

## 佛學問答

## Questions on Buddhism

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Q. You can not behold the mind of the past, the future and the present. What kind of mind can you behold? Can you behold the mind during repeating Buddha? (P. 74)

A. If you repeat the Buddha upto thoughtless, you will also behold nothing from the mind.

Q. You ring the bell and strike the wooden fish during chanting. What is the meaning? (P. 75)

A. The sound of the bell can notify the multitude. Also let others remind Buddha. It is a kind of benevolence. The fish does not sleep. To carve a figure of a fish is to admonish without weariness. Also during chanting there is rhythm. To strike the wooden fish is to keep the time.

Q. Inside the Amitayus Sutra there is a phrase of "the Karma king of hetrodox views". What is the meaning of Karma king? If you want to quit but you are bound by others. Is this a kind of action by the Karma King? (P. 76)

A. The hetrodox view belongs to the Karma of thought. If it reaches its extreme, it cannot be rationalized by the right views. Therefore it is like the king which is unconquerable. Also this kind of Karma of thought is like the king, who orders his officials by performing every kind of wrong words and wrong deeds. To quit from the bad deeds is a right view. To be bound by others is an outside hindrance. It is not the Karma king of hetrodox views.

Q. If one want to get the benefit from Buddhism, one must be revernet. How to be revernet? (P. 77)

A. The reverence is originated from the mind and expressed by the conduct. You should do it always.

Q. How many precepts can be observed by the lay disciples? (P. 77)

A. You can go to the extreme by observing

the fifty-eight precepts of Bodhisatva.

Q. By the principle of Buddhism, all living beings are equal. Why there are different degrees of performance in the Pure Land? (P. 78)

A. All living bings are equal in their Buddha nature or chance and possibility of becoming Buddha. When they become Buddha of course they are also equal. But when they are on their way to deliverence, by their diligency they are diffenent in performance.

## Manifestation

"We take refuge in

Lord Buddha, who first brought light to mankind.

Teachings as clear as the crystal sea!

In Gotama the world honored Buddha.

In all Buddhas who have come, are, and who will be.

In the Buddha of pure joy,

In Maitreya, the Buddha to come!

In the great King of Kings.

In Brahma and Vishnu,

In the Buddha of the excellent Law.

In Kwanyin, the Incarnation of Mercy Buddhas,

In all the Bodhisattvas of Paradise,

In all the Lay Sangha,

In all the Buddhas of the Universe."

Wisdom of the East

## Mettabhavara

Universal Love-Thoughts Wares We surround-all-men, and all forms of life, with infinite love and compassion.

Particularly do we send forth loving Thoughts to those in soffering and sorrow, To those in poubt and ignorance of lord Buddha teachings also to those who sfeet are standing close to the great. Change now belivers "Call death"

We send forth oceans-and oceans of Wisdom, mercy, and love, to all those Who arestriving to attain truth,

Glory to amitabha may all beirgs

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