Questions on Buddhism

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Q. Some one told me that he kill animals and eat the flesh for the sake of helping them to get rid of the bad lives of animal. The killing is the ending of suffering. What is your opinion about this explaination? (P. 7)

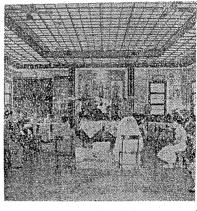
A. The worms in an ordure pool suffer the most. Would he be so kind as to eat a lot to save them? The Buddha's rules "to cover the lamp" and "to strain the water" were laid down for the purpose of saving the animals' lives. If the killing is the saving, then would the Buddha's behavior be pitiless?

Q. One college student said that he will believe in Buddhism if the existance of the Pure Land of Amitaba be proved. How shall I answer him? (P. 8)

A. To prove what is true the best methods are the three measures of Hetuvidya (Hindoo logic.) They are:

- 1. The measure of intruition, the direct sight like the sight to the eyes and the sound to the ears;
- 2, The measure of inference, as from the sight of smoke to infer a fire to be there;
- 3, The measure of authority, as the teachings of the saints for the reliabilities of their experiences.

For the proof of the Pure Land, the saints can prove it by the meaure of intruition. The common people can only prove it by inference when he see some one's super-natural appearance during one's passing away for the Pure Land. Buddha prohibit anyone from telling lies and his teachings must be true. The Pure Land is taught by many Sutras. It should be the proof by the measure of authority. For example, we have a day when the earth revolves once and we have a year when the earth turns a whole round surounding the sun. This is recognized by all scientists. It cannot be proved by intruition even I look down from an aroplane. It is only proved by the scientists by the measure of inferance. And the common people believe it only for the measure of anthority of the science. By the way if you believe in many stars to be many worlds, why there would be no posiblity that there is a Pure Land among them?



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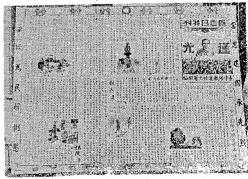
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