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## 1. Introduction

The most important question for all Buddhists is to understand birth and death. If so, they would vanish; all you have to do is that they must not be avoided, because once you view that they are Nirvana themselves, it is not only necessary to avoid them, but to search for them. If one understand this philosophy , the chains binding one to them would break down completely.; this results in your enlightenment.

It is delightful to be born as a human being, and to come across Buddhism. However, because of the good fate, we have given exceptional gifts viz., human body and the truth of Buddhism. Thus, we have great potential to work for others in our life. We should not waste time, for our life is so feeble and unstable.

Nothing is steady, and permanent, but everything is

changing incessantly. Our life like a drop of dew may fall on a plant by the road. Instantaneously, my present body seems to leave from myself, and then acquire the new one immediately, so that it may not be my own. However, our life, being controlled by the time, never ceases to exist for any instant, but youth is not forever and it vanishes once it is gone. Of course we can not go back to the past, and we could realize that our life is always changing. Once life has gone, it is impossible to ask for any assistance from kings, statesmen, relatives, servants, spouse, or children. And, of course, one can not bring one's wealth and/or treasure to the death world.. One must enter there alone without anything except for one's own either good or evil fate.

Don't become friend such a person who misleads you by ignoring the one's fate, consisting of good and

evil. It is certain that cause and effect are independent of one's will, but Buddha controls in such a way that evil is beaten and good prevails in the world. If it were not so, it would not be necessary that Buddha and Bosatsu had appeared in the world.

There are three periods into which our fate will fall; one is that in the present world, the second is that in the next world, and the third is that in the world after the next one. One must understand this fact clearly before undertaking any Buddhism training; otherwise one will make a mistake, and then fall into a heresy. As the result, one will become an evil, and thus suffer pains for a long time.

Each of us has only one body in this life how changeable it may be, so that it is pity if one lives as an evil due to the heresy; it is impossible for us to escape from fate if we make mistakes by repeating evil acts

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