

## in Three-character Phrases

By Chan Master Chuiwan of the Ming Dynasty



Dedicated to the memory of the Venerable Master Hsüan Hua (1918 - 1995), the ninth Wei-Yang Chan Patriarch and founder of the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, and to the 50th year commemoration of his timeless teachings coming to the West.

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吹萬禪師傳 Biography of Chan Master Chuiwan (1582 - 1639) 印光大師 By Venerable Master Yinguang (1861-1941)

忠州三目山聚雲寺吹萬廣真禪師,一般多稱聚雲吹萬,為明末著名禪宗大師。 四川宜賓人李氏子,父祖世籍婆羅門。

Chan Master Venerable Guangzhen of Gathering Clouds Monastery on Three Eyes Mountain of Zhongzhou (in Sichuan Province) is usually called Chuiwan of Juyun (Gathering Clouds Monastery). Master Chuiwan was a great Chan Master at the end of the Ming Dynasty. He was born in the Li family of Yibin city in Sichuan Province. His grandfather was descended from a line of Brahmans.

師生惟慕事佛,初登少峨峰浩山老人,後返鄉得大慧祖師錄四冊及《正法眼 藏》一錄,苦參力究。遇一僧提撕有省,入的敘州朱提山參月明聯池和尚, 苦修三載,終得印可。

When the Master was young, he admired and longed to serve the Buddha. He first climbed the Shao-Er Peak to pay homage to Elder Haoshan. Later he returned to his hometown and obtained a four-volume set of *The Record of Patriarch Dahui* and *The Treasury of the Proper Dharma Eye*. Based on these books, he vigorously investigated the topic of Chan. He encountered a monk who helped him to delve deeper into his investigation. Later he went to the Zhuti Mountain of Dixuzhou to study and investigate with Venerable Master Yueming Lianchi and arduously cultivated there for three years. He eventually obtained approval and certification from Master Lianchi.

於是策杖風塵,涉海入吳,過閩踵粵旋楚,至瀟湘湖東一帶。萬曆戊午年, 開法於瀟湘衡州湖東禪院。次遷忠州聚雲寺、夔州府萬縣寶峰山雲來寺、萬 ·縣興龍寺、巴臺寺諸刹,闡揚大慧宗風。崇禎己卯七月三十日圓寂,世壽 五十八。

Thereafter, he set out to travel by sea with much hardship to the region of Wu (Jiansu and Zhejiang provinces). Later he passed Fujian province and traveled to Guangdong province, and soon reached the east of Lake Dongting of Xiaoxiang of Hunan province. He began his teachings of the Dharma at the Lake East Chan Hermitage of Hengzhou (Hengyang). Later he moved to the Gathering Clouds Monastery of Zhongzhou, the Clouds-Arriving Monastery of Wanfeng Mountain (the 10000-Peak Mountain) of Wan County of Kuizhou, the Dragon Flourishing Monastery and the Batai Monastery of Wan County. He made flourish the tradition of Dahui (Great Wisdom). He entered Stillness on the thirtieth day of the seventh month in the year of Jimao (1639) during the reign of Chongzhen at the age of fifty-eight.

嗣法門人鐵壁慧機、三曰慧芝、鐵眉三巴掌慧麗等,依法閣維,遍地荷香襲 人。煙至松羃,結為五彩。火後收舍利三百餘顆,黃金鎖子骨三莖,當門二 齒變為紫色。建墖於三目山之陽,豐都地藏寺迎舍利12顆建塔。四川觀察 使田華國為墖上之銘,署師為大慧14世之孫,懶庵鼎需禪師之裔。有《正錄》 10卷,《廣錄》30種,共66。為明季一代大家。

His disciples, Master Huiji of the Iron Wall Mountain, Master Huizhi of the Three Eyes Mountain, the Three Patting Master Huili of the Iron Brow Mountain and others

cremated him in accordance with tradition. A lotus fragrance pervaded the whole cremation site, afterwards white smoke rose to the pine treetops and turned into a five-color pattern. After the cremation, over three hundred pieces of sharira, three stalks of his golden collar bones, and together with his teeth, which, after cremation turned purple, were found and collected. On the southern side of the Sanmu (Three Eyes) Mountain, a pagoda was built in his honor; twelve pieces of his sharira were received and housed in the Earth Store Monastery of Fengdu City. The imperial commissioner of inspection of Sichuan, Tian Huaguo, composed a memorial essay for engraving, and attributed the Master as the fourteenth generation disciple of Great Master Dahui (1089-1163), as well as the Dharma descendant of Ding Xu of Lan-an Monastery. He left behind a legacy of ten rolls of Zheng Lu (The Orthodox Collection of Teachings) and sixty-six rolls of Guang Lu (The Extensive Collection of *Teachings*) of thirty-some genres. He was indeed a luminary figure of great mastery during his time of the Ming Dynasty.

-- 印光大師文鈔(增廣正編卷第三) from Writings of Great Master Yinguang (Roll 3 of the main extended edition)

### 序 Preface

印光大師 (代 明天啓時、蜀東忠州聚雲寺、吹萬老人釋廣真作) by Venerable Master Yinguang for Elder Chuiwan (Ven. Guang Zhen) of Gathering Clouds Monastery during the Ming Dynasty's Tianqi Reign Period

### 人同此心,心同此理;凡聖不二,生佛一如。由迷悟之或殊,致升沉之迥别。

In each one of us there exists the same mind, with this one mind we also share the same principle. Common folks and sages alike are not distinct from one another, while living beings and Buddhas are one and the same: they differ in their levels while awakening and delusion, which lead to the marked disparity in their states of being—either transcending the world or descending into the revolving wheel of birth and death.

