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Dharma Talk By Grand Master – Apply “non-existence of me” dharma as the first (dharma)

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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,
And Masters, Honored guests, Chapters leaders,
Reverends, Lecturers, Dharma assistants, Fellow students.

It's around four plus now, time is very tight, there's another place to visit after here. When I was about to leave, Shi Mu did instruct, my Boss(Shi Mu) give instruction, to gave every chapters thirty minutes. Oh no! It's over now.

The days are short for the present trip, when I came in (entering Taiwan), they only give one month visa and twenty days had pass, only a few days left. So, I'm asking for your forgiveness, can't make it to every chapter due to lack of time. Just like the last trip, I actually 'go round the island within a week' (a popular package term from travel agency). If every trip I have to 'go round the island within a week', it will wear out the old people. Really, I can 'go round the island within a week' on every trip, if I'm still twenty-six years old. As for now, after new year, I'm sixty-five years old, if every time I going to be weary, it will be death due to exhaustion.

As everyone always recite the 'longevity verse', if this continue I think it won't be 'long', for the day that I leave.

I saw Dharma sister Xu (Xu Ya Qi – host of Dian Shang Xin Deng), I saw it this morning, the part that she interview me. Let's talk about it, what is “Apply ‘non-existence of me’ dharma as the first”(dharma) ? In the realm of beings, Shakyamuni Buddha taught us “Apply ‘non-existence of ‘me’ dharma as the first”. Because in the world of human, all the kind, evil, right, wrong, and all the trouble, they are all due to ‘me’, it's all because of this ‘me’, ‘me’ is the cause of it. If ‘me’ is not existed – ‘Wu Wo’, if you can really practice in this manner ‘non-existence of me’, it is saint, you are already a saint in this human world.

As for the sentient beings, why there's reincarnation? Why are they reincarnation/rebirth within samsara? Even rebirth in three evil realms?

Why? Indeed is because of the ‘me’ thought, a stubborn ‘me’, stubbornness in ‘me’.

Presently every chapter in Taiwan if Shi Zun (Grand Master) did not visit their place(chapter), he will think: “Unfair, why only visit ‘Fa Zou Tang’?”, “ ‘Fa Ji Tang’ is just next to it, why then you did not visit?” They will be thinking: “‘Fa Zou Tang’ is bigger, ‘Fa Ji Tang’ is smaller.” There's a Master Lian Yin in ‘Fa Zou Tang’, there isn't any in ‘Fa Ji Tang’. Oh! There's a police in here. (‘Fa Ji Tang’ chapter leader is a policeman) (students laughing) Once Shi Zun came here it meant he visited both, because they are all here.



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It's a phenomenon on earth, there's no way to be fair in this world, there's nothing call 'fair'. Why 'unfair'? Because 'me' exists, 'my chapter', 'your chapter', 'his chapter', so 'unfair'. If this is what 'Fa Zou Tang' think: "It's fair for all the chapter, there's nothing like 'Yours' or 'Mine', today I shall invite Shi Zun to 'Fa Ji Tang' instead of 'Fa Zou Tang'. (students applause) Why? Because it's the same, the same Three Jewels, the same True Buddha School, the same Shi Zun, the same students, bodhisattva must be able to sacrifice. The big chapter must take care of small chapter, being able to develop. (students applause) So, visiting one chapter is the same as visiting the whole of Taiwan County chapters, indeed no differences. Fellow students should not be thinking: "Shi Zun unfair, only visit that chapter." It's the same like what they mention just now, there might be some arrangement, all the way till dinner time, will be having dinner in 'Mama Chu Fang' (name of a restaurant) again, it's sure to be 'Mama Chu Fang'. You are sure to arrange it in 'Mama Chu Fang', that will be very memorable.

Buddha taught us to "apply 'non-existence of me' dharma as the first", no matter where you go, no matter what you do, you don't apply your stubbornness, don't apply your own thoughts, if you have a bold heart, you will be able to accept it. Dharma sister Ya Qi asked me, "Why Shi Zun didn't get hurt?" "Because I am not Sheng-yen Lu", "neither Living Buddha Lian Sheng", "neither "Flower Light Self-mastery Buddha". I'm not at all. I only have a very very big heart, in order to preach to sentient beings, the rest doesn't bother me, how will this going to hurt me? If you think you are 'Sheng-yen Lu', they are criticizing, reprehending 'Sheng-yen Lu', that's not me.

