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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

The Auxiliary Elucidation and Revelation by *The Sūtra on the Tranquil, Quiescent, and Absolutely Impartial Enlightenment of Wisdom*, Part 7

平等覺經助顯 (7)

[本文]

[The text]

如是人聞佛名 快安穩得大利 吾等類得是德 諸此刹獲所好 无量覺授其決 我前世有本願 一切人聞說法 皆悉來生我國 吾所願皆具足 從衆國來生者 皆悉來到此間 一生得不退轉 速疾超便可到 安樂國之世界 至无量光朙土 供養於无數佛 非有是功德人 不得聞是經名 唯有淸淨戒者 預別情之 應情慢蔽懈怠 難以信於此法 審問世時見佛者 樂聽聞世尊敎 有信慧不可致 佛在世甚難値 有信慧不可致 伊見敬得大慶 則我之善親原 以是故發道意 設令滿世界火 適此中得聞法 會當作世尊將 医一切生老死

## [訓讀]

[The Japanese readings of Chinese characters]

すなは われ よ しんぐえん り こう も ゆゑ だうい おこ 別 ち 我 の 善 き 親 原 なり 是 を 以 ての 故 に 道 意 を 發 せよ たとひせかい み ひ にも 此 の 中 を 過 ぎて 法 を 聞 くことを 得 ばかなら まさ せ そん な まさ あちさいしやうろうし ど 會 ず 當 に 世 尊 と 作 り て 將 に 一 切 生 老死 を 度 せむとすべしと いじゃう 已上

## [字解]

[The exposition of words and phrases]

刹 It is an abbreviation for '刹多羅 kṣetra' in Sanskrit and is translated as a land.

決 It means distinctive prediction, determination, and description of the special attainment of the status of Buddhahood in the future life.

無量覺 It is an equivalent term for Amitābha (Amitāyus).

安樂國 It is an abbreviation for '須摩提 sukhāvatī' in Sanskrit and means the Pure Land of Amitābha (Amitāyus) where people are tranquil and happy in body and mind (prasannacitta).

無量光明土 It denotes the Pure Land of Amitābha (Amitāyus) with infinite light.

親原 It is an error in copying '親厚 a bosom friend, or kindness and

cordiality'; provided, however, that it is conceived that the founder esteemed and interpreted this miscopy as an originally close friend.

道意 It denotes anuttarāyāM saMyaksaMbodhaucittam.

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

From Gespräche mit Goethe in den letzten Jahren seines Lebens by Johann Peter Eckermann

(1) 'Am besten ist es, Sie stellen den Gegenstand in zehn bis zwölf kleinen einzelnen Gedichten dar, in Reimen, aber in mannigfaltigen Versarten und Formen, so wie es die verschiedenen Seiten und Ansichten verlangen, wodurch denn das Ganze wird umschrieben und beleuchtet sein.'

From 源氏物語 The Tale of Genji
by 紫式部 Lady Violet of Ritual Rank
(2) 「心いる方ならませばゆみはりのつきなき空に迷はましやは」

The poem (2) is a response to the poem (3):

From 源氏物語 The Tale of Genji
by 紫式部 Lady Violet of Ritual Rank
(3) 「あづさ弓いるさの山にまどふかなほのみし月の影や見ゆると」

A rhymed translation of (3) in iambic tetrameter: I wander in the Bow-Shot Mountain To see the pale light of the glimpsed moon.

(According to Noh Poetry '芭蕉 *The Japanese Banana Plant*', the term 'いるさの山' means not only 'the Bow-Shot Mountain' but also 'the Western Moondown Mountain' and 'the Consecration Mountain', viz. the Pure Land.)

Poetic Records Buried in Oblivion: A Shakespearean Sonnet on (1), (2) and (3)

My great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather

Were priests and poets. I spontaneously
Persist in writing papers for fair future.
A pile of documents have ceaselessly
Increased and passed into oblivion.
E'en if books numerous are seldom read,
They are express and living vindication
Of the sincere devotion to the Godhead.
I will translate invaluable phrases
Of special fields presented by vocation,
Such as the following poem which expresses
Divine, extempore communication:
If you are pleased with th' moon as archery,
Will you stray in the bow-like moonless sky?

(Regarding 'archery', the Great Wisdom Deva of Arrows and Swords in th' Divine Fount Temple (神泉苑矢劔大明神) is described in the Shakespearean Sonnet of 'The Exhortation and the Admonition for All Sentient Beings Involved, Part 2' of *Exordium*.)

From 陳北渓集 An Anthology by Chen Beixi by 陳北渓 Chen Beixi

(1) 「須知天理流行妙不待人言髣髴傳運水搬柴存実則著衣喫飯即当然」 「須く知るべし天理流行の妙を、人言を待たずして髣髴として傳わる、運水搬 柴は実則を存し、著衣喫飯は当然に即す」

From 順忍書状紙背 The Reverse Side of Priest Junnin's Document (2) 「茶是仙薬也仙人所翫也然二天仙二可献也仍星供等皆用茶也云々」

Black Soybean Tea and Ssanghwa Tea of Two Shrines: A Shakespearean Sonnet on (1) and (2)

I sometimes drink Korean ssanghwa tea (韓方茶), Made of shrine water in the Café Lisei, And priests' original black soybean tea. 'Tis based on th' Chinese 'Dark-Bright' 'Wu Xing' Way. Black soybean tea is made in a tea house In an old shrine for the purification Of th' mind and body as a sacred course Of solar festivals of the lustration.

I wish to cleanse my body and my mind To harmonize with change of th' universe.

The human and the heav'n are th' same in kind, Composing fivefold elements in verse.

I must learn laws and canons in this world, Rules transient but cast in a timeless mold.

(The two shrines in this Shakespearean Sonnet are Shimo-Goryo Shrine and Shimo-Gamo Shrine.)

(The term 'ssanghwa tea (韓方茶)' is described in the Sonnet of 'Holy Śākya-muni Buddhasya Original and Ultimate Objective of Appearing in This World and Elucidating the Truth, Part 2' of *The Categorization and Collection of the Quintessential Texts of Śāstra and Vyākhyā on the True Teaching of the Buddha.*)

(The Reverse Side of Priest Junnin's Document (順忍書状紙背) is listed in Buddhist Ceremonial Tea: Its Outset As an Elixir (仏教儀礼と茶――仙薬からはじまった――) of the Chado Research Center (茶道資料館).)