

North to Join the Buddha Repeating of All Places

Keelung—Mr. P. N. Li, the President of Bodhedrum, came to join the seven day Buddha repetition and gave speeches.

Taipei—Mr. Li went to the laprosy hospital to join their seven day Buddha repetition together with Ven. Chanyuen. They preached three times.

Taoyuan—Mr. Li came to the Lotus Club of Taoyuan to preach three times. He held also a free talk on Buddhism with Buddhists.

Hsinchu—Mr. Li came to Hsinchu and gave a preach. He was welcomed by Buddhists.

Spring Propagation of the Dharma by the Lotus Club of Ilan

Ilan—The Lotus Club of Ilan held a spring propagation of the Dharma for five nights. They also preached through the local broadcast station.

Representatives Will be Sent to Join the Buddha Jayanti of Thailand

Taipei—The Chinese Buddhist Association was invited by the Government of Thailand to join the Buddha Jayanti. Representatives are arranged to prepare for this big event.

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Questions on Buddhism

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Q. Some of the teachings of Buddhism are the same with those of Bramenism. Are these borrowed by the Buddha or there are some truths in the Bramenism? (P. 101)

A. Both reasons are probable.

Q. There are sectional death in the common people and changing death in the Bodhisatvas. Is the sectional death birth, old age, sickness and death? What is the changing death? (P. 106)

A. The sectional death is death and birth.

The changing death is only changing of environment taking the appearance of death and birth.

Q. There might be stupid students of Buddha. Why the Buddha didn't teach them to repeat Amitabha? Why no disciples of Buddha were heard to be reborn to the Pure Land? (P. 109)

A. The method of repeating Buddha are for all kind of Men and not only for stupid ones. In the Pure Land Sutras there were many disciples listening to the discourse of Pure Land. Also the disciples gladly practice after the preaching. You cannot say that the Buddha didn't teach them. There are many methods to fit many kinds of people. In the Amitabha Sutra, "Now reincarnate in the Pure Land." That proved there were people reborn in the Pure Land. The Arahans can go to any Pure Land as they like.

Q. Why the Buddha taught his stupid disciple to repeat the word Broom and not Amitabha? (P. 111)

A. The Buddha taught any one according to his ability and interest. He saw a broom and then he taught to repeat the word Broom to concentrate the mind.

Q. I read the Pumen Chapter of Bodhisatva Avalokitesvara, "Bodhisatva Aksayamati (Wuchinyi) says, Venerable, I want to donate to the Bodhisatva Avalokitesvara. And he released his necklace of precious stones which costs a hundred thousand pounds of gold and presented." I can't understand that the Bodhisatva reached the stage of noself, why he had that precious ornaments. (P.112)

A. Of course the Bodhisatva don't want ornament. The best donation is the Dharma. These things were only representation of his generous mind.

Q. There were numerous Bodhisatvas came to listen to the preaching of Buddha. How can the hall accommodate that much? (P. 116)

A. The space were unlimited by supernatural powers which were unconsiderable. Even the layman Vimalakrti could accommodate innumerable seats in a small room, why Buddha could'nt? The capacity was increased yet the space remained the same. That was the secret of super natural power. To illustrate, a small mirror can reflect mountains and rivers inside it without increasing its own size.