

Emperor Wu of Liang asked Bodhidharma,

“ What is the first principle of holy teaching? ”

Bodhidharma said,

“ Emptiness, no holiness. ”

“ Who is this standing before me? ”

“ No knowing. ”

The emperor could not understand the meaning.

Bodhidharma crossed the river and went to Shourin.

And kept sitting Zen for 9 years.