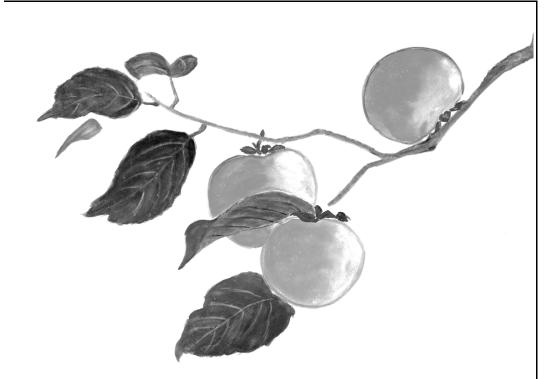
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The Good and Wise Advisor's teaching is like a spring sun in that it produces and makes grow the roots and sprouts of all good Dharmas.

─華嚴經經支 Flower Adornment Sutra

# 西方極樂是君家

—— 切望諸賢齊努力

#### The Western Land of Ultimate Bliss is Your Home

—May All Virtuous Ones Work Hard Together

#### 宣公上人 開示/By the Venerable Master Hua

**/ L**)行的一個法門,也 是人人能修行的一個法門。這 個法門你只念南無阿彌陀佛, 將來臨命終的時候, 生到西方 極樂世界,能蓮花化生,天天 聽阿彌陀佛說法,將來成佛。 本來說是將來臨命終的時候, 念佛生西方極樂世界,我們現 在念他做什麼呢?我們現在也 沒死,這念佛是預備將來死的 時候才有用的。不錯, 死的時 候有用;但是你活著的時候要 栽培。好像你種一棵樹,這樹 現在長有十幾丈高。這十幾丈 高的樹不是今天長的,是在以 前一天一天長的,長到現在才 十幾丈高。你念佛也是這樣 子,你現在就能念佛,等到臨 命終的時候,就沒有病痛,沒 有貪心,沒有瞋心,沒有癡 心,心也不亂,一心念佛,阿

彌陀佛就會接你去了。你若現 在不念,等臨命終,四大分張 的時候,你就想不起來念佛 了。除非有善知識幫著你,提 醒你,叫你念佛就可以。如果 沒有善知識,你自己就想不起 來念。所以要在生的時候,就 天天念佛,念得得到念佛三 昧,打成一片了。所以到臨命 終的時候,自然而然你就會念 南無阿彌陀佛,你就不會忘記 南無阿彌陀佛了。你不忘記南 無阿彌陀佛,阿彌陀佛也就不 會忘記你,所以他就乘大願船 來接引你,用金臺接引你往生 西方極樂世界。

「你念佛,我念佛,你 我念佛為什麼?了生死,化 娑婆,處處極樂阿彌陀。無 你我,有什麼,萬物靜觀皆 自得。煩惱斷,無明破,跳 出三界大愛河。」

「你念佛,我念佛, 你我念佛為什麼?」你念佛 爲的什麼?我念佛爲的什麼? 說一說看!有的愚癡的人就念 佛,說:「求佛幫助我,我明 天吃點好東西。」有的人念 佛,念說:「南無阿彌陀佛、 南無阿彌陀佛,你快幫著我, 不要這麼冷囉!」這是一種。 有的人念南無阿彌陀佛,「我 希望沒有一切的麻煩,如意吉 祥,平安快樂。」也是爲了這 個來念佛。有的人爲了念佛就 再不受苦了,那麼這是一種, 種種的不同。主要不是爲的這 個,爲的什麼呢?爲的「了生 死」呀!你們要把這種不一定 的生死要了了它。沒有自己、 沒有主宰的這種生了死、死了 生,要有了主宰。有什麼主宰 呢?我們願意活著就活著,願 意死就死。願意活著的時候,

我天天念南無阿彌陀佛,我不 願意,捨我這個壽命,就永遠 都活著。願意死,我念著,南 無阿彌陀佛,阿彌陀佛就來接 我去,生極樂世界。一點問題 都沒有,身無病苦,沒有病 心不貪戀,心也不貪什麼; 心不貪戀,心也不貪什麼; 不顛倒,這個意也不顛倒;如 入禪定,就好像入禪定似的, 就生到極樂世界去。主要是爲 這個。

