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## 念菩薩能明心見性

Recite the Bodhisattva's Name to Understand the Mind and See the Nature

一 宣公上人 開示 By the Venerable Master Hua

喜快樂,而厭惡痛苦, 這是眾生的習性。然 而,因爲眾生是愚癡的,不知 道怎樣才可以獲得他們所歡喜 的快樂,脫離他們所厭惡的痛 苦?所以,雖然眾生口裏,老 是喊著尋求快樂的口號,可是 很不幸地,卻愈來愈痛苦。

花開見佛,得到「常樂我淨」 的清淨和究竟之樂。

念菩薩就能離苦,就能了 悟心性,恐怕沒有這樣便宜的 事情吧!多疑的鈍根眾生,也 許會這樣地問,可是呢?菩薩 就是立志要做便宜眾生的事; 所以,才說出這個方便的法 門。然而有些眾生,連這種絕 頂便宜也不知道,這是多麼可 惜啊!

有些人又會說:「念菩薩 的名號,能消罪除苦,這點我 相信,可是爲什麼念菩薩的名 號,也能使我們明心見性?」 幾天前,我曾說過「打電話」 的譬喻,現在我再說一個更簡 單的比喻吧!

譬如,一個人被蒙上了眼睛,於是乎他就覺得四周都是 漆黑一片,走起路來,到處碰 壁,碰得焦頭爛額,苦不堪 言,可是自己卻不曉得解除眼睛上的束縛。幸好遇著一個慈悲的人,看見他這副可憐相,便走上前,替他除下眼睛上的束縛。所以,這個曾經看不見的人,現在可以看見了,不再痛苦,也不會到處碰壁。

「念菩薩能明心見性」的 道理也是這樣。我們眾生,就 譬如方才所說那個蒙上眼睛的 人,這個人本來沒有盲,只不 過受一塊布帛的遮掩。眾生也 是如此,我們的心性,本來也是 是如此,我們的心性,本來 我們,只是被無數的罪障、 遊蔽罷了。菩薩,譬如那位慈 悲的人,他替我們解除那些掩 蔽著我們光明本性的業障,恢 復到本來的面目了。

所以,我們不可不念菩薩 的名號,就像那個被蒙上眼睛 矽谷梵音 第168期 2010年4月 的人,若是不肯求援,也不肯接受別人的幫助,那麼碰壁事小,可是若因爲看不見路途而掉進深淵,那豈不是危害了自己的性命!

世界上誘人的罪惡多得很,若是一不小心,掉進了罪惡的深淵,失掉了人身,那便是萬劫不復,千古遺恨了。居士們!趕快接受菩薩的勸諭,常常持誦菩薩的洪名,讓菩薩快些救度我們脫離這生死的苦海吧!

y nature, living beings like happiness and loathe suffering. But because of their stupidity, living beings do not know how to attain the bliss they crave and to leave the suffering they dislike. Therefore, although they always say they are "pursuing happiness," unfortunately they only receive more and more suffering. Bodhisattvas are kind and compassionate beings who have already become enlightened. They understand the way to leave suffering and attain bliss. Seeing all the pitiful, afflicted living beings, the greatly compassionate Bodhisattvas vow to listen to their sounds and save them from suffering. And so living beings are not totally without hope. If we sincerely recite the great name of Guanyin Bodhisattva, he will save us with his limitless Dharma-power, and enable us to

leave suffering and attain bliss--this kind of bliss is the ultimate bliss of the Western Land. By reciting the Bodhisattva's great name, not only can we transcend all the pain and suffering of this world, we can also be reborn in the Land of Ultimate Bliss, see the Buddha when our flower opens, and attain the pure and ultimate happiness of permanence, bliss, true self, and purity.

It is said that by reciting the Bodhisattva's name, we can leave suffering and understand our own mind and nature--is it really that easy? Skeptical and dull living beings might ask that. But the Bodhisattvas are determined to give living beings a bargain, which is the reason they spoke this expedient Dharma-door. Nevertheless, some living beings are still unaware of this supreme bargain. What a pity!

Some people say, "I believe that reciting the Bodhisattva's name can dissolve offenses and eradicate suffering, but how can it cause us to understand the mind and see the nature?" A few days ago I used the analogy of making phone calls. Now I will give a simpler analogy.

