

實法師上堂法語

Dharma Master Sure's Dharma Discourses at the Supremely Adorned Meal Offering

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永嘉大師證道歌云：「摩尼寶珠人不識，如來藏裡親收得。」世間有碳砂和鑽石，沒有一顆鑽石不是從碳而來，可是碳砂可不是鑽石。不同何在？碳砂歷經加壓、加熱，幾千幾萬年的辛苦後，得到天地的靈氣，才成爲一顆光芒耀眼的鑽石。人心亦復如是，世間有凡夫與聖人，每一位聖人都是從凡夫而來，可是凡夫可不是聖人。不同何在？如果能把爭、貪、求、自私、自利、妄語從自己的心礦挖出來，以布施、忍讓、知足、利他來磨擦光亮，則摩尼珠親收得，諸佛歡喜，菩薩開顏。居士們做得麼？

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「念彼觀音力，眾怨悉退散。」今有二十二位上堂齋主發稀有難得之菩提心，真誠地爲利益世界，在吉隆坡盡力來護持法界觀音聖寺的興建。我有幾句話對你們說：

世間有很多皈依是不可靠的。什麼才是真正皈依處？金錢、名利、地位、權勢、恩愛都不可靠，都不是真正的皈依處；它們終究不能使人免於痛苦與煩惱。

觀世音菩薩千手千眼救度眾生。真正安全的皈依處是在我們的心裡，觀音菩薩住在此處，是故此處最吉祥。把我們的心安放在觀世音菩薩的手裏，就是究竟的皈依處。有災難時，念彼觀音力；有恐懼時，念彼觀音力；有麻煩時，念彼觀音力。居士們念得麼？在何處？



*“Nobody knows the location of the wish-fulfilling pearl,
But right within the Tathataga’s treasure
You yourself possess it.” (Master Yongjia’s Song of Enlightenment)*

Today the lay donors have asked me to speak Dharma for you. This is what I want to say:

In the world there is coal and there are diamonds. There is no diamond that does not come from coal. And yet, a lump of coal is not a diamond. What is the difference? Coal goes through a process of pressure and heat for hundreds of thousands of years. A mountain of coal produces one crystal-clear diamond. In the world there are common ordinary people and there are sages. There is not a single sage does not come from common people, yet sages and common people are different. What is the difference? If in the mine of our consciousness, we can extract and discard every single thought of contention, greed, seeking, selfish, self-benefiting, and dishonesty, and polish the jewel of wisdom to yield a heart of generosity, contentment, unselfishness, benefiting others, and honesty, then the wish-fulfilling pearl is right within ourselves. All Buddhas and Bodhisattvas will be delighted. Can you laypeople do this?

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“Recall the power of Guanyin. All hostilities will disappear.”

Today you twenty-two lay donors have brought forth a rare resolve, a sincere wish to benefit the world by establishing Dharma Realm Guan Yin Sagely Monastery, and you have supported that work with your strength here in Kuala Lumpur. I have some words for you:

In the world there are many false refuges. What is a true safe refuge? Money, fame, position, power, and even the love of friends and family all are unsafe and false refuges. In the end they fail and cannot keep us safe from suffering and affliction.

Guanyin has thousands of eyes and thousands of hands to help beings. The key to our safe refuge in Guanyin is in our heart. But we must put our heart in Guanyin Bodhisattva’s hand. There we find the key, and this is the ultimate refuge.

Guanyin lives here, therefore this place is the most auspicious. Our mind, safely in the hands of Guanyin, is the unassailable refuge. In time of disaster, recall the strength of Guanyin. In time of fear, recall the strength of Guanyin. In time of trouble, recall the strength of Guanyin. Can you laypeople recall the strength of Guan Shi Yin? Where is it?