「化娑婆」,把這娑婆世 界,也化成極樂世界,變成極 樂世界,沒有一切苦,但受一 切樂。所以說「處處極樂阿彌 陀」:處處都是極樂世界,沒 有苦惱的世界。阿彌陀,處處 是極樂世界,處處都是阿彌陀 佛。「無你我」你念佛念得你 也沒有了,我也沒有了,佛也 沒有了,什麼也沒有了!說: 「那這個太危險了!念得什麼 也沒有了,那不完了嗎?」就 怕你完不了,你若真完了,那 就是解脫了。你沒有真完,所 以,就不會完的。你若真完了 怎樣呢?「萬物靜觀皆自 得」:所有的世間一切一切, 你都明白了,皆自得。甚至於 烏鴉牠爲什麼黑?白鶴牠爲什 麼白?松樹它爲什麼直?荆棘 它爲什麼彎?你都明白了。所 以叫萬物靜觀皆自得,你都明 白了。這時候你都明白就「煩 惱斷 」了,無明也破了,「跳 出三界大愛河」: 你跳出去這 個欲界、色界、無色界這三界 大愛河。這個三界裏邊是個什 麼?就是一個好像大愛河似的 喔!顛顛倒倒,你又講愛我, 我又講愛你,愛來愛去地,愛 死了, 還不知道醒悟, 又等到 來生,還是跟著這條路走,總 也出不出去。現在就要跳出三 界大愛河,把這個大愛河跳出 去。有的人說:「那我不願跳 出去這個愛河。」那你就再等 一等囉!這個地方,你停留下 來,就是在這個地方,生了又 死,死了又生,生死輪迴,一 生不如一生,一死不如一死。 所以就往下跑,跑來跑去,就 跑到河底下,就上不來了,就 淹得更死了。真是淹死了!這 個淹死是什麼呢?就是墮落到 極點,就性化靈殘了。或者變 一個小蟲子,或者變一個小螞 蟻,或者變一個蚊蟲,變這個 小小的東西,這智慧也小了, 福報也沒有了,也很容易死, 又很容易生。所以這叫一生不 如一生,一死不如一死。

你要明白世界無論什麼事 情,都不是一定的,若有一定 的,那是已經做成的;沒有成 事實的,就不會有一定,就可 以有轉變的。好像我們每一個 人本來沒有生西方極樂世界的 資格,但是你一念「南無阿彌 陀佛」,每一個人都有生西方 極樂世界的資格了,就看你念 不念。你若念,做不到的也能 做得到,就是生西方極樂世界 本來很困難的,但是也能做 到;你若不念呢?做到的也做 不到了。你若不念「南無阿彌 陀佛」,本來可以生極樂世 界,你一念就生了,但是你不 念,就不生了,就做不到了。 所以這世間的事情是無有定法 的,《金剛經》上說的,沒有 定法,是名阿耨多羅三藐三菩 提,這就是無上正等正覺一個 方法。我們要發大勇猛心,不 怕苦、不怕難、不怕凍、不怕 餓,勇猛向前,走到極樂世界 爲止。我們念「南無阿彌陀 佛」,這才是真的。我們念 「南無阿彌陀佛」,了生死是 最要緊的。

編者更正:153期第三頁之偈頌, 摘自宣公上人之法語錄,並非其作 品。

Correction from editor:

Issue 153 page 3, The verse from the Venerable Master Hua's lecture not from his writings.

