

## 佛學問答

## Questions on Buddhism

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**Q.** How many kinds of Nirvana? Please explain.

**A.** There are many kinds of Nirvana. According to the Dharmalakṣaṇa Sect (Fahsang Sect) they are as follows: 1, the original pure nature Nirvana which means that though the Tathata is contaminated by Ajiva, it retains its purity; 2, the remnant Nirvana which means that the pains are released yet the body remains; 3, the remnantless Nirvana which means that the pains and body are all released; and 4, the no boarding Nirvana which means that the pains and wrong knowledge are all released with boarding in the world because of wisdom and without boarding in Nirvana because of mercy.

**Q.** When salute Buddha, why with the two hands facing upward?

**A.** This is called the salutation of holding feet to express the reverence by holding the feet of Buddha.

**Q.** Ought Buddhist make friend with heretics?

**A.** You can make friend with them because Buddhism encourages equality. To give benefit to them you should explain the Buddhist principle to them frequently. But if they tend to attract you for evil deeds or erratic thoughts better get away from them.

**Q.** Every one has a Buddha nature which is not inside or outside the body, where is it?

**A.** It is like the light of the sun shining over the earth. You can't say that the light is inside the sun or outside the sun wandering upon the earth.

**Q.** Is true nature and Ajiva (wuming) one thing with two phases?

**A.** The true nature is as the water, the Ajiva is as the wave, water and wave are one thing with two aspects.

## 佛教新聞

## Buddhist News in Free China

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**Administrators and Controllers of the Chinese Buddhist Association were Elected by the Buddhist Representatives**

The meeting was presided over by the Ven. Taichang

More than one Hundred Representatives attended

Taipei—The 3rd. meeting of Buddhist Representatives was held at the Shantao Temple of Taipei. It was presided over by the Ven. Taichang. More than one hundred representatives attended. They decided to send telegram to salute Present Chiang and Vice President Cheng, to air drop the papers to the mainland to comfort the Buddhist friends and to elect administrators and controllers.

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#### Buddhist Book Printed

Taipei—The Buddhacaritakavya Sutra (Foshsingchan Sutra) by Asvaghosa (Maming) with English translation was printed.

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**The Vegetarians' Restaurant was Established by Mr. C. T. Hsiao and Encouraged by Dr. S. C. Li**

Taipei—Mr. C. T. Hsiao, a earnest Buddhist established a vegetarians' restaurant in Taipei. It is encouraged by Dr. S. C. Li, a famous vegetarian.

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**The Buddhist Library of Taichung Bought Land for the Building Site**

Taichung—The Buddhist library of Taichung bought land for the building site for 500,000 dollars N. T. They elected Mr. P. N. Li as their chief librarian.

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