

Power of Judgement

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I will speak today on the power of judgement.

Can you distinguish between the four characteristics of good and bad, and right and wrong? There are very few people who attend meetings of the True Law in various locations throughout Japan who really learn what it means to think and make statements based on this understanding. Almost everyone has these four characteristics mixed up.

Do you understand why I asked such a question to begin with? It is because even though it is taught that one must distinguish between good things and bad things, and that one has to judge between right and wrong, in many cases people remain uncertain about how to apply this teaching. Generally speaking, good and bad is decided by the subjective feelings of individuals, so that at times good things seem bad and bad things seem good. This is similar to how one views the good and bad aspects in a person. Does being good and being right mean the same thing?

What do you suppose those of us in the Celestial Realm consider as being right? Being right is a judgement of one's posture or direction, while being good is a judgement of one's condition. This is why the Celestial Realm judges false religions as being wrong although what they teach may superficially sound good and acceptable. The proper way to judge things by the True Law is not whether they are good or bad, but by whether they are right or wrong.

Truth and facts are in a similar relationship. The truth indicates a posture, direction or inclination, while facts just point to the condition or circumstances. In order to be able to judge these things properly, one has to acquire the habit of thinking deeply.

Those things which one previously should be re-examined. Sound reasoning does not come to all person at birth, but instead this is something which is developed through life. The things which facilitate the development of reason are humility and the will to think seriously.

This is not to say that one should become totally preoccupied with self-examination and reflection (to become entrapped by so-called self-observation). You must remember that those who are lacking in wisdom and enthusiasm when it comes to taking action are virtually useless to Heaven. Wisdom from life for leading a good life—known as Prajna Paramita—is the indispensable quality of those who are followers of the True Law who are the prospective members of the Celestial Realm.

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