## May All Virtuous Ones Work Hard Together

Everyone can practice the Buddha-recitation Dharma-door. All you have to do is recite "Namo Amitabha Buddha," and at the end of your life you will be born in a lotus in the Land of Ultimate Bliss, where you will hear Amitabha Buddha speak Dharma and eventually attain Buddhahood. "Death is still far off," you say, "why should we recite the Buddha's name now?" You must develop your skill in reciting right now, so that you will remember to recite at the time of death. Just as a tree must grow for many years before it becomes a hundred feet tall, you must begin practicing reciting the Buddha's name now so that when it comes time to die, you will be able to recite single-mindedly, without sickness, greed, hatred, stupidity, or confusion, and Amitabha Buddha will come to guide you. If you don't recite now, you won't remember to when your body starts to fall apart at the time of death, unless a Good and Wise Advisor is there to remind you and help you. Therefore, it's important to recite the Buddha's name every day and enter the Buddha-recitation samadhi, so that reciting will come naturally at the time of death and you won't forget. Or if you are unable to recite Namo Amitabha Buddha, Amitabha Buddha won't forget

you and so he will come riding the ship of his great vows, receive you onto a golden dais, and take you to the Land of Ultimate Bliss. He won't forget about you.

You are mindful of the Buddha, I am mindful of the Buddha; Why are we mindful of the Buddha? To end birth and death, to transform the Saha, So that everywhere is ultimate bliss, everywhere Amitabha. With no you and no me, what is there? In still contemplation, the myriad things are understood. Cut off afflictions, smash through ignorance; Leap out of the Triple Realm's great river of love.

Foolish people recite the Buddha's name, hoping the Buddha will give them some good food to eat. Some recite, "Namo Amitabha Buddha, Namo Amitabha Buddha, please give us some warmer weather!" Other people recite hoping to obtain good luck and happiness, or to escape problems and suffering. The primary purpose of reciting the Buddha's name is to end birth and death, that is, to have control over our own births and deaths. If we want to live, we can recite Amitabha Buddha's name day after day and live forever. If we want to die, then we recite "Namo Amitabha Buddha" and the Buddha

will come to receive us. We will be free of illness, greed, and delusion, as if entering samadhi, and we will be reborn in the Land of Ultimate Bliss with no problem at all. Secondly, if we recite the Buddha's name, we can transform the Saha world itself into the Land of Ultimate Bliss, where beings endure none of the sufferings and enjoy every happiness.Recite to the point that you, me, the Buddha, and everything else disappears. "That's too dangerous! If everything is gone, won't we all be finished?" you say. It's only to be feared that you won't be finished. If you are truly "finished," then you are free. At that time, you will understand the myriad phenomena of the world, such as why crows are black and cranes are white, why pines are straight and brambles are twisted. Since you understand everything, afflictions are cut off, ignorance is smashed, and you leap out of the great river of love that courses through the Desire, Form, and Formless Realms. In the Triple Realm, we are so deluded by love, loving each other until we die, and then coming back for another round, never waking up enough to escape. Now, however, we want to leap out of the river of love. "I don't want to," someone says. Then you can undergo a few more rounds of birth and death. With each round, you sink lower and lower, until you sink to the

very bottom of the river of love! Drowning represents your soul being split into many small creatures, such as mosquitoes and ants. These insects have low intelligence, few blessings, and very short lives.

## The Western Land of Ultimate Bliss is Your Home

In this world, nothing is fixed before it happens. The future can always be changed. For example, before we recited "Namo Amitabha Buddha," we didn't have the qualifications to be reborn in the Land of Ultimate Bliss. Once we recite, we become qualified. Even if originally it would have been difficult for you to be reborn in the West, once you recite it becomes possible. On the other hand, even if you could be reborn in the West with a single recitation, if you don't recite once, you won't get there. So nothing is fixed. The Vajra Sutra says, "There are no fixed dharmas. This is called Anuttarasamyaksambodhi."

That is the method for attaining unsurpassed, proper and equal, right enlightenment. We should advance courageously, undaunted by suffering, difficulty, cold, and hunger, until we arrive at the Land of Ultimate Bliss. Reciting "Namo Amitabha Buddha" is what really counts. In reciting, the most important thing is to end birth and death.

