The Celebration of Guanyin Bodhisattva's Enlightenment

Master JinBodhi’s Special Connection with Guanyin Bodhisattva

Today is indeed an auspicious day - it is the day All-Compassionate Guanyin Bodhisattva achieved enlightenment. Guanyin Bodhisattva has a deep bond with our dharma school and me. When I was young, during my growth and cultivation, Guanyin Bodhisattva was always accompanying me, offering me guidance, and assisting my practices. She wasn't like what we had imagined, appearing only when we are meditating. She appeared in my daily life, guiding and educating me all the time. She had been directly giving me knowledge about Buddhadharma and many matters about life.

In 2003, Guanyin Bodhisattva manifested in the sky above my residence in Vancouver, showing how spiritually powerful and sacred she was. Of course, by merely describing this, people who haven't seen it before might think it is hard to believe. I understand that. It is because myths about Gods started when people learned how to speak. However, truth is truth, because when Guanyin Bodhisattva manifested, I captured these images with my own camera myself. They weren't captured coincidentally, but at the moment I saw her. That was indeed a sacred moment. For me to see such phenomena is quite common. It is not a miracle for me either; I see these all the time.
But it is rare seeing her appear like clouds in such a majestic appearance that day. Since she appeared above my residence, I decided to take photos and share them with other fellow practitioners. I just ran out and grabbed a camera that I hadn't been using for a while. That's how it was done. The picture shows what happened that day: Her image was about 100 - 300 meters tall. It was a sunny day, and the sky was clear without many clouds. The whole appearance lasted about 30 - 40 minutes, and the sky returned to how it was. If it just happened coincidentally, then the image of Guanyin Bodhisattva should have disappeared when the clouds shifted. It just disappeared in a flash. It should take time for the changing process. I think it is quite miraculous.

Today, we are not here for talking about this miracle. Being the disciples of Bodhi Meditation, we are here to commemorate this special day when the All-compassionate Guanyin Bodhisattva achieved her enlightenment, which should also be remembered by all Buddhists. Such a great bodhisattva, who is known for listening to the calls of sufferers, as well as searching for their calls, saves them immediately. She comes to the human world, looking for the calls of sufferers, and offering help as she manifests in different forms. Such kind acts embody the great compassion of the Buddha. As long as the sufferers’ calls reach him, they shall be helped. Such spirit deserves our admiration, praise, and surrender.

And on such a sacred day of Guanyin Bodhisattva's Enlightenment, many people should be celebrating all over the world. Thus, the energy field is indeed powerful today. The birthdays and enlightenment days of buddhas and bodhisattvas are all extremely auspicious. If we worship, chant, vow, or prostrate to Guanyin Bodhisattva today, we will get benefits in unexpected ways.
What benefits does Guanyin Bodhisattva bring us? The younger generation might find it hard to understand.

You might have seen many sculptures and paintings of Guanyin Bodhisattva, even different types of images, such as Guanyin with a surrendered dragon or a fish basket, or Guanyin delivering babies or holding stems of willow. There are different kinds of images and postures. What does it mean? It means that Guanyin Bodhisattva takes on different forms when she helps, pleasant and acceptable to those in need. Her compassion doesn't lie in only helping when she wants to. What if people reject her help? She transforms into the form you like and helps so that her help cannot be rejected. How compassionate she is!

It is like: When you were young, you were sick and not eating. Your mother worried and would coax you, sing songs, or play games to make you eat, so you would not be hungry. She coaxed you to take medicine for a speedy recovery. Only mothers have such compassion. Of course, such a mother, Guanyin Bodhisattva, is for all the sentient beings; her compassion deserves our respect.

Upon Hearing Sufferers’ Calls, She Responds Immediately to Whatever Distress

Let me be more specific for your better understanding. Guanyin Bodhisattva vows to help you. If you are sick, think of her and chant in your heart; she will come to your aid, and you may recover from the illness. If you fall into the water, think of her immediately then a log may drift to you and save you from drowning. If you are involved in criminal charges and have to be put in jail, and you visualize her and chant, the lawsuit might be resolved quickly, so you will escape from a prison term. If we lack wisdom, often prostrate before
Guanyin Bodhisattva and offer fresh water and flowers, we could then become wise. For students to pass exams, they will become smarter and wiser in their studies.

