

## Brother Teoh's 27 November 2018 Tuesday Class Short Notes

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**Book Reference:** The Buddha and His Teachings by Narada (Chapter 23– CREATOR-GOD, Page 402)

1. The Buddha **did not teach** about the existence of **an almighty Creator-God**, but did implied that if there was such an Almighty Creator, it will not create murderers, thieves, liars, etc, who are all existing in this world and the world will not be what it is (with all the wars, religious and racial conflicts, great health and financial discrepancies or inequality among humanity, etc.) that we witness nowadays.
2. According to the Buddhist sutra, the supposed Creator as accepted by certain religion in India at that time is possibly Maha Brahma who lives in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brahma Realm. According to the Buddha he is also subject to birth and death like beings of all the other realms of existence and that the Maha Brahma was not All-knowing.
3. According to Bro Teoh, "God" can be equated to Mother Nature – with its sets of nature's laws that govern all of life and existence. Then this type of GOD is more meaningful because such a GOD is impersonal and does not favour or discriminate. It can also explain the way things are!
4. Sister Vivien enquired about the practice of prayers. Brother explain that prayer and Buddhist chanting are different. If praying is asking for good fortune, success, health, wealth, etc., then it is not the practice of Buddhists. Buddhists only chant the teachings of Buddha as a reminder of what he had taught for us to develop the **faith** and the **understanding**. **Chanting with faith, sincerity, and understanding** can also 'opens up' our nature around our heart area to connect to our true mind and make it sensitive/aware. The teaching can also help us improve our life via **following the advices of the Buddha** *to avoid all evil, cultivate virtue, wholesomeness and goodness, then purify our mind to develop the wisdom*. With the merits, virtue and understanding developed we can then **invoke power of merits and wholesomeness** to arise the causes and conditions needed to help ourselves and others so that our lives can improve.

(Above draft was prepared by Sister Hooi Yoon Chun)