大覺世尊, 湣而哀之; 示成正覺, 轉大法輪。本一心以建立, 作迷津之寶筏; 普欲未來, 咸登道岸。故以五時所說, 及教外別傳之旨付諸弟子, 命廣流通。 由是列宗諸祖, 相繼而興; 宏宗演教, 代佛揚化。

The Greatly Enlightened, World-Honored One took pity upon us and manifested attaining Proper Enlightenment and turned the great wheel of Dharma—his teachings, all based on the single mind, have become the precious raft for ferrying lost souls. He wished that all beings in the future would cross over to the other shore of the Path, hence he delivered his teachings spanning the five periods, as well as his special transmission of the mind-seal which is apart from the regular teachings. All of these teachings he passed on to his disciples and instructed them to circulate on a vast scale. Therefore, patriarchs of the various schools arose in succession to proliferate the flourishing of the schools and proclaimed the teachings propagating the Dharma on behalf of the Buddha.

迄今世遠年深,事多義廣;若非讀破大藏、妙悟自心,無以測其端倪,得其 綱要。每欲撮略梗概,開示後進。因念宋儒王伯厚先生,作《三字經》,以 紀夫倫常日用之道,與歷朝治亂之跡;使學者先知其約,後涉其博。幼而學 之,壯而行之;立身行道,致君澤民,以復其人性本有之善。

With the abiding passage of the years, the contents and meanings contained in the teachings have broadened. Unless one has attained a thorough mastery of the *Tripitaka* and wondrously awakened to one's mind, one will sustain great difficulty in understanding the essentials of the teachings and gaining insight from them. Thus from time to time I have intended to compose an outline summary of Buddhism for the edification of posterity. I thought of the Confucius scholar Wang Bohou of the Song Dynasty, who had written the *Three-Character Classic* to illustrate the ethics that are relevant to daily life, and to trace each succeeding dynasty's achieving peace spiraling into turmoil. The *Classic* enables learners to gain a peripheral understanding before undertaking an in-depth study of the vast. Students should begin their study at a young age and deepen their practice as adults. Conducting their lives according to the principles, be it serving the public or the sovereignty, they restore the innate goodness inherent in human nature. 遂仿其意,略敘如來降生成道、說法度生,列祖續佛慧命、隨機施教,及與 古德自利利他,嘉言懿行,題曰:《釋教三字經》。俾為沙彌時,誦而習之; 知佛經之要義,明祖道之綱宗。及其壯而遍閱三藏、歷參五宗,妙悟自心, 冥符佛意;方知山色溪聲,咸示第一義諦,鴉鳴鵲噪,共談無上心宗——非 同非異、非有非空,即權即實、即俗即真。博之則盡十虛而莫容,約之則覓 一字不可得;然後乘大願輪,闡揚法化。普令法界衆生,歸依一體三寶;復 本來之面目,傳無盡之心燈。是在後進之發心造修焉,予日望之!

I now emulate Scholar Wang's method to pen a summary outlining the Thus-Come One's exalted birth and accomplishing of the Way, speaking the Dharma and crossing over living beings. I also recount how each patriarch perpetuated the Buddha's life of wisdom, their bequeathing the teachings according to each individual's potentials, as well as how the ancient virtuous ones benefited themselves and benefited others, their noble words and lofty practices. I titled the book the *Three-character Classic of Shakya(muni)'s Teachings*, so that novices can recite and review it to understand the essentials of the Buddhist Sutras as well as the synopsis of the patriarchs' way. When they mature, they can study extensively the *Tripitaka* and investigate each of the five schools; thus wondrously awaken to their own minds, and tacitly tally with the Buddha's intent. At which time, they will understand that the "colors of the mountains" and the "sounds of the creeks" are all manifesting the ultimate truth, and the "crowing of crows" or the "twittering of sparrows" are all speaking the supreme mind principle, which is neither the same nor different, neither existent nor empty; yet at the same time it is provisional and actual, embracing both the conventional truth and the ultimate truth. If one is to explore it extensively, one will have to exhaust the ten dharma-realms without being able to encompass it; if one is to explore it minutely, one will attempt to seek just one character yet failing to find it. Afterwards, one can ride on one's great wheel of vows to propagate the Dharma and proclaim the teachings, so as to lead all beings of the Dharma Realm to universally take refuge in the Triple Jewel of the one substance, restoring their original faces and forms, thus transmitting the limitless eternal lamp of the mind. This is for the sake of future students' bringing forth the mind of study and cultivation-- which is my sincere hope and expectation.

from Writings of Great Master Yinguang (Roll 3 of the main extended edition)

-- 印光大師文鈔(增廣正編卷第三)

### 簡介 Introduction

近巖比丘 by Bhikshu Jin Yan

### 宣化上人曾發願要將中文佛教經典翻譯成世界各國文字,如今我們以此《佛 教三字經》的英文翻譯和中英雙語印刷來緬懷上人及其教誨。

Venerable Master Hsüan Hua made a vow to translate Buddhist scriptures out of Chinese into the world's languages. Now, we dedicate this English translation and bilingual printing of *The Buddhist Classic in Three-character Phrases* to the remembrance of Venerable Master Hsüan Hua and his teachings.