Suppose a person is blindfolded so that he only sees total darkness. When he tries to walk, he keeps bumping into the walls until he's bruised and terribly sore. However, it doesn't occur to him to take off the blindfold. Luckily, he meets a kind person who sees his miserable state and removes the blindfold for him. Now he can see, and he won't hurt himself by bumping into the walls anymore.

The same principle holds in reciting the Bodhisattva's name. We living beings are like the blindfolded person. He isn't really blind; his eyes are merely covered by a piece of cloth. Likewise, we living beings haven't lost our mind and nature. They are originally clear and bright, but they have been covered over by countless obstructions from offenses and idle thoughts. The Bodhisattva is like the kind person, for he removes the karmic obstructions covering our inherent bright nature, allowing us to return to the source and regain our original face.

We cannot fail to recite the Bodhisattva's name, or it would be like the blind man refusing to be helped by others. Bumping into the wall is a small matter, but if he can't see where he's going and he walks into an abyss, his life is certainly in danger.

There are plenty of offenses which we may be tempted to commit in this world, and if we are not careful, we could fall into the abyss of offenses and lose our human body. We may not return for ten thousand eons, and we will regret it for ages. Laypeople! Quickly accept the Bodhisattva's exhortations and recite the Bodhisattva's great name constantly, so the Bodhisattva can soon save us from the bitter sea of birth and death!

## 種佛因 結佛果

#### Planting Buddha Seeds and Obtaining Buddhist Fruitions

恆雲法師 開示/ By Dharma Master Heng Yun 陳文婉 英譯 / Samantha Chen

次看到大家帶了自己 次看到大家帶了自己 次看到大家帶了自己 次看到大家帶了自己 次看到大家帶了自己 的環保餐盤非常開 心,因爲以往每次法會我們 都收拾一大堆垃圾,丟掉一 大堆資源,這樣的拜懺一面 通滿。如果我們能一面拜懺 一面將佛法落實在日常生活 中,這樣工作人員也不用洗 很多碗,大家可以一起拜 懺,互相成就,所以我代表 廟上表示對大家的嘉許。

這次拜懺有很多英文語 系和越文語系的居士來參 與,其實他們看不懂拜到哪 裏,但是他們的誠心令人非 常感動。有人說他們都不 懂,這樣拜有沒有效果?我 記得我受比丘尼戒時,那時 也傳了菩薩戒,上人從中國 請來很多法師,他們口音很 重,很多人都聽不懂,所以 有個居士就問上人:「上人 啊!我雖然參加了整個儀 式,我完全不知道在做什 麼?」上人怎麼回答?上人 說:「這叫妙不可言!」

上人在香港有個弟子叫 劉果娟,她年紀非常大,是 個聾子,根本聽不到。那時 上人在西樂園寺講經,這須 要順三百多級石階才能到西 樂園寺,在晚上,那老人到西 樂園寺去聽法。這樣過了一 段時間,鍥而不捨;其實 完全聽不到上人在講什麼,可是因爲她這樣的誠心,有

一天上人開經時她就聽到「南無蓮池海會佛菩薩」, 從此她就聽得見了。所以這 是一種非常誠心,非常不可 思議的力量。

我們所看的,我們所聽 的,還是我們所聞到的,我 們所吃的,我們所觸到我們 這些都會有個影像落到我們 的心裡面,存藏我們的構造 都是這樣,有一個記憶庫 不電腦輸進去什麼就有一個記憶有 一個記憶有什麼就有是電腦一樣 ,只是電腦是從keyboard、 或是聲音、影像輸進去,而 有文字、我們人也是一樣, 就是一樣, 眼睛 是從哪一根進來的, 眼睛 耳根,鼻根、還是舌根進來 的,都會被存藏在記憶庫, 這些都是種子。

我們的第八識,又叫阿 賴耶識,它能藏所藏,有一 種存藏的作用,所有從前七 識進來的它都會留在裡面, 生生世世,不只是今生,還 包含過去、未來; 未來, 你 如果繼續送進來也都會有這 些種子在裡面,將來它是會 現行的。所謂「現行」就是 像我們種樹的時候,種子種 下去,經過陽光、空氣、 水、灌溉,它就會慢慢長 大。當樹長大時,那顆種子 跟樹一樣不一樣?不一樣。 這在佛法裡面叫「異熟 識」,異熟就是說它這在因 (種子)的時候跟果不一 樣,可是呢,那個因還是從 種子來的。所以,樹的道理 是這個樣子,我們人種因結 果也是同樣的道理。

