



問：水為什麼不在上邊？水都是從上邊來的。

Question: How come water does not stay above? It all came from above.

宣公上人：下雨的水是從上邊來的。那麼，它是怎樣到上邊去呢？它是從底下到上邊去的。因為水處眾生之所惡，故合乎道。你想成無上正等正覺，亦如此，也是要從低下處向上去；不是從上掉下來，亦不是一生下來就得無上正等正覺。想要成佛，先要把眾生做好。

Venerable Master Hua: Rain is water from above. However, how did it get up there? It went from below to above. Because water dwells in places people do not like, it conforms with the Way. If you would like to accomplish the Unsurpassed Proper and Equal Enlightenment, you also need to be like this, where you also need to start from the bottom and make your way up. You don't just drop down from above and you do not accomplish the Unsurpassed Proper and Equal Enlightenment from birth. If you would like to attain Buddhahood, you must master the characteristics of a good human being.