

妙法蓬華經淺釋

THE DHARMA FLOWER SUTRA WITH COMMENTARY 【卷五 安樂行品第十四 】

ROLL FIVE, CHAPTER FOURTEEN: HAPPILY DWELLING CONDUCT

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我到這個國家先講的是《楞嚴經》。說《楞嚴經》是假的,為甚麼呢?人家看見都發楞,認不清楚,所以就以爲不是真的,是假的。那麼就是真的,你若拿它當假的,也是假的;是假的,你若認爲它是真的了,也是真的。爲甚麼呢?「一切唯心造」嘛!真、假,在你自己心裏分別「仁者自生分別」。根本在這個經上,甚麼是真?甚麼是假?對你有幫助,就是真;對你沒有幫助,就是假;對你有利益,這就是真了;對你沒有利益,這就是假。甚麼叫「真、假」?那個「真、假」

,在你自己的地方,不是在經那個地方!我 們現在講《法華經》是真的,但是你若不懂, 真的也沒有用;你若懂了,就是假的,都有多 少用處。

所以這第二次講經,就講《法華經》。頭一次講《楞嚴經》,第二次就講《法華經》,第三次就講《法華經》,第三次就講《大方廣佛華嚴經》。說:「那麼你又講過《地藏經》、《金剛經》,我都聽過!」那些是小經,我們這是講大經、真經。

明天是大勢至菩薩的誕辰。這位大勢至菩薩 是誰呢?他是西方極樂世界阿彌陀佛的徒弟。 阿彌陀佛左邊就是觀世音菩薩,右邊就是大勢 至菩薩。等阿彌陀佛退休的時候,就是觀世音 菩薩做極樂世界的教主;觀世音菩薩退休的時候,就是大勢至菩薩做教主。所以這一佛二菩 In this country, the first major lecture series I gave was on the *Shurangama Sutra*. The *Shurangama Sutra* is false. Why? People become dazed when they read it. They get confused, so they mistakenly think it's false. It's not really false. Even if it is true, if you think it's false, then it becomes false. If it is false, but you think it's true, then it becomes true. Why? Everything is made from the mind alone. True and false are merely discriminations made by your mind. It is people who make discriminations. What does it mean for the Sutra to be true or false? If it helps you, it's true. If it doesn't help you, it's false. If you benefit from it, then it's true. If you don't benefit from it, then it's false. Truth and falsity depends on you, not on the Sutra. We are lecturing the *Dharma Flower Sutra*, and it is true. If you don't understand it, even if it's true, it's of no use to you. If you understand it, then even if it were false, it would be of some use.

The second Sutra I am lecturing is the *Dharma Flower Sutra*. The third Sutra I will lecture on will be the *Great Means Expansive Buddha Flower Adornment Sutra*. "What about the *Earth Store Sutra* and the *Vajra Sutra* that you've lectured?" you ask. Those are smaller Sutras. I'm talking about the major Sutras.

Tomorrow is Great Strength Bodhisattva's birthday. Great Strength Bodhisattva is Amitabha Buddha's disciple in the Land of Ultimate Bliss in the West. Guanshiyin Bodhisattva stands on Amitabha's left, and Great Strength Bodhisattva stands on the right. When Amitabha Buddha retires, Guanyin Bodhisattva will take over as the teaching host of the Land of Ultimate Bliss. Then, when Guanyin Bodhisattva retires, Great Strength Bodhisattva will become the teaching host. The three of them are known as the three sages of the Western Paradise. Tomorrow and the day after we will recite Amitabha Buddha's name, and in this way we will celebrate Great Strength Bodhisattva's birthday and also celebrate the Ullambana Dharma Assembly in order to



薩,是西方極樂世界的「三聖」

。明天是大勢至菩薩的誕辰,所以我們由明天 開始,就念『南無阿彌陀佛』;一方面是慶祝 大勢至菩薩的誕辰,一方面是舉行盂蘭盆法 會,超度一切眾生。

我滅度後。求佛道者。

欲得安隱。演說斯經。

應當親近。如是四法。

「我滅度後」:釋迦牟尼佛說,我入涅槃之後,「求佛道者」:有修菩薩法、行菩薩道, 而求佛道這樣的菩薩,「欲得安隱」:他想要 得到安隱而快樂。「演說斯經」:他講演、解 說這部《妙法蓮華經》。「應當親近如是四 法」:應當親近像前邊長行所說這四種法,就 是「身安樂行、口安樂行、意安樂行、願安樂 行」;要親近這四種的法、實行這四種的法。

> 讀是經者。常無憂惱。 又無病痛。顏色鮮白。

> 不生貧窮。卑賤醜陋。

「讀是經者」:若能常常讀誦這《妙法蓮華經》這樣的人。「常無憂惱」:常常也沒有甚麼憂愁和煩惱。「又無病痛」:又能常常也沒有甚麼病痛。「顏色鮮白」:面目很光鮮的。光鮮,就是面上有一股紅光滿面,不是好像有一股黑氣。你看這個人,他這個面上有一股紅光,很新鮮的,那個面不發黑,這個人就有智慧。你看那個人,若是面上發黑色的——黑人當然不在這個範圍之內了!普通人的面,不應該黑色;那麼他現出黑色,這就不吉祥了,他會遇著很不吉祥的事情。這個「鮮白」,也就是「紅光滿面」,很好看的。 (下接第10頁)

rescue all living beings. We will recite the *Ullambana Sutra* and perhaps lecture on it as well.

Sutra:

After my extinction,
Those who seek the Buddha path,
Who wish to gain peace and ease,
And proclaim this Sutra
Should draw near
Four dharmas such as these.

Commentary:

Shakyamuni Buddha continues, "After my extinction, my entry into Nirvana, / Those who seek the Buddha path, such great Bodhisattvas, who wish to gain peace and ease, / And proclaim and explain this *Wonderful Dharma Lotus Flower* Sutra / Should draw near / Four dharmas such as these." The four dharmas described in the prose above are:

- 1. Happily-dwelling conduct of the body
- 2. Happily-dwelling conduct of the mouth
- 3. Happily-dwelling conduct of the mind
- 4. Happily-dwelling conduct of vows

They should draw near to and truly practice these four dharmas.

Sutra:

Those who read this Sutra
Will have no worries or afflictions;
They will be free from the pain of sickness,
With a countenance fresh and clear.
They won't be born poor,
Lowly, or ugly.

Commentary:

Those who read this Sutra—who always read the *Wonderful Dharma* Lotus Flower Sutra—will have no worries or afflictions. They will have no cares or vexations. They will be free from the pain of sickness, / With a countenance fresh and clear. Their faces will be bright and radiant, with rosy auras. If you look at people's faces and they glow with a fresh, rosy light without any dark shadows, those people have wisdom. If someone's face looks dark (of course people whose pigment is black are not included in this),

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