If mothers worry about their children's future, pray to Guanyin Bodhisattva: "I leave my child to you; please take care of him for me. Let him not walk the evil paths, and please help him choose the path of brightness. May your compassion and wisdom become my child's spiritual guidance as a bright light. Protect him from confusion and show him the right path at the right time." Guanyin Bodhisattva will help us. There is much more to what she's capable of doing.

If you want to have a child, you would pray: "Dear Guanyin Bodhisattva, please grant me a child for I have to keep the family's bloodline." Of course, nowadays, medically speaking, there are many causes that lead to infertility. Putting aside medical studies, our praying to the Buddha is spiritual which is different from medical studies; thus, you might be able to conceive after praying. It is hard to explain medically, but many of our practitioners have benefited. The doctor said that she is unable to have babies as her fallopian tube is blocked. But many of our practitioners successfully have had their babies, of course, not through medical methods, but through meditation and master's blessings. Some prayed to the Medicine Buddha or Guanyin Bodhisattva for their blessings, and they had their babies. There are indeed many unimaginable stories.

For children who want to be smarter, to become a top student, to go to a good school, or have a good career, please pray and prostrate for your specific purpose. Just keep prostrating 20 minutes daily for 108 days. Be sincere!
Sincerity and Reverence Make Prayers Work

When we pray to the Buddha and bodhisattvas, there are rules to abide by. To get our prayers answered, the key is sincerity. Let's talk about how to be sincere later. The Buddha’s help could be extensive. What the Buddha gives is not always what we need specifically. We have understood it in a wise way. What if the help given to you isn't what you want? Try to learn by analogy. When you have trouble, bodhisattvas will come to your aid. So how can we be sincere? We have to show our reverence and respect, be polite and show our manners, and bathe and wear clean clothes. Regardless of our social class, to show our respect and admiration to the Buddha and bodhisattvas, before our praying and chanting, bathing and wearing clean clothes are necessary. I don't mean brand new clothes but clean ones. Oily foods should be avoided. Foods with a pungent odor such as onions, garlic, etc. should be avoided, too. We should not wear strong perfumes. Foods like stinky tofu and durians should be avoided, too. Avoid foul language, then the bodhisattvas will listen and offer help.

Sometimes, bodhisattvas want to help, but you are so arrogant, impolite, and ignorant that they may take a second consideration helping only those who are truly sincere. This is what I think. We are the people who are asking for help, so it is necessary for us to be humble and respectful. There are even more stricter rules to follow, for three days, five days, or even seven days before we chant and prostrate. I'm not going through the details; otherwise, you will feel it is hard to live a life. There are more rules, including avoiding intimacy and meat. All pungent foods should be avoided, no evil thoughts, no harsh words to others. Among the detailed rules, the key is to be sincere and express our respect. On such a significant day, it is very important for us to pray.
In this memorial event, every lucky one, hopefully within seven days after listening to or watching today's teaching, will achieve their wishes with reverence. Regardless, if it is for yourself to get rid of a bad habit, or for your loved ones to make their imperfections become perfect - the poor be rich, the lonely be cared for, or an unmarried one find love. For all of these wishes, we pray to the Buddha for help. Human afflictions in life bother the Buddha.

**There are Reasons for Prayers Not Answered**

Buddha and bodhisattvas exist to solve our afflictions. But there are times when our prayers are not answered. It means the Buddha and bodhisattvas disagree, or I think those wishes should not be granted. That makes you think, "It is great my wishes are granted." Say, someone wants to buy a car, but he is too poor to afford one. If today he has the money and goes to a dealer, he will get the car. But the Buddha stops him from buying it. Like, the man goes to the first shop, nobody pays attention to him. "Forget it," he thinks, "I will go to another shop." At the second shop, the salesmen are so rude, he decides not to buy it. It should be clear now to the man, as he wonders, "Dear Buddha, am I not supposed to get a car?" I think he should not buy one. Without a car, he can take a bus or ask for a free ride. It is tiring, but he should be happy for he is still alive. What does it mean by "still alive"? It means that he is still living. What if the car he drives gets into a serious accident?

