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#### Verse on the Seventieth line "BWO TWO MWO JYE SYI TWO YE"

of the *Great Compassion Mantra*Composed by the Venerable Master Hsuan Hua:

Having nothing to do, Bodhisattvas go looking for some work. Sitting on exquisite lotuses their brilliant light radiates. Bestowing predictions of full enlightenment on all beings, They perfect Nirvana that is certified to be without residue.

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## The Sutra in Forty-two Sections Spoken by the Buddha

A Simple Explanation by the Venerable Master Hsuan Hua

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Lectures by the Venerable Master Hsuan Hua given at Gold Mountain Monastery, San Francisco, California, in 1974

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#### Section 13

## 第十三章 問道宿命

沙門問佛。以何因緣。得知宿命。會其至道。佛言。淨心守志。可會至道。譬如磨鏡。垢去明存。斷欲無求。當得宿命。

第十三章是說人怎麼樣 能得知宿命,佛告訴我們怎麼 樣得宿命呢?就要會道,會道 就是明白道。

「沙門問佛」:有個沙門來 請問於佛。「以何因緣,得知 宿命」:什麼因緣,怎麼樣修 行,修什麼法門,才能知道宿 命通?「會其至道」:就明白 真正的道理了。

「佛言」:佛就告訴他了。 「淨心守志」:你要清淨其心, 要守志,守著你這堅固的志 願。你發什麼願,你就要守著。 你不可以才發了願,過了幾天

#### Questions about the Way and Past Lives

A Shramana asked the Buddha, "By means of which causes and conditions can I know my past lives and understand the ultimate Way?"

The Buddha said, "By purifying your mind and preserving your resolve, you can understand the ultimate Way. Just as when you polish a mirror, the dust vanishes and brightness remains, so too, if you cut off desire and do not seek, you then can know past lives."

The thirteenth section helps people gain knowledge of past lives and an understanding of the Way . The Buddha tells us that if knowledge of past lives is our goal, we must first understand the Way.

A Shramana asked, "By means of which causes and conditions can I know my past lives and understand the ultimate Way?" "Which causes and conditions, or which Dharma-doors, should I cultivate in order to obtain knowledge of past lives? How can I understand true principle?"

The Buddha said, "By purifying your mind and preserving your resolve, you can **understand the ultimate Way."** The Buddha said, "You should make your thoughts pure and guard your resolve. Firmly keep your resolve. Whatever vows you have made, you should uphold them. You can't make

「譬如磨鏡」:就好像磨鏡子一樣。「垢去明存」:塵垢去了,沒有了,那明就現出來了。現出來的明,就是宿命通。「斷欲無求」:你把欲念斷了,無所求了,到無所求處,什麼也不求了。

所以我們學佛法的人,修行的人,一定要先斷欲去愛,把這欲念 先斷了它。再無求,什麼也不求了。 你有所求就是苦,無論求什麼,求 不到,就有個求不得苦。所以這一 點是我們各位要注意的。

修行修什麼?修行就是把我們的妄想修沒有了,欲念修沒有了,這就是有功夫了。你把你這些嫉妒、障礙、貪瞋癡,都打掃乾淨了,就會得到宿命通。

vows and then forget them after only a few days. You can't withdraw them after a short while. That's not permissible. That's not preserving your resolve. If you can purify your thoughts, if you can get rid of the darkness in your mind—all the false thoughts, greed, hatred, and stupidity—and if you can preserve your resolve, you will come naturally to understand the true Way, the highest Way." What is that like? Now I will give you an analogy.

Just as when you polish a mirror, the dust vanishes and brightness remains. It's just like cleaning a mirror: when the dust is gone, the brightness of the mirror appears. This brightness refers to the penetration of past lives. So too, if you cut off desire and do not seek, you then can know past lives. If you can cut off your thoughts of desire and reach the level of not seeking for anything, then you can attain the penetration of knowing past lives.

When people cultivate the Way, they certainly should not indulge in any scattered thinking or false thoughts. If you can do away with false and scattered thoughts, then no matter what Dharmadoor you cultivate, you will quickly succeed with it. If you have false and scattered thoughts, as well as greed, hatred, and stupidity filling up your belly, then you certainly aren't going to obtain a response, no matter what Dharma-door you cultivate.

When we study and cultivate the Buddhadharma, we should first cut off desire and cast out love. You should sever thoughts of desire and reach the level of seeking nothing. If you seek for anything, just that seeking is suffering. No matter what you seek, if you cannot obtain it, you will experience the suffering of not getting what you want. Everyone should pay attention to this.