《釋教三字經》(或稱《佛教三字經》)是明朝末年吹萬禪師的著作,他參 考《三字經》的體裁而寫成這部簡潔、有韻律的佛教三字經。每一句只有三 個字,每四句成一頌,再加上押韻,就很容易背誦。

Shi Jiao San Zi Jing (or Fo Jiao San Zi Jing The Buddhist Classic in Three-character *Phrases*) was written during the late Ming Dynasty by Chan Master Chuiwan (1582-1639). He used the style of *The Three-Character Classic* to compose this Buddhist classic. It is succinct and rhythmic: each sentence is only three characters long, every four sentences forms a verse, and the text follows a regular rhythmic pattern for easy memorization.

清末民初的印光大師深深地認同這本《佛教三字經》有助於初學者對佛教大意的認識,他以吹萬禪師的立場,代作一篇序,重新編輯十分之三的原文,

校訂敏修長老所作的註解有十分之七。當代著名的楊仁山居士讚歎印光大師 圓融精確的修訂;為了使之更加精簡,楊仁山居士根據印光大師的修訂版再 作編輯,也就是我們現在翻譯所依據的版本,總共有183偈頌。他並且重新 命名為《佛教初學課本》;為了冤於混淆,後人仍然保留了《佛教三字經》 的名稱。

Great Master Yinguang (1861-1940) of the late Qing Dynasty appreciated the value of this *Buddhist Classic* for beginners to grasp the essentials of Buddhism. He wrote a preface on behalf of Master Chuiwan, and revised approximately three-tenths of its contents and seven-tenths of its commentaries by Elder Min Xiu. His precise and well rounded revision won the praise of the contemporary famous layman Yang Renshan (1837-1911). However, to make the text even more concise, Yang Renshan, based on what Master Yinguang had done, further revised this *Buddhist Classic* into the current version that we have translated—a total of 183 verses. He then renamed the book as *The ABC's of Buddhism*. To avoid confusions, people later maintained the original title, *The Buddhist Classic in Three-character Phrases*.

雖然《佛教三字經》的文字簡潔,但其内容豐富、含義深遠,涵蓋的主題 包括:1.法界及其特性。2.釋迦牟尼佛誕生、出家、降魔、成正覺、轉法 輪,及入涅槃。3.結集三藏。4.佛法東傳至中國。5.大小乘十宗的發展。 6.懺悔法。7.佛教的基本名相與理念,譬如五蘊、四聖諦、十二因緣等等。 8.勸人在信解行證上的修學。9.以古德的行誼來勉勵後學。10.結語一敘述 作者的心意與教學的極致。 Despite its brevity, this *Buddhist Classic* is vast in contents and profound in meanings. It covers the following topics:

- 1. The Dharma Realm and its nature;
- 2. Shakyamuni Buddha's birth, leaving home, subduing demons, awakening, turning the dharma wheel, and entering Nirvana;
- 3. The compilation of Buddha's teachings into the *Tripitaka*;
- 4. Eastward propagation of Buddhism into China;
- 5. The development of ten schools including both Theravada and Mahayana;
- 6. The Dharma of repentance;
- 7. The fundamental terms and concepts of Buddhism, such as the five skandhas, the four noble truths, and the twelve links of dependent origination, etc;
- 8. Exhortation to learn and practice in the sequence of establishing faith, gaining understanding of teachings, practicing, and realizing the fruition of the Way;
- 9. Paradigms of lofty figures of the past of great character and learning that serve as models for future students;

10. Conclusion stating the author's intentions and the ultimate nature of teaching.

這 10 科有可能是印光大師或楊仁山居士對内容的分類,當我們進行翻譯時, 發現有其他人將以上 10 科更細分為 24 項,而加以引用。 We assume these ten-section divisions of content were made by Yang Renshan or Master Yinguang. When we obtained the source text for this translation, we found that other people had divided the work into twenty-four sections.

有人可能會質疑《佛教三字經》只講述中國佛教,觀點狹隘;然而這並不是 我們的用意。西方的佛教還在萌芽階段,而這本《佛教三字經》如詩歌般的 容易背誦,可作為佛學的基礎。我們更盼望將來能見到融合不同傳承的智慧 與知識的佛教經典之作。

Some people may bring up the question of the text's limited view, because it seems to be only an introduction to Chinese Buddhism. However, Western Buddhism is still in its budding period, and we feel that *The Buddhist Classic in Three-character Phrases*, with its song-like poetry and ease of memorization, is a worthwhile primer for Buddhism. We look forward to seeing the advent of a modern "Buddhist Classic" that integrates the knowledge and wisdom of all traditions.

另外,限於篇幅,所有的典故及註解將另行出版。我們歡迎讀者的指正,及 對翻譯的建議,以便於日後的改善。

Also, due to the extraordinary size of the footnotes, commentary, and related stories, they will be published in a separate volume. We are aware that mistakes are inevitable; feedback to point out errors and comments about the translation are welcome so that we can improve our work in the future.



Buddhism's Origin









The Origin of the Dharma Realm





There is neither a beginning nor an ending; Neither inside nor outside; But for the purpose of establishing a name, We call it the Dharma Realm.

法印界监性型,即些法印身员;因为不效覺型,號公無×明型。 fǎ jiè xìng jí fǎ shēn yīn bù jué hào wú míng

The Dharma Realm, In nature, is simply our Dharma Body. Because we are not awakened, It is called "Ignorance."





空圣色韵现示,情云器公分云;三角世产間点,從圣此产生了。 kōng sè xiàn qíng qì fēn sān shì jiān cóng cǐ shēng

When space and form appear, The sentient and the non-sentient begin to differ; The Three Worlds Thus appear.

