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Hunter "to strike, to kill"; hence the translation "foe-destroyer". Professor Richard Gombrich has argued that the present participle is "jarring" and seems out of place when there is an adjective from the same root arha. Since Jains used two Prakrit forms of the word arahanta and arihanta, the folk etymology may well be the correct etymology. Gombrich argues that this stems from the same metaphor as the Jain title jina "conqueror", whence jaina "related to the conqueror", i. This may appear in English as luohan or lohan. In Japanese the pronunciation of the same Chinese characters is rakan Ja. The Tibetan term for arhat was translated by meaning from Sanskrit. This translation, dgra bcom pa, means "one who has destroyed the foes of afflictions".

Attainments[edit] A range of views on the attainment of arhats existed in the early Buddhist schools. The 5th century Theravadin commentator Buddhaghosa regarded arhats as having completed the path to enlightenment. The difference lay, more than anywhere else, in the altruistic orientation of the bodhisattva. The Buddhists drew a sharp distinction between their Arhat and Indian holy men in general, in Buddhism these miraculous powers were no longer central to arhat identity or to his mission. Buddhahood is too difficult to attain. In the Pali Canon , the word tathagata is sometimes used as a synonym for arahant, though the former usually refers to the Buddha alone. This attainment is termed the nibbana element with a residue remaining. But once the Arahant pass-away and with the disintegration of the physical body, the five aggregates will cease to function, hence ending all traces of existence in the phenomenal world and thus total release from the misery of samsara. It would then be termed the nibbana element without residue remaining. In Theravada Buddhism the Buddha himself is first identified as an arahant, as are his enlightened followers, because they are free from all defilements, without greed, hatred , delusion , ignorance and craving. Lacking "assets" which will lead to future birth, the arahant knows and sees the real here and now. This virtue shows stainless purity, true worth, and the accomplishment of the end, nibbana. For those that have destroyed greed and hatred in the sensory context with some residue of delusion, are called anagami non-returner. Anagamis will not be reborn into the human world after death, but into the heaven of the Pure Abodes , where only anagamis live. There, they will attain full enlightenment. The Theravadin commentator Buddhaghosa placed the arahant at the completion of the path to liberation. He donated these portraits to Shengyin Temple in Qiantang modern Hangzhou , where they are preserved with great care and ceremonious respect. The discursive mode of thinking cannot serve the basic purpose of attainment without attainment.

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At Brown University he majored in religious studies, specializing in Christian theology and ethics. At the graduate school of the University of Virginia, he specialized in Buddhism, learned Tibetan and Sanskrit, and began his collaboration with Tibetan lamas. He did a year of fieldwork in India, traveling broadly and staying in Tibetan monasteries. His teaching career began with a two-year appointment at Bates College in Maine. Coming to Dickinson in 1985, he proposed that the College join the South India Term Abroad consortium, which he directed in Madurai, south India, in 1986. In 1987 he organized the Festival of Tibet at Dickinson, which included an art exhibit he curated and was the initial occasion in which Tibetan monks constructed a Buddhist sand painting in the Trout Gallery. The monks returned in 1988 to construct another; he collaborated with Prof. Lonna Malmshemer on a film to document it. In 1989 he began to teach in the Norwich Humanities Programme in England and in 1990 he was its resident director. However, he has also taught about Native American religions, about love and sex in relation to religion, about happiness, and has taught a variety of courses in the theory of religious studies. He is the author of six books: He has also written numerous book chapters and articles and a film script. This course will explore ways in which Buddhists have used visual arts, music, drama, asceticism, devotion, etc. It will look at both monastic and popular Buddhism, concentrating on South and Southeast Asia but with some reference to East Asia and the West. RELG Buddhism and the Environment Although protection of the environment is not a Buddhist goal per se, it is involved in the quest for enlightenment. The course will apply the Buddhist perspective to questions about the relations between humans and the rest of nature, to specific environmental problems, to the tradeoffs between human good and protection of other species, and to consumption and consumerism. The course examines the development of Buddhism in Tibet as well as its increasing interest and influence in the West. RELG Seminar on Buddhist Ethics Buddhism is a non-theistic religion whose ideal is human perfection, described as a state of contentment, happiness, wisdom, love, and compassion. Because this ideal involves the perfection of virtue as well as the attainment of insight, ethics in Buddhism are particularly important. This course will examine ethics in various Buddhist traditions, compare Buddhist ethics to those of other religions, consider Buddhist ethics in the light of the psychology of moral judgments and the findings of cognitive sciences, and reflect on how Buddhists might approach income inequality, environmental degradation and climate change, war and violence, discrimination against women, and contested social issues such as reproductive rights, euthanasia, suicide, and animal rights.

