

## COMMON SENSE IS OUR GREAT TREASURE

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The good news is, this is the last talk! First of all, thank you everybody, I'm very grateful for your coming here. Thank you very much to the Polish sangha for your great effort. This is the first time you've done this, and I know it was not easy, thank you very much. I have a very short story, so don't worry. In the spirit of the Whole World is a Single Flower, it is not a Buddhist story.

One day, a Jewish master, called a rabbi, was walking through a village with his assistant. Then, at that time, a big dog ran out of one house, very angry, and started chasing after them. Without any hesitation, the rabbi lifted up his robes and started running, and the assistant ran after him. As they ran out of the village, the dog stopped chasing them and returned to his home. The rabbi then slowed down to a walk, and they continued walking on their way. So, this assistant said, "Rabbi, can you please stop for a mo-

ment? I have a question." "Go ahead, please ask." "In our holy text, it says that a holy person can never be harmed by a wild beast. Rabbi, isn't that true?" "That's correct, that's what it says." "Rabbi, then why were you running away from this dog? Does that mean that our holy book is not correct?" "No, our holy book is very correct. The problem is, I was quite sure that that dog never read our holy book."

We all have something we call common sense. This is our great treasure. During this conference, you heard a lot of great teaching. Now, if you digest all this teaching through your common sense, then your wisdom will appear. Better than Buddha's, better than Zen Master Man Gong's, then the whole world is a single flower can become truly yours. So, I thank you everybody, again, for your patience with us, and I hope you enjoy the rest of our program. ☸

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