

## **Genki's Dogen Group: Hee-Jin Kim's Eihei Dogen**

### **Class 3**

1. What is the "rightly transmitted Buddha Dharma"?
2. How is it done?
3. How do we know authenticity or inauthenticity of practice? "A Buddhist should neither argue superiority or inferiority of doctrines, nor settle disputes over depth or shallowness of teachings, but only know authenticity or inauthenticity of practice." Pg. 55
4. Forget Dogen. From your own experience, what is zazen.

### **Class 3-6**

5. What is the "self" in "the samadhi of self-fulfilling activity (jijuyu zammai)?"
6. What does "fulfilling" mean in "the samadhi of self-fulfilling activity (jijuyu zammai)?"
7. What is original enlightenment (hongaku)?
8. What is acquired enlightenment (shikaku)?
9. How is "practice based on enlightenment" practiced, and what is it?

### **Class 7**

10. Why is faith the core of enlightenment in Dogen's thought?
11. Please explain "When one side is illuminated, the other side is darkened."
12. How could Dogen declare that the Past 7 Buddhas the disciples of Shakyamuni Buddha?
13. Kim describes Dogen's realized words or "intimate words (mitsugo)" as, "The inaudible in speech transcends the audible (mon) and the inaudible (fumon) in the conventional sense. The body-mind must adjust itself – by being undefiled – to the inaudible through a new mode of activity. No sooner have we adjusted our body-mind to a new situation and begun to act in and through the

audible than we realize that the inaudible resides in the audible itself." (87) **What makes body-mind undefiled; and what is "the new mode of activity" that allows body-mind to "adjust itself – by being undefiled – to the inaudible"?** Kim: "Dogen's characteristic way of thinking here in connection with the use of language was that the meaning of an ordinary word was totally exerted (gujin) so that there was nothing but that particular meaning throughout the universe at that given moment. This was the idea of the total exertion of a single thing (ipo gujin) so that there was nothing but that particular meaning throughout the universe at that given moment." (88)

14, How do you understand, "It should be examined and understood thoroughly that dependent origination is activity, because activity does not originate dependently"? Dogen: Shobogenzo: "Gyoji" (Continuous Practice)