MATERIAL 3

QUOTES ON SCIENCE AND BUDDHISM

Buddha's teachings about the world of phenomena and scientific knowledge about the nature of phenomena show remarkable similarities.

BUDDHA SHAKYAMUNI GAUTAMA

"Form is emptiness, emptiness is form. Form and emptiness are inseparable."

Prajnaparamita-teachings

"Believe nothing because a sage has said it. Believe nothing because everyone believes it. Believe nothing because it is written. Believe nothing because it is considered sacred. Believe nothing because someone else believes it. Believe only what you yourself have recognized to be true."

35 Zitate von Buddha, die glücklicher und gelassener machen, 33) Internet access: https://mymonk.de/buddha-zitate/ [10.10.2020]



Buddha Shakyamuni (6th century BC.) the historical Buddha, North India. After his enlightenment, he taught ways to fully develop the mind. The Kangyur, the collection of his words written down after death, contains 84,000 explanations in 108 volumes.

3RD KARMAPA RANGJUNG DORJE

"All phenomena are manifestations of the mind. The mind is not present as "a" mind, it is empty in its essence. Although empty, everything appears unhindered. May we know its real essence by examining it closely!"

"One cannot point out mind by saying this is it. You cannot deny it by saying this is not it. The reality beyond the mind is not compound."

3rd Karmapa: Mahamudra-Wishes, verse 9 and 12



3rd Karmapa Rangjung Dorje (* 1284 – 1339) The Karmapas are the first consciously reincarnated lamas of Tibet and the head of the Karma Kagyu lineage of Tibetan Buddhism.

LAMA OLE NYDAHL

"As long as one does not recognize the essence of mind, every experience remains colored by the inner attitude and limited in place and time."

"We do not see the world, we see our conception of the world."

"Mind is not composed. It was not born and will not die. It came from nowhere, nor can it pass away."

Lama Ole Nydahl: Vom Reichtum des Geistes. Buddhistische Inspirationen, Knaur Mens Sana 2006, S.20, S.54 u. S.65

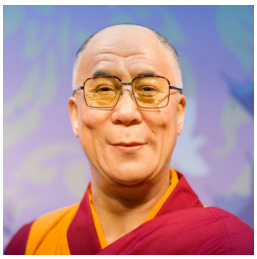


Lama Ole Nydahl (* 1941)**and his wife Hannah** (* 1946 – 2007) were disciples of the 16th Karmapa and were sent by him to the West to spread the Diamond Way there..

14. DALAI LAMA TENZING GYATSO

"Therefore, when it comes to validating the truth of a claim, Buddhism accords greatest authority to experience, with reason second and scripture last. [...]
So one fundamental attitude shared by Buddhism and science is the commitment to keep searching for reality by empirical means and to be willing to discard accepted or long-held positions if our seach finds that the truth is different."

Dalai Lama: THE UNIVERSE IN A SINGLE ATOM , Morgan Road Books 2005, p. 24/25.

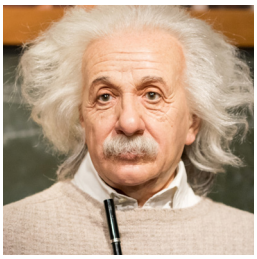


14. Dalai Lama
(* 1935) was the political leader of Tibet, he fled from the Chinese invasion to northern India in 1959 and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989. In the spiritual hierarchy of his Gelugpa school, he is the highest recognized reincarnation.

ALBERT EINSTEIN

"The world as we have created it is the result of our thinking. Therefore, it cannot be changed without changing our thinking."

5 Zitate von Albert Einstein über persönliches Wachstum, in: Gedankenwelt, Psychologie, Internetzugriff: https://gedankenwelt.de/5-zitate-von-albert-einstein-ueber-persoenliches-wachstum/[Stand 10.05.2024]



Albert Einstein
(* 1879 – 1955)
His research on matter, space and time, and gravity changed the physical worldview. Einstein's main work, the theory of relativity, made him world famous. In 1922, he received the Nobel Prize in Physics.

HANS PETER DÜRR

"Primarily only connection exists, the connecting without material basis. We could also call it mind. Something that we only experience spontaneously and cannot grasp. Matter and energy appear only secondarily - as it were as congealed, solidified mind."

Dürr, Hans-Peter: Am Anfang war der Quantengeist, in Peter Moosleitners Magazin (P.M.), Mai 2007, Internetzugriff: https://www.flow-akademie.ch/texte/Quantengeist-1.pdf [Stand 10.05.2024] https://beruhmte-zitate.de/autoren/hans-peter-durr/



Hans Peter Emil Dürr
(* 1929 – 2014) was director at the Max Planck Institute for Physics in Munich until 1977. He was a collaborator of Werner Heisenberg in the project on a unified field theory of elementary particles.

PIM VAN LOMMEL

"Ultimately, we cannot avoid the conclusion that endless consciousness has always been and always will be, independently of the body. There is no beginning and there will never be an end to our consciousness. For this reason we ought to seriously consider the possibility that death, like birth, may be a mere passing from one state of consciousness into another and that during life the body functions as an interface or place of resonance."

Van Lommel, PimS: Consciousness Beyond Life: The Science of the Near-Death Experience, HarperOne, 2010, p.21



Willem (Pim) van Lommel
(* 1943)) is a Dutch cardiologist. Since 2003 he has been working mainly in the field of research on near-death experiences and related topics.

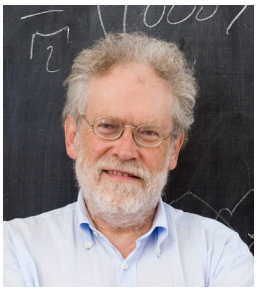
ANTON ZEILINGER

"It ultimately turns out that information is an essential basic building block of the world. We may have to say goodbye at some point to the naive realism according to which the world exists in itself, without our intervention and independent of our observation."

Naica-Loebell, Andrea: Es stellt sich letztlich heraus, dass Information ein wesentlicher Grundbaustein der Welt ist, Interview mit Zeilinger, 07. Mai 2001, Internetzugriff: http://www.heise.de/tp/artikel/7/7550/1.html [Stand 10.05.2024]

"There is a spiritual world outside of material existence."
"To understand quantum physics, we have to think unusually, and I doubt if these paths have been trodden historically."

Zeilinger, Anton: Das Loch im Verständnis der Welt, in Wiener Zeitung, 07.02.2012, Internetzugriff:
https://www.wienerzeitung.at/h/das-loch-im-verstandnis-der-welt [Stand 10.05.2024]



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(* 1945)) is an Austrian quantum physicist. The professor is head of the Institute of Experimental Physics and dean of the Faculty of Physics at the University of Vienna. In 2013 he was elected President of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.