
Dharma Combat

Do Mun Sunim, JDPS

Q: So at your Zen center lives this Korean monk. And his name is Hwa Gong Su Nim. Hwa Gong means "flower emptiness." What is this emptiness flower; what does that mean?

DMSN: You already understand.

Q: I know that, but I'm asking you.

DMSN: (Takes flower from the altar and holds it up.)

Q: Yeah, but I asked about *emptiness* flower.

DMSN: That's yours (hands him the flower).

Q: Thank you.

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Q: I have no question; I'm not prepared; what can I do?

DMSN: What are you doing right now?

Q: Sitting here talking to you.

DMSN: Is that enough?

Q: It's perfect.

DMSN: See you later.

Stanley Lombardo, JDPSN

Q: I hear that you're a great teacher of classics.

SL: Yeah, that's right.

Q: Now that you're a Zen teacher, how can you possibly teach that?

SL: Quomo dol posso te divatum.

Q: I need a translation.

SL: Latin for "How can I help you?"

Q: Think you very much.

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Q: You are sitting in the front. Who did you really follow to be at this place?

SL: Where are you sitting?

Q: In front of you.

SL: I only follow you.

Jeff Kitzes, JDPSN

Q: We met long ago sitting next to each other in Kyol Che. You've gone through many changes, worn many hats. Could you sum it up for us, please?

JK: You already understand.

Q: So I'm asking you.

JK: It's really nice to see you.

Q: Oh, it's really nice to see you. Thank you for your teaching.

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Q: I don't have a psychotherapy question. When we all met Zen Master Seung Sahn, he taught us this (*hits the floor*). So we've all been imitating him ever since. So if you don't imitate him, then what?

JK: You already understand.

Q: So I ask you.

JK: (*hits the floor*)

Q: Thank you.