所以在《法華經》裡就 講到「或復小低頭……一稱 南無佛,皆共成佛道」,在 佛前小小的低個頭,稱了一 個佛的名號,以後都會成佛 的。這不是說你馬上就成佛 了,是說你開始種成佛的這 個因。那麽我們看這麽多居 士,中文語系的居士不用 說,越南語系、英文語系的 居士,我相信很多人除了認 識佛字,其他可能不知道拜 什麼,可是這時候種了很多 善的種子。剛剛講到第八識 中有很多種子,這種子有善 有惡,善惡是我們造的,你 如果一直放善的種子進去, 這就是你成佛的這種因。我 剛剛說異熟識,就像現在我 們很誠心的來禮佛拜懺,這 就是日後成佛的因地。我們 成佛的時候,雖然也可以示 現一個身,跟我們現在的身 一樣,可是那時就不是我們 這個凡夫之身了。就像種子 和樹,它們的形相不一樣, 可是樹還是從種子那個因來 的。所以希望大家都變成一 棵大樹,像佛一樣;這顆大 樹可以蔽蔭很多人,很多眾 生。請大家繼續的努力,所 謂功不唐捐; 功不唐捐, 就 是你所做的都會有結果的。

It has been delightful for me to see everyone prepare his own dining utensils. During past Dharma assemblies, we had to collect large quantities of garbage, [which were mostly disposable dining wares.] Our repentance effort is flawed by the practice of wasting earthly resource. It is like leaking away our own efforts that we tried so hard to mend.

When we are able to apply Buddha Dharma in our daily live [by keeping up with the Buddhist principle of no wasting and bring our own dining utensils], we can spare the kitchen crew/volunteers from being consumed in the task of cleaning up and allow them to participate in the repentance ceremony like ourselves. This is just one way in which we can support one another in achieving the goal of creating better cultivation results.

Therefore, I would like to represent all Dharma masters in Gold Sage Monastery to give recognition and appreciation for everyone's efforts in using self-prepared utensils.

This year we had many English and Vietnamese-speaking participants partake [in the Emperor Liang repentance ceremony.] [Since the ceremony is conducted in Chinese,] all of these English and Vietnamese-speaking participators really had little idea on which part of the repentance text we were at. [However, language barriers did not deter them from full participation.]

Their spirit and sincerity are truly moving.

Some people asked, "Since we had no idea on what and whom we were bowing, can our repentance effort still produce results?" Their question reminded our Venerable Master, Hsuan Hua's, answer and my own experience. During the time of my receiving the Bhikshuni (full-ordination) precepts, CTTB also conducted the transmission of the Lay-People's Bodhisattva Precepts. Hence, our Venerable Master, Hsuan Hua, invited many Dharma masters from China. These Dharma masters spoke with heavy regional accents and most people had a hard time understanding their talks. One layman said to our Venerable Master, Hsuan Hua, "Although I partook the entire ceremony, I had no idea on what were being said or what we were doing!" Our Venerable Master answered, "This is called, "Wonderful Beyond Speech!"

Our Venerable Master, Hsuan Hua, had a disciple in Hong Kong named, Liu Guo Juan, who was very old and deaf. She could not hear anything. While our Venerable Master was lecturing sutras in the Western Blissful Court/Garden Monastery, his audience had to climb more than three hundred uphill stone steps before they reached the monastery. Every evening, this elderly lady, Liu Guo Juan,

climbed the steps one by one in order to be a part of our Venerable Master's sutra lectures. [But in reality, her deafness prevented her from hearing any sound!] However, she persisted in her attendance day after day and never gave up! What she had was utmost sincerity. One day, while Venerable Master was opening the sutra and recited, "Namo Lotus Pool Assembly of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas as vast as the sea," this elderly lady, Liu Guo Juan suddenly could hear! Ever since that she was no longer deaf. What she possessed was extraordinary sincerity and it has inconceivable power.

All of what we saw, heard, smelled, ate, and touched has a memorable and storable image that falls within our minds. All of this image data is being saved into our Eighth Consciousness. We all possess the same makeup---we have memory storages in us. Just like a computer, whatever you enter the computer it can be saved definitely. We enter data through computer keyboards, or recording voices and images; hence we create word files, voice and imagery storages within a computer. We human beings are the same, no matter how we receive our sensory experiences, they may come from our eyes, ears, noses, or tongues, they would all be stored in our memory bank---these are all [karmic] seeds!

