

# *DHARMA REALM VERSE*

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WITH THE DHARMA REALM AS SUBSTANCE, WHAT CAN BE OUTSIDE IT?

WITH EMPTY SPACE AS FUNCTION, THERE'S NOTHING NOT CONTAINED.

THE MYRIAD THINGS ARE EQUAL WHEN ONE'S APART FROM  
DISCRIMINATION.

WHEN NOT EVEN ONE THOUGHT IS PRODUCED, ONE'S DOCTRINE GOES  
BEYOND WORDS.

What is the Dharma Realm? The "Dharma" is a rule, a method. It's the law that no one can escape. "Realm" is big with nothing outside it and small with nothing inside it. It is said, "There is nothing that does not flow from this Dharma Realm, and there is nothing which does not return to this Dharma Realm." So one takes the Dharma Realm as one's substance, and empty space as one's function.

In the Dharma Realm everything exists and nothing exists. There is no existence or non-existence. In one emptiness all is empty; in one existence, all exists. What could be outside the Dharma Realm? You can't find anything outside it.