

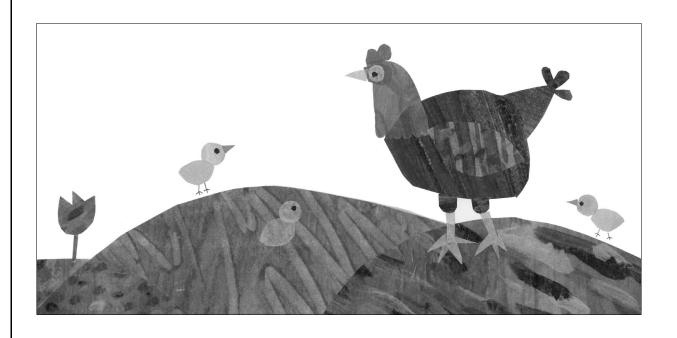
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無論哪一位要是能不吃肉, 這就是幫助世界,令世界沒有戰爭。 Anyone who avoids eating meat is helping the world become free of war.

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No fighting, no greed, no seeking, no selfishness, no pursuing personal advantage, and no lying.

觀世音菩薩隨類應現,隨方教化

Guanshiyin Bodhisattva Manifests Appropriate Forms to Teach Beings Everywhere

宣公上人 開示 Lecture by Venerable Master Hua

建 世音菩薩在佛教。 裏,是佔很重要的地位的說他 是由音薩,有的人說他是菩薩,有的人說他是對 國人,有的人說他是女人 可有的人說他是女人世,這一數 一定的 是中國人,有的人可能是一個人 一定的 是中國人,有的人可能是一個人 一定的 是中國人,有的人可能是一個人 一定的 一定的 是一位是一個人 一定的 是一位是一個人 一定的 是一位是一位 是一位。 是一位是一位 是一位。 是一位。

這觀世音菩薩他也現

佛身來度一切應該成佛的眾 生;他也現菩薩身來度一切 應該成菩薩的眾生;他也現 天上的天王身來度一切眾 生。總而言之,這個眾生應 該以什麼身得度的,觀世音 菩薩就現什麼身,來給這一 類的眾生說法。

在佛教裏頭,觀世音 菩薩各處去教化眾生,要度 一切眾生發菩提心。他先看 這個眾生歡喜什麼,他先就 投其所好,他一投其所好, 這個人就歡喜了,所以他說 什麼法,這個人也都歡喜 聽,於是乎就把這個眾生度 了。所以說觀世音菩薩,他 也不一定是男身,也不一定 是女身,他也是男身,也是 女身,不過都是變化的。那 麼觀世音菩薩的本體呢?他 是如如不動的,和佛是一樣 的;並且觀世音菩薩在很久 以前,就已經成佛了。他的 名字叫正法明如來,現在他 化菩薩身來教化眾生。

在佛教裡他現菩薩身;在外道裏邊,他也現外 道的身。所以往往有一個穿 著白衣服的,在耶穌教裏就 說她是聖母;其實這個聖母 是誰?也就是觀世音菩薩去 教化那一類的眾生,他去現 那麼一個穿白衣服的人的樣 子。一般的耶穌教說這是聖 母,其實也就是觀世音菩 薩,去顯現令這個眾生來發 心,無論早晚都會令他明白 佛法;明白佛法之後,就要 發菩提心。這是觀世音菩薩 他這種妙用無窮的一種不可 思議境界。

今天我就給各位講一講「觀世音菩薩」這幾個字。

「世」,有過去世、現 在世、未來世,這三世。觀 世音菩薩觀這一切眾生過去世的因緣,現在世的因緣,現在世的因緣,觀看他三世的因緣,觀看他三世的因緣,然後應該用什麼方法去救度這個眾生,去教化這個眾生,觀世音菩薩用他所修行成就的這種神通去救度眾生,所以這叫「觀世音」。

「菩薩」是半梵語,具 足叫「菩提薩埵」,翻譯成 中文的意思「菩提」,就是 覺;「薩埵」就是有情,就 叫覺有情,覺悟這一切的有 情。又有一種講法,說是有 情裏邊的一個覺悟者。什麼 叫有情呢?就是一切有知覺 性的,有感覺,有氣血的這 一些個有生命的東西都叫有 情。觀世音菩薩以前和我們 是一樣的,就因爲他不怕苦 難去修行而覺悟了,是有情 眾生裏邊的一個覺悟者。也 就是他以他這個覺悟的這種 智慧,再來覺悟我們這一切 的眾生,這叫菩薩。