Our Eighth Consciousness,

named Alaya, is capable of storing unlimited memories. It has a collecting and saving function. All of the experiential or sensory data enters through our First to Seventh consciousness can be stored in the Eighth Consciousness, life after life. Its storage function and capacity do not expire after our current life. It is capable of storing all of our past and future memories. If you have more future lives memories to be entered into the Eighth Consciousness, it is capable of providing continuous accommodation for storage. Each content of the storage is like a tiny seed being planted within the soil of our minds. These seeds can grow and exhibit their unique manifestations in the future. The process of transformation can be understood as the analogy of planting a tree. In planting a tree, we first have to sow tree seeds. Under the nourishment of Sun, Air, Water, and Irrigation, the seeds would gradually grow up. After the seeds have grown up to become trees, do they still look like how they were as seeds? The answer is no. The seeds do not look like its latter stage manifestation, which are the trees. In Buddha Dharma we understand this as " Vipaka-Vijinana [Transmutable Fruition]." Transmutation describes the phenomenon of metamorphosis between the seeds, which exist in the causal ground, and their later manifestation, which are the fruits. The seeds and fruits manifest in

different shape and forms. Nonetheless, the seeds still originated the fruits. This describes the connection between trees [or fruits] and their seeds. The same principle applies to how we derive our current consequences [of karmic retributions or rewards] from planting causes [of conducts and intentions from a different life time.]

The text of *Dharma Flower* Sutra teaches us, "even if you have bowed slightly (to Buddhas).... or even you have said, 'Namo Buddha' one time only, you would have created a karmic seed/affinity to become a Buddha yourself." However, this does not mean that you would become a Buddha immediately. This is saying that you have begun planting the first seed toward becoming a Buddha.

Look at all of our Dharma friends here, I believe most of the non-Chinese literate people may only know the word, "Buddha," and know nothing more about what we are bowing about. [Nevertheless, just being involved] in the repentance ceremony,] you would have already planted tremendous good karmic seeds for yourself. I mentioned the Eighth Consciousness earlier, there are countless karmic seeds within that consciousness; there are both positive and negative It does not matter ones. whether the seeds are positive or negative; they all came from our own creations. If we persistently plant good karmic seeds into our Eighth Consciousness, we would have created a foundation for a karmic causal ground that fosters the fruition of becoming a Buddha in the future.

An example of "Transmutable Fruition" can be applied to us here and now. We came here with sincerity in bowing to the Buddhas and repentanting our offenses. This very time and space would be the causal ground for our karmic affinity to become a Buddha. After we become a Buddha, we can still appear in physical forms, they can look like the human body we have now. Nevertheless. the physical forms we manifest as a Buddha would be of different quality than the lay-human bodies we exist in. Just like the seed and the tree, they have different shapes and forms but the tree still came from the seed.

It is my best wish to see every one becoming a big tree, just like the Buddha. The very big tree we shall become is capable of providing shade for many people and all other beings. I would like to encourage everybody's persistent efforts [in cultivating good karmic seeds through Buddhist practices.] Finally, I would like to share with you a Chinese phrase called, "Gong Bu Toung Juan!" "Gong Bu Toung Juan" means all of your effort will not be wasted; they would for sure produce good consequences.

**P.S.** All of the writing in the parenthesis is supplemental explanations provided by the translator in order to reconcile linguistic disparity.

眾生不殺生,就沒有刀兵劫,

眾生若仍殺生,戰爭就永遠不會停止。

People do not kill, there is no war,

If all living beings are still killing, war will never stop.

一 盲公上人 開示

# 台灣行A Trip to Taiwan

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年九月底總算把兒子送 進大學 ,馬上就整裝回 台灣,因爲牙齒需要整理一 番。本打著如意算盤,想應該 可趕得及回來參加萬佛城十二 月的佛七,再不然一月的禪七 總趕得上吧!誰曉得計畫永遠 趕不上變化,機票一改再改, 在台灣一呆就是五個月。不過 人生不就是如此,得失你永遠 也說不準,看似得卻有可能是 失,以爲失的卻另有一種收 穫。