#### 金里寺-真正嚮往的道場

#### Gold Sage Monastery-A Dream Bodhi Place

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我出生於佛教盛行的國家—緬甸,因此,從小就有機緣接觸佛法。離開僑居地到台灣後,雖然依然親近寺廟,但心中總覺得缺少所需要的,五年前的偶然機會,我們全家很慶幸的到金聖寺,踏入金聖寺的那一刻起,法師所帶領的唱誦《阿彌陀佛》聖號,及道場的莊嚴,使我心中感動萬分,那已消失許久的寧靜又回來了,心想,這才是我真正嚮往的地方。

這些年來參加法會和聽經中,也學會背誦心經、阿彌陀經、大 悲咒 ···等,仍繼續努力中。心經的背誦讓我受益良多,三年前在 我人生最低潮,最困苦的時候,心經中的「心無罣礙,無罣礙故, 無有恐怖,遠離顛倒夢想···.」把我從困苦中解救出來。

感恩金聖寺的週日兒童學佛班,老師的教誨,讓我的大兒子, 度過那情緒多變的少年期,目前他已是加州大學二年級學生,小兒 子也從中學會打坐。

最要感激的是老和尚—宣公上人,他的洪德大量,讓我們在西方國家能有這一片淨土來修學佛法。

I was born in Burma-a country where Buddhism is in prosperity, therefore, I had the opportunity to encounter Buddhadharma since I was little. After I moved to Taiwan, I still drew near to temples, but I felt something was missing. By chance five years ago, my whole family very fortunately came to Gold Sage Monastery, the moment when I stepped into the monastery, upon hearing the recitation of the holy name of Amitabha Buddha led by Dharma Masters, and seeing the adornments of the Bodhi place, I was deeply moved, and I regained the sense of peacefulness which had been gone from my mind for a long time, I thought to myself: this is the place where I truly wished for.

After attending Dharma assemblies and Sutra lectures for these years, I have learned to recite the Heart Sutra, the Amitabha Sutra, the Great Compassion Mantra...etc., and I am still working hard. I benefited a lot from the recitation of the Heart Sutra. During the lowest point and the most difficult time of my life three years ago, I was liberated from difficult and sufferings by thepassage of the Heart Sutra: "He is unimpeded in his mind, because there is no impediment, he is not afraid, and he leaves distorted dream-thinking far behind..."

I am grateful to Children's Buddhism Sunday School in Gold Sage Monastery, under the guidance of the teachers, my elder son was able to go through his sensitive teenage period, and now he is a sophomore in California University, in addition, my younger son learned how to meditate from the school.

My most gratitude goes to the Venerable Master, because of his vast virtue and great mind, we were able to have this piece of pure land to study Buddhadharma in the west.

# 真正的投資

#### The True Investment

近達法師 開示/By DM Jin Da 李海慈/英譯 / Lotus Lee

【快的又一年過去 了。每到年終時 大家都忙著結帳,看看這一 年的投資有多少的利潤。

今年因爲金融大風暴 (Financial crisis),使整個世界經濟蕭條,個人的資財也隨著貶值。尤其投資于股票的,一些原本很有價值的股票一下變成廢紙。其實沒有的要,因它的價格隨著市場的沒動而起落。比如有學人的實數而起落。比如有學人的股票,尤其是銀行的股票,在去年價格還很高,財務和告很好,但今年財務不佳,下子就可以公佈破產。

這些投資都不可靠,不 實際。如有人失利於這些投 資也別太難過,因為這些都 是身外之財,死了也帶不去。

什麼是比較可靠,實在 的投資呢?那就是我們在修 行上的投資,這才是我們最 重要的一部帳本。今年在結 這部賬時,是否有很大的進 展?觀察今年我們有無更精 進,或是更放逸?這些投資 在我們往生時可隨帶著而 去,這筆帳才是我們「了生 死」之帳。

如果今年這筆帳表現不好,那我們不妨策劃明年應該怎麼去增加投資。比如明年(2009年) CTTB (萬佛城) 有很多法會,三個觀音七,萬佛懺,還有華嚴法會,傳授菩薩戒等等,問問自己,可否去參加這些法會?另一方

面,還沒有皈依的是否打算 皈依?已皈依的是否打算受 五戒?已受五戒的是否更上 一層,打算受菩薩戒?還有 一些人還沒完全吃長素的, 是否打算吃長素?

