

Jijuyu Zammai

Ancestors and Buddhas, who have maintained the Buddha dharma, all have held that practice based upon proper sitting in *zazen* in *jijuyu samadhi* was the right path through which their enlightenment opened. In India and China, those who have gained enlightenment have all followed in this way of practice. It is based upon the right transmission of the wonderful means in private encounter from master to disciple and their receiving and maintaining of its authentic essence.

According to the authentic tradition of Buddhism, the Buddha Dharma, transmitted rightly and directly from one to another, is the supreme of the supreme. From the first time you meet your master and receive the teaching, you have no need for either incense-offerings, homage-paying, nembutsu, penance disciplines, or silent sutra-readings; only cast off body and mind in *zazen*.

When even for a short period of time you sit properly in *samadhi* imprinting the Buddha-seal in your three activities (deeds, words, and thoughts), each and every thing excluding none is the Buddha-seal, and all space without exception is enlightenment. Accordingly, it makes Buddha-tathagatas all increase the Dharma-joy of their original source, and renew the adornments of the Way of enlightenment. Then, when all classes of all beings in the ten directions of the universe—the hell-dwellers, hungry ghosts, and animals; the fighting demons, humans, and devas—all together at one time being bright and pure in body and mind, realize the stage of absolute emancipation and reveal their original aspect, at that time, all things come to realization in themselves of the true enlightenment of the Buddha, utilize the Buddha body, immediately leap the confines of this personal enlightenment, sit properly beneath the kingly Tree of Enlightenment, turn simultaneously the great and utterly incomparable Dharma wheel, and expound the ultimate and profound *prajna* free from all human agency.

Since, moreover, these enlightened ones in their turn enter into the way of imperceptible mutual assistance, the person in *zazen* without fail cast off body and mind, severs the heretofore disordered and defiled thoughts and views emanating from discriminating consciousness, conforms totally in himself to the genuine Buddha Dharma, and assists universally in performing the work of buddhas at each of the various places the buddha-tathagatas teach, that are as infinitely numberless as the smallest atom-particles-imparting universally the KI transcending buddha, vigorously uplifting the Dharma (HO) transcending buddha. Then the land, the trees and grasses, fences, walls, tiles and pebbles, all the various things in the ten directions, perform the work of Buddhas. Because of this, all persons who share in the wind and water benefits thus produced receive the unperceived help of the buddhas' wonderful and incomprehensible teaching and guidance, and all manifest their inherent enlightenment. Since all who receive and employ this fire and water turn round and round the teaching of original enlightenment, all who dwell and talk together with them also join with one another in possessing inexhaustible Buddha-virtue, causing to spread and spread even wider, circulating the inexhaustible, unceasing, incomprehensible, and immeasurable Buddha Dharma, inside and outside throughout the universe. Yet such things are not mingled in the perceptions

of one sitting in zazen, because (this occurs) in the stillness of samadhi beyond human artifice, and is in itself realization. If practice and realization were two different stages as ordinary people consider them to be, the one sitting in zazen and things should perceive each other. To be associated with perceptions is not the mark of realization, because the mark of realization is to be beyond such illusions.

Moreover, although in realization the mind (of the zazen practitioner) and its objects both arise and disappear within the stillness of samadhi, since it occurs within the sphere of *jijuyu* it does not disturb a single mote of dust, nor infringe upon a single phenomenon. It does great and wide-ranging buddha-work, and performs the exceedingly profound, recondite activities of preaching and enlightening. The trees, grasses, and land involved in this all emit a bright and shining light, and preach the profound and incomprehensible dharma; and it is endless. Trees and grasses, wall and fence expound and exalt the Dharma for the sake of ordinary people, sages, and all living beings. Ordinary people, sages and all living beings in turn preach and exalt the Dharma for the sake of trees, grasses, wall, and fence. The dimension of self-enlightenment qua enlightening others basically is fully replete with the characteristics of realization, and causes the principle of realization unceasingly.

Because of this, when even just one person, at one time, sits in zazen, they become, imperceptively, one with each and all of the myriad things, and permeate completely all time, so that within the limitless universe, throughout past, future, and present, they are performing the eternal and ceaseless work of guiding beings to enlightenment. It is, for each and every thing, one and the same undifferentiated practice, and undifferentiated realization. Only this is not limited to the practice of sitting alone; the sound that issues from the striking of emptiness is an endless and wondrous voice that resounds before and after the fall of the hammer. And this is not all the practice of zazen does. Each and every thing is, in its original aspect, provided original practice—it cannot be measured or comprehended.