迷い則是凡長,悟×則是聖公;真告如是體型,須正親言證型。 mí zé fán wù zé shèng zhēn rú tǐ xū qīn zhèng

When confused, one is a mortal; Once awakened, one becomes a Sage. The essence of "Thus-ness" You must realize by yourself.

## 證道成佛

Realizing the Way and Accomplishing Buddhahood



證書書書誰不?釋於迦等尊了;大祭悲、願等,示於誕發生了。 zhèng zhě shuí shì jiā zūn dà bēi yuàn shì dàn shēng

Who realized the Way? Shakyamuni, the Honored One. [Based on] his great compassionate vow, He manifested being born.

處於王於宮》,求於出《離》;夜世瑜山城》,人界不於知些。 chủ wáng gōng qiú chū lí yè yú chéng rén bù zhī

While residing in the palace, He sought to escape. He departed from the Capital at night While no one knew.

入緊雪量山星,修美苦菜行公;六菜年素間等,習工家生定之。 rù xuě shān xiū kǔ hèng liù nián jiān xí jí

He entered the Himalayas To cultivate ascetic practices. During those six years, He practiced samadhi.

從臺定至起之,出氣水,坐臺樹了下長,心長境是開景。 cóng dìng qǐ chū shān lái zuò shù xià xīn jìng kāi

Rising from samadhi, He came down the mountain And sat beneath the [Bodhi] tree; His state of mind awakened.

## dìna



天意龍空喜玉,魔足膽空落空;睹空明呈星云,成至正光覺是。 tiān lóng xǐ mó dǎn luò dǔ míng xīng chéng zhèng jué

The gods and dragons rejoiced; The demons were afraid. He gazed at the star And realized Proper Enlightenment.



# 3



The Buddha's Teaching and Transmitting of the Way





啟·大科教· qǐ dà jiào shuō huá yán chén chà hǎi xiàn bǎo lián

[The Buddha] began his Great Teaching by Expounding on the Avatamsaka. There the splendid lotus [worlds] appeared Amid oceans of lands as many as dust particles.

谐示凡导思□、 · 不 x 能 2 聽 2 ; 隱 示 尊 3 特 5 · 顯 → 劣 ⊕ 應 z 。
mǐn fán yú bù néng tīng yǐn zūn tè xiǎn liè yìng

Pitying ordinary unawakened beings Who could not grasp this teaching, [The Buddha] concealed its esteemed features, Then revealed lesser Dharma they could absorb.

說臺阿下含亞,第二二世時产;四公諦二法亞,接望小臺機工。 shuō ā hán dì èr shí sì dì fǎ iiē xiǎo iī

He taught the Agama Sutras During the Second Period [of his teaching]. Characterized by the Four Noble Truths Which take across beings of modest capacity.

證書四公果義,出生之滅量。演一方是等之,破意法下執些。 zhèng sì guǒ chū shēng miè yǎn fāng děng pò fǎ zhí

Four stages of Arhats reach their goal And leave Samsara behind. This is the Vaipulya Teaching, For those who can break attachments to the Dharma.

第二四二時門,談家般是若是;二心乘了轉奏,教書、薩拿。 dì sì shí tán bō rě

During the Fourth Period, He discoursed on Prajna To mature the Two Vehicles And teach the Bodhisattvas.

開了願意圓式,法下華之會之;學是無、學是,得是授定記些。 kāi xiǎn yuán fǎ huá huì xué wú xué dé shòu jì

During the Dharma Flower Assembly, He revealed the perfect Dharma So that Learners and Those Beyond Study Alike were predicted to Buddhahood.

## èr chèng zhuǎn jiāo pú sà

《涅槃》經之》,最於後公說是;顯示真常能,扶公戒並律你。 niè pán jīng zuì hòu shuō xiǎn zhēn cháng fú jiè lǜ

His final teaching Was the Nirvana Sutra Revealing the true and permanent [Nature] And establishing the Vinaya.

五、"時"教堂,如果是『說書;亦一融影通整,亦一分与別量。 wǔ shí jiào rú shì shuō yì róng tōng yì fēn bié

The teachings of Five Periods Arrived in this way. Each Period encompassed the other four While remaining distinct.

化系道图员,歸《真告際小;雙之樹及間告,吉也祥正逝户。 huà dào yuán guī zhēn jì shuāng shù jiān jí xiáng shì

Having completed his teachings, He entered Nirvana. Between the Twin Trees he passed away, In an auspicious reclining pose.

閣至毗之後至,分云舍至利至。阿下育山王在,變云古如制山, pí hòu fēn shè lì ā yù wáng biàn gǔ zhì

After his body was cremated, His relics were distributed. [Later on,] King Asoka Changed the earlier system.



碎衣寶家末日,造於浮云圖文,役一鬼衫神子,遍云閻云浮云。 suì bǎo mò zào fú tú yì guǐ shén biàn yán fú

He emptied royal treasuries To build stupas. He ordered spirits and ghosts To send relics throughout Jambudvipa.

優又填意王光,始产造紧像式;令之後云人界,修灵供兰養元。 yōu tián wáng shǐ zào xiàng lìng hòu rén xiū gòng yàng

King Udayana Was the first to make images of the Buddha So that future generations Could make offerings and cultivate blessings.







## Compiling the Tripitaka



大部一葉記,命記阿、難認;結果集上經證,石严窟又間證。 dà jiā shè mìng ā nán jié jí jīng shí kū jiān

Mahakasyapa, the Patriarch, Instructed Ananda To compile all the Sutras, Inside the rock cavern.