When we cultivate, what is it that we cultivate? We cultivate to get rid of false thoughts and thoughts of desire. That is real skill. If you cleanse yourself of jealousy, obstructions, greed, hatred, and stupidity, then you can obtain the penetration of knowing past lives.

#### 第十四章 請問善大

沙門問佛。何者為善。何者最大。 佛言。行道守真者善。與道合者大。

第十四章是說明善,沒有什麼 能比得過真正的修行,這是最善 的。大,就是證得真實的理,這是 最大的。

「沙門問佛」:有一位沙門就請問佛。「何者為善」:什麼是最好的事情呢?是應該做的事情呢? 「何者最大」:什麼事情是最偉大的,最要緊的?是最應該做的呢?

「佛言」:佛答覆他的問題,就 ,「行道守真者善」:你能修行 真正的佛法,這就是最好的,你能 修旁門外道。什麼是真正的佛法 吃?就是不自私,大公無私,忘 無我的。不要有一個自己,要 自私心,沒有自利心,一舉一動都 是行菩薩道,利益眾生。

自己明白了,也想教他人明白;自己得到利益,也願意其他人得到利益,不是自私自利的。能這樣子,這是最善的。行道守真是守真理,不要守虚妄、不實在的那種法。修行要明白真理;不明白真理,能守真這才是最好的。

#### **Section 14**

#### Asking about Goodness and Greatness

A Shramana asked the Buddha, "What is goodness? What is the most great?" The Buddha said, "To practice the Way and uphold the truth is goodness. To unite your will with the Way is greatness."

The fourteenth section explains that there is no greater good than genuine cultivation. "Greatness" is realizing and certifying to genuine principles. This is the most great.

A Shramana asked the Buddha, "What is goodness? What is the best thing? What should be done? What is the most great? What is the most awesome, the most important, the most essential phenomenon?"

The Buddha said, "To practice the Way and uphold the truth is goodness." If you can cultivate the genuine Buddhadharma, that's the best thing to do. Don't follow cult practices and religions that lead outside the mind. What is the genuine Buddhadharma? It is not being selfish; it is being open and public-spirited; it is letting go of your views that discriminate between self and others. We shouldn't have an ego. We should not be selfish or seek for self-benefit. In every move we make we should cultivate the Bodhisattva Way and benefit living beings.

However much we understand, we should teach others to understand that much. When we obtain benefit, we should let others obtain that benefit. To be unselfish and seek no personal advantage is the greatest goodness. To practice the Way and uphold the truth means to uphold true principles and not to uphold empty and unreal dharmas. In cultivating, we must understand true principles. If we don't understand true principles, then we are not upholding the truth. Upholding the truth is the best thing.

「志與道合者大」:你的志願和你所修行的道合而為一,你能證果,得聖人果,或者證阿羅漢果,或者行菩薩道,這都是最大的。 (F期後報)

To unite your will with the Way is greatness.

When your will and the Way that you cultivate can unite as one, you can realize the fruition of a sage. Perhaps you can attain the position of Arhatship or walk the Bodhisattva Path. That is the most great.

(To be continued ... )

#### ~壽康寶鑑~

常熟這個地方,有一個叫錢外郎的人,爲人非常霸道。鄰里中有一個窮漢,娶了一個很美貌的妻子。錢外郎假裝借錢耠窮漢,並且叫他去臨清那個地方壽布。因此錢外郎就可以跟他的妻子私通了。有一天,窮漢出門去壽布,因爲退潮不能行船,只好回家。没想到正撞見錢某擁著他的妻子喝酒尋樂,窮漢一時極爲羞惱情怒,立刻就轉身回去船上。於是,錢某就與窮漢妻設下陰謀,夜間派殺手傷裝成强盜去殺了他。窮漢的族人知道這件內情,就去報官伸冕,地方官也将錢某判罪定案。可是,錢某揮金買通,越級上訴,竟然得以免罪。當錢某與窮漢妻二人才踏出衙門,忽然雷雨驟作,二人一起被雷擊死了。

姦淫他人之妻女且又殺其夫,這是天理難容,冤魂所不能解的。即使再奸巧的計謀,上天的報應也唯有更加神速而已。上述這個公案,哪有不受報應的呢?做這樣惡行的人,與拿刀砍自己的頭,又有什麼不同呢?

