



Asian Classics Institute

The Wisdom of Arya Nagarjuna
Course One: The Eight Invisibles
Class 1 – Getting to Know Arya Nagarjuna
Homework

1) What was the one event in his life that defined Arya Nagarjuna, and what is his position in the Buddhist tradition?

2) What are the four principal sources that we will be using for our study of the teachings of Arya Nagarjuna? (Give titles, authors, and their dates.)

3) What is another, very famous explanation of the information covered in Arya Nagarjuna's *Wisdom*?

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4) What is the first thing that Choney Lama covers, and why, in his exquisite commentary to Arya Nagarjuna's *Wisdom*?

5) Six of Arya Nagarjuna's most famous works are often grouped together. Give the name of the group; explain this name; and state the relationship between them in a single sentence. Then name the six works. After each name, give a tiny description of what subject that book covers.

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6) Give the title of our book in Sanskrit—using simplified English pronunciation—and then give Choney Lama’s explanation of the meaning of each of the words in the title, along with useful English cognates. Please also give the full title in English!

7) What is the goal of our study of Arya Nagarjuna’s *Wisdom*?

Meditation assignment:

Twice a day, do round 1 of the Lion’s Dance in a careful, enjoyable way spending as long as you have time to at each level—but still staying comfortable and inspired.

Meditation dates and times:

Please note that homeworks submitted without dates & times will not be accepted.