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Positing an essencelessness rather than merely negating inherent identity creates a subtle linguistic and analytic barrier to finding the correct understanding. According to Tsongkhapa, not only were their methods different, but also that students using Svatantrika do not achieve the same realization as those using the Prasangika approach. However, in a circumstance where one or both parties in a debate or discussion do not hold a valid understanding, "the debate [should be] founded on what the parties accept as valid. Hence, it is proper to refute opponents in terms of what they accept. When one party posits something as a probative reason, even though valid cognition may establish it for the one who posits the syllogism, how can that person be certain that valid cognition establishes it for the other party? A non-affirming negation is a negation which does not leave something in the place of what has been negated. For instance, when one says that a Buddhist should not drink alcohol, they are not affirming that a Buddhist should, in fact, drink something else. One is merely negating the consumption of alcohol under a particular circumstance. If one were to describe emptiness as the presence of some quality -for example, a "voidness" or a "thusness" - it would linguistically and philosophically contradict the nature of the object which it is attempting to characterize. The table is not just empty of inherent existence in some abstract philosophical way; the identity of the table as it appears to normal, everyday perception - which misattributes inherence to the object - is being negated. Suppose that we leave aside analysis of how [phenomena] appear. Ignorance does not apprehend phenomena in this way; it apprehends each phenomenon as having a manner of being such that it can be understood in and of itself, without being posited through the force of a conventional consciousness. When you try to identify the object to be refuted, you must investigate how the innate mistaken view of the self holds that the self is real because it possesses an inherently real essence. This involves examining both how the self appears to our natural, untutored mind and how it is grasped by this mind. To put this in somewhat simpler terms, the thought and perception which grasps persons, things, and abstracts phenomena as existing in-and-of themselves - with characteristics or an identity of their own - is seen to be ignorance in this system. Geshe Tenzin Zopa states: When knowing selflessness, some eliminate a permanent self, [note 13] but we do not consider this to be the basis of the conception of "I. If you do not understand this and fail to eradicate the perspective of innate ignorance, then, when you refute a personal self, you will only refute a self that is permanent, unitary, and independent. It would be extremely absurd to claim that you can overcome innate afflictions by seeing as nonexistent the two selves imputed by acquired misconceptions. What use is it to establish the negation of what does not exist anyway, even without words? To answer that, the words "does not exist" Cause understanding; they do not eliminate. The words, "All things lack intrinsic nature," do not cause things to lack intrinsic nature, but, in the absence of intrinsic nature, they do make it understood that things lack intrinsic nature. If a person named Devadatta is not in the house, but someone says, "Devadatta is in the house. Similarly, the words, "Things lack intrinsic nature," do not cause things to lack intrinsic nature, but help the those confused by ignorance to gain a valid cognition of reality. All phenomenon in all possible worlds lack inherent existence and come into existence relative to a designating consciousness which co-arises with that phenomena. It is known to a conventional consciousness; No other conventional cognition within that convention contradicts it from being thus known; Reason that accurately analyzes reality - that is, analyzes whether something intrinsically exists - does not contradict it. If something has a cause-effect relationship or a relationship of parts-whole, then those objects are already in existence. In order to be already existing, they must have been designated by a conceptual mind. To talk about an object that does not exist in relation to a subject is incoherent. Relationships between objects cannot exist without being validly designated into existence. It is mind that determines that a cause has ceased and its effect is now in existence. However, they

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are established as dependent designation. Not from itself, not from another, not from both, nor without cause: Never in any way is there any existing thing that has arisen. Notice that each one of these statements is a non-affirming negation which merely negates the subject and does not affirm some other mode of arising in its place. It does not possess them. It does not depend on the parts and the parts do not depend on it. It is neither the mere collection of the parts, nor is it their shape. It is like this. Before the face of proper, total absorption on the actual nature of reality, there is just the severance of fantasized, impossible extremes - namely, inherent, findable existence or total non-existence - with respect to everything of samsara and nirvana. Yet, after you arise, when you inspect, you see that your mind still gives rise to the appearance of things that dependently arise, which do function and can only exist as simply what can be labeled by names. It is unmistakable that such things still naturally dawn, yet they are like dreams, mirages, reflections of the moon in water, and illusions. Thus they appear in reality - like a mirage or reflection appears in reality - but cannot be established as existing in-and-of themselves. For example, the relationship between the mental categorization of a dog and that of an animal, with regards to the same being. If it is a dog, then it must also be an animal. Additionally, this relationship applies to impermanent phenomenon and products: These two are merely conceptually distinct, but not actually distinct. Emptiness is not other than form; form is also not other than emptiness. In the same way, feeling, discrimination, compositional factors, and consciousness are empty. Shariputra, likewise, all phenomena are emptiness; without characteristic; unproduced, unceased; stainless, not without stain; not deficient, not fulfilled. Emptiness is established as being synonymous with dependent arising. Dependent arising, also, is established as being synonymous with emptiness. The mere appearance of phenomena due to dependent designation is inseparable from the non-obstruction to their arising, which is emptiness. Emptiness of Emptiness[edit] According to both Tsongkhapa and Nagarjuna, emptiness is also empty of inherent existence: Emptiness is co-dependently arisen as a quality of conventional phenomenon and is itself a conventional phenomenon. This is referred to as "the emptiness of the table. Lama Tsongkhapa quoting Chandrakirti: However, it does not. There is no "independent emptiness" or "ultimate emptiness. It is also not a "Tao" or a primal substance from which all other things arise. There is no way to overcome the misconceptions of those who think that emptiness is a real thing. In his own mind, the basis of his teaching was emptiness. That is, "if one sought the basis of the designation of the person one would discover the mind-basis-of-all. They posit that karma is carried on the mere "I" which is dependently designated on the basis of the aggregates , stating that "it is a sufficient basis with which to associate the factors of disintegratedness karma.

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