#### An Excerpt from "Priceless Lessons for a Good Life and Longevity"

In the town of Chang Shou lived a man named Qian Wai Lang. He was very domineering. In his neighborhood lived a poor man who had a beautiful wife. Scheming to secretly seduce the man's wife, Qian Wai Lang lent him money and asked him to go to another town called Lin Qing to sell cloth. One day, when the man was heading toward Lin Qing, the tide was ebbing and no boat could cross the water. Therefore, he returned home. Without the slightest idea about what had been happening, the poor man found Qian in his household embracing his wife amidst merry drinking. Instantly, he was filled with extreme shame and anger. He turned around and went back to the boat. Then Qian and the poor man's wife designed a plot. They send an assassin to kill the man that same night, making it appear to be a burglary.

Afterward, the poor man's clan discovered the truth behind the plot. They presented their grievances to the court, demanding justice. The magistrate gave Qian the guilty verdict. However, due to his money and connections, Qian was allowed to go free. When Qian and the poor man's wife stepped outside the jail, rain suddenly poured down amidst deafening thunder. Qian and the poor man's wife were simultaneously struck by lightning, dying on the spot.

Coveting another man's wife or daughter and killing her husband are truly against the law of heaven. They are offenses for which the soul of the deceased will not be appeased. Topping it all with a devious scheme only increased heaven's wrath, resulting in the quicker arrival of retribution.

In regard to the previous story, is there anyone who escapes retribution? For people who perform such heinous acts, is there any difference between doing what they did and chopping off their own heads?



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1971 宣公上人開示於美國舊金山佛教講堂

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#### **Dharma Master Gunavarman**

Excerpt from the *Hundred-day Chan* Session
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在印度,他到了很多的國家去弘揚禪宗,弘揚大乘佛教。因為文武百官來左一次請他, 右一次請他,一次,二次,三次, 四次,五次甚至於六次,七次來

When Dharma Master Gunavarman was thirty years old, the King of Kashmir died without an heir to succeed the throne. At that time, all the common folk gathered and declared "Gunavarman is virtuous and learned. It would be best if he could become our king and help govern our country. We will ask him to ascend the throne." Nonetheless, he refused, saying: "I have already left the home-life to cultivate the Way. I no longer concern myself with worldly matters. All of you have asked me to become your king, but I cannot accept your offer. You must select another worthy person." After he refused to be their king, he set off to visit other countries.

In India, the Dharma Master traveled to many countries to propagate the Chan Teaching and spread the Great Vehicle Buddhadharma. However, a hundred officials persisted and repeatedly asked him not just once, but twice, three, four, five, six and even seven times to become 請,請了多少次啊!一定要請 他做皇帝。你說怎麼樣呢?這 時候他就跑了,跑到這個深山 穹谷,人看不見,找不著的地 方,一天吃點樹葉,或者吃點 草根,自己在山裡頭和這些野 獸在一起,這麼樣來修行。

修行以後,他又到獅子 國,大約就是現在的錫蘭,到 那去參學,又到那地方去弘揚 佛法。在當時一般人就都 道,這位法師已經證聖果了 他對這一切的眾生,都有一種 的感動力,無論是誰一看見 他,就都發菩提心了。

有一天,這位皇帝的母親 就對皇帝說:「我和你呀很有 緣的,所以你做我的兒子,我 做你的媽媽,這是很不錯。可 their king. What do you think happened? The Dharma Master simply ran away. He went off to deep mountains and remote valleys where no one could see or find him. Eating only leaves and grass roots, he dwelt among the wild beasts and cultivated the Way.

Later, the Master visited Sri Lanka (Simhala) to learn and study, and to propagate the Buddhadharma. At the time, people in general recognized that the Master had already attained sagehood. He had a persuasive power toward all living beings: Whoever saw the Master would be moved to bring forth the Bodhi Mind.

Afterward, the Master traveled to Java. Before his arrival, the mother of the king of Java had a dream. What kind of dream did she have? She saw a ship flying across the ocean with a Shramana on board. The next day, sure enough, Dharma Master Gunavarman arrived. Upon his arrival, the mother of the king said: "Last night I dreamt a Dharma Master was coming here and the Dharma Master I saw in my dream looked just like this one." Therefore, she had deep faith in Dharma Master Gunavarman, took the Five Precepts and cultivated under him. After a long time, her understanding of the Buddhadharma increased considerably.

