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*The Categorization and Collection of the Quintessential Texts of
Śāstra and Vyākhyā on the True Teaching of the Buddha*

教文類

Institutes of the True Pure Land Sect, Part 1

一宗綱要 (1)

[本文]

[The text]

謹按淨土真宗有二種迴向一者往相二者還相就往相迴向有真實教行信證

[訓讀]

[The Japanese readings of Chinese characters]

謹んで、淨土眞宗を按するに、二種の廻向あり。一には往相、二には還相なり。往相の廻向に就て、眞實の教行信證あり。

[字解]

[The exposition of words and phrases]

廻向 In more detail,廻自向他: the Buddha, or the Tathāgata, vouchsafes sattva His grace and virtue.

往相 'Tis an abbreviation for 'the state of the birth of non-birth in the Pure Land'. This state is the Buddhistic grace for sattva himself toward the birth of non-birth in the Pure Land.

還相 'Tis an abbreviation of 'the state of a return to the Impure Land'. This state is altruistic in that the sattva attains Buddhahood and enlightenment after the birth of non-birth in the Pure Land and returns from the Pure Land to this Impure Land to redeem other lost sattva.

[意譯]

[The translation that is faithful to the spirit]

謹んで淨土眞宗の宗旨をかんがえてみると、廻向ということ、即ち佛力が衆生にめぐまれて衆生を救うということが根本義となっている。この廻向には往相と還相の二種があつて、往相というは衆生が淨土に往生する自利の相状であり、還相とは淨土に往生して佛果を證つたとき、この穢土に還つてきて衆生を濟度する利他の相状である。その廻向される淨土に往生する相状は教行信證という教義として表詮することができる。

With all due submission, pondering reverentially o'er the tenets of the Pure Land Sect, the fundamental significance is廻向 the vouchsafement of the grace and virtue, in the sense that the sattva is favored with the Buddhistic power and redeemed. Two types of vouchsafement are described, viz. 'the state of the birth of non-birth in the Pure Land' and 'the state of a return to the Impure Land'. The former is the state of the Buddhistic grace for sattva himself toward the birth of non-birth in the Pure Land. The latter is the altruistic state in that the sattva attains Buddhahood and enlightenment after the birth of non-birth in the Pure Land and returns to this Impure Land to redeem and enlighten other sattva. The state of the birth of non-birth in the Pure Land by the vouchsafement of the grace and virtue is represented as the doctrine of the true teaching, practice, faith, and enlightenment.

[構成]

[The construction]

教文類の冒頭において一宗の綱要をかかげられたものである。その綱要は他力廻向の根本義を示してある、その他力廻向の内容としては往相還相の二相と教行信證の四法を示してある。そして、教行信證の四法は往相をくわしく展開したものである。即ち教は能詮であり、行信證は所詮である。所詮の義のうち行信は因であり、證は果である。なお、證果の悲用として還相の利他をおさめることもできる。この場合は四法は往相の展開であるだけでなく、さらに還相をとりいれることもできる。

The beginning of *The Categorization and Collection of the Quintessential Texts of Sāstra and Vyākhyā on the True Teaching of the Buddha* proclaims the institutes, or elements, of the True Pure Land Sect. The institutes, or elements, import the fundamental significance of the vouchsafement of the grace and virtue by the other-power. The details are described as two phases of 'the state of the birth of non-birth in the Pure Land' and 'the state of a return to the Impure Land' and as four dharmāH of the true teaching, practice, faith, and enlightenment. Four dharmāH of the true teaching, practice, faith, and enlightenment are an elaborated exposition of 'the state of the birth of non-birth in the Pure Land'. The teaching is the Word that

represents significations explicated in sūtra. The practice, faith, and enlightenment are the ultimate true significance expressed by the Word of sūtra, in which the practice and faith are a cause and the enlightenment is an effect. The altruistic aspect of 'the state of a return to the Impure Land' is also encompassed in the benevolence as a result of the enlightenment. In this case, four dharmāH are a detailed expatiation of 'the state of a return to the Impure Land' as well as 'the state of the birth of non-birth in the Pure Land'.

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[The annotation by the translator written in the Shakespearean sonnet form in iambic pentameter]

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The Discipline Perpetual:

A Shakespearean Sonnet on (1)

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Our Way of Tea denotes to consecrate
Green tea to holy beings in all days.
Tea ritual is for me to create
Buddhistic sacred space in classic ways.
My mother taught tea etiquette, deportment.
The Way of Tea and practice of translation
And all related scholarship and art
Require the unremitting repetition.
In training, flow'ry sphery poetry
Shall be expressed to praise the truth of Dharma.
The study of poetic legal beauty
By grace of th' pure Tathāgata-garbha
Shall be eternal practice of the Way
Continued by rules disciplinary.