

The Greatness of the Dharma (p. 13-18)

1. The greatness of understanding all teachings as without contradiction
2. The greatness of seeing all of the Buddha's teachings as instructions
3. The greatness of allowing you easily to discover the Victor's intention
4. The greatness of naturally stopping serious misdeeds

How the Dharma possessing those two greatneses should be listened to and explained (Chapter 3)

1. How to Listen to the Dharma
 - a. The benefits of listening to the Dharma
 - b. Developing respect for the Dharma and those who teach it
 - c. Actual way to listen
2. How to explain the Dharma
3. How to conclude the session

Benefits of Listening to Dharma (p. 19-20)

- You will understand what is to be adopted and what is to be discarded. Specifically, you will learn how to practice the three higher trainings:
 - 1) ethics/conduct
 - 2) concentration
 - 3) wisdom
- Finally, you will attain liberation.

More Benefits of Listening (p. 20)

- 10 benefits from *Garland of Birth Stories*:
 - 1) a lamp against ignorance
 - 2) great wealth that no robber can steal
 - 3) a weapon that conquers confusion
 - 4) the best friend giving good advice
 - 5) the best friend who won't abandon you
 - 6) the best medicine with no side effects
 - 7) the best army against faults
 - 8) the best treasure, fame, and splendor
 - 9) the best gift when meeting noble beings
 - 10) the best way to delight the wise.

How to Listen to Dharma (p. 21)

- Be free of the three faults of a vessel:
 - 1) an upside-down vessel
 - 2) a leaky vessel
 - 3) a dirty vessel

Sutra says: “Listen well, intently, and keep in mind!”

The Six Perceptions (p. 22-26)

- 1) I am like a patient
 - 2) The Dharma teacher is like a doctor
 - 3) Dharma is like medicine
 - 4) Persistent practice is the way to be cured
 - 5) The Buddha is an exalted being
 - 6) Wishing the Dharma to last long
- * Use the Dharma like a mirror *