One day, the mother of the King spoke to her son: "I have great affinities with you. That is why you are my son, and I am your mother. This is really good. But now that I believe in the Buddha, if you don't, our causes and effects will be dif-



國王受了五戒,一開始的 時候本來對佛法沒有什麼興 趣,但是時間久了,因爲求那 跋摩法師 ,是已經證初果的聖 人,所以講的道理都是很圓滿 的。久而久之, 這國王也就生 出了信心,說:「佛法真是妙 不可言,太好了,我怎麼不早 一點研究佛法呢? 就對佛法 也生了大信心, 説是:「我幸 虧得到了一個好的媽媽,我的 媽媽信佛,她度得我也信佛 了,真好。」國王非常高興, 正在高興的時候呢!就有了 麻煩了,什麼麻煩呢?鄰國就 要來和他作戰了。

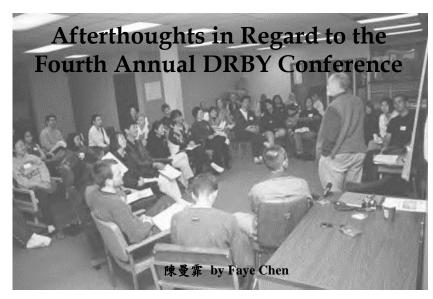
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ferent. I'm afraid that in the future, we will not have such good causes and conditions anymore, since we will be walking different paths." When the King heard this, he understood that because his mother believed in the Buddha, she would like him to believe in the Buddha, too. Although she was not compelling him, nevertheless, she had revealed her thoughts through her words. Then the King replied, "Well then, I'll also receive the precepts." Forcing himself to proceed, he sought to take the Five Precepts of no killing, no stealing, no sexual misconduct, no lying, and no taking of intoxicants under Dharma Master Gunavarman as well.

In the beginning, after the King received the Five Precepts, he had no real interest in the Buddhadharma. Nevertheless, because Dharma Master Gunavarman was a sage who had certified to the First Fruition, the principles he expounded were both perfect and complete and, after quite a while, the King finally gave rise to faith. At that time he said, "The Buddhadharma is really indescribably wonderful. It's truly great! Why didn't I study it earlier?" Therefore he brought forth great faith in the Buddhadharma. He said: "I am fortunate to have had a good mother who believed in the Buddha and who also led me to believe in the Buddha. It's exceedingly good!" The King was overjoyed. Just when he was most elated, trouble erupted. What kind of trouble was that? A neighboring country wanted to wage war upon him.

(To be continued ...)





# 年硏討會有感第四屆法界佛教青

Dharma Realm Buddhist Youth (DRBY) held its Fourth Annual Conference this year from March 22 to March 24 at Blessings, Prosperity and Longevity Monastery in Long Beach, California. This was good news for young people in Southern California. What fell short was the extent of the announcements made to ensure that people were aware of this event and could benefit from it. Although DRBY has a web-site, there are various reasons why people failed to gain information through it. Otherwise, more people could have benefited from this had they known of this opportunity. Hopefully, we can improve this factor in our next event. This would greatly support the progress of DRBY.

Approximately sixty young people attended the three-day symposium. They consisted of Chinese, American and Middle-Eastern youths. It was like a cultural melting pot. Some of the young people who attended were either non-Buddhists or agnostics. Nevertheless, they saw the actions of the other attendees, felt the peacefulness of their relationships, witnessed the spirit of even-mindedness amongst the believers, and thereby brought forth joy as they took part in the discussion of the profound principles of Buddhism.

但是,也有不足之處,節 目表裡沒有中文對照。如果是 新來的移民,或有些帶著孩子 來的華人父母,他〔她〕們如 何看得懂節目表上滿是艱澀 的佛教英文名辭呢?我曾經 目睹幾位華人家長,站在大門 處,捧著節目表卻一籌莫展, 眼神空洞的望著進進出出的 人潮,令人看了感到難過。雖 然佛教青年會是建立在美利 堅合眾國的土地上,但我們也 絕對不可以漠視其它族裔的 文化背景,在保存具有中華文 化之根本時,更必須嚐試使美 國本土的文化也能交匯融合 而沒有區劃,阻隔之分,這樣 外族人士才不會對這個會感 到陌生,而華人也不會被拒之 門外。我希望下次的節目表 上,能印上多國文字,譬如中 文、越文、西班牙文、日文等

When I walked into the symposium, I was immediately given a copy of the schedule. The agenda covering the three-day event was clearly stated in it. It clearly defined information regarding the time, place and topic of each session, as well as a brief introduction of each speaker. It portrayed the image of a well-organized Buddhist association propagating the Buddhadharma. Since the great majority of attendees were born or raised in the United States, it was reasonable to use the English language in planting the roots of Buddhism here in America.

On the other hand, I want to share a comment regarding the nicely prepared schedule booklet. It was printed only in English and no other language. New immigrants, as well as some elderly parents who brought their children to attend, found it difficult to understand Buddhist terminology written in Eng-I saw some Chinese parents standing by the doorway, booklets yet unopened in their hands, watching the stream of young people going in and out of various sessions, not knowing exactly what was going on nor which sessions they would like to attend. My heart went out to them. Even though DRBY is established in an Asian-American setting, consideration for other cultural backgrounds should not be overlooked.

