擇法眼 Dharma-Selecting Eye

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學佛法的人必須要有擇法眼,認識是與非法,黑與白法,善與惡法。切記不要以是為非,以非為是,將黑作白,拿白當 黑,或以善為惡,以惡為善,這都是顛倒。

想認識這些法,一定要有擇法眼,首先要無我相。因為有了我相,就發生種種的障礙,就沒有智慧了。有了我相,就會 有自私心生出來;自私心一生出來,自利心、有所求心、貪心跟著就露出來。要是求不到,貪不來,就生了鬥爭心,就跟 人爭強論勝。

什麼叫「我」?誰是我?我又是誰?想一想,參一參,念佛是誰?這「念佛是誰」不是念的,而是要參。如同用錐子 錐一個東西,錐出窟窿了才算徹悟明白。參也不是猜測的,你若猜「我念佛,你念佛,他念佛,誰念佛呢?」猜來猜去是 猜不著,而是要找這個「誰」。這個「誰」字就是金剛王寶劍,就是智慧劍。用智慧劍把其他妄想全斬斷了,智慧自然 現前。

Students of the Buddhadharma must have the Dharma-selecting Eye so they can recognize right dharmas and wrong dharmas, black dharmas and white dharmas, good dharmas and bad dharmas. Be sure you never take right as wrong and wrong as right; or black as white, and white as black; or good as bad, and bad as good--that's all upside-down.

If you want to recognize these dharmas, you must first develop the Dharma-selecting Eye. First of all, you cannot have the sense of self. With the sense of self, there would arise all kinds of obstacles, and your wisdom would be lost. Once there is a sense of self, a selfish mind will arise, followed by a mind of self-benefiting, then a seeking mind which leads to a greedy mind. If you do not obtain what you seek and crave, a contentious mind would arise, which would lead to competitiveness.

What is the self? Who am I? I refers to what? Ponder and investigate: "Who is mindful of the Buddha?" The question "Who...?" is not meant to be merely recited. You must investigate it. This Investigation can be compared to drilling a hole. When you drill all the way through, you will thoroughly understand. Investigation doesn't mean speculation, either. If you speculate, "Well, I'm mindful of the Buddha, you're mindful of the Buddha, and he's mindful of the Buddha, too? So who's mindful of the Buddha?" You can keep speculating, but you will never get the answer. Rather, you must search for the "who." The word "who" is the Vajra King Jeweled Sword, the sword of wisdom. You must use the wisdom sword to cut through all other idle thoughts, and then wisdom will spontaneously appear.