

READINGS IN MAHĀYĀNA BUDDHISM

LTWL 147, FALL 2008

THINK PIECE #15

due Thursday, December 4

all think pieces must be turned in at the beginning of the class period;
late think pieces will not be accepted

Respond to one of the following prompts:

1. Think of a question about *The Sarvatathāgatādhiṣṭhānasattvāvalokanabuddhakṣetra-saṃdarśanavyūha Sūtra*. Answer that question. You will be graded on the quality of your question as well as your answer.

Make sure that you cite the sūtra in your analysis.

2. Think of a question about Mahāyāna Buddhism. Answer that question. You will be graded on the quality of your question as well as your answer.

Make sure that you cite one or more sūtras in your analysis.

Your paper should be no shorter than 500 words (about two pages).

Remember, you also have to submit the paper electronically to turnitin.com. The class ID and password are on the syllabus I handed out in class. They are not on the electronic versions of the syllabus. Your paper will not count if you do not also submit it to turnitin.com.

I will not give you letter grades or extensive comments. If you want specific feedback on your short essays, come speak with me outside of class. I am more than happy to explain my assessment. Also in my office are copies of superior essays from the past. If you are uncertain about this assignment, I encourage you to stop by office and read several of those for inspiration.

For further guidance on this assignment, including the grading system, read, "The Think Piece: A Guide" online at <http://profcohen.net/thinkpieceguide.pdf>

Remember, you have to write 6 think pieces by the end of the quarter.