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▶ ▶ ▶ **Great Seung Sahn Sunim** returns to his original form after leaving us one of the four great teachings.

Having attained complete enlightenment you have now entered true stillness. Your original form has become spirit, without coming or going. Your true form projects itself freely in the ten directions of the dharma world. Without name or form, you cannot be perceived, but your original face appears in a passing breeze.

Deep and still there is no form, but being one with the substance of the universe, without life or death, your mysterious being constantly leaves its mark everywhere.

If we search for it, it cannot be found. Knowing that you have departed, where is your original dharma face now? All substance is your dharma body; the great earth and the stillness of being are your original mind.

The passage of time and the way of the stars are all your original perception.

If you want to get it, you will fall into the lower realms. If you want to attain it, still, it has not left its original form.

Have you departed and entered into stillness or has your spirit body merely shed its cover?

If you say “entered into stillness,” you cannot escape the cauldron of fire. If you say your spirit body has merely shed its cover, the six gods of the great Tao will enter nirvana together.

This is one of the four great teachings of an ancient worthy.

Does the assembly understand?

*Inside a deep well, a red spark appears.*

*High on a mountaintop, waves are crashing.*

*A stone girl gives birth to a stone baby.*

*A turtle grows hair.*



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