



Dear Readers,

Here our minds meet again!

The calendar tells us that spring is here but temperature-wise it is still winter, so how can we tell which season it is? What is reality?

Ven. Haiyun is coming to North America at the end of April. His complete itinerary is posted on the next page. Please make an effort to come to the Dharma Lectures or the 5-day Ch'an Retreat; you will be surprisingly happy that you did. His lectures are always inspirational, witty and filled with wisdom. One needs to accumulate lots of merits to have the chance of hearing the Truth from a magnanimous teacher, so do not miss this precious opportunity. The 5-day Ch'an Retreat is particularly valuable as Master Haiyun does not usually lead any retreat in person even in Taiwan. Please contact the local chapters for more details. If you are living in Chicago or Toronto, please contact your local chapter for car pool arrangements and other details if you need them.

On March 10, we held our annual Spring Potluck Party in Toronto. Special thanks to Mr. Stephen Hung for giving us a very interesting photo presentation of his recent 2-month trip to Tibet. His photos are stunning and his exposition about the journey was very interesting. He was kind enough to share the intimate details of his travel experience with us. The presentation was very grand and exciting reflecting Stephen's own vivacious and flamboyant character. Good companions, a great presentation, together with delicious food made for a very enjoyable evening for all of us. We already have requests for an encore.

The cover photo for this issue is a recent photo that Danny Floh Back took in the Angkor Wat. He is presently undertaking a 4-month trip to South-east Asia and Australia. He wrote, *"Buried in the jungle once ruled by the Khmer empire, towering temples still pay tribute to gods and kings of the past. Though ravaged by pillagers and overgrown by mother nature, the sacred grounds still hold their magic and spirituality....3 days on the back of a tuk-tuk is just enough time to scrape the surface of Angkor's history and sites, each having been built over hundred year periods dating back to the 10th century, and covering a piece of land the size of a national park in Canada. Pyramid-sized buildings adorned with symbols of 7-headed snakes and battles won are worthy of an entire day each. One wishes they had a giant piece of paper and a thousand hands to rub the impressions with crayons; pictures do these structures no justice."*

The Cantonese introductory course in Buddhism went well; we wish to begin an English Huayen introductory course in the near future. For that we are requesting the help of Ms. Grace Ng to lead the class and the relevant course materials from Dr. Tony Prince. We hope that favourable conditions are on our side and the English class can be launched soon.

"The Dawn of Enlightenment" is now available at Amazon.com (please encourage your friends to purchase a copy). If you or someone you know can write a review for us, it would be greatly appreciated.

Let's have a FUNTASTIC spring!

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