages=tbd
- b) Total Reading = TBD

2) Class 2: Preview

- a) Preface, pp. vii-xiv=8
- b) Introduction by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, pp. 1-21=21
- c) Total Reading = 29

3) Class 3: The Nature of the Mind

- a) Introduction to Part One: The Mind, pp. 25-37=13
- b) Chapter 1 The Nature of Mind, pp. 39-48=10
- c) Total Reading =23

4) Class 4: Sense, Conceptual and Non-Conceptual Consciousnesses

- a) Chapter 2 Sense Consciousness, pp. 49-63=15
- b) Chapter 3 Conceptual and Nonconceptual, pp. 65-73=9
- c) Total Reading =24

5) Class 5: Valid Mind and Mental Factors

- a) Chapter 4 Valid and Mistaken, pp. 75-82=8
- b) Introduction to Part Two: Mental Factors, pp. 85-96=12
- c) Chapter 5 Distinguishing Mind and Mental Factors, pp. 97-106=10
- d) Total Reading =30

6) Class 6: Mental Factors Part One

- a) Chapter 6 Omnipresent Mental Factors, pp. 107-110=4
- b) Chapter 7 Mental Factors with a Determinate Object, pp. 111-118=8
- c) Chapter 8 Virtuous Mental Factors, pp. 119-123=5
- d) Chapter 9 Love and Compassion, pp. 125-138=14
- e) Total Reading =31

7) Class 7: Mental Factors Part Two

- a) Chapter 10 Mental Afflictions, pp. 139-155=17

- b) Chapter 11 Variable Mental Factors, pp. 157-160=4
- c) Chapter 12 Mental Factors in Other Works, pp. 161-173=13
- d) Total Reading =34

8) Class 8: Mental Factors Part Three and Gross vs Subtle Minds

- a) Chapter 13 Substantial and Imputed Mental Factors, pp. 175-179=5
- b) Chapter 14 Alternate Presentations of Mental Factors, pp. 181-198=18
- c) Introduction to Part Three: Gross and Subtle Minds, pp. 201-206=6
- d) Total Reading =29

9) Class 9: Gross and Subtle Minds

- a) Chapter 15 Gross and Subtle Minds in the Shared Traditions, pp. 207-212=6
- b) Chapter 16 Gross and Subtle Minds in Highest Yoga Tantra, pp.213-232=20
- c) Total Reading =26

10) Class 10: Mind and Its Objects

- a) Introduction to Part Four: Mind and Its Objects, pp. 235-246=12
- b) Chapter 17 How the Mind Engages Its Objects, pp. 247-262=16
- c) Total Reading =28

11) Class 11: Types of Cognition and Introduction to Reasoning

- a) Chapter 18 The Sevenfold Typology of Cognition, pp. 263-277=15
- b) Introduction to Part Five: Reasoning, pp. 281-292=12
- c) Total Reading =27

12) Class 12: Inferential Reasoning Part One

- a) Chapter 19 Reasoning and Rationality, pp. 293-317=25
- b) Total Reading =25

13) Class 13: Inferential Reasoning Part Two

- a) Chapter 20 Categories of Correct Evidence, pp. 318-326=9
- b) Chapter 21 Fallacious Inferential Evidence, pp. 327-342=16
- c) Chapter 22 Dignāga's Drum of a Wheel of Reasons, pp. 343-349=7
- d) Total Reading =32

Saving this part of the book for a later course:

Part 6. Training the Mind through Meditation

- 1) Introduction to Part Six, pp. 353-365=13
- 2) Chapter 23 How the Mind Is Trained, pp. 367-391=15
- 3) Chapter 24 Calm Abiding, pp. 393-422=30
- 4) Chapter 25 Analysis and Insight, pp. 423-430=8
- 5) Chapter 26 Mindfulness Meditation, pp. 431-443=13
- 6) Chapter 27 The Eight Worldly Concerns, pp. 444-453=10
- 7) Chapter 28 Increasing Good Qualities, pp. 455-460=6
- 8) Chapter 29 Concluding Topic: The Person or Self Notes, pp. 461-465=5