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23rd May 2009 Kurukulla's Ceremony, Dharma Discourse.

First, let's pay homage to Reverend Liao Ming,
Vajra Master Sakya Zheng-Kong,
His Holiness the Sixteenth Karmapa,
and Vajra Master Thubten Dargye,
Homage to the Triple Jewels of the Shrine.

Thanks to all the honourable guests, Shi Mu, all Masters, Professors, Lecturers, Dharma assistants, Chapters leaders, fellow students and students joining us through the internet. Auspicious to everyone!

First, I would like to thank everybody for supporting Kurukulla's Ceremony. It's a personal deity that confers great respect and loving, she can summon all the sentient beings under the sky to believe in true Buddha. She can summon all the sentient beings heart to believe in true Buddha. She can summon all the sentient beings heart to show respect and loving to each other, able to summon sentient beings heart toward kindness, able to summon sentient beings heart, to overcome all the bad time together. That's why, today, we pray for Kurukulla compassionately descending. To embrace us with light, to be able to heal all the participants suffering, be able to dissipate all sickness, bad karma, all type of disaster and increase our good fortune, to increase our wisdom, to increase our heart that is keen in practicing Buddhism, a heart that approach toward Buddha's heart, a heart that approach toward kindness. Let's pray to Kurukulla, that she will never abandon us, to pray for our personal deity summon, pray for our Grand Master blessing, to pray that our dharma protector will stay with us forever, to let every one of us felt auspicious and fulfilling, throughout our life time.

By returning to Taiwan this time, to be able to celebrate birthday in Taiwan Lei Tsang Temple in advance, it's indeed a coincident.

They said: [Celebrate birthday in advance]. I said: [I'm someone that complies with fate.] Since everybody mean it, and the ceremony are so grand. I felt that if I'm going to celebrate in Seattle, it might not be so many people. Maybe is still better to celebrate birthday in Taiwan. (Audience loud applause)

< Answering Sister Xu Ya Qi questions. >

There are a few questions that Sister Xu Ya Qi asked, during the interview. Over here, I'll answer Sister Xu Ya Qi questions again. But, this time the answer will be slightly different from the recording. If is the same, you better watch the TV, that's why it should be answer differently. Because some question, the answer is not just one, sometime two or three. Sister Xu Ya Qi did ask in a calm manners, did not over do it. Now, I'm going to answer it very sharply, so, listen attentively.

The first question she asked: [In the beginning, why I decided to migrate to America?]

Some people like to made something out of nothing, they said that I've a reason when I go to US. Let me tell you, there's only one reason: I'm happy. (Audience laugh and applause) Someone is asking, why are you out from retreat? What is the answer? No answer. I'm happy! I'm out from retreat, what else could it be? It's just happy. I migrate to US, happy! (Audience laugh and applause) Actually there are more content in it.



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The mouth is with him, he can say anything: [Sheng-yen Lu is an economic criminal.] I've never own any business! And never own any body money. For my case, if I ever borrow even one token, I won't be able to sleep tonight. Only people own me, I've never own others. I'm not an economic criminal. Let me tell you, check the data, data should have it.

Second point, someone said [It must have committed affair]. Tell you something! I don't have such a good luck. If, I've committed an affair, I would have stay back. That's because there isn't any in Taiwan, that is why, I went to US. What else?

I told Sister Xu, it take time to migrate to US, is not as easy as just carried your luggage and leave. I've to apply for the good citizenship ID, I'm a good citizen .Let me tell you, today [Sheng -yen Lu] this three words didn't left any trace behind it, it meant, in my whole life I've not been to the police station, never been to the court and never been to the prison. I do not have any bad record. This then is a good citizen. (Audience applause) They are making something out of nothing, is either 'wealth' or 'sex'. Till today , I do not have any bad record, I didn't commit the mistake that Jacky Chan did, Jacky Chan said it very bravely : [He commit the mistake that all the man did .] I don't believe. I didn't commit the crime that Jacky Chen did. (Audience applause)

The pen is on the people's hand, the mouth is with them, whatever they want to say, or what to write, do whatever they wish! I do not have such a good luck.