修美多餐羅餐,是『經生藏影;毗冬奈發耶曼,是『律恋藏影; xiū duō luó shì jīng zàng pí nài yé shì lǜ zàng

Sutras are the Buddha's discourses; They constitutes the treasury of scriptures, While Vinaya texts Comprise the treasury of rules for the community. 阿下毗於墨京,是於論於藏於。正於法於隆於,外於道於喪於。 pí tán shì lùn zàng zhèng fǎ lóng wài dào sàng

Abhidharma texts Comprise the treasury of commentaries. The Proper Dharma flourished; The other schools declined.

藏於分子三台,部分十八二心;遇以有文缘故,作整佛是事户。 zàng fēn sān bù shí èr yù yǒu yuán zuò fó shì

The *Tripitaka* divides into Three Treasuries And Twelve Categories of teachings. When those who understood met these texts, They could do the Buddha's work.









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## 佛法東傳

The Eastward Expansion of Buddhism





漢字明記帝李,夢亞金貴人學;求美聖亞教士, 遺美蔡素倍云。 hàn míng dì mèng jīn rén qiú shèng jiào qiǎn cài yīn

Emperor Ming of the Han Dynasty Dreamed of a golden figure. So he sent Cai Yin To seek the Sage's teaching.

騰芝蘭等來勢,經常像素至些;初菜譯一經是,《四ム十戶二儿》。 téng lán lái jīng xiàng zhì chū yì jīng sì shí èr

Kāśyapa Mātanga, and Dharmaraksa Brought the Sutras and Buddha images And translated the first Sutra: The Sutra of Forty-Two Sections.





道教教徒, 與王惡世念言;請之焚与經世, 為不試产驗可。 dào jiào tú xīng è niàn qǐng fén jīng wéi shì yàn

The adherents of Daoism Indulged an evil intent And made a contest To set the Sutras on fire.

道尔經之燈氣,佛云經之全氣;光光熾不盛云,耀云人界天喜。 dào jīng huǐ fó jīng quán guāng chì shèng yào rén tiān

The Daoist scriptures were burned While the Buddhist Sutras remained intact. The brilliant light [emitted from the Sutras] Shone on both humans and gods.



善学男学女子,皆"生了信云;求云出文家",期≤現云證之。 shàn nán nǚ jiē shēng xìn qiú chū jiā qí xiàn zhèng

All the good men and women Awakened faith in their hearts. They sought to enter monastic life And to realize the Way.

Then ten monasteries were built For monks and nuns to live. The Three Treasures were thus established For the first time in China.

溯☆源☆流☆,知\*宗ど派券;宗ど有求十r,分与小女大谷。 sù yuán liú zhī zōng pài zōng yǒu shí fēn xiǎo dà

One should trace back to the start To discern the sects and schools: The Schools were ten in numbers, Comprising both Theravada and Mahayana.





## 小乘二宗

The Two Schools of the Theravada Tradition



成江實产宗王,六文代新盛正;高《僧士傳教,可圣為社證土。 chéng shí zōng liù dài shèng gāo sēng zhuàn kě wéi zhèng

The Satyasiddhi School flourished During the Six Dynasties; The stories were documented In the Records of Eminent Sanghans.

俱告書字言,陳書至此唐記;五×代新後云,漸當微之茫起。 jù shè zōng chén zhì táng wǔ dài hòu jiàn wéi máng

The Abhidharma-kośa School lasted from The Chen Dynasty to the Tang Dynasty; After the Five Dynasties, It gradually declined.

此"二心宗",是广小亚乘烈;律尔小亚大学,七兰大学乘乱。 cǐ èr zōng shì xiǎo chèng lǜ xiǎo dà qī dà chèng

These two schools Make up the Theravada tradition; The Vinaya School consists of both Theravada and Mahayana, And Mahayana Schools are seven in number.





傳輸心音印度,為於禪部宗語;佛語拈頭花話,迦古葉語通道。 chuán xīn yìn wéi chán zōng fó niǎn huā jiā shè tōng

The mind-seal transmission Characterizes the Chan school; The Buddha held up a flower And Mahakasyapa woke up instantly.

授了阿下難了,為、二儿祖、文、第二承江,皆其可至數了。 shòu ā nán wéi èr zǔ cì dì chéng jiē kě shů

He gave the Dharma to Ananda Who then became the Second Patriarch. The Patriarchs' stories of successive transmission Have all been told.

第二十戶二儿,號公馬戶鳴記;造器《起午信日》,大谷乘五興五。 dì shí èr hào mǎ míng zào qǐ xìn dà chèng xīng

The Twelfth Patriarch Was named "Horse Whinny (Asvogosha);" He wrote "The Awakening of Faith in the Mahayana," Thereafter the Mahayana prospered.







十戶四山祖歌,名亞龍之樹家;入眾龍之宮之,《華云嚴云》遇山。 shí sì zǔ míng lóng shù rù lóng gōng huá yán yù

The Fourteenth Patriarch Was named Nagarjuna; He entered the Dragon Palace And met the Avatamsaka Sutra.

傳發世产間當,法罕雨山澍於;造影諸常論發,施产甘質露致。 chuán shì jiān fǎ yǔ shù zào zhū lùn shī gān lù

The Sutra was thus given to the world And the Dharma-rain showered down; The commentaries were composed And sweet dew fell like rain.