菩薩又有一個名稱叫 「大道心的眾生」,他這個 道心最大的;有大道心的眾 生這就叫菩薩。觀世音菩薩 也就是這一類的眾生。

在沒有成佛以前,所有 的菩薩也都叫眾生,不過他 是眾生裏邊一個覺悟的眾 生,而不是迷昧的一個眾 生。迷昧的眾生遇到一切不 境界,就執迷不悟,遇著一切切事也都看不破,助事也都看不破,切的事 也都看得破,放得下;不不 也都看得明,而且又覺悟;不可 自己覺悟,而且又覺悟,所以 宣叫「觀世音菩薩」。這是 觀世音菩大概的意思。



uanshivin **Bodhisattva** holds a very important position in Buddhism. Some people say Guanshiyin Bodhisattva is Chinese, while others say he is another nationality. Some people say this Bodhisattva is a man, while others say the Bodhisattva is a woman. Now I will tell all of you: Guanshiyin Bodhisattva is neither Chinese nor any other nationality. Where is he from then? He can be found everywhere throughout space and the Dharma Realm, and yet there is no place where he is. He manifests in response to different kinds of beings, appearing in whatever form is most appropriate to speak Dharma for living beings. Therefore, his appearance is not fixed.

Guanshiyin Bodhisattva appears in the body of a Buddha

to cross over all the living beings who are meant to become Buddhas. He also appears in the body of a Bodhisattva in order to cross over all the living beings who are meant to become Bodhisattvas. He also manifests the body of a heavenly king to cross over all living beings. In general, Guanshiyin Bodhisattva appears in whatever form a living being needs to see in order to be crossed over, and comes to speak Dharma for that kind of living being.

In Buddhism, Guanshiyin Bodhisattva goes everywhere to teach and transform living beings. He wants to cross over all living beings and cause them to bring forth the resolve for Bodhi. He first contemplates to see what a living being likes and then caters to his likings. When he caters to that person's likings, the person

feels happy and is glad to listen to whatever Dharma he speaks. Thus he successfully crosses over that living being. So I said Guanshiyin Bodhisattva is not necessarily male or female; he is both male and female, but that's just his transformation. In his fundamental identity, Guanshiyin Bodhisattva is thus and unmoving, just like the Buddhas. What is more, Guanshiyin Bodhisattva became a Buddha a long time ago by the name of Light of Proper Dharma Tathagata. Now he is manifesting as a Bodhisattva to come teach and transform living beings.

He appears as a Bodhisattva in Buddhism, but he also appears in other religions as personages of those religions. There is a white-robed figure known in Christianity as the Holy Mother. Who was the Holy

我們一定要在內裏邊充實道德,有學問,有智慧,那才算有本領。不要貪世間的名,好世間的利,那是開謊花不結實果的。這一點非常要緊,希望各位注意!

We should cultivate our inner virtue and integrity to perfection, be well-learned and activate our wisdom. Only then can we be considered a capable person. Don't be greedy for worldly fame; don't hanker after worldly gain. Those are sterile flowers which bloom but don't bear fruit. This is such a crucial point, I hope everyone will take heed of it!

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Mother in fact? She was just Guanshiyin Bodhisattva coming to teach and transform that class of living beings. He appeared as a person in white robes and the Christians all said that was the Holy Mother, but in fact it was Guanshiyin Bodhisattva appearing to inspire those living beings to bring forth resolves. Sooner and later, they would come to understand the Buddhadharma, and after they understood the Buddhadharma, they would bring forth the Bodhi resolve. That's the inconceivable state of Guanshiyin Bodhisattva's inexhaustible, wonderful functioning.

Today I will briefly explain the name of Guanshiyin Bodhisattva, the "Bodhisattva Who Contemplates the Sounds of the World."

What is contemplation? It refers to a contemplative wisdom, the wisdom that is able to contemplate. The sounds of the world are the state that is contemplated. The wisdom that is able to contemplate is used to contemplate the state that is contemplated—all the states within this world, all the sounds. The sounds include sounds of suffering, sounds of happiness, wholesome sounds, evil sounds, good sounds, bad sounds. Guanshiyin Bodhisattva observes all the various sounds of the world. He fulfills all wishes. No matter what living beings seek from Guanshiyin Bodhisattva, he

will grant their wishes for sure.

