

God Needs You

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One day a big sign appeared in front of the Providence Zen Center, on the road. From 122 road to Providence Zen Center is Pound Road. At the intersection of this road and Pound Road, there a big sign appeared: "You Need God".

What is "God"? Where is "God", the God who is pure emptiness? Then "You Need God" means "You need pure emptiness". Okay!

But what is pure emptiness? How can pure emptiness help you?

So "You Need God" is not correct. If you need God, you need pure emptiness. Pure emptiness has no "you" and "me". It has no "God" and has no "you".

So this sign is not correct; "You need God" is not correct. This "You need God" means I depend on God. If you 100% believe in God, then you have no "God" and have no "you". God and you are already become one. That is believing 100%.

You can believe in your hand. You can believe in your hand? Yes, I can put my hand up, like this... (raises hand). This has no "I". As soon as thinking appears, already action appears. It moves. So your hand and you are never separate. Your body and you are never separate, but the checking then separates them. Checking, your hand and you separate.

You bite your tongue sometimes. Very painful. Thinking time, you bite your tongue. Thinking, thinking, thinking – ow! (laughter) Sometimes this happens. If you're not thinking, you never bite your tongue! (laughter) If you are separate at that time, you bite your tongue.

Same as that. If you believe in God 100%, there is no separate you and God – God and you have already become one. Then God needs you; if you 100% believe in God, then God needs you, which means the God who is pure emptiness helps you. Helping you means helping bodhisattva action that has no "you", has no "God" – but only bodhisattva action. Love, only love. That is God.

So your love action is God's action. Your action is part of God's action. Already God needs you. Same as that.

Q: So never separate?

DSSN: Never separate.

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