

**Basic Program, Jamyang Buddhist Centre,
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Discussion Questions**

These questions can be discussed during the Sunday discussion session on the actual teaching weekend and can also be used during the review session with the teaching assistants and their cohorts.

1. How does the reason of dependent origination eliminate inherent existence?
2. How does the reason of dependent origination prevent you from falling in the two extremes of nihilism or annihilation and superimposition or permanence of inherent existence?
3. Discuss the three levels of dependent origination.
4. How do you prove that permanent phenomena, like nirvana and emptiness, are empty of inherent existence? Why are nirvana and emptiness permanent?
5. Discuss the four extremes of origination, self, other, both and without a cause, in relation with the realisation of emptiness.
6. Discuss the definitions and meanings of the two truths. How do you prove that the two truths are of one nature?
7. Can you subdivide conventional truth into true and false conventionalities or not, and why is that so?