Grand Master is a very decent man, a down to earth man. Till now, there's only one Shi Mu. Why there's no two, because it did scare me to death, why do I need two? One already scared me to death, if I'm going to scare by the second one, than I'm going to be dead. That is why I migrate to US, is all because of fate. John Chen is here, Tom Chen is also here, is Bobby Chen here? The three Chen are all here. Because they have a business in Seattle, so I request for their help, and followed them to Seattle. I did not bring them to Seattle. That is because I'm happy at that time, to go along, that's how I stay in Seattle. This is all fate! No other reason. Because Jade Pond Golden Mother ever said: [You will deliver the world sentient being when you are in Seattle.] (Audience loud applause) This is the first question.

Sister Xu Ya Qi then asked, due to the article that I wrote, I ever wrote a article [if you are Chen Shui Bian], it means [if I'm Ah Bian], I'm using Ah Bian to alert myself, you will not get anything even you are in the highest peak.

Life is impermanence. Impermanence is the real truth in Buddha. Impermanence, doesn't have consistence, there's no 'forever'. Even you are the President of a country, it doesn't last forever.

There's a lot of President in our Lu's family. Take a look! I'm Sheng-yen Lu. Roh Tae-Woo, Roh Moo-hyun, the President are all from the Lu's family. I know – he is dead. I use it as a commandment, what commandment? Impermanence! There are no consistence in this world, is always changing. The fact is, you wil I not gain anything at the end of the day. If I'm Ah Bian, (Grand Master speaking in Taiwanese) [I'll fed myself well, everyday I'll write my book, everyday I'll practice my martial art diligently, everyday I'll practice my cultivation, I'll like that place? Is just like the day of retreat.] [Audience applause] I'll feel that over there I do not need to work, I do not need to liberal Buddhist teaching, do not need to drew talismans for student , do not need to consult by the student, and be able to have my meal in a quiet place, a place to sleep, and be contended. I'll practice diligently in that cell, meditate diligently and if ever one day when I'm out , I'll have golden light



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shone around strongly. (Audience applause) This is how I encourage myself. I'm not the real Ah Bian! But if I'm in the same situation, I'll practice diligently, and have a good retreat.

There is one more question: [Recently, there is a reverend pass away, and he wrote four lines of verses, Grand Master taught that is too much, 'Pleasurable' is the only word I need. What is the reason?]

I felt that, in case of a Zen practitioner, when he is leaving the world, he was preparing the verses during four years ago, which is unnecessary. Must it take such a big effort? By preparing it four years ago, it meant that you are not ready to let go of this mortal world, you wanted to leave a verse for everybody to see, this is the first mistake. To me, writing a verse is by nature, you write it when you feel like it, when you don't feel like writing it, you just don't, why do you need to write it in advance? This meant that there is a mortal world in your heart.

In case of Zen, one can't just say you have mortal world in your heart, one should own a mortal world in the heart, one also shouldn't own a mortal world in the heart, this is indeed Zen. That's why, I felt that the first few verses were pretty good. First verse [busy in nothing while growing old] this is good, [Tears and laughter in the emptiness] this is good, [Initially 'me' is not exist] this is good, [Life and death are able to throw] this is not good. [Initially 'me' is not exist], [there's no life or death to throw] that will do. In [Initially 'me' is not exist], it shows that you still own [Life] and [Death], what else do you want to throw? That is written by, 'Wen Tian Xiang', not written by this reverend. This is my answer.

Sister Xu Ya Qi asked me, the third question: [In the mundane life, are you or are you not a good father? a good husband? a good son? Which do you think you've done the best?]

