

Poison Arrow

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Many people in this world want explanation, explanation, explanation, explanation. Go to a university library: many, many books – that’s all thinking! I went to Harvard University to give a Dharma Speech. Harvard University makes many books. Many people read these books and make this world complicated. Why make this world complicated? All over America is this Harvard University head – Harvard University consciousness. So burning all the books is necessary – then no problem! Ha ha ha! (*everyone laughs*)

Too much understanding! Too much understanding, then you have a problem, okay?

Many Indian people shoot poison arrows. Pssheu! If somebody comes in here with a poison arrow, taking it out is necessary. If he says “Don’t take it out! This arrow comes from where? Who shoots it? Why did he shoot?” – many things, thinking, thinking, thinking – then this man will die.

This checking is not necessary. First take out this arrow, then no poison around. Many people do not take out the arrow – “This arrow comes from where? Why shoot? Who shoots? When shoot?” – checking, checking, checking. Then this man already dies.

That’s human beings: “Why is there this suffering? Suffering comes from where? Why is this world complicated?” Only checking, checking, checking. Not “What am I? Don’t know!”, then already checking mind disappears. Only don’t know mind already takes out this arrow. First take out the arrow, then checking is no problem. Okay? If I am checking the arrow, only checking, checking, then I die – everybody dies.

In the whole world there are five billion people, always checking, checking, checking, and dying. Never “What am I?” Only a few people do that: so you are special. “What am I? What am I?” Don’t check, only “What am I?”, then the poison is already gone, the arrow is already out, then no problem. Only keep don’t-know mind, then no problem. But lose the don’t-know mind and already you have the poison inside. So don’t check, only don’t know, moment to moment just do it, do it, do it. Then everything is no problem.

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