There are times that our wishes appear to not make sense. Everyone is different. Some are destined not suitable to drive, for they start to feel dizzy as they get in a car. Some have no idea about driving. They drive towards people or trees as soon as they lay hands on the steering wheel. They like to aim at targets. They could be archers in their past lives and not get used to driving in
this life, so they tend to hit targets. I have met such a lady who is smart in her work. But she scared me when she drove towards people. Seriously, if I hadn't stopped her, she could have killed a few kids. This is fate. Sometimes, the things we want may not be granted by Buddha, which is totally reasonable.

Therefore, don't say, "You said Buddha is efficacious, and I have prayed and prostrated for 200 days. Why aren't my prayers answered yet?" That is certainly inappropriate. Some wishes cannot be granted to you at this moment. Say, a seven-year-old boy chants, "Dear Buddha, please grant me a wife!" You could only tell him to wait, like a song's lyrics - wait until the flowers wither. Keep waiting until you're 27 to get married. You are only 17, and people would laugh at you if you get married and become a father at 18. You two look like buddies going together. That's why you should wait patiently. Since you have to wait, you'd better drop the wish. What you can do is pray to Buddha, "Please grant me a wife in the future." That sounds more reasonable. The Buddha counts and says, "Well, maybe in 20 years." That makes more sense. If you say, "Buddha, I've been praying for more than 200 days, where is my girlfriend?" She could've appeared, but you could not recognize her. It is not the right timing. Most wishes can be granted, and they take time and space, as well as appropriateness into consideration.

Somebody could be praying, "Dear Buddha, I'm short, grant me a taller body." The Buddha rejects it and says, "No, it is impossible, for your grandparents and ancestors all stood at only 1.5 metres, granting you a body that stands at 2 metres, would make your father think suspiciously. Pity your mother, Okay? Therefore, for the sake of your family's happiness, please stay at around 1.5 or 1.6 metres." All types of body figures have their own advantages, am I right? Short people don't fall easily. They're all good in their own ways. Also,
short people are usually smarter. We need to understand that for what we have wished for, we will get what the Buddha has granted, if your wishes are not granted yet, just think as if you have received it. That's also a way to be respectful. What is granted is what you deserve. What you think isn't granted yet is to come at its right time. It is all for our own good.

Master JinBodhi’s Energy Blessing the Audience

All of you here, if you had a wish, be it for yourself or for your loved ones, on this auspicious, blessing day, pray and chant before the Buddha wholeheartedly. You may chant as you like. You can be loud or soft. You can even chant silently, just don't fall asleep. You can also switch positions or postures. If you feel like drinking some water, going to the washroom, or catching your breath outside, please make yourself comfortable. Alright, let's start chanting now.

With gratitude, let's sincerely thank and prostrate to Guanyin Bodhisattva. To be a highly moral person, first, be filial to your parents. Second, repay received loving-kindness. Third, be trustworthy, sincere, and honest. Fourth, be responsible. Next, I invoke the All-Compassionate Thousand-Arm-and-Eye Guanyin Bodhisattva, with her great spiritual power and dharma power to bless all the people with a karmic bond. Many are feeling unwell. Any discomfort is a sign of illness. This includes headaches, dizziness, insomnia, high blood pressure, and even head tumors, or strange growths on the head, tinnitus too. Also, stomach problems. I will bless the stomach separately. Let's take care of the head problems with this potato.
Let's use an apple instead. An apple is a better representation of the head. I'm holding an apple. It is a real apple. I guess it is sweet. This is a kind of dharma power, where the apple represents your head, regardless of your belief. I deem it so, to help you with your headaches, tinnitus, dizziness, insomnia, nightmares, etc., all problems in the head, including stuttering. Many cannot speak clearly. Some are nervous when talking and don't know what to say. All these issues belong to head problems. Poor academic results are also linked to head problems. It is true among students, some can memorize easily; some cannot at all. What is the difference? People's intelligence varies. Aside from being hardworking or not, their intelligence differs. We want you to become smarter. (Got it!)

I have a scalpel made in my hometown. Now I'm performing surgery on this apple. This apple is your head. After this surgery, you will do better at school. (Got it!) You will speak better. (Got it!) You will tell fewer lies. (Got it!) Why do you receive everything? This energy will be more powerful. At times, when the kung fu is powerful, some with head issues in the audience, including those who watch this video later on, may have a strong reaction. Don't worry, this is normal. Coincidentally, this apple is a bit rotten. The core of this apple is dark. It indicates some illnesses in the head. Perhaps you all are expecting this. It shows many have head problems. Wow, what a rotten apple! Now your head has a big hole. Scary, right? To achieve better results, I will add more power and do it again. Let's take another apple.