The Chinese character shi (世) for "world" can also refer to "period of time," as in the three periods of time—past, present, and future. Guanshiyin Bodhisattva contemplates the past causes and conditions, present causes and conditions, and future causes and conditions of all living beings. Observing the causes and conditions in the three periods of time for each living being, Guanshivin Bodhisattva employs whatever method is suitable for saving and teaching that being. He uses the spiritual powers he has accomplished through cultivation to rescue living beings. Thus, he is called the One Who Contemplates the Sounds of the World.

Pusa is an abbreviated transliteration of the Sanskrit word "Bodhisattva" in Chinese. The meaning is translated thus: "Bodhi" means enlightenment and "sattva" means sentient being, so it means "one who enlightens sentient beings," and also "an enlightened one among sentient beings." What is meant by "sentient being"? It refers to any living thing endowed with awareness, sentience, breath, and blood. Guanshiyin Bodhisattva used to be the same as all of us. but because he cultivated without fear of suffering or hardship and became enlightened, he is an enlightened one among sentient living beings. Moreover, he uses the wisdom of his enlightenment to further enlighten all of us living beings. Such a one is called a Bodhisattva.

Bodhisattvas have another name: They are called beings with a great resolve for the Way. They have the greatest resolve for the Way. Beings with a great resolve for the Way are Bodhisattvas. Guanshiyin Bodhisattva is such a being.

Before they become Buddhas, Bodhisattvas are called living beings, but they are enlightened living beings, not confused ones. When confused beings encounter any kind of state, they cling to it and fail to awaken. No matter what situation they come across, they cannot see it for what it is and let go of it. Guanshiyin Bodhisattva is able to see through and let go of all matters. Since he is not attached to anything, he is enlightened. Not only is he himself enlightened, he can also enlighten all other unenlightened beings. Therefore, he is called Guanshiyin Bodhisattva. That's a general explanation of the Bodhisattva Who Contemplates the Sounds of the World.

做一個好的駕駛員

Be A Good Driver

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之所以下地 想,做餓鬼,轉畜生,不外 乎受六根——眼、耳、鼻、 舌、身、意的支配。人者的 大之形。人。人者的 大之形。以成,也不超出這六根。 一眼、耳、之者的 大心不超出這六根。 一眼、方不起出這六根。 一時支佛、菩薩、佛,都沒有 離開這六根。這六根爲什麼 有這麼大的力量,甚至於人 生天堂、墮地獄也不離人 大心不是這六根能支配人 成佛或做鬼呢?

其實,也不是這六根 支配,而是我們不會運用 它。每個人的自性,這個靈 明覺性裏,有個主人翁,這 個主人翁也就是我們本具的 佛性。當這個主人翁當家時,正念就現前,一切自在無礙;可是一旦被一念無明遮蓋,癡暗妄動,六根便喧賓奪主,人就被眼、耳、鼻、舌、身、意 六賊 所謀害,打家劫舍,把我們寶貴的家珍,洗劫一空!所謂:

一念不生全體現,六 根忽動被雲遮。

所以,本來應該向佛 道前進,卻往鬼道上跑了。 這就譬如一個駕駛員,本來 應該在大馬路上行駛,如今 反而往海裏跑,於是連車帶 人,都被淹沒了;或者這個 駕駛員好高騖遠,把車開到 山上,從懸崖上掉下來,結 果粉身碎骨了。這都是因為 路線不熟,不懂駕駛,所以 發生種種的意外。同樣地, 人身上的六根,就等於這部 車子,你若懂得開動它,就 可以順利到達目的地;若不 懂得運用它,則會發生意 外,甚至招致性命的危險。

人本有的靈性是通天 徹地、湛圓妙明,遍十方界 的,它是萬能的,什麼都能 做。可是一旦投胎,進了這 個臭皮囊,就糊塗起來了, 連東南西北、四維上下,也 搞不清楚了,於是到處亂闖 亂撞,本來想做佛、做菩 薩,沒想到稍不慎,卻做 馬、做牛去了! 最可憐的是,有些佛教徒,一心想脫離三惡道, 但是因爲不懂得運用這部車子,反被六根支配,任由魔 王做主,被困在這個五蘊所 成的幻有軀殼裏頭,而不能 解脫,痛苦不堪,他們本有 的靈性既被埋沒了,智慧光 明就不能現前。

