

Walking the Bodhisattva Path An Introduction to the Mahayana Path

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A Shambhala School of Buddhist Studies course based upon "*Taming the Mind and Walking the Bodhisattva Path*" by Sakyong Mipham, as well as recommended readings from Chögyam Trungpa's classic, "*Cutting Through Spiritual Materialism*". The course is open to anyone who has attended the prerequisite course – "Taming the Mind", based upon the same text. The last class will be given on Tuesday, January 30th and will consist of a Warrior Exchange in which participants will share their understanding of the material with the class and each other. Both texts are available at Samadhi Store in Barnet.

Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25 and Tuesday, January 30, 2007. Participants should arrive by 7pm.

If you are planning to attend please come to the center on Thursday, January 4th at 7pm having done the reading and prepared to discuss the study questions.

The cost per student is \$50.00 for the entire course. Participants who are Center members can request a 20% member's discount at the time of registration.

Scholarships are available; the forms are in a pocket on the bulletin board. Cost should never be a reason to miss an opportunity to study the dharma!

To pre-register call Tune Faulkner, program coordinator, at 626-9612 or email her at gregtune@kingoon.com

Readings and study questions for Class One:

Bodhicitta: Transition to the Mahayana

Readings:

Sakyong Mipham, Rinpoche

"*Taming the Mind and Walking the Bodhisattva Path*"

pp. 114-119

pp. 130-135

Recommended:

Chögyam Trungpa, Rinpoche

"*Cutting Through Spiritual Materialism*"

The Open Way: pp. 91-109

Study Questions for Class One:

- Distinguish Hinayana and Mahayana motivations. Where does your motivation fit in?

- Looking at your ordinary experience, what occasions a change in your view or motivation?
- Is there a precedent or basis for the Mahayana motivation in life experienced by ordinary beings?
- What is the meaning of "chang chup kyi sem"?
- Can we lose touch with Bodhicitta? If so, how might this happen? How do we reconnect?
- What are the two aspects of relative Bodhicitta?

The text, "*Taming the Mind and Walking the Bodhisattva Path*", by Sakyong Mipham, is available at Samadhi Store.