Now pat your head. Comb your hair with your fingers. It is best to think you're smart while combing your hair. Wise and healthy. (Got it!) What you think is what you become. Pat your chest. Shout loudly. Ha! (Ha!) Ha! (Ha!) Again Ha! (Ha!) Open your mouth wide. Be careful not to drop your chin. I hope it will
make your head healthier. (Got it!) Do you feel more comfortable? (Yes!) That's great.

Next, I want to help your abdomen. The abdomen is part of the torso. Be it abdomen or chest, I will help whatever problems you have. I was cutting apples just now. Now, I don't need to cut anymore. I will use my hand to pull out your problems. Pull out your diseases. Of course, I wish to remove all illnesses. Pull out the disease. All tumors are expelled and dispersed into the air. All evil energy, come out. Don't torment everyone. May all deities and dharma protectors help me deal with the illnesses of all. Let all the pain disappear. All diseases disappear. All evil energy, come out. Go to where you belong. Don't torture my fellow practitioners. All deities, take heed, please help everyone. Now all diseases are coming out rapidly. Some can feel their diseases being expelled. Some may feel like vomiting. This is normal. Diseases are leaving. May all deities increase the power to help everyone. Let everyone be healthy and happy. Invoke more power. Diseases come out. Come out. Diseases come out. You will feel your stomach being emptied. Everyone's stomach is now empty. Food disappeared. All illnesses disappeared, too.

Pat your body. All illnesses disappear. (Got it!) Follow me please. (Coughing.) Very well, everybody one more time. Turn your neck, twist your waist. Some say children have no waist. But our children can also twist their waist. Some feel their stomach being emptied. In just a short time, diseases disappeared. Those who had back pain just now don't feel pain anymore. It vanished! Right? (Right.) Some fortunate ones received Guanyin Bodhisattva's blessings. Maybe some serious illnesses vanished, too. It sounds like a miracle, but when you realize you're healthy again, come back and share the good news and practice with us again. OK? (OK!) The carpet is so clean, and we rent this
place. I'm afraid someone will vomit on it, no one can bear the stench. If we are at a more suitable place, I will let those who are feeling uneasy vomit on the spot. I think it is better not to make you vomit here now. The stench will be unbearable. Anyway, as long as it is able to expel the illnesses.

Now I'm fanning my fan, and I hope your sickness will disappear. I bestow upon you the breeze from my fan. (Got it!) It may sound like I'm kidding. Have you received? (Yes, we have.) You're all very insightful. Too intelligent. (Got it!) Sometimes when I help others, it is through the spiritual power of the Buddha and bodhisattvas. This is really simple like magic. Can you truly recover from your illnesses? Yes, you can. Medication is useless for some chronic insomnia. But I guess they will have a good sleep tonight. Anyone who couldn't sleep well in the past improved these few days? (Yes!) Raise your hands, and let me see. That's great! I know many changes are happening. I don't need to ask. If you have benefited physically, you will find time to meditate here. After you have learned, you can go to help others.

Next, let's do the limbs to alleviate your rheumatic pain. Pass me a roll of paper. There is an old foreign professor. A professor and a scientist, he believes nothing except for science. He had back pain. There was no cure for his leg pain of many years. He came to our class. In fact, he benefited greatly from a video of my teachings. After watching the video, the pain was gone. And, traces of water mark underneath his feet were found. He found it unbelievable and began to attend our classes in Vancouver. This is really incredible. I also find it is quite amazing when I'm helping you. But it is just a simple task. To me, this is very simple.

Here is a special piece of paper. This paper is brought in from outer space. It is written here: From Malaysia, produced by the Li family of the Huang Da
Wang District. This piece of yellow paper may help to relieve the pain in your limbs. This includes leg, foot, and joint pain. Many people have these problems. Rheumatism is common, which is caused by dampness. I will try to help you.

Those, whose limbs are in pain now, raise your hand please. Why are the children raising their hands too? You must be kidding! Only those in pain raise your hands, please. Your pain will be relieved soon. Let your pain leave through this piece of paper. This is such a good-quality piece of paper, but it makes an ugly noise. I have never come across such a good paper. But not so good to use, in the past we used newspaper. Well, I still can use it. It is easy for me.