所以萬事萬物都在說 法,你明白了,就是說的佛 法、出世間法;你不明白, 它總是在那兒說世間法、染 污法。所以一切一切在於你 的一念心,你有智慧,無論 什麼問題都能迎刃而解;你 沒有智慧,那處處都是障 礙。

我們人的身體,要靠 飲食來維持生命,但這是一 種粗的食糧。除了這個,人 還要靠佛性、智慧光明來生 存。譬如一輛車子,要靠汽 油才能走動;人也要靠飲 食,才有生機,才能活動。 可是有些修道人,不須靠飲 食,就能生存,爲什麼呢? 就因爲他吃的是智慧光明, 那是他的營養品!

粗的分上,身體要靠 飲食;在細的分上,精神需 要佛的靈性做爲資糧。我們 白天做工,無論行住坐臥, 都要耗費很多精力,用很多 汽油;到了晚上休息,毛細 孔張開了,就和佛光接觸, 由佛的大光明藏注射光明智 慧,來補充我們白天所丟掉 的精神。所以晚上休息充足 了,第二天精神又恢復如 常。

有些人聽了這個道 理,又起了貪心,心裏想: 「啊!原來我睡覺的時候, 佛正在爲我注射佛光,那麼 我儘管睡多一點,不就能更 有智慧了嗎?」其實每個人 都需要一定的睡眠,但是睡 得過多,反而會形成頭腦昏 昧,慧力減損,所謂「夜長 夢多」,人作夢也是浪費精 神的,睡眠過多反而會精 神的,睡眠過多反而會 痛。所以凡事都要適可而 止,不要走極端。

一般人對這個道理不明白,以爲人只要憑飲食就

可以生存。但是修道人會用功的,對於精神上的食糧,也很注意,所以他們都歡喜打坐、參禪修定,這就是與佛光智慧多接觸,更能補充精神,增長慧力。可是打坐也不能貪多,你執著靜坐,那過多了,也會患禪病的。

所以我們學佛的人, 不要東奔西跑,向外馳求, 又求什麼密法,找捷徑,貪 便宜,想要快點開悟。這只 會使你耗費有限的汽油,把 自己累得心疲力竭,智慧殞 滅,而毫無所得。這是沒有 明白根本佛性的道理,卻向 心外求法的弊端。

我今天所講的不是「神」話,可以說是「神」 理。這種理論,就算最先進 的科學家也還沒有研究出 來,更不要說懂了。他們連 作夢也想不到——有這麼妙 的道理!本來這只是很平常 的道理,可惜人人都忽略了 Due to the influence of the six sense faculties—eyes, ears, nose, tongue, body and mind—people are reborn in the hells or become hungry ghosts or animals. It's also due to the functioning of the six senses that people become asuras or are reborn in the heavens or as humans.

It is also because of the functioning of the six sense faculties that we can become Arhats, Pratyekabuddhas, Bodhisattvas, or Buddhas. Why are the six sense faculties so powerful that they even influence whether we are reborn in the heavens or fall into the hells? Do they determine whether people become Buddhas or ghosts?

Actually, the six sense faculties aren't in control; it's just that we don't know how to use them. The master is within everyone's own nature, the bright nature of enlightenment. This master is also known as the inherent Buddha-nature. When it is in charge, proper thoughts manifest, and one is free and at ease, not obstructed by anything. But once this nature is covered up by even a single thought of ignorance, a dull darkness is erroneously stirred up; the six sense faculties then become the masters and take control. As a result, we are plundered by the six thieves the eyes, ears, nose, tongue,

body and mind. They rob our house and steal all our precious treasures. So it is said,

When not a single thought arises, The entire substance manifests. When the six sense faculties suddenly move,

There is a covering of clouds.