這次很高興有機會帶母親 去參加台北法界的敬老節。節 目當中有一個監察院推廣提供 的「幫媽媽洗腳」的活動,法 師幫我也報了名。在洗腳的過 程中,剛開始覺得有些憋忸, 但漸漸的一母親對自己從小到 這麼老了,還無條件的呵護與 照顧的影像一直浮現在眼前。 心中的感激與愧疚無以言喻, 感激母親不求回報無怨無悔的 付出,愧疚自己不曾有一絲的 回報。眼淚不自覺地掉了下來,很自然就更輕柔地捧著媽媽的腳,慢慢的更仔細的清洗,希望藉由洗腳的動作來表達自己心中無限的感恩。

從當天早上第一個節目誦 《父母恩重難報經》當中可以 知道,我們不管如何也難報母 親的恩德於萬一,當下我告訴 自己要更孝順母親一些。自己 從來就不是一個很會表露自己 感情的人,當洗完腳時,我抱 一下媽媽, 衷心的感謝她給我 這個洗腳的機會時,我看見媽 媽也動容的紅了眼框。我覺得 「幫媽媽洗腳」的安排是一個 很有意義的活動,藉由這個洗 腳的動作,除了有機會表達對 媽媽的愛之外,因人而異可發 展出各種不可思議的心靈互 動,而讓親子間的情感更靠 近,很值得推廣。

台北法界的梁皇寶懺是在 農曆新年舉辦,從初一到初 八,這次有機會全程參與,媽 媽爲了陪我,也放棄了她最珍 惜的與其他子女們相聚出遊的 機會;但是她自己也很高興, 這八天下來拜得法喜充滿。法 會期間,參與的信眾都很虔誠 認真,聽到一位居士說她每天 早上六點就出門得趕火車和轉 車,但還是會遲到一些,她都 後悔自己沒能再早一些出門。 聽了讓我汗顏,記得在美國每 次法會總是趕著最後一分鐘 到,有時甚至遲到,雖然家裡 住得够近了。 師父曾說過,他 以前每次上殿都會提早到,在 那兒等著;他說上殿遲到,以 後成佛也會遲一些,能不警惕 嗎?

記得除夕那天下午去拜大 悲懺,順便就留下來幫忙,因 爲隔天有法會,所以有很多人 已經在那兒忙進忙出了,看到 一對夫妻帶著三個二十幾歲的 女兒全家都在那兒幫忙,弄經 架、上牌位、拖地板等等,據 我所知他們早上就來了,中午 在廟上用餐,忙到五六點,媽 媽留在廟上掛單,爸爸帶著小 孩回去,隔天一早又要來當義 工,除夕團圓飯也兒除了,真 是佛化家庭,好不讓人羨慕。

這兒義工的認真參與讓人 印象深刻,你可以感覺義工很 多,而且年輕人也不少,不管 是大殿、辦公室甚至是廚房, 大家都很盡心盡力;據我所知 法會每天早上八點開始,義工 七點半就到了,大大小小的事 都有義工做,其他的居士們也 都很主動的幫忙。連我媽媽都 說:「台北的義工做事真的很 認真。」這又是自己覺得要檢 討改進的地方。爲什麼聖荷西 的義工人手,好像總不太够的 樣子?希望有多一些人能發心 來參與,道場是一個培福最好 的地方,一個人的福德夠了, 修行修慧自然也能水到渠成, 少一些障礙,兩者是相輔相成 的。

因爲這次在台灣留了較久的時間,有機會較深入的感覺一這個自己從小生長的地方, 覺得台灣不管在人文素養、醫療、服務業或者硬體設備方面都有很大的進步,這要感謝政府與人民的努力。

住美國這麼多年來,第一 次有這麼多的時間能與家人、 兄弟姊妹相聚,感受到的是家 人的親情與滿滿的愛。自己學 佛了幾年,很慶幸能有機會與 自己最親近的人, 圓滿了彼此 的關係。《梁皇寶懺》裡解冤 釋結提到,怨懟大部分都是從 親近的人來,現在既然學佛 了,當然盡量要解不要結。師 父常說:「真認自己錯,莫論 他人非;他非即我非,同體名 大悲。」這句話用到什麼地方 都行得通。如果看得到別人的 錯處,那麼自己是需要努力努 力了,我見我執這麼深。這是 自我勉勵的話,與大家共勉 之。

fter sending my son to college at the end of last September, I immediately arranged my trip back to Taiwan, because my teeth need some treatments. My original plan was to come back for the Amitabha session at the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas in Dec, or at least I might be able to attend the Chan session in Jan. However, it is always the case that plan does not catch up with pace of change, and I have to reschedule my air ticket again and again, it turned out that I stayed in Taiwan for five months. However, life is always this way: you can never tell your gain and loss. Sometimes when it seems like a gain, but it is probably a loss, when you think it is a loss, but actually it is another kind of gain.

