

How will you carry the sangha?

Dharma combat with the new Zen Masters

Do Mun Sunim, JDPSN: Richard Shrobe, JDPSN gave the opening dharma talk (*opposite page*) and talked about three kinds of transmission, and today we have three transmissions. So I would like to ask you: are you the tail, the family shame, or the blind donkey?

Zen Master Su Bong (Mu Deung Sunim): You have a head, body, and feet. What is it doing now?

DMSN: Standing in front of you.

ZMSB: Isn't that enough?

DMSN: No!

ZMSB: Arrow is already passed downtown.

DMSN: Thank you for your teaching.



Ken Kessel: Yesterday I had a small job. I carried the Buddha from Do An Sunim, JDPSN's room to the altar. That was a small job, but you have a big job. You are going to be a Zen Master. So I want to ask you, how are you going to carry the sangha?

Zen Master Bo Mun (George Bowman): You already understand, Ken.

KK: I don't know how.

ZMBM: Sitting here smiling at you.

KK: How will that carry the sangha?

ZMBM: Not enough?

KK: Hmmm . . . I don't know.

ZMBM: Go drink tea.

KK: Ohhhh, thank you.



Questioner: My sword sometimes kills beings and sometimes saves beings. The sutra says in the whole world there was one nirvana palace. So, where can you see the nirvana palace?

Zen Master Soeng Hyang (Barbara Rhodes): You already understand.

Questioner: No, that

is not the correct answer.

ZMSH: Over in the tent is a lot of cake and ice cream.

Questioner: You have two holes in your nose and you are breathing through the back.

ZMSH: Thank you very much.



Grazyna Perl: I have a question for all three of you at the same time. An eminent teacher said, "The whole world is a single flower," and yet the world is so mixed up. Now we have the three of you. Three Zen Masters, please demonstrate to us how the three of you can make the whole world a single flower.

ZMSB: Don't mix up the world.

GP: The world is already mixed up.

ZMSB: Already mixed up in your mouth.

GP: I don't think so.

ZMSB: Arrow already passed downtown.

GP: But that is what Mu Deung Sunim does. What can the three of you do for us?

The three candidates embrace and hold hands.

GP: Thank you very much, that was very nice. □



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