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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

[本文]

[The text]

爾者則此顯眞實教朙證也誠是如來興世之正說奇特最勝之妙典一乘究竟之極說速 疾圓融之金言十方稱讃之誠言時機純熟之眞教也應知

[訓讀]

[The Japanese readings of Chinese characters]

しか すなは こ けんしんじちけう みやうしよう まこと こ によらいこう 爾れば 則 ち、此の顯 眞 實 教 の 朙 證 なり。 誠 に是れ、如 來 興 せ しやうせち きどくさいしよう めうでん ゐちじようくきやう ごくせち そくしちゑんゆ 世の 正 說、奇特 最 勝 の妙 典、一 乘 究 竟 の極 說、速 疾 圓融のきむげん じふぱうしようさん じやうごん じきじゆんじゆく しんけう し べ 金 言、十 方 稱 讃 の 誠 言、時機 純 熟 の 眞 教 なりと。知る應しと。

[字解]

[The exposition of words and phrases]

明證 Clear evidence.

興世 His pleasure to appear in this world.

正說 Preachment of true, fundamental essence.

妙典 Empyreal, sublime, exalted, unparalleled, and exquisite sūtra. The character '典' means 'scripture'.

一乘 One supreme teaching vehicularly and beneficially leading to the Buddhahood. It is the Dharma-paryāya which truly blesses and enables all the sattva to attain Buddhistic enlightenment as the same Buddhistic result of the same Buddhistic cause.

金言 The True Word preached by the Buddhasya gold mouth.

+方 Four cardinal directions, four intercardinal (ordinal) directions, and upward and downward directions.

稱讚 Extolment, praise, glorification, laudation, and admiration.

時機 Due time and religious capacity and aptitude for the teaching and enlightenment of Buddhism.

純熟 Pure maturity and perfection.

真教 The teaching of the truth in comparison with the teaching of upāya.

[The annotation by the translator]

From 西行法師歌集 A Private Anthology by Saigyo, Priest and Poet by 歌僧西行 Saigyo, Priest and Poet

「庵さす草の枕に友なひて笹の露にも宿る月かな」

A rhymed translation in iambic pentameter: With hermitages' humble pillow o' grass, Diana dwells in dews of bamboo grass.