My father is here. My father will know whether I'm a good son. I won't know. My father is a good father. I'm not a good son. In front of my children, I'm not a good father. Why? Because they have a good mother, that's why they will not have a good father. I'm not a good husband too. I married at the age of thirty, today I'm sixty-five years old, married for thirty-five years, during Valentine's day I've not given her any flowers, I've not given her any present for her birthday, nothing. What is the one thing that I'm good in? I master the Buddha dharma. (Audience applause) Today, what I gave to my father and mother is Buddha dharma. Today, I gave Buddha dharma to Shi mu, Fo Qing and Fo Qi Buddha dharma, this is good. The rest is no good.

There's a question asked by Sister Xu Ya Qi: [During the time of retreat, you were seriously sick, indeed you can understand the suffering for the patient, what is your advice to the kin's of patient?]

Today, let me tell everybody, it was really suffering when I was sick, the most suffering things in life is sickness. Health sickness, psychology sickness, they are all types of sicknesses. The only method is to unify with the sickness, accept your fate. If you got yourself into incurable sickness, resign to fate. Because only when you unify with the sickness, in the sickness, pray to Buddha, Buddhishatva, Master, personal deity, pray for blessing, pray to the dharma protector for blessing, earnestly achieve the accomplishment of Buddha dharma, at the end of it, you then will dissipate the suffering of illness. But if you surrender to the sickness, you will not get to relieve. At the same time, my advice to all the patients, patients have to unify with your sickness, you must live happily even you are sick. You have to practice by turning the sickness into happiness. Initially sickness is suffering, but you must turn your sick into happiness. And the family related, have to be very attentive, very carefully taking care of the patient. All the students have to visit the patient, because Sakyamuni Buddha ever



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said : [Visiting patient will have the first fortune] Our Lotus Light Charity Society must always take care of the patient, in the future, [Sheng-yen Lu Charitable Foundation] must also take care of the patient, never leave the patient. Patient, Buddha, Buddhisatva, happiness and all the kin must be unify, in this way then one can lessen the suffering from sickness, and get relieve from the sickness. This is what I want to said.

[Your Master ever advise you, to go into [Retreat] once you attain achievement, to [Attain nirvana immediately] or be [Insane], why do you choose the last?] This was ask by Sister Ya Qi.

Because once you retreat, you can't deliver sentient beings, 'retreat' have to ends one day, even after you [Retreat] you must come out again, then do you want to [Attain nirvana immediately] ? Nirvana can't deliver sentient beings. In order to deliver sentient beings, being [Insane] should be the choice. Some one scolded [Sheng -yen Lu is a lunatic], Taiwanese said [Crazy], in fact, how could it be? Even there is, it can't be any worse, but is good to pretend to be insane sometime.

There's a joke about mental hospital, think you heard it before! One day, the Chief of the mental hospital went to visit his patient, this patient of his was lying down and singing, and he sang well, just like a singer, he didn't miss out any lyrics. So, the Chief thought he is recovering, but after a few songs, the patient over turn his body and carry on his singing and he sang it well too! Then, the Chief ask him: [Just then you were singing while lying down, and you sang well, but why do you need to turn over your body while singing?] He said, [Just now I'm singing side A, now I'm singing side B, that's why I'm turning my body.] In the future, I'm going to practice this, sing while sitting, sing while standing, sing while lying and over turn my body to sing, because I'm a four sided tape. There's a lot of joke regards mental patient. In fact I'm not that insane, but, sometime, I like to talk freely, chat freely, so you listen freely, sometime I pretend to be insane.

Last Year, after the ceremony in 'Lin Kou Stadium', many people saw me, they all ask me: [Master Lu, I'm waiting for you!] [Oh! I'm very happy, how do you recognize me ?] [I saw you in the magazine!] Even you saw me in the magazine, I'm very happy too! Finally you can recognize me. I went to the bank, every one stand up and attend me, I went to the post office, every one will stand up and attend me, on the street, ev erybody will said: [It's him!] I'm very happy. Some one asked me: [Really?] [Is it real ly like that?] I will ask him: [Am I that good luck?] I'm not so lucky, I always said this: [I'm not so lucky !]

