



On November 8, 2000, Do Kwan Sunim received inka ceremony from Zen Master Seung Sahn at Seoul International Zen Center.

dharma combat

Student: Good morning, Do Kwan Sunim. My question has to do with the movie "Little Buddha." In it they showed Buddha practicing very hard with his five friends. He was eating one grain of rice a day and his hair was very dirty and he was practicing very hard, and then he heard someone say, "If you tighten the string too tight it'll break. If you don't tighten it enough you can't play it." At that point he attained something. He then ate some rice porridge and started to practice the middle way. So I ask you, what does that mean?

Do Kwan Sunim JDPS: You already understand.

Student: So I'm asking you.

DKSN: What are you doing now?

Student: Sitting here having a—

DKSN: Take it easy.

Student: Thank you very much.

Student: So I came here and I can see that our Kwan Um School is very different than the Korean Zen tradition. You're a Korean monk and you're also practicing in our school. So my question is: what is the difference between Korean dharma and western dharma?

DKSN: You already understand.

Student: Please teach me.

DKSN: Sky is blue, tree is green.

Student: Thank you for your teaching.

DKSN: You are very welcome.

Zen Master Dae Bong: Today you're getting inka. Inka means seal. What kind of seal did you get?

DKSN: You already understand.

ZMDB: I ask you.

DKSN: How may I help you?

ZMDB: Oh, that's a big seal. Thank you for your teaching.

Student: In a dream, somebody is holding their hwadu, their question. And it's very important that they completely break through this dream, that they awaken from it and finish this hwadu in the dream. So, how do you finish this hwadu in a dream?

DKSN: Wake up.

Student: OK, that's all? I can't believe your answer.

DKSN: You're still in the dream.

Student: Do Kwan Sunim, I have a question. Can you please tell me what is my question?

DKSN: Already appeared.

Student: Thank you.