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The Categorization and Collection of the Quintessential Texts of Śāstra and Vyākhyā on the True Practice of the Buddha 行文類

Śāstra by Nāgārjuna Bodhisattva, Part 9 龍樹論文 (9)

[意譯] 第十段落

[The translation that is faithful to the spirit] Paragraph 10

このように、菩薩も初地を得てしまえば再び生死に 退轉 することなく、いよいよ佛になることに定まるから、先にのべたように「如來の家に生ずる」と 名づけることができる。そして、天・龍・夜叉・乾闥婆等の 八部 衆、さ

ては「聲聞」縁覺等の「聖者」たちによつて、一様に供養され、恭敬」される。それはどんなわけかというに、この菩薩の生ずる如來の家には「過答あることなく、世間の凡夫道をやめて、出世間の菩薩道に入ることのできるのは前に述べたとおりである。かように「成佛」をすることに「定った身をよろこんで、佛を「樂」しく「敬」うところから、四功德處という「衆生」を攝化する功德を得、六波羅蜜を修めた「滋味」豊かな、果報を得、諸の「佛」種を斷っことなく、いよいよこれを「増長」することができるから、心は大きな歡喜にみたされるのである。

Thus the Bodhisattva who has already attained the prathama-bhūmi is steadily destined to become the Buddha with avinivartaniya, without retroceding into life and death; hence the Bodhisattva is described as 'born to the house of the Tathagata' as mentioned above. The Bodhisattva is unanimously served and revered by eight deities including, but not limited to, the deva, nāga, yakṣa, and gandharva and by sages such as śrāvaka and pratyeka-buddha. The reason is that, as mentioned above, the house of the Tathāgata to which this Bodhisattva is born is free from faults or defects and the Bodhisattva can discontinue the ordinary people's worldly way and can righteously practice the highway of the Bodhisattva to transcend the world. The Bodhisattva felicitates himself/herself who is thus destined to attain Buddhahood and would fain revere the Buddha, hence the Bodhisattva obtains four grounds of guna for the protection, deliverance, guidance, and enlightenment of the sattva and obtains the good, rich, and abundant phala by practicing sat pāramitāH and still develops every Tathāgatatva, or Buddha-vaMśa, without discontinuance. Therefore the mind of the Bodhisattva is filled with great beatitude.

The annotation by the translator written in the Shakespearean sonnet form

in iambic pentameter]

From 正法眼蔵「法性」 The Quintessential Optic Treasury of the True Dharma, 'Dharmatā'

by 道元禅師 Zen Master Dōgen

(1)「しかあれば、即今の這裏は法性なり、法性は即今の這裏なり。著衣喫飯は、 法性三昧の著衣喫飯なり。衣法性現成なり、飯法性現成なり。喫法性現成なり、 著法性現成なり。もし著衣喫飯せず、言談祇対せず、六根運用せず、一切施為 せざるは、法性三昧にあらず、不入法性なり。」

From 韋駄天回向 Dedication to Skanda Deva

(2) 「所祈。山門鎮静、厨庫安寧、食輪法輪、両俱運転、世事仏事、一等円融。」

'Delicious Food Is Happy Charity': The Supermarket of High Quality, Part 9; An Enterprise Consists of Many Companies: A Shakespearean Sonnet on (1) and (2)

An enterprise consists of many companies:

Logistics, temperature conditioners,

Communicational technologies,

Machines, equipment, various infrastructures,

Security, production, advertisement,

Research, design, construction, and so on.

Divergent expertise is consonant

With other areas in effective liaison,

Which are unknown dominions to my eyne.

In my remaining days, I learn thesauri,

Directed by a scientific sign,

Retaining them as universal poetry.

The Wisdom is so multitudinous

As tattva-artha is ubiquitous.

From 薬師和讚 A Japanese Hymn to Bhaişajyaguru

(1) 「八萬四千の藥刄神も出入月も數毎に守りに近き尊きは」

From 修證義 The Righteous Principle of Practice and Enlightenment by 道元禅師 Zen Master Dōgen

(2) 「佛は是れ大師なるが故に歸依す、法は良藥なるが故に歸依す、僧は勝友なるが故に歸依す」

From 赴粥飯法 Toward the Morning and Midday Meals and the Dharmān as the Same Tathatā

by 道元禅師 Zen Master Dogen

(3) 「法若法性、食亦法性。法若真如、食亦真如。法若一心、食亦一心。法若菩提、食亦菩提。」

From Pantry: Best Food Square

(4) 'Happier and healthy life every day, we wish for our customers to have.' 'We think that a food is the origination of a healthy life.' 'Food can replace the best medicine.'

From 五行祈祷祝詞 Five-Element Prayer

(5) 「阿南妙なる哉。天地の大にも。塵 芥の 小にも。ことごと 下阿南妙なる哉。天地の大にも。塵 芥の 小にも。 悉 で はたらき あらは 五行の靈気の含有て在るが故に。生々化々の功用は發顕れ。 まるづのもの かたち なりたち あり 萬 類の形衆は成立てぞ在ける。」

From 觀音經秘鍵 A Secret Key to Avalokiteśvara Sūtra

(6) 「生死之病種種因緣之藥給」

From 五觀之偈 The Verse of Five Kinds of Introspection

(7) 「正事良藥 爲療形枯」「正に良藥を事とするは形枯を療せんが爲めなり」

From Brain Maker: The Power of Gut Microbes to Heal and Protect Your Brain – for Life

by Dr David Perlmutter with Kristin Loberg

(8) 'Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food.'

'Delicious Food Is Happy Charity':
The Supermarket of High Quality, Part 10;
The Medicine and Study Have th' Same Headspring;
Good Foods Are Remedies for Lifelong Suffering:
A Shakespearean Sonnet on (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8)

On my way to buy Wuxing (五行) herbal tea,
I worship the medicinal gods' shrine.
Good water, good food, good sleep and good study
Are medicines for life's essential pain.
Gods Japanese, Chinese and European,
Enshrined together in the golden silence,
Are unified as th' cosmopolitan
Expressing living universal science.
The scholarship and science cure myself
And guide me to three thousand boundless spheres
To lead the better and eternal life
And to redeem each lifestyle of all creatures.
The medicine and study have th' same source
To progress in the righteous course and force.

(This Shakespearean Sonnet was immediately written before and after I visited and worshipped the Medicinal Patriarchal Gods' Shrine (薬祖神祠).)