

doesn't matter. The question is, how do we want to spend the rest of the time that's left for each one of us?

Those who came here at six o'clock in the evening or later, all of us got closer to death by two hours. Actually that's true for everybody. Other people in this city spent these last two hours in different ways and this is a fact. This body will not stay forever. When we die and how we die, nobody knows, but time doesn't wait for anybody. We all got closer to our end on this planet by two hours. Then, for what kind of success will we spend the remaining precious time of our life? Where do we want to invest? In becoming famous? Making a little more money? Getting a house? Putting our energy into our children to help them get married well? Maybe you want to give the rest of your life to your country? That's a little better than just for yourself. Or maybe put the rest of our life toward stopping wanting anything, and to find the truth. Not the relative, human "truth," which is always changing. Everybody's confused because there are so many truths. One day a scientist will say, "Coffee is bad for you, don't drink it." Next a new researcher says that coffee is good for you and you can take two cups a day. Who will you believe? Even what we're saying now is also Buddhist truth, right? Subjective truth. Anybody can say anything. In Zen we say, "The tongue has no bone." Whatever I say now, don't believe it either.

Every human being has one big responsibility, though—you have to attain your truth. Have no doubt. Don't run around asking other people for advice. This is my personal definition of success. Everybody is different. Each of us who came here came with a different reason. Small happiness is better than big suffering. Zen doesn't say, "Don't go to work tomorrow, don't take care of your research, don't care about your company, give away all your money, or stop talking to your parents or your children." You can have it all. You can have small happiness and big happiness. Just follow Dharma. When you get small happiness, enjoy it but don't get attached to it. Don't stop working for the great success. Don't settle for small happiness. Go for the big one. Small happiness, big happiness: both are better than big suffering, and this practice will help you. If your mind is clear, you'll enjoy a cup of tea. It will give you great joy. If you share this cup of tea and nice conversation with your parents, husband, wife, children or friends, it will become bigger happiness. But don't forget to meditate, don't forget to practice. Then, whatever this world is going through, you will be able to deal with it and even use it to get more happiness and help others. You can get it all. It is said that in a revolution, there are always winners and losers. We have to become winners of our own revolution. The one thing that will help us is by keeping our bodhisattva direction—"not for me." ♦

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One million distractions.
Ten thousand Dharmas.
All come to one.

Where is one?
Click.
What is one?
Smile.

Gate Gate..
opinion
Paragate...
noise
Parasamgate..
tension
Bodhi svah . . .

Come back.

—*Joanna Gruchot, Wrocław, Poland*

Poem of the Garden Master

Sleep, eat, weed, walk,
sow, watch, listen, think,
feel, sense, laugh, dream,
observe myself, look inside
i am happy with this having nothing
and be everything.

There is no I.

Only air, wind, light, drop of rain,
croak of frog, whistle of bird,
silent wingbeat of multicolor butterfly,
seed that breaks and become sprout,
moon that digs with silver light
the dark night.

Brilliant sun that becomes drop of sweat...
hands of soil and leaves on the plate,
taste of fruit in the palate.

Silence

Who am I?

Just don't know.

—*German Linares*
Musangsa Temple, Korea
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