

國際佛光會華府協會於六月三日週五晚上七時，假馬里蘭州洛克維爾市立圖書館，繼續進行2015年春季每月兩次的讀書會。本次讀書會仍由北卡佛光山寺當家覺上法師帶領大眾研讀《金剛經》第三十二分---應化非真分。

此分是《金剛經》的最後一分，流通分，是佛陀的最後囑咐。法師總結《金剛經》的精義是「不著四相，不執四見，因無所住，而生其心」。從初發菩提心起，不住於五陰、六入、十八界，精進修行，才能達到阿耨多羅三藐三菩提心，也就是圓滿成佛的心。而此分提到的「受持讀誦，為人演說」，是自利利他，續佛慧命，方便權宜的法門。

法師提出佛陀最後以四句偈再述諸法實相，一切有為生滅法，本空無實體。就像文殊師利菩薩對須菩提尊者的回答：「佛法、結使，以般若慧觀，等無差別」。法師又以《維摩詰經》的「不捨道法，而現凡夫事，是為宴坐」，來提醒大家，佛法是佛陀生活的方法，可以正觀，不捨道法，行凡夫事。

感謝北卡佛光山寺的法師們不辭勞苦，幾年來風雨無阻從北卡趕來為大華府的信眾導讀《金剛經》，讓我們有機會遭遇甚深微妙法，功德無量。期待下一季讀書會的《妙法蓮華經》導讀，與師父再結法緣。

BLIA, DC held its bi-weekly book study session for the 2015's spring season at 7 pm on June 3rd, at the Rockville Memorial Library in Rockville, Maryland. This session was once again led by the Venerable Chueh Shan from IBPS, North Carolina, who continued to guide us through Chapter 32 of the 《The Diamond Sutra》 - the chapter on "Everything Due to Cause and Effect is Unreal."

As this is the final chapter of 《The Diamond Sutra》, Venerable Chueh Shan restated the meaning of this sutra as "not grasping of the four forms, not attaching to the four wrong views, and producing a pure heart without losing oneself within phenomena." The only way to achieve enlightenment is by taking the following steps. The first is to vow to devote yourself to bodhi, by learning the teachings of the Buddha and helping others. The second is to continuously strive not to get caught up in the five senses, six fields, and eighteen realms of phenomena. In this way we can achieve enlightenment, or exist in the same state of mind as the Buddha. The method mentioned in this chapter, "to study, accept, hold, recite, and meticulously explain even a small portion of this sutra to others", is one of the best methods to help us to achieve this goal. This method is not only beneficial to others; it brings more benefit to oneself.

Venerable Chueh Shan also pointed out the very important verse that the Buddha used to conclude this sutra; that all conditioned existences are phenomena - without any true entity. Venerable Chueh Shan emphasized that Buddhism is all about how the Buddha used himself as an example to show us how to live our lives. We first need to have correct views and conceptions in order to lead our daily activities.

For the past several years, monks and nuns from the IBPS North Carolina temple have travelled to Washington, DC every other week to

guide us to study «The Diamond Sutra» . We in the D.C. area have greatly appreciated this opportunity to learn Buddhism from those knowledgeable and compassionate venerables. The next sutra that BLIA DC will study is «The Lotus Sutra» . We are all eagerly anticipating these book study sessions coming up in the near future.