That's why, I said I'm grateful . I am expressing gratitude day and night. Why? Because once the media wrote about me, I'm unusually happy, if they didn't wrote about me, than I'm unusually sad. Regardless of whether the report is good, bad or negative, for people like us that practice Buddhism, should all feel gratitude, at lease they can recognize me, will buy the books from 'Da Deng Publication'.(Audience applause), finally one day I will get to met you, we'll have fate, be able to deliver sentient beings. This is the benefit of media, regardless of positive, negative, there's no positive! Only negative! But we do have positive, what happened? Because is 'Enlightenment' Magazine', is 'True Buddha News', is our own publishing, will only publish the positive. Others will publish the negative. How will the media published the positive side of me? I would like to ask, who is the one who spend the money? It must be some one bought it with money. Because is this world, you can't do without money, every one will be poor till what they left with is money, money is mani pulating people.

In the world of today, if Master Lu has a Lu Fo Qing, a Lu Fo Qi and a Lu XX, I'm sure I'm going to get scolded till death. The media will kept reporting it, kept scolding me till my whole face turn black. But, it is different with a rich man! If is a rich man, in the old age like me, giving birth one after another, everyday it will



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have the news of him giving birth. Why? Because he is rich, let me see, I guess is better to be rich in my next life, can give birth a few more, can't make it t his life anymore, no chance, right? People always said [Widow giving birth – no chance], right? No more chance. Is better to be rich, what am I talking about, sorry, I'm saying something insane.

Oh! Right! I remember we do have a Master Lian Bao. Master Lian Bao, please stand up and let everybody take a look. (Audience applause) May I ask how old is Master Lian Bao? Master Lian Bao is sixty -four years old. He also gave birth to a son. Did our 'True Buddha Paper' publish about him? (No) Nothing! Oh! His son is here. His is sixty-four years old, just gave birth to a son, why the media did not publish about him? Why didn't our 'Enlightenment' Magazine publish about him? We do have a great Master too! Give birth to a son! Further more, this son is a Rinpoche, is a living Buddha. (Audience applause) if there is a media among us now, hope that you will report about our Master Lian Bao, sixty -four years old, gave birth to a son.

Over here, we do have a mighty warrior – Master Lian Bao. But the tonsure Master cannot practice this, he did not tonsure, but the tonsure Master cannot follow! Understand? And all of us that receive tonsure, all cannot practice this! Master Lian Bao can, but we cannot. He is greater than us, just nobody report about it. Today, if our Master Lian Bao, are poor till what he left with is money, the media will report about him too, am I right?

Someone is asking H1N1, what do you think?

It will not affect the True Buddha School student. (Audience applause) Because we have an ancestor from god of Plague - Jade Pond Golden Mother, which is the ancestor of the god of plague. Check on the Jade Pond Golden Mother allusion, Jade Pond Golden Mother is the ancestor, from god of plague. Only our True Buddha School have Jade Pond Golden Mother, god of pla gue won't dare to touch me, won't dare to touch everybody. (Audience applause) what are you scare of , don't need to wear mouth piece, (Grand Master laugh) what ever type of influenza came , do not be afraid of them, when the virus is here , just give it a blow, what is there to afraid of ?

While I was having my meal in Cambodia, the worm and flea was biting my foot , when I caught it, I put it on my back, and put it on my head. Some one ask: [what happen? Why do you put the worm and flea on your head and back when they bite you?] Because once I put the worm and flea on my back, once they are there , then they won't be able to survive, due to climate changes they shell be dead. You don't need to free worm and flea. Neither, I want to knead them. You only need to put them on the back. And, they will die due to changes of climate. Do not be afraid. All True Buddha Student do not be afraid (Audience applause), (Grand Master speaking in Taiwanese) but what to do if you really catch it? Even so you will not die. (Audience applause) Why you worry? Nobody is going to die. Even the whole community got spread, what to do? Chant the Jade Pond Golden Mother Mantra, prey for her blessing, and then make a call to 1922, if you are been spread, make a report. No one is going to die, don't be afraid. I can't said that I'm not afraid, I heard that those fifty-two years old above have its own immunity system, that's why I'm not scare. Those below fifty -two, you must make a call to 1922 ad make a report, don't have to feel scare, y ou will recover. Chant the Jade Pond Golden Mother Mantra, chant the Great Relief for Calamities Mantra. (Audience applause)