甘菜八菜祖菜,達菜摩亞尊菜;來菜東菜土菜,示产性亞真素。 niàn bā zǔ dá mó zūn lái dōng dù shì xìng zhēn

The Twenty-eighth Patriarch, Venerable Bodhidharma, Traveled eastward to China To reveal the suchness of the Buddha Nature.

This wisdom beyond language, You must realize yourself. It was Hui Ke (The Able One) Who received the Mind-seal.

傳意僧之璨东,為之三日祖於;《信云心云銘記》,超至今古古然。 chuán sēng càn wéi sān zǔ xìn xīn míng chāo jīn gǔ

He passed the Dharma to Seng Can, The Third Patriarch; His Inscriptions of Faith Was unique from past to present.



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第二四山祖歌,名云道《信云;知"無×縛云,解世脫臺竟去。 dì sì zǔ míng dào xìn zhī wú fú jiě tuō jìng

The Fourth Patriarch, Named Dao Xin, Set his mind free And attained liberation.

五、祖、忍、、居士黄、梅、、東之山引上式,道金場和恢气。 wǔ zǔ rěn jū huáng méi dōng shān shàng dào chǎng huī

The Fifth Patriarch Hong Ren Resided in Huang Mei (Yellow Plums) On the peak of Dong Shan (East Mountain), His Place of Awakening flourished.

第二六型祖歌,名型惠型能型;傳教衣-缽副,道教大型行型。 dì liù zǔ míng huì néng chuán yī bō dào dà xíng

The Sixth Patriarch, Named Hui Neng, Received the robe and bowl, And the Way greatly flourished.





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六菜祖於下於,二心禪都師,南部嶽於讓影,青江原於思山。 liù zǔ xià èr chán shī nán yuè ràng gīng yuán sī

After the Sixth Patriarch

Came two Chan Masters:

Master Rang of Nanyue (South Mountain), And Master Si of Qingyuan (Green Plain Mountain).

南京嶽中下京,一-馬平駒出;踏至殺亞人界,遍景震氣區公。 nán yuè xià yī mǎ jū tà shā rén biàn huán qū

From Master Rang, A stallion galloped forth; He galloped past the crowd And spread the Chan School's fame throughout China.

青江原於下京,一一石門頭菜。石門頭菜路菜,滑菜似山油菜。 qīng yuán xià yī shí tóu shí tóu lù huá sì yóu

From Master Si,

Came a student, nicknamed "Rock." His teachings were challenging; His path hard to travel.





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分5.五×家;,派务各"别": 臨於濟小宗,,行达棒论喝论, fēn wǔ jiā pài gè bié lín jì zōng xíng bàng hè

The Chan School grew five branches, Each lineage different. The Lin-Ji School Is known for its shouts and slaps.

玄景要家分子,實言主影別語;人界與『境』,奪語不家奪語。 xuán yào fēn bīn zhǔ bié rén yǔ jìng duó bù duó

Recognize esoteric points clearly; Recognize host from guest. Tell subject from object, Put it down or don't.

為於仰云宗》,示於圓於相云;暗於機出投交,義一海所暢和。 wéi yǎng zōng shì yuán xiàng àn jī tóu yì hǎi chàng

In the Wei-Yang School, The teacher drew a simple circle; For those who could understand, The ocean of principles flowed forth.







曹家洞公宗》,傳教寶教鏡上;定記君出臣私,行正正去令之。 cáo dòng zōng chuán bǎo jìng dìng jūn chén xíng zhèng lìng

The Cao-Dong School Transmits the "Precious Mirror [Samadhi]," Settles the ruler and subject, Carries out the right commands.

雲片門片宗》,顧《鑒黃咦-´;一-´字『關《,透文者對稀丁。 yún mén zōng gù jiàn yí yí zì guān tòu zhě xī

The Yun-Men School Examines students with a single glance; Rare are the ones who can break through The one-word gateway.

法示眼示宗》,明示六章相示;禪承與山教堂,無×兩型樣元。 fǎ yǎn zōng míng liù xiàng chán yǔ jiào wú liǎng yàng

The Fa-Yan School Clarifies the Six Characteristics; Explaining that Chan and the Teachings Are not two different things.







## The Vinaya School



既小明正宗正,須正知"律公;持江五、戒士,本公乃子立之。 míng zōng xū zhī lǜ chí wǔ jiè běn nǎi lì

Having understood the Chan School, One still needs to know about the Vinaya School. If one holds the Five Precepts, One will plant down stable roots.

As a Novice, One should uphold the Ten Precepts. As a Bhikshu, One should uphold the Complete Precepts, 戒其二儿百子,又文五×十户。尼之增是百子,戒其始产足下。 jiè èr bǎi yòu wǔ shí ní zēng bǎi jiè shǐ zú

Totaling two hundred And fifty precepts in all. Bhikshunis, add another one hundred plus To be complete.

梵家網於戒葉,制些菩求薩守;重整有文十門,輕之四公八?。 fàn wăng jiè zhì pú sà zhòng yǒu shí qīng sì bā

The Brahma Net Sutra Sets forth the Bodhisattva Precepts. There are Ten Major Precepts, Of Minor Precepts there are Forty-eight.



律的門口祖歌,優又波記離於;承記佛記印云,肅於清之規義。 mén zǔ yōu bō lí chéng fó yìn sù qīng guī

The Patriarch for the Vinaya School Was named Upali. He received the Buddha's certification And showed how to observe the moral code purely.

先录束文身子,次步攝子心云;得全圓步通至,證型道公深子。 xiān shù shēn cì shè xīn dé yuán tōng zhèng dào shēn

One should first restrain the body

Then discipline the mind.