Because of this, people who are supposed to advance along the Buddha path go down the ghostly path instead. This is like a driver who should be driving his car along the highway, but instead drives it into the ocean, both drowning himself and sinking the car. It's also like somebody who aims high without doing the fundamental work, or someone who climbs a mountain and falls off a cliff, getting smashed to bits. When a person is not familiar with the road conditions and doesn't know how to drive, he's prone to accidents. The six sense faculties of our bodies can be compared to cars. If we know how to drive, we can reach our destination safely; if we don't, we risk losing our lives in an accident.

Our inherent nature, which is clear, perfect, and wonderfully bright, pervades the ten directions and permeates heaven and earth. It is omnipotent, capable of doing anything. However, as in the analogy about driving, even though we may know how to drive, once we go into the womb and

enter this "stinking skin bag," we become muddled. After this we can't even distinguish between east, south, west, north, above, or below, and run around aimlessly. Original-ly we wanted to become Buddhas, but if we are the least bit careless, we may end up being reborn as horses, cows, or sheep.

Some Buddhists are most pitiful. They single-mindedly want to leave the three evil paths, but because they don't know how to drive the car of the six sense faculties, they are controlled by them instead, and so they let the demon king get a hold of them. Trapped in this illusory body of the five skandhas and incapable of freeing themselves, these people suffer unbearable pain. Their inherent natures have been buried, and the bright light of wisdom cannot manifest.

The myriad things are speaking dharmas. If you understand, they are speaking the Buddhadharma, the transcendental Dharma; if you do not understand, then they are speaking worldly dharma, defiling dharma. In this way everything is contained within a single thought of your mind. When you have wisdom, you'll be able to readily solve any kind of problem; when you don't have wisdom, there are obstacles everywhere.

Our body depends on food to survive. However, this kind of food is coarse. In addition, we also rely on the Buddha-nature and the bright light of wisdom to survive. Just as a car needs gasoline to run, people need food and drink to generate energy in order to move. But some cultivators can survive without food or drink. How do they do this? They eat the bright light of wisdom—that is their nourishment.

On a coarse level, our body needs food and drink; on a finer level, our souls need the spiritual nourishment of the Buddha's nature. During the day, when we work, walk, stand, sit, and recline, we exhaust a lot of our energy, use a lot of gasoline. At night when we rest, our pores open up and come into contact with the Buddha light. The bright light of wisdom from the Buddha's radiant treasury enters our pores, replenishing the energy we lost during the day. After we get enough rest at night, our energy returns to its normal

level the next day.

Hearing this principle, some people become greedy and think, "Oh, so the Buddha shines his light on me while I sleep. Then if I sleep more, will I be wiser?"In reality, we all need a certain amount of sleep. However, if we sleep too much, our brains will become muddled and dull, and our wisdom will be diminished. It's said, "The longer the night, the more you dream." Dreaming also wastes energy. Sleeping too much gives you headaches. So in all things we must know where to stop, and not go to extremes.

Ordinary people don't understand this principle. They think people can survive on just food and drink. But skilled cultivators concentrate on food for the soul. They enjoy sitting in Chan meditation and developing samadhi. By being in touch with the Buddha's wisdom-light, they replenish their energy and increase their wisdom power.

But you can't be greedy for meditation, either, or get attached to it. Too much meditation will give you Chan sickness.

We students of Buddhism should not run east and west, seeking outside for some secret dharma, looking for shortcuts, being greedy for bargains, wanting to get enlightened quickly. This will only waste the limited gasoline we have, exhaust us, and diminish our wisdom, and we'd gain nothing. This is the problem with not understanding the principles of fundamental Buddha-dharma and seeking outside for dharmas.

What I said today is not a myth. It can be called a spiritual principle. Even the most advanced scientists have not discovered this principle, let alone understood it. They can't even dream of this wonderful doctrine. Basically it's a very ordinary principle, but everyone has overlooked it.

參禪也好,念佛也好,只要認真修行,都能出離生死關,到臨終時身無痛苦,心無 貪戀,如入禪定,含笑往生。

It makes no difference whether you are practicing meditation or practicing mindfulness of the Buddha, as long as you diligently death. At the end of your life, your body will experience no pain, and your mind will have no desire or longing. As if you have entered samadhi, you will pass away with a smile on your face.