You do not need to imitate me at this moment, alright. You are too wise. I am really coughing. These kids are really something. Do not learn everything, OK? There is no smoke-alarm system, right? There is a volcano eruption here. When I was young, I used all kinds of methods to help people, including smoking cigarettes. I don't smoke nor drink alcohol. Once there was a practitioner, a high ranking living buddha. His leg was in pain, and the bones were deformed. He had severe arthritis. I noticed the pain was unbearable. I had to hold him, as we walked together. I felt sorry for him and decided to help. I asked him for a cigarette and said, "You read your sutras while I smoke." He said to me, "How can you smoke while I read?" Sometimes you help others, but they don't understand. In fact, I helped him by smoking when he read the sutras. Neither of us was in focus. The end result was extremely good; I only made the pain of one leg gone, but both of his legs were in pain.

The next day he bought me a carton of cigarettes. He said, "Please smoke."

"I do not want to smoke." I said, "If I don't cultivate well enough, I smoke and help your leg, your pain is gone, but I'm afraid my leg would be in pain."
Fortunately, I am quite cunning. So now your leg is not in pain, and neither is mine." I am looking at the smoke. Wow, it is the manifestation of Bodhisattva! The smoke is swirling up in circles. Also, gods and deities will come to offer help.

Like today, we have many practitioners here who are truly destined and sincere. It is all expressed in the smoke. Let's keep burning. When I was a kid, I liked to burn the kiln. Who has burned a kiln before? Nobody? What kind of kiln were you burning? Brick kiln? Those are real. I am talking about fake ones. I used to burn potatoes in a kiln. I roasted and ate the potatoes right in the fields. Who has tried that before? We are fellow practitioners. You know, I like those people who roast potatoes, especially those who have just finished eating, and their face looks like a panda. Continue to expel illness.

Some people may be thinking of discharging other illnesses as well. So, the smoke will become very thick. It is a simple approach. Other "silly" illnesses will be released together. Some people will ask me what are "silly" illnesses. Almost all illnesses are silly. I hope this place does not have smoke detectors. We will get into trouble if it starts to sprinkle water. Even those who suffer severe arthritis problems have no worries. I continue to burn samadhi's fire and the worldly fire all burning together. The dampness in your body is being expelled following the smoke.

Now everyone, continue to learn to cough with me. Raise the right hand higher. Same for the left hand. One more time, right hand up, and then left hand. Turn your neck, twist your waist. Stretch your arms and legs. The pain should be gone. You can also stand up and move about. Hop around. Those with limb pain just now, please raise your hand if the pain is gone. Congratulations to everyone! There are some other physical problems which I have not mentioned. Some other illnesses maybe recovering now, maybe alleviated or disappeared. (Got
it!) I invoke the compassionate dharma power of Guanyin Bodhisattva to help everyone.

From now on, every year on this Guanyin Bodhisattva's Enlightenment Day, we must offer and worship Guanyin Bodhisattva. Chant the holy name of Guanyin Bodhisattva for yourself, your parents, or your loved ones. We have several big blessing ceremonies each year. One is Guanyin Bodhisattva's Birthday. Another one falls in April, does anyone know what's the occasion on lunar calendar April 8th? Sakyamuni Buddha's Birthday. The founder of Buddhism, Sakyamuni Buddha's Birthday. The celebration is also known as "Bathing the Buddha." We must celebrate this day.

What about in November? We believe in the Medicine Buddha. All of His 12 vows are meant to give sentient beings an auspicious life: Happiness, prosperity, perfection, health, longevity, and many other blessings. The Medicine Buddha focuses on mundane needs. For mundane affairs, he helps us to achieve our goals with perfection. Thus, we worship and respect the Medicine Buddha. Every year in November, all the Bodhi disciples celebrate the Medicine Buddha's Birthday. Anyone who asks is likely to receive the energy to help you. As long as you have a bit of sincerity, you may experience the effectiveness. Whether you attend the event in person or watch it on the Internet or TV, I believe you will achieve the same incredible benefits and help. The celebration of Guanyin Bodhisattva's enlightenment comes to a perfect conclusion. Thank you, everyone!