Brother Teoh's February 26 2019 Tuesday Class Short Notes

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Book Reference: The Buddha and His Teachings – PATICCA SAMUPPADA (Chapter 25, Page 429 - 430)

A) 1st session: Meditation

- 1. Bro Teoh gave very clear instructions on how to develop the meditation as taught by the Buddha.
- 2. Bro Teoh also explains the stages of anapanasati training leading to the subtle breathing and the silent mind. How mind enters sati and becomes the meditative mind which is very sensitive and different.
- **3.** The **4 supports** for **awareness base** meditation are i) Relax, ii) Aware (Sati), iii) Maintain awareness for as long as we can (24 hours) and iv) Trust.

B) 2nd session: Dhamma sharing

- Bro Teoh continued to explain the dependent origination teaching from both perspectives of the 3 lifetimes (as explained by the text) as well as within every moment of our current life (as explained by Bro Teoh via his meditative training) in much greater details this time. The explanation becomes much clearer when all the 12 links were written on the whiteboard followed by clear explanation of each link in great detail by Bro Teoh. To understand them better please do listen to the dhamma audio recording and sharing from the 52 minutes onward.
- 2. With ignorance (**Avijja**) & **Sakkayaditthi** (self-delusion), the so called good we do will continue to be **tainted** with the hidden greed and delusion behind our thought processes.
- 3. We should develop right views via wisdom to use our conscience to decide on meritorious actions. This will remove the greed and delusion elements in our actions. Please do listen to the audio recording from 1:20:00 onwards to develop the clear understanding. The next new transcript book to be printed 'Understanding the Heart and the Mind' was also introduced.
- 4. He re emphasised the **importance** of following the **10 steps** as stated in **Avijja Sutta**'s **enlightenment sequence** closely to develop the cultivation leading to **enlightenment** in the here and the now.
- 5. The first step is to have dhamma friends to help us remain on the path of cultivation to receive the Buddha's teaching. This will enable us to keep the 5 basic precepts and constantly listening to the true dhamma, leading to having right views to develop our unshakable faith in the Triple Gems. We should then follow the rest of the practice steps till we reach enlightenment. The full explanation on the Avijja sutta by Bro Teoh is from 1:23:00 of the audio recording onward. Please do listen to it attentively to develop the clear understanding of the 10 steps leading to enlightenment via the Avijja sutta as taught by the Buddha.

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