我們在修行道路上所累 積的功德,才是我們最實際 的投資。它不會隨著市場的 變動而變值,它是我們自己 完全可控制的。因爲這一切 的投資是依靠我們本身怎麼 去實行。

一分精進,一分功德, 毫不虛假。有什麼事會讓這 份投資變值呢?那就是我們 的脾氣。就如上人常說的 「火燒功德林」,我們一旦 發脾氣,會把我們所累積的 功德都燒光。那也是我們個 份分為意 第154期 2009年2月 人能掌握的,因為「脾氣」 是我們自己要發的,而我們 也可以控制的。

我們要如何去調理自己 的心呢?多禮佛,可讓我們 的心平靜,不易發怒。就如 上人所說的「真認自己錯, 莫論他人非,他非即我非, 同體名大悲」。當我們能如 此觀想,就不會有能令你生 氣的事了。

nother vear has .come and gone. Most companies are busy closing their books for the year end to see what their profits and losses were this year. But because of the great financial crisis in 2008, the global economy went into recession, and if you invested in the stock market, your investments must have lost a great deal of value. Many stocks that were originally quite valuable became worthless in seconds. Actually, investing in the stock market is very risky since the stock value goes up and down with the market. For instance, some companies, the banks in particular, had pretty good stock prices and financial reports in 2007, but last year, because they carried a lot of bad loans, many companies went bankrupt.

These investments are all

unreliable. If you lost money because your investments went kaput, do not be sad. These are all external wealth, and you cannot take them with you when you die.

What kind of investment would be more reliable and really worth the effort? That would be our investment in cultivation. It is the most important financial record in our lives. So when we are balancing its year-end report, we should see if we made big improvements? We should see whether we were more vigorous or lazier? This is the real financial record for ending birth and death because we can take these investments with us when we die.

If we notice that we did not do well last year, then why don't we make a better investment plan for this year? In 2009, the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas will have a lot of Dharma assemblies, such as three Guan Yin Recitation Sessions, the Ten Thousand Buddha Repentance, the Avatamsaka Sutra recitation, the Transmission of the Lay Bodhisattva Precepts, and etc. We should ask ourselves whether we can attend these Dharma assemblies or not. In addition, for people who have not taken refuge, are you planning to do so? For those who have already taken refuge, are you planning to take the five precepts? For those who have already taken the five precepts, are you planning to step

up to another level and take the Bodhisattva Precepts? There are also some who are not vegetarian, or are not completely vegetarian; are you planning to become vegetarian?

Our most reliable investment is the merit and virtue we acquired from our cultivation. It will not change value according to the market; we have absolute control over it, because its value depends on our cultivation.

For every ounce of vigor, there will be an ounce of merit and virtue. But the only thing that would make this investment value depreciate is our temper. The Venerable Master said, "The fire of anger burns the forest of merit and virtue." When our temper flares up, we destroy all of the merit and virtue we acquired. However, our temper is controllable because it was us who wanted to get angry in the first place. How can we subdue our mind? Bowing to the Buddhas more often will make our minds calmer and keep our temper in check. It is like what Venerable Master "Recognize your own faults, and do not discuss the faults of others. The shortcomings of others are also my own; being one with all is called great compassion." When you contemplate it as thus, nothing will make you upset anymore.



# 我對在家菩薩戒的體驗

#### In my understanding about experience the Budhisattva Precepts

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**古**人對在家菩薩戒的 體驗是,先要守好

五戒,加之對三寶的恭敬心, 進而要去利益一切眾生。不論 是和我們相關或不相關的眾 生,我們都要去幫助他們。

我舉一個盜戒方面的例子,這個故事是發生在一個寺廟裏面,一個老和尚的衣物被小偷偷走了,偷走了之後呢,天氣很冷他就沒有辦法保暖。小偷在匆忙中遺漏了一些衣物,這個小徒弟就問他師父,這些遺漏在寺廟裏的衣物,是不是可以拿回來?這個老和尚說:「不可以!這些東西被小偷偷

