

How to Face Disasters

Hi everyone, this is Nancy. Today is Aug 7th, 2021. How are you doing? No doubt, the earth is facing more frequent disasters. At this Buddha Dharma ending period, at this Demon's Dharma prevalent period, most humans are addicted to the five desires and cannot extricate themselves. The overall morality is severely degraded. On the other hand, the technology is developing rapidly, so human's capability to destroy the earth and ourselves is increasing. The ongoing and coming disasters are not only for the humans, but also for all living beings on the earth; they are not only disasters for the earth; but also disasters for the whole solar system.

As a Buddhist, we understand that all the disasters, such as earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados, pandemics, plane crashes, car accidents, shipwrecks, are incurred by karma. Especially. when natural disasters happen, large amount of living beings suffer. When conditions for the karma are ripe, disasters show. However, most times, it's not that all the living beings cannot avoid. Often there are some who could avoid the disasters. Do you agree? That would be the effect of personal karma in common karma. Let's see some examples.

As seen in the news, in the most recent super storm happened in Zhengzhou, China, thousands of people in the cars were trapped in the tunnel and were drowned in less than ten mins. This tragedy happened due to their common karma. However, there were some people who could leave their car and escape in time.

In this pandemic, many people lost their jobs while some were happy to be able to work from home; some made less money while some had their income increased. People never are the same because each also have their own personal karma besides their common karma.

During Nanjing Massacre in China in 1930s, hundreds of thousands of people were killed, which was a huge tragety and led to long term hatred to Japanese people from Chinese people. But i also know one person who was cured and lived because of a japanese doctor in 1950. At that time, She was only a few years old and got a kind of disease that needed to be cured in a different way. Because of this, there has never been hatred in my mind to the Japanese. I believe this person is not the only one who was helped by japanese. I would also say to everyone, don't cultivate hatred in the mind no matter what happens. That's just the seed for future tragety.

Also, there are also so many survivors from disasters.

So many people died when the Tinanic sank while some survived;

So many died in 311 earthquake in Japan while some survived;

So many died in landslides while some survived;

So many died in Katrina Hurricanes while some survived;

so many died in the great famine happened during 1959 to 1961 in China while some survived;

So many died during so many wars while some lived...

Natural disasters in a country are incurred by common karma of the people in that country, basically by people's greed, hatred and ignorance, so we see some countries have more disasters than others; natural disasters in a city are incurred by common karma of the people in that city, so we see some cities have more disasters than others. However, personal karma is acting at the same time, and it interacts with common karma, so each one also has his or her own fate.

Once a person said: karma is karma, and it's neither good nor bad. I would say karma is complicated and it's not something we can conclude. Only Buddhas who know the past and the future know.

With this said, no matter what is happening around us, we ourselves always turn our mind to the Buddha, turn our mind to goodness, and turn our mind to awakening. This is the way to go through disasters.

Of course, it's necessary to actively learn some skills, store some food and prepare some supplies for the possible near future disasters.

Amitabha! Thank you everyone for being here watching this video. Best wishes for you and your family. I will see you next time. Bye.