

Two New Ji Do Poep Sa Nims Appear

On July 31, 1994, Zen Master Seung Sahn certified two teachers in a public ceremony which included the speeches and dharma combat that follow. Nancy Brown, JDPSN is now in residence at New Haven Zen Center, and Grazyna Perl, JDPSN is now in residence at the new Paris Zen Center.

Human Beings Come From Where?

Zen Master Seung Sahn

These ceremonies are very important for our school. If we didn't have them, our school would die. Today there are two ceremonies, an inka ceremony and a transmission ceremony, meaning our school is still alive. And for infinite time, our school will live—that's a very important point.

A long time ago on Vulture's Peak, Buddha held up a flower. Mahakashyapa smiled. One thousand two hundred others in the assembly didn't understand. Only Mahakashyapa smiled. So Buddha said, "My true dharma transmission I give to you." That is the beginning. Then the dharma developed in India, China, Korea, and finally is coming to America. So that is very clear, and this line is very strong.

Today there are too many human beings living on our earth. These human beings come from where? Throughout history humans have killed many animals. When they are reborn, even if they now appear as humans, they still have animal consciousness. And because of this, they want to have revenge on other humans for killing them. In Korean culture we insult people by calling them a dog, a snake, or a rat. Many times the face is that of a human, but the action is that of an animal. Your action is *very* important. Whether the face is yellow, red, or white doesn't matter. But our action must be human, like the Buddha, or like other great teachers. That is what is important. And that means helping all beings.

Today two new teachers appear. That means that our school is still strongly alive. And in the future, these teachers will teach in our school, and many great masters will appear. The Buddha said that the Buddhism dharma wheel is always spinning around, around, around non-stop. Continuing for infinite time, because inside there is truth and correct direction and correct life. ☉