了以後,就是屬於他的東西,你現在把它拿回來是犯了盜戒。」所以老和尚教徒弟把衣物送還給小偷,我不知道他怎麼找到這個小偷,總之,他把

衣物送還給小偷後,就感動了 這個小偷,痛改前非。

恭敬三寶方面,在佛殿先 禮佛三拜。看到佛相,要整衣 問訊。敬法,恭敬佛所講三藏 十二部經典。恭敬僧,不可以 直接叫出家人之名字,要加xx 師。如要知道法師之稱呼,可 請問法師之上下。

用最有價值的東西,來恭敬供 養三寶。

我舉一個例子關於如何恭敬海 青及幔衣,在萬佛城女眾們的 宿舍裏,有專門洗海青及幔衣 的桶子,標明海青的桶子,就 專門洗海青,你不可以洗一些 內衣物,然後洗幔衣的桶子 呢,又跟洗海青的桶子再分 開,而且這兩個桶子是放在架 子最高的地方。這是一種對海 青、幔衣及佛法的恭敬心。 慈悲的例子,那就是我們 在受戒期中,有一位居士,她 爲身旁的戒子準備兩樣東西, 一是衛生紙,二是別針,別針 可以把袖子夾好,在懺悔的時 候,我們會真心流露,所以衛 生紙不可缺少的,她這就是在 行菩薩道。

傳戒的時候要請三師,有三位 法師,恆實法師、明照法師、 及恆律法師,可是真正在傳戒 過程當中,是恭請本師釋迦牟 尼佛爲得戒和尚,文殊師利菩 薩爲羯磨阿 ?黎,彌勒菩薩爲 教授阿 ?黎。所以在這過程當 中,氣氛非常莊嚴。

在受戒當時,法師會用三種不同的語言誦每一條戒三遍,其中有中文、英文及越南文。雖然我聽不懂越南文,可是我會用中文或者用英文再念

一次戒文,讓自己記得清清楚 楚。

所以整個過程當中,以一 個簡單例子來講,我們就好像 一個在載法之器,好比一個容 器,這裏面盛了累劫以來的習 氣毛病,就好像是污水把這個 瓶子的水弄得很髒,在懺悔的 時候,就把這個習氣毛病的髒 水倒出去。我們慢慢的倒,恆 律法師也說過,你懺悔就像分 期付款一樣,你不是一次把债 務付掉,你可以慢慢的付。這 些冤親債主,我們所虧待的 人,向他們道歉,誠心誠意的 說對不起,因爲往昔我們的這 些貪瞋癡傷害了他們,讓他們 也在受苦,所以我們誠心誠意 的跟他們說對不起,這時候我 們把髒水慢慢倒出去, 瓶子空 了,虚空中諸佛菩薩的種種善 法就可以流入瓶子裏面,這些 善法還是要流入法界利益一切 眾生。我們要用慈悲心去對待 周圍所有的眾生, 甚至利益這 些周圍你看不見的眾生,受苦 的眾生,把這些善法像甘露水 一樣遍灑在法界,令他們悉發 菩提心。

In my understanding about endorsing the Budhisattva Precepts of the laymen is that you should uphold the Five Precepts well, respect the Triple Jewels, and benefit all living beings with or without having relation with us.

I have an example to explain the precept of stealing. The story happened in a monastery, the clothing of an old dharma master had been stolen by a burglar, so he had the hard time to keep himself warm in the cold weather. But there were some clothes dropped on the way while the thief rushed out in a hurry. The young dharma master asked his master, "May I pick up these clothes left in the temple for you?" The old dharma master replied "No, these clothes belong to the burglar since he took them. If you pick them up, you would offend the precept of stealing." The old master then asked the young disciple to bring the clothes to the thief. (I don't know how he located the burglar, But he sent them to him). After receiving the clothes, the thief was so moved and regretted his wrong doing, he vowed to never commit the same offense.

As for respecting the Triple Jewels, the Buddha Jewel, you should bow to the Buddha three times while you enter the Buddha Hall. You should straiten your clothes and greet the Buddha when you see the his statue. For

the Dharma Jewel, you should reverence the Tripitaka and the Twelve Divisions of the Canon. For the Sangha Jewel, you shouldn't say the dharma master's name directly, always add the "Dharma Master" as a prefix. If you don't know their dharma name, you can ask the people around.

