

*Questions for Reflection*  
*Series 9 Talk 3*

Here are some ideas for your reflection during the week:

- 1) First: What is the teaching point of the story I told you at the beginning of our talk today about Layman Pang and his daughter, Ling Zhao?
- 2) Second: Explain in your own words the meaning of the phrase "Gautama's old eyes" and its significance in Buddhism.
- 3) Third: Write down for the sake of your memory the eight levels of consciousness.
- 4) Fourth: Of the two kinds of faith-- you don't know but there's evidence, and you absolutely don't know so all you can do is have faith-- which do you see in yourself? Probably you see both but perhaps one more than the other. Give an example of how each one has played out in your past. Or if you are a person who scorns faith, please say why.
- 5) Fifth: An important implication of Dogen's poetic phrase "Gautama's old eyes" is non-discrimination (between life and death, for example) or lack of likes and dislikes, good and bad, right and wrong--this kind of thinking. How are you doing in this department? It can be useful to take non-discrimination as a practice and as you go through your day and catch yourself discriminating, stop and consciously point this out to yourself and tell yourself to practice non-discrimination instead.