

What to Do after Realizing the Buddha Nature?

Huayen Scripture speaks about the Marvellous Existence founded on the basis of emptiness. This is a state of existence that has no polarity between emptiness and existence.

Huayen school teaches about the “marvellous existence”, once you are free from ego and live in the state of pure consciousness (Emptiness), how to bring marvellous influences out of emptiness.

So I often ask my students, “What do you want to do after you realize your Buddha nature?”

This question actually refers to the state of marvellous existence. Prior to the realization of this state, all practice is to discover one’s pure consciousness (emptiness) and to realize one’s Dharmakaya/Buddha nature. Following the realization of this state, further practice is referred to as the Way of Dharmakaya-Bodhisattva. So there is still work to do after realizing Buddha Nature. It’s not like you will be sitting in a shrine and be worshipped like a Buddha Statue. What good does it make? There is no point.

So the teachings in Huayen are about what to do after one discovers his or her pure consciousness (emptiness); what to do after one realizes his or her Buddha nature. This is the teaching of Huayen School.

成佛以後要幹什麼？

「華嚴」是在真空的基礎上講妙有，他不是空有對立的有。

華嚴是屬於妙有宗，它所謂“妙有”是指真空的基礎上，你破了我執、法執，證得真空空性以後，在真空的基礎上怎麼去起妙有、起作用。

所以我們有一句俗話這樣問：“成佛以後要做什麼？”

那個叫“妙有”，成佛之前都是破的功夫，都是為了證得空性，所以證得空性以後就得到法身，法身以後的行法叫「法身大士」。並不是成佛之後就坐在桌子上給人拜，不是這個意思，坐在桌子上給人拜那麼好受，對你有什麼好處？那沒有意義。

所以它的目的是指，證得空性以後要做什麼？成佛以後要做什麼的那個部分，在這樣的一個領域裡去發展的，這個是華嚴的行法。