While making an offering, you should sincerely present the most precious things to the Triple Jewels. Here is a good example regarding how to respect the robe and the sash. In the female dormitory of CTTB, there are separate buckets with the labels for washing the robes and sashes. You shouldn't use them to wash your underwear, not only so, the bucket that's for washing the sashes is different from the one for the robes. Also, both of the buckets are placed on the top of the shelf away from the floor. All these are to show reverence to the robe, the sash, and the dharma.

One good example for being compassionate was during the training of receiving the precepts, a lay woman prepared and offered two important things to others: One was the tissue papers which became the necessity when we moved with tears in the repentance, another was the cloth clips which helped us to fix the sash with robe sleeve. She was practicing the Way of Budhisattva.

In the ceremony of the transferring Budhisattva Precepts,

we requested three teachers. There were three dharma masters: DM Heng Sure, DM Ming Zaou, and DM Heng Lu. Actually, in the process of transferring precepts, the receivers earnestly requested the fundamental teacher Shakyamuni Buddha as the Precepts Transmitter, Man Jusri Budhisattva as the Karmadana, Maitreya Budhisattva as the Teaching Transmitter. It was an extremely adorned ceremony.

During the ceremony, the dharma masters recited each precept three times with three different languages; Chinese, English and Vietnamese. Even though I don't understand Vietnamese, I recited the precept one more time with Chinese or English to help myself memorize

them.

In the whole process of transferring the precepts, we were like a dharma container accepting the proper dharma. But the container had been filled with our bad habits since countless kalpa, like a vase filled with polluted water. Each time we repented, we slowly empted out the dirty water of bad habits. Dharma Master Lu said, "Each time you repent, it is like paying your debts by installment. If you can't pay the due in full, you can pay piece by piece." We need to sincerely apologize to our debtors who were hurt by us. We should truthfully express our deep sorrow that we had harmed them and caused them suffering because of our greed, hatred, and stupidity in the past. When we earnestly show

our regrets it is like we gradually empty out the filthy water from the container. When the container emptied, the wholesome dharma from the Buddhas and Budhisattvas in the sky would flow into the empty vase. And eventually the proper dharma will flow to the Dharma Realm and benefit all beings. We should be compassionate toward all beings around us, including the invisible beings. We should help them and liberate their sufferings. Showering all the beings in the Dharma Realm with Buddha Dharma is like honey dews, bring forth their bodhi resolve.



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#### GOLD SAGE MONASTERY ANNOUNCEMENT OF DHARMA ASSEM-

2 / 1, 15(8:00 AM~9:00 AM) 楞嚴咒法會 The Shurangama Mantra Recitation				
週日 Sunday	2 / 1,15	金光明經講座 (9:00 AM~11:00 AM) Lecture on The Sutra of Golden Light		
	2/8	念佛共修法會(8:15 AM ~ 4:00 PM) Dharma Assembly of Buddha Recitation		
	2 / 22	六字大明咒法會(8:15 AM~3:00 PM) Six Syllable Mantra Assembly		

二月份活動 Buddhist Events in Feb. 2009	日期 Date	地點
長青學佛班 Elders' Dharma Study Group	2/7 週六 2:00 PM~4:30 PM	金聖寺
大悲懺法會 Great Compassion Repentance	每日1 pm	Gold Sage Monastery

三月份活動 Buddhist Events in March, 2009	日期 Date	地點
慶祝觀音菩薩聖誕法會 Celebration of Gwan Yin Bochisattva's Birthday 金聖寺將安排己士前往聖城參加法會,請於3月12日以前報名 Gold Sage Monastery will arrange bus tour for same-day travel.	3/1 5	萬佛聖城 CTTB
念佛共修法會 Dharma Assembly of Buddha Recitation	3/1 週日 8:15 AM ~ 4:00 PM	
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楞嚴法門 The Shurangama Dharma Door	3/8,22,29 週日 8:00 AM ~ 3:00	
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