This way, one attains the perfect understanding And realizes the Way profoundly.

唐范道公宣前,精立毗空尼了;大空小亚乘五,咸云總空持在。 táng dào xuān jīng pí ní dà xiǎo chèng xián zǒng chí

Master Dao Xuan of the Tang Dynasty Was adept in the Vinaya. He upheld all The Mahayana and Theravada precepts.





宋之元岁照紫,繼生其之後云;著类述云多音,善母分与剖子。 sòng yuán zhào jì qí hòu zhù shù duō shàn fēn pǒ

Master Yuan Zhao of the Song Dynasty Came after Master Dao Xuan. Authoring numerous works on the Vinaya, He was skillful at discerning and differentiating them.

既出明記律部,須正研討教室;辨證權等實产,判學大學小型。 jì míng lǜ xū yán jiào biàn quán shí pàn dà xiǎo

After having learned the Vinaya, One should study the Teachings School To identify the True and the Expedient Teachings, And to distinguish between the Mahayana and Theravada.



# 天台宗 The Tian Tai School





北亞齊兰朝新,有武慧之文於;讀文《中芝論系》,得到其三精之。 běi qí cháo yǒu huì wén dú zhōng lùn dé qí jīng

During the Northern Qi Dynasty, Lived Master Hui Wen; He studied *The Middle Way Commentary* And mastered the essence of its doctrines.

祖於龍於樹於, 立為三台觀於; 空於假於中於, 歸於一一貫於, zǔ lóng shù lì sān guān kōng jiǎ zhōng guī yí guàn

Venerable Nagarjuna was his Patriarch; He set out the Three Contemplations: Emptiness, Conventional Existence, and the Middle Way. But thereafter each returns to a unified reality.



傳義弟子子r<sup>v</sup>,南承嶽報思山;止主觀義法和,萬英世r師r。 chuán dì zǐ nán yuè sī zhǐ guān fǎ wàn shì shī

Hui Wen transmitted the teaching to his disciple, Whose name was Hui Si of Southern Mountain; His methods of Tranquility and Insight Became the model of learning for all generations.

第二三章世》,有文智当者書;演函教堂觀義,判察高《下文。 dì sān shì yǒu zhì zhě yǎn jiào guān pàn gāo xià

The Third Patriarch was Zhi Zhe (the Wise One). He proclaimed and systemized both Teachings and Practice, And differentiated between what is ultimate and expedient.

藏於與山通之,別並與山圓片;此世四山教堂,至此今古傳之。 zàng yǔ tōng bié yǔ yuán cǐ sì jiào zhì jīn chuán

The Storehouse (of the Theravada Canon), The Connecting, the Distinct and the Perfect --**These Four Teachings** Have circulated to the present age.

談家性云具出,善弦思ざ兼告;百家界世如果,有文三台千云。 tán xìng jù shàn è jiān bǎi jiè rú yǒu sān qiān

This teaching explains our Inherent Nature, originally complete, Encompassing both good and evil. The One Hundred Realms And the Three Thousand Qualities of Suchness are included therein .

此一一派系,號公天音台家;宗之《法印華》》,佛記慧公開系。 cǐ yí pài hào tiān tái zōng fǎ huá fó huì kāi

This school Is known as the Tian Tai. With the Dharma Flower (Lotus) Sutra as its principal text, It enables beings to unfold the Buddha's wisdom.





### The Avatamsaka School





《華氣嚴或經生》,最素尊異勝公;初氣傳發來影,在影東名晉告。 huá yán jīng zuì zūn shèng chū chuán lái zài dōng jìn

The Avatamsaka Sutra Is most honored and supreme. It first reached China During the Eastern Jin Dynasty.

杜尔顺京師,是,文子殊,蒙蘭,董家,盤,走要珠, dù shùn shī shì wén shū chǎn huá yán pán zǒu zhū

Master Du Shun Was Manjushri Bodhisattva's emanation; He expounded on the Avatamsaka Sutra With great finesse and agility.



第二一一傳教,得教智歌嚴子;作家《搜 dì yī chuán dé zhì yǎn zuò sõu

The Dharma was first transmitted To Master Zhi Yan; He wrote In Search of the Esoteric, Which totaled ten scrolls.

第二二傳義,是一賢言首或;《探索玄景記些》,世一希丁有文。 dì èr chuán shì xián shǒu tàn xuán jì shì xī yǒu

Next, it was transmitted To Master Xian Shou, Who wrote *Exploring the Esoteric*, A work of rare quality in this world.

清江涼花《疏江》,釋於新古經世; qīng liáng shū shì xīn jīng 並立作業《鈔系》、博設而此精力。 bìng zuò chāo bó ér jīng The Commentary by Master Qing Liang Explains the new version of the Avatamsaka Sutra; The Sub-commentary that followed Is vast and profound.

小菜與山始产,終業與山頓祭,至此於山圓片,五×教業振告。 xiǎo yǔ shǐ zhōng yǔ dùn zhì yú yuán wǔ jiào zhèn The Small, the Beginning, The Ending, the Sudden, And the Perfect ---These Five Teachings flourished.

四小法印界我,十四玄明明的,暨小六家相我,義一最長純美。 fǎ jiè shí xuán mén jì liù xiàng yì zuì chún

They encompass the Four Dharma Realms, The Ten Profound Doors, As well as the Six Characteristic The meanings are foremost in c

因「該家果教,果教教」因「, 攝空萬 yīn gāi guǒ guǒ chè yīn shè wàn

Cause implies effect; Effects include the causes. They gather in the myriad phenomena And all return to a unified reality.