I was very happy that I had the opportunity to attend the honoring Elder's Day at Dharma Realm of Taipei with my mother. One of the programs was provided by the Taiwan control department, it is called "Washing feet for mother". Dharma Master enrolled for me. When I was washing my mother's feet, I felt somehow awkward at the beginning, however, the image of mother unconditionally attending and taking care of me ever since I was little gradually manifested in my mind. A feeling of gratitude and remorse beyond words arising in my heart, I felt grateful for mother's willingly giving without any request for reward, and I felt remorseful for my not being able to repay any of her kindness. Tears coming down from my face, naturally, I gently held my mother's feet, slowly and carefully washed feet for her, wishing to express my deep gratitude by this conduct.

The first program on that day was reciting "Sutra of the Buddha Speaking of How Hard It Is to Repay Parents' Kindness", and I learned from the sutra that no matter how hard we try, it was difficult to repay a smallest share of mother's kindness and virtue. At that moment, I told myself I should be more filial to my mother. I am a person who are not good at expressing my feeling, however after finishing washing her feet, I gave mother a hug, sincerely thanking her for letting me wash feet for her. I found she was also moved to tears. I feel that this program is really meaningful, by the act of washing feet, we can express our love for mother, in addition, various kinds of inconceivable spiritual interactions are developed according to people's different dispositions, which makes the feeling between mother and child closer. Therefore this program is worth propagating.

In Dharma Realm of Taipei, the "Emperor Liang's Jeweled Repentance" was held from the first to the eighth day of Lunar New Year. This time I was able to attend the whole session. In order to accompany me, mom gave up her opportunity to travel with her other children, which she cherished the most, but she was also very happy because after eight days of bowing repentance, she was full of dharma joy. During the session, the participants were all very sincere, one of the layperson told me that she had to leave home at six O'clock every morning in order to take train and transfer, but she was still a little bit late, so she was regretful that she should have started off earlier. After listening to her story, I felt shamed of myself since although I live close enough to Wayplace in USA, I often arrived for ceremonies at the last minute, sometimes I was even late. The Venerable Master mentioned that he usually went to the Buddha Hall a little bit earlier, waiting for the ceremony to start. He mentioned that if we are late for the dharma ceremony, in the future we would be late for attaining Buddhahood. Shouldn't we be careful with this?

I remember after I attended

Great Compassion Repentance the afternoon on the Lunar New Year Eve, I stayed at the monastery to help, since there was a Dharma ceremony on the next day, many people were busy in doing things around. I met a couple and their three daughters in twenties, the whole family were busy in arranging sutra stands, setting up plaques, and mobbing floor. As far as I know, they came in the morning, had lunch at the monastery, and will work till five to six O'clock, then the mother will stay overnight at the monastery, while the father will go home with children, and come back for volunteer work the next morning, therefore they skip the family reunion dinner on New Year Eve. They are really a Buddhist family, which was really nice.

The hardworking spirits of the volunteers are really impressive; you can feel that there are many volunteers, including many young people. They were sincerely working hard in Buddha Hall, Office, and Kitchen. As far as I know, the Dharma ceremony starts at 8:00 every morning and volunteers arrive at 7:30, working on all kinds of things, other layperson are also very active in offering help. Even my mom commented that volunteers in Taipei are very hard working. This is another point that I feel need to be examined and improved. Why are always short of volunteers in San Jose? I hope there will be more people come to volunteer, since Wayplace is the best place to accumulate blessings, when one's blessings and virtue are adequate,

one's cultivation of wisdom will naturally accomplish with less obstacles. These two aspects aid with each other.

Since I stayed in Taiwan a little longer this time, I was able to a bit deeply experience life in Taiwan- the place where I grew up. I feel that Taiwan have made great progress in culture, medical system, service and facilities, which thanks to the efforts of government and people.

This is the first time I spent so much time with my family and siblings ever since I moved to USA for these years. I experienced their overwhelming care and love. After studying Buddhadharma for several years, I am fortunate to have the opportunity to perfect relationship with my close relatives. In "Emperor Liang's Jeweled Repentance", it mentions in the part of "Eliminating Resentments and Unknotting Ties", that resentments and enemies mostly are generated from people close with us. Since we are studying the Buddhadharma, certainly we should try out best to untie instead of tying resentments. The Venerable Master always mentioned that: "Truly recognize our own faults, do not discuss the faults of others; the shortcomings of others are also my own, being one with all is called great compassion." This verse can apply to any case. If we can only find others' faults, it means we should work on ourselves, because our view and attachment to self are so strong. This is an encouragement for myself and I would like to share with everyone.



