

KOAN CASE FOR PRECEPTOR NEM ETSUGEN BAJRA
DHARMA-HOLDER PRESENTATION & EXCHANGE
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BLUE CLIFF RECORD CASE 91
(YEN KUAN'S RHINOCEROS)

Pointer

To transcend emotion, detach from views, remove bonds and dissolve sticking points, to uphold the fundamental vehicle of transcendence and support the treasury of the eye of the true Dharma, you must also respond equally in all ten directions, be crystal clear in all respects, and directly attain to such a realm. But tell me, are there any who attain alike, realize alike, die alike and live alike? To test, I cite this to see.

Case

One day Yen Kuan called to his attendant, "Bring me my rhinoceros-horn fan."

The attendant said, "The fan is broken."

Yen Kuan said, "If the fan is broken, bring the rhinoceros back to me."

The attendant had no reply.

T'ou Tzu said, "I do not refuse to bring it out, but I fear the horn on its head will be imperfect."

Hsueh Tou commented, "I want an imperfect horn."

Shih Shuang said, "If I return it to the Master, then I won't have it."

Hsueh Tou commented, "The rhino is still there."

Tzu Fu drew a circle and wrote the word 'rhino' inside it.

Hsueh Tou commented, "Why did you not bring it out before?"

Pao Fu said, "The Master is aged; he should ask someone else."

Hsueh Tou commented, "What a pity to have worked hard without accomplishing anything."

Verse

The rhinoceros-horn fan has long been in use,

But when asked, actually nobody knows.

The boundless pure breeze and the horn on the head,

Just like the clouds and rain, when gone, are difficult to pursue.

VERSE OF THE KESA

Vast is the robe of liberation,
A formless field of benefaction.
I wear the Tathagata-teaching,
Serving all sentient beings.

Gatha on Opening the Sutra

The Dharma, incomparably profound and infinitely subtle,
Is always encountered but rarely perceived, even in millions of ages.

Now we see it, hear it, receive and maintain it.

May we completely realize the Tathagata's true meaning.

Sho Sai Myokichijo Dharani

(Marvelously Beneficial Disaster-Preventing Dharani)

(3x) ◎ No mo san man da
 moto nan
 oha ra chi koto sha
 sono nan ◎ to ji to
 en
 gya gya
 gya ki gya ki
 un nun
 shifu ra shifu ra
 hara shifu ra hara shifu ra
 chishu sa chishu sa
 chishu ● ri chishu ri
 sowa ja sowa ja
 ● sen chi gya
 shiri ei so mo ko.

THE FOUR BODHISATTVA VOWS

Numberless beings / I vow to serve them.
Inexhaustible delusions / I vow to end them.
Boundless Dharmas / I vow to practice them.
Unsurpassable Buddha Way / I vow to embody it.