《大学鈔》》詳述,《小学鈔》》略型。 dà chāo xiáng xiǎo chāo luè Master Zong Mi of Gui Mountain Wrote Commentaries on Perfect Enlightenment Sutra; The Great Commentary is elaborated in great detail, While the *Minor Commentary* is relatively brief.

This school

## 此"一·派务,賢子首引宗";亦一行子布文,亦一圓号融品。 cǐ yí pài xián shǒu zōng yì xíng bù yì yuán róng

### Is called Xian Shou (Foremost in Worthiness). Its teachings include both gradual cultivation



# 唯識宗

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## The Consciousness-Only School



唐尧玄县奘影,遊云西王域心,學長瑜山伽美,祖影彌口勒多; zů mí lè táng xuán zàng yóu xī yù xué yú qié

Great Master Xuan Zang of the Tang Dynasty Traveled to India through the Western Regions. He studied the teachings of the Yogacara School Founded by Maitreya Bodhisattva.

依一戒音賢言,大行論為師戶,親子傳是授家,歷空年音時戶。 jiè xián dà lùn shī qīn chuán shòu lì nián shí νī He received the teachings from Sīlabhadra, A great Shastra Master, And was personally taught

For many years.

歸《長於安,傳》窺《基,可建因了明己,善引三,支生; guī cháng ān chuán kuī jī tōng yīn míng shàn sān zhī

Returning to Chang An, He transmitted the Dharma to Master Kui Ji, Who was versed in the science of reasoning, And the three parts of syllogisms.

《成江唯礼識》》,作是《述公記小》,破於邪世宗是,伸引正去義一。 zuò shù jì chéng wéi shì

He compiled *A Discourse on Mere-consciousness* And wrote the *Shu Commentary*. He refuted the false doctrines And championed righteousness.

- pò xié zōng shēn zhèng yì

有求現於量於,有求比如量於;究於竟於依一,聖於教堂量於。 yǒu xiàn liàng yǒu bǐ liàng jiù jìng yī shèng jiào liàng

There is the Direct Cognition And Cognition through Reasoning; Ultimately, both are validated by Authoritative Cognition.

·通言計"執",依-他<sup>\*</sup>性<sup>™</sup>;二<sup>1</sup>者<sup>\*</sup>離<sup>2</sup>,圓<sup>1</sup>成<sup>1</sup>證<sup>\*</sup>。 biàn jì zhí yī tā xìng èr zhě lí yuán chéng zhèng

When the Nature of Pervasive Attachment And the Nature of Dependence on Others Are both cast away, One realizes the Nature perfectly.

此"一一宗",號公慈"恩";先言談》相",後父顯"真告。 cǐ yī zōng hào cí ēn xiān tán xiàng hòu xiǎn zhēn

This school Is also called Ci En (Kindness and Mercy). It first discusses the marks, Then reveals the Truth.







### The School of the Three Shastras











三音論祭宗》,傳新最於古新;秦於羅於什戶,來新茲下土象。 sān lùn zōng chuán zuì gǔ qín luó shí lái zī dù

The school of the Three Śāstras Is the earliest lineage, Commencing with Master Kumarajiva of the Qin Dynasty, Who travelled to China.

真告空	義-`	,唯主第	九	;群实	弟
zhēn kōng	yì	wéi dì	уī	qún	dì

The doctrine of true emptiness Was upheld as the first and foremost; His multitudes of disciples Converged to study these teachings.

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曰 《中芝論祭》,曰 《百穷論祭》,《十二二,"門兄》, shí èr mén bǎi lùn zhōng lùn vuē vuē 為、三台論之。 wéi sān lùn

> The Middle-Way Śāstra, The Hundred-Verse Śāstra, And the Twelve Doors Śāstra Comprise the Three Śāstras.

唐至吉兰藏是,施产大学功差;《三台論学疏灵》,傳新海际東急。 táng jí zàng shī dà gōng sān lùn shū chuán hǎi dōng

Master Ji Zang of the Tang Dynasty Exerted great effort In writing the Commentary on the Three Sastras, Which spread east of China (Korea and Japan).

法於藏於釋於,十戶二心門以;《宗圣致》記些》,至此今音存喜。 fǎ zàng shì shí èr mén zōng zhì jì zhì jīn cún

Dharma Master Fa Zang Wrote a commentary on the *Twelve Doors Śāstra*, Entitled the Zong Zhi Record, Which still exists in present times.



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### The Secret School

善资無×畏、,至"長、安,唐、一一行",受了真,尊,。 shàn wú wèi zhì cháng ān táng yī xíng shòu zhēn chuán

Master Shan Wu-wei (Śubhakarasimha) Arrived at Chang An; During the Tang Dynasty, Master Yi Xing Received his true transmission.

作瓷疏Z釋r,《大农日r)經t》;真告言·教士,始r?得到了。 zuò shū shì dà rì jīng zhēn yán jiào shǐ dé míng

He wrote a commentary on The Vairocanābhisambodhi Sutra; Henceforth the Secret School Was initially established.

金兰刚《智士,及土不杀空》,接于踵之來,廣系流。通至。 jīn gāng zhì jí bù kōng jiē zhǒng lái guǎng liú tōng

Master Vajrabodhi And Master Amoghavajra Arrived in succession To spread the teachings widely.





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灌盖頂亞法亞,不文輕之授亞;非日