In fact, very long ago, not very long actually, recently, I ever wrote it on my book. Sister Xu Ya Qi asked: [Did saw the god of plague descended.] I did write it on my book, there's two god of plague descending. Is only one now, now only appear one, there is one more. Not only one, in the future there's one more, that one is even



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more powerful. Is still the same, Jade Pond Golden Mother is the most powerful. (Audience applause ferociously) All right! Thank You, everybody!

Oh! It's six-thirty. (Below was spoken in Taiwanese by Grand Master) There is empowerment, option, the option is for 'Enlightenment Magazine', and also to the Taiwan 'True Buddha Paper' not Vancouver, don't get mix up. We have to give Lotus Light Charity Society and Lei Tsang Temple. Two options, there's one more thing, this crown, is presented by Malaysia. Given to me yesterday, and this vest, they said I cannot don't wear. So I put it on! I was shock when I saw the sun, it's unbearable. And this morning I was nagging at the m: ["Golden Mother", "Buddha", "Ksitigarbha Bodhisattva's", if today you're going to come out with a sun, I'm going to be 'dead'.] I was sweating outside, and my underwear was wet when I'm in Cambodia, Burma and Thailand. Now I'm back to Taiwan, do you think I'm going to wet my underwear again? When the 'Welcoming Group' came, I was nagging all the way. All the way, till performing Homa: [If you did n't hide the sun, if the cloud didn't come out to hide the sun, if my students fainted due to over burn, I'm going to settle with you. (Audience applause) I tell you, I will definitely deal with "Jade Pond Golden Mother", "Buddha", "Ksitigarbha Bodhisattva's" and "Yamantaka", the dharma protector. How can the sun over burn my students? Hot till fainted.

Just, Shi Mu told me, while I was using the 'Vajra rod' to perform the 'Armour Protection Ritual', the cloud then started to block the sun. When I heard it, that's good, I shall than stop scolding. (Audience applause) But, I'm grateful, he gave me this crown and vest. No doubt I'm still sweating, and Taiwan is still the same, hot and stuffy. But, still have to thanks him for giving me this crown and vest. He wrote a very long verse! The verse was well written, what is the verse about? What to do if ones are trap in the mountain? I shell answer you today, to let you know what I've got. If, I didn't go into the mountain, why should I walk out of that mountain? (Audience applause) The actual answer: [I didn't go in, why must I come out? I'm outside all this while. I did not go into the mountain, why must I come out of it?] This is the accurate answer: [I did not go in. Why than must I come out?] (Audience applause)

I've got one more question here, nobody answer it, or answer wrongly. One day, there's a very healthy, very strong dog. He beats all, the dog. And became a king, and all the dog lose out to him. One day, he saw an old dog, almost losses all his fur, lazing around. The king dog saw him, and wanted to challenge him: [Do you dare to challenge me?] Old dog said: [Forget it! I've loss all my fur, my body is shaking, and is old. I really can't make it.] The king dog said: [I insist, I wanted to challenge you.] The old dog said: [Since you insist, I shall then entertain you.] The old dog then crawl up, and both of them started to fight. The king dog end up losing to the old dog, and he ask: [Why are you so powerful?] that old dog said: [Before I losses all my fur, everybody call me a 'lion'.] (Audience applause) That is a lion, that old dog is a lion. Now my question is, [When then will it be fare for the lion and dog?] Nobody answer me this questions, have a good time in contemplating. Thank You. Everybody! Om Mani Padme Hum.

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