# 金聖寺

# 四、五月份法會活動表2010年 GOLD SAGE MONASTERY ANNOUNCEMENT OF DHARMA ASSEMBLIES

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| 四月份活動 Buddhist Events in April, 2010                          |        |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 / 4(8:00 AM~9:00 AM) 楞嚴咒法會 The Shurangama Mantra Recitation |        |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 週日<br>Sunday  | 4 / 4  | 金光明最勝王經講座(9:00 AM~11:00 AM)<br>Lecture on The Golden Light of the Most Victorious Kings |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | 4 / 11 | 念佛共修法會(8:15 AM~4:00 PM)<br>Dharma Assembly of Buddha Recitation                         |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | 4 / 18 | 懷少節(9:00AM~2:00 PM)<br>Cherishing Youth Day   |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | 4 / 25 | 觀音法門(8:15 AM ~ 2:30 PM)<br>The Guan Yin Dharma Door                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 週六<br>Saturday  | 4/3    | 觀音菩薩聖誕 Guan Yin Bodhisattva's Birthday (8:30AM~10:20AM)                                 |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | 4/3    | 長青學佛班 Elders' Dharma Study Group (2:30 PM ~ 4:30 PM)                                    |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | 4 / 10 | —⊟禪 One Day Meditation (8:00 AM ~ 3:45 PM)  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 每日1 pm  |        | 大悲懺法會 Great Compassion Repentance   |  |  |  |  |  |

| 五月份活動 Buddhist Events in May, 2010          | 日期 Date                  | 地 點   |  |
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| 長青學佛班 Elders' Dharma Study Group            | 5/1 週六 2:00PM~ 4:30PM    |       |  |
| 楞嚴咒講解 Lecture on The Shurangama Mantra      | 5/2,9 週日 9:00AM~ 11:00AM |       |  |
| 一日禪 One Day Meditation                      | 5/8 週六 8:00AM~ 3:45PM    |       |  |
| 慶祝釋迦牟尼佛聖誕法會 (浴佛節)                           | 5/15 週六 8:15AM~ 4:00PM   | 金聖寺   |  |
| 念佛共修法會 Dharma Assembly of Buddha Recitation | 5/23 週日 8:15AM~ 4:00PM   | (GSM) |  |
| 金光明最勝王經講座                                   | 5/30 週日 9:00AM~ 11:00AM  |       |  |
| 華嚴法會 Avatamsaka Sutra Recitation            | 5/30~6/19 8:30AM 開始      |       |  |
| 大悲懺法會 (法會期間除外) Great Compassion Repentance  | 每日(Everyday)1pm          |       |  |

| 慶祝釋迦牟尼佛聖誕法會(浴佛節)<br>Celebration of Shakyamuni Buddha's Birthday<br>金聖寺將安排巴士前往聖城參加法會,請於5月13日以前報名。 |  | 萬佛聖城<br>(CTTB) |
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### 釋迦牟尼佛聖誕法會(浴佛節)

Celebration of Shakyamuni Buddha's Birthday

### 萬佛聖城浴佛法會時間:

萬佛聖城將於五月十六日(星期日)慶祝釋迦牟尼佛聖誕,舉行浴佛法會。

金聖寺將安排巴士於當日前往聖城,一日來回,歡迎踴躍參加。

請於即日起至五月十三日以前報名。金聖寺電話 (408) 923-7243

May 16th The City of Ten Thousand Buddhas will celebrate the Birthday of Shakyamuni Buddha's Birthday called "Bathing the Buddha Day."

Gold Sage Monastery will arrange bus tour for same-day travel.

Please sign up before May 13th. We hope everyone will attend this event..

Please contact (408) 923-7243.

#### 金聖寺浴佛法會時間:

金聖寺訂於五月十五日(星期六),早上八時三十分開始,舉行浴佛法會,歡迎踴躍參加。

May 15, Saturday morning 8:30am at the Gold Sage Monastery there will be a celebration event for Shakyamuni Buddha's Birthday called "Bathing the Buddha day"