



Hidden Wisdom *of the* LOTUS SUTRA

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A Few Words
From the Publisher

We are happy to release one more of Torkom's treasures, the *Hidden Wisdom of the Lotus Sutra*.

Torkom had one special gift that has been repeated multiple times in his books. He is an expert and a deep thinker who is able to take arcane passages from sacred writings and bring them to life and contemporary relevance. In *Teachings of Christ* in four volumes, *Talks on Agni* in three volumes, *Wisdom of the Zodiac* in four volumes, and *Teachings of Great Ones*, Torkom deciphers and unravels the mysteries contained in esoteric writings and makes them available to all of us. He had the ability to give them meaning and validity in today's times as well as showing us their timeless applications.

Hidden Wisdom of the Lotus Sutra is based on Torkom's study of *The Threefold Lotus Sutra* published by the Kosei Publishing Company, Tokyo. We are very grateful to the Kosei Publishing Company for giving us permission to use the extensive quotes from the *Lotus Sutra*.

Torkom writes:

The Lotus Sutra is the title of a discourse that Buddha gave when He was in a very elevated state of consciousness.

He says He gave this Teaching throughout thousands of ages in many worlds, liberated millions of human beings, and helped them to achieve Nirvana or Buddhahood.

What He really taught is condensed in the title word, "Lotus." A Lotus is a flower and its seed contains in



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microscopic form the whole flower. In the seed you see the future flower.

The philosophical indication of this symbol is that the flower — the whole creation which emanated or evolved from a Cosmic seed — exists in its entirety in the human. The human is the whole, and the whole is the human. (Ch. 6, p. 89.)

We are so pleased to have finally completed this enormous book. It is composed of transcribed lectures presented by Torkom as well as essays on esoteric Buddhist Teachings. Chapters are placed in date order as dates were found. If dates were not found, chapters were placed where they most fit in the flow of the narrative.

The reading of this work challenges us intellectually and spiritually. As we read the quotes and Torkom's comments, Buddha's Teachings begin to shine and expand our mind beyond its boundaries.

I have read these pages with care, wonder, and adoration at the content and the process through which Torkom takes us. The Lotus Sutra is constructed of multiple layers of meaning. One can certainly be inspired while reading the Lotus Sutra without reading Torkom's commentary. However, after reading Torkom's insights, the Teaching suddenly comes alive. The blockages that prevented deeper understanding melt. Slowly, the full bloom of deep esoteric wisdom is revealed.

Reading these pages will give you an appreciation both for the depth of Lord Buddha's Teachings and their enormous implications. They can be appreciated by all human beings regardless of religious or spiritual upbringing.

In studying these pages, we also develop a deep appreciation for the human intellect that is able to open a window for all sincere disciples of the Ageless Wisdom and yet say with great humility:



Personally I am the greatest sinner, one who has transgressed, who has mechanically fallen into lots of mistakes and failures. But one thing is great in me: I always step on failure and tell it that it cannot trap me. I have the divine nature within me and I am going to conquer. My greatest wisdom has been accumulated through my failures and overcoming them. All of my books come from my own experiences. Sometimes I praise myself when I fall into failure. To the human consciousness, the experience is bad, but a person could not learn certain lessons if he did not taste that bad dish. I never call myself a holy man or a saint, or try to demonstrate myself as a saint or great teacher. What I am is a really striving human being, no matter what. (Ch. 7, pp. 97-98.)

Keep in your mind that you are going to be Arhats because you are so precious. If you think about yourselves, you have many, many false images. You think that you are this kind of man, that kind of woman. Especially when you think about yourself, considering your past failures and mistakes, this or that, you really have a bad image about yourselves. Now say, "To hell with this image!" Just strive toward the vision because you are not created to be bugs of the earth here but angels in the heavens. (Ch. 18, p. 229.)

The *Lotus Sutra* is a sacred writing that has endured for over 2500 years. Sacred writings endure because their depths cannot be fully comprehended by any one person in any one generation. Torkom gives us key insights that will help us to appreciate the content of the Teaching. He also gives us a process by which to study sacred writings so that we can, on our own, learn how to study and understand sacred literature.

Torkom sees one key message that the Great Lord said or implied in every instance of His Teaching — that each person has



the capacity to become a Buddha, regardless of life conditions. There is great hope; there is great possibility in every life. If we remember this key message and learn to follow the Teaching's guidelines, we too will someday become Buddhas.

I wish you complete victory into Buddhahood!

With love and appreciation,

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