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By the Venerable Master Hua

十一麼是利人?利人,就要從不障礙人開始做起;損人利己,惱害他人,都不是我們應該做的事。

岩 法沒有一個自性,所以無所依賴,但是從互相假和合,而成就一切方便法。

其實認眞去修行,什麼道理自然而然就會明白。這個〇字是最要緊的法門!各位若對〇字用功夫,仔細研究一番,將來一定會有辦法。

he first step in benefiting others is not to obstruct others. To benefit ourselves at the expense of others, thus bringing harm and affliction to others, is not a proper thing to do.

All dharmas (phenomena) have no intrinsic substance, nothing to depend on. They arise expediently through a false process of combination.

The Vajra Sutra says, "One should produce the mind which dwells nowhere." If there is a place, there is still dwelling. Dwelling nowhere means thinking of neither good nor evil. This is where we should focus our effort. If we pay attention to the place, thinking of it as good or bad, these are all attachments. We practice in order to be free from attachments. We want to get rid of all attachments and forget even our bodies. Without a body, how could we still have attachments?

If we earnestly cultivate, we will spontaneously understand all principles. The zero is essential. If we work on it and investigate it, we will certainly find a way.



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三月份活動 Buddhist Events in March, 2019				
週五~日	3 /1~ 3	華嚴法會 (weekday 1pm Sat & Sun. 8:15am~ afternoon) Avatamsaka Sutra Recitation		
週日 (Sunday)	3 /10	念佛共修法會(8:15AM~4:00PM) Dharma Assembly of Buddha Recitation		
	3 / 17, 31	楞嚴咒法會 (8:00AM~8:50AM) The Shurangama Mantra Recitation		
		楞嚴經講座 (9:00am~10:50am) Lecture on the Shurangama Sutra		
週一	3/25	觀音菩薩聖誕法會 (8:30AM~ 10AM) Celebration of Gwan Yin Bodhisattva's Birthday		
每日1 pm		大悲懺法會 Great Compassion Repentance		

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21日前報名。 Gold Sage Monastery will arrange bus tour for same-day travel.	3 / 24週 日	萬佛聖城 (CTTB)
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四月份活動 Buddhist Events in April 2019	日期 Date	地 點
念佛共修法會 Dharma Assembly of Buddha Recitation	4/7 週日 8:15AM~4:00PM	
楞嚴咒法會 The Shurangama Mantra Recitation	4/14,28 週日8AM~8:50AM	金聖寺 (GSM)
楞嚴經講座 Lecture on the Shurangama Sutra	4/14,28 週日 9AM~ 10:50AM	
六字大明咒法會 Six Syllable Mantra Dharma Assembly	4/21 週日 8:15AM~ 10:50AM	
大悲懺法會 Great Compassion Repentance	每日(Everyday)1 pm	

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菩提心The Bodhi Resolve

什麼是菩提心?我有一個很簡單的比喻:未發菩提心前,好像麵粉未下發粉;一旦發菩提心之後,好像放下麵種。久而久之,麵便會長大。若問菩提心像個什麼樣子?本來它是無形無相,只是個覺道。覺者,覺悟也,就是明白,明白道理。不單是明白,還要修這條道。

也可以用實塔來比喻菩提心:這一座寶塔,無論它多高多大,必要從地上修起;地,就是我們的心地。要從地上建這座寶塔,使它一層比一層高。菩提心,也是從心地上建起,愈發愈大,愈發愈高;本來只是一點點,很小的,但逐漸膨脹、發大;等到功德圓滿了,最後可以成佛。這只是我一個很粗淺的看法,一個簡單的比喻。

What is the Bodhi resolve? I have a very simple analogy: Before we bring forth the Bodhi resolve, we are like flour before yeast is added. Bringing forth the Bodhi resolve is like adding yeast to the dough, so that it will rise and expand over time. What is the Bodhi resolve like? It is without any form or mark; it is only the enlightened Way. To be enlightened means to understand; to understand the principles of the Way. Yet we should not stop at understanding the principles; we must also cultivate the Way.

The Bodhi resolve can also be compared to a pagoda: no matter how tall a pagoda you plan to build, you have to start from the ground. The ground is analogous to our "mind ground." Just as we have to build a pagoda story by story from the ground up, the Bodhi resolve is similarly built up from the mind ground. Starting very small, it gradually grows greater and higher. And eventually, when we perfect our merit and virtue, we will become Buddhas. This is only a very simple and rough analogy.

一宣公上人 開示 /Lecture by Venerable Master Hua