My heart is very big, endlessly, vast without measure (borderless), it doesn't bother me at all to have any criticism, applying the thought of 'non-existence of me', I do not have any glory, nor status. If you watch the program this morning, I did mention, I do not own any status, status is non of my concern, including my body, it doesn't concern me, if you don't even bother about your body and mind, than you are free/unrestrained, than you will see Buddha nature. If the thought of 'me' is exist, with 'me' being hardheaded, if you don't throw the 'me' thoughts, 'me' stubbornness, then you definitely won't be able to attain Buddhahood, won't be able to see Buddha nature. Why Buddha nature? Because once you throw 'me', all the consciousness that live in your conscious will be gone, once they are gone, then you will see Buddha nature. This is the way you found Buddha nature. So, there are many ways to cultivate, 'Path of Accumulation' is to accumulate your merit, 'Path of Initial Application' cultivate 'loving-kindness, compassion, joy, equanimity' 'Jian Dao' (you saw the route/path), this indeed apply to what the Buddha thought us, the thought of 'non-existence of me'.

"Apply 'non-existence of me' dharma as the first", when you really reach the stage of being non-existence of 'me'/(self), then you are "Ming Xing Jian Xing". "MingXing" (found your heart) "JianXing". (seeing Buddha nature). The only way to witness Buddha nature, is by letting our 'self' free. So long there's a bit of 'me' exist, this is 'my' vajra, this is 'my' bell, this is 'my' dharma drum, oh! This is 'my' Red Jambhala, everything is yours, at that time you have to proof a sentence: they are not mine. That's include your name, your dharma name, everything that belongs to you, is not yours.

Practicing Buddhism means to practice on letting go of everything, because the body doesn't belong to you. There's nothing belong to you. That's include your thoughts, your stubbornness. So, people that cultivate in Buddhism, they are all aware it from the early stage that they don't own anything. You thought your children belong to you? You thought your son, your grand children, they are yours? They'll elope. You thought the money belong to you? There's nothing belong to you.



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There's a book by the name of 'Poor till what I left with is money', it's rather fierce in advertising, it being named wrongly, 'Poor till nothing is left', this is the right title. He thinks 'Poor till what I left with is money', it means the 'mind'/'heart' is zero, only the value of 'money' (if that's what you left in your heart, money), then, it's truly 'poor till what you left with is money', poor till even the money is not belong to you.

'Non-existence of me' dharma, I had just explain in a simplify manner of "Apply 'non-existence of me' dharma as the first", take this practice as your path to bodhisattva, 'loving-kindness, compassion, joy, equanimity' 'Aspiring Bodhichitta', 'Acts Bodhichitta', 'Samaya Bodhichitta' then you achieve. If you can "Apply 'non-existence of me' dharma as the first", cultivate 'Aspiring Bodhichitta', 'Acts Bodhichitta', 'Samaya Bodhichitta', then you are on the boat of dharma, (students applause) you will get the 'acknowledgement from the dharma' and you are on the dharma boat.(students applause)

In a simple manner, I explain "Apply 'non-existence of me' dharma as the first" in 'Fa Zou Tang', do not be hardheaded/stubborn on what's yours, the truth is, there's nothing belong to you, including the thought of 'you have nothing left even you are poor'. Why 'Greed', 'Hate', 'Delusion' exist in the realm of human? Due to 'me', why there's such foolishness? They are not yours, you still think they belong to you. Why are you in 'delusion'? So foolish? Many people don't have this wisdom. Foolishness! 'Greed', 'Hate', 'Delusion', it's this 'Delusion'. Identify clearly, "Apply 'non-existence of me' dharma as the first", then you will not have 'Greed', 'Hate', 'Delusion'.

Om Mani Padme Hum.

(This article are being translate as close as the origin, re gardless of grammatical error. As the purpose is to share Grand Master's Dharma Talk with everyone. Any inconvenience is very much regretted. Thank you.)