The beauty of preserving one's roots must also extend to reaching out and blending in with other cultures. Without indications of separation, people from all cultures will not feel alienated and no one will feel left out. I hope that next year's agenda will be printed in a multitude of languages, for instance, English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish, Japanese, etc. There may be a shortage of resources to perform this task, but if we look far down the road,

等,這方面或許會有人力不足 之處,但長期來講,這應該也是 弘法的方法之一,有助於佛教 青年會的發展更有效果。

當然,太多不同民族融匯 在一起,在弘揚佛法時,難免受 到文化背景的局限,和思考方 式的影響,而無法達到廣泛 刻。但佛教源於世尊心法,則 慈悲,朝向人生最高的智慧境 界,所以雖然文化心態不同,離苦 得樂。

this can also become an avenue of propagating the Buddhadharma. Also, this can help booster the growth of DRBY.

Certainly, one can understand the difficulties of a multi-cultural function. In propagating the Buddhadharma, it is inevitable to be hampered by diversified cultural backgrounds. There will always be differences in the way people absorb and digest information, thereby restricting the depth a discussion can reach. However, we should all bear in mind that the Buddhadharma originates from the Buddha's minddharma, driven by kindness and compassion, moving towards mankind's highest level of wisdom. We may all start out as a greatly diversified group, with different cultures and mentalities, yet we can ultimately share the same result. We can also lead others to leave suffering and attain bliss.

In this period of telecommunications, utilizing the internet to propagate the Buddhadharma enables us to reach out farther and wider. I have looked into the website of DRBY (www.drby.net). The design and contents are fascinating. Seeing these young people diligently putting their time and effort into such a worthwhile cause, I strongly encourage everyone to give your full support to them and to nurture them. Under the blessings of Proper Dharma, let them follow the wholesome path. In due course, let the brilliance of the Buddhadharma radiate more intensely here in the West.



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Night of good stories and songs



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#### 2002年6月法會時間表 Schedule of Events - June of 2002

∃Sun	Mon	二Tue	<u>≡</u> Wed	四Thu	五Fri	六Sat
◎ 禮拜大悲懺 Great Compassion Repentance 1:00 pm						1
2 三千佛懺 Three Thousand Buddhas Repentance 8:00 am-3:30 pm	3	4	5 彌陀同願會念佛共修 Buddha Recitation Group: Cherishing The Same Vows As Amitabha Buddha's 7:00-9:00 pm	6	7	8
9 華嚴法會 Avatamsaka Dharma Assembly 8:00 am-3:30 pm	10	11 初一	12 彌陀同願會念佛共修 Buddha Recitation Group: Cherishing The Same Vows As Amitabha Buddha's 7:00-9:00 pm	13	14	15 *** 6:30 am at GWM *** 巴士上萬佛城參加 上人涅槃七週年法會 Bus to CTTB to attend Seventh Anniversary of Venerable Master Hua's Entering Nirvana
16 萬佛城舉辦宣公上人 涅槃七週年法會 CTTB's Seventh Anniversary of Venerable Master Hua's Entering Nirvana 金輪寺法會暫停一日 There is no Dharma Assem- bly at Gold Wheel Monastery	17	18	19 彌陀同願會念佛共修 Buddha Recitation Group: Cherishing The Same Vows As Amitabha Buddha's 7:00-9:00 pm	20 初十 宣公上人涅槃 每月紀念日 Monthly Memorial Day of Venerable Master Hua's Entering Nirvana	21©	22 中華文化研究 Chinese Culture Study 8:30 pm-3:00 pm
23 華嚴法會 Avatamsaka Dharma Assembly 8:00 am-3:30 pm	24⊚	25⊚ +±	26◎ 彌陀同願會念佛共修 Buddha Recitation Group: Cherishing The Same Vows As Amitabha Buddha's 7:00-9:00 pm	27⊚	28⊚	29⊚
30 養嚴法會 Avatamsaka	金輪寺將於6月15日早上6:30 am組巴士朝聖團,赴萬佛城參加上人涅槃七週年法會,因此該週末法會					

華嚴法會 Avatamsaka **Dharma Assembly** 8:00 am-4:00 pm 放生法會 **Liberating Life Ceremony** 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

暫停一日。

In commemoration of Venerable Master Hua's 7th Nirvana Anniversary, Gold Wheel Monastery is chartering a bus going to the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas. The bus will be leaving GWM at 6:30am on June 15 (Saturday) and returning on June 16 (Sunday). Please register ahead of time to facilitate arrangement.