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Human's Nature

Hi everyone, this is Nancy. Today is Feb. 6th. How are you doing? There is a saying that man's nature at birth is good. However, one day, my master said, "It's misleading and brain-washing to say that man's nature at birth is good. For all the people, first, you should treat them as evil people. Only in this way, could you study their evil nature. It is also a false proposition to say that there are more good people than evil people. Humans are born in this world because of their wickedness, their evil deeds in the past. If they are good, they will not be born here. Cultivation is the process of purification."

Thinking that there are many nice and kind people in the world, I asked, "Master, born as a human, everyone has certain degree of greed, hatred, ignorance, arrogance and doubt. Some have more and some have less. There is another saying: Both good and evil exist in the human realm. Correct?"

Master asked, "Nancy, do you know what are the Ten Good Deeds?"

I said, "Yes, I know."

Master said, "What are the Ten?"

I said, "No killing, no stealing, no sexual misconduct, no lying, no idle talk, no slandering, no harsh speech, no greed, no hatred, no ignorance. The Ten Good Deeds is the door to the Heavens."

Master asked, "Nancy, have you seen one person who did not kill?"

I answered, "No. We kill even when we walk. It's just killing on purpose or not on purpose."

Master asked, "Nancy, have you heard one person who didn't kill?"

I answered, "No. Living on the earth, we are all killing."

Master asked, "Nancy, do you think there would be anyone who didn't kill?"

I answered, "No master. There would be no one who did not kill." Thinking about how wicked a person's mind could be, I continued, "In fact, nobody on the earth could uphold even one precept, let alone five or ten. So man's nature at birth indeed is evil."

Master said, "The Buddha was compassionate. The Buddha said, 'Refraining from doing evil is good.'"

Master continued, "Furthermore, Nancy, if a person has heart disease, is this person a sick person or a healthy person?"

I answered, "A sick person."

Master asked, "Nancy, if a person has Cerebral infarction, is this person a sick person or a



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healthy person?”

I answered, “A sick person.”

Master asked, “Most of this person’s organs are healthy. Why do you say he is a sick person?”

I answered, “No matter how big or small the disease is, a sick person is a sick person. So Master, no matter how much evil a person has, he is a evil person.”

My Master said, “The Buddha is the Great Medicine King, and we are doctors. If a person has disease, he is a patient; if a person has evil, he is a evil person. Doctors study diseases; and Bodhisattvas study evil.”

I said, “Yes Master. Now I understand.”

Master continued, “Doctors need to study the cause of diseases, and then provide medicines; Bodhisattvas need to study the causes of evil, and then provide ways to cure. Common people may show goodness. However, their goodness is rooted in ego, in self-benefit. In fact, it’s not true goodness.”

Master continued, “Nancy, being filial to your parents seems to be goodness, then why aren’t you filial to all the parents under the Heaven?”

I answered, “Because of ego.”

Master asked, “Nancy, caring for your kids seems to be goodness, then why don’t you care for all the kids under the Heaven?”

I answered, “Because of ego.”

Master said, “So, the root of all evil is ego. If it’s out of ego, then it is not true goodness; if it is out of non-self, then it is goodness.”

I said, “So Master, the goodness of normal people is not true goodness, but false goodness.”

Master said, “Yes Nancy. Common people say there is good and evil. It’s because their standards are not distinct. They cannot tell right from wrong. They have ignorance. They take false as truth, and their thoughts are upside down.

“Furthermore, Nancy, the universe has neither good nor evil. Without evil, where would the good be? With self in the mind, one does evil deeds; without self in the mind, one follows the Way. If following the Way, there would be neither good nor evil. The Buddha saying good deeds was to stop the evil deeds. The Buddha saying medicines was to cure sickness. If a person is not sick, why would he need treatment? If a person is not sick, why would he need medicines?”



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Amitabha! This is the conversation between me and Master the other day. I hope this conversation could shine some light on you. Accepting that humans are sick is the first step to look for cure. Thank you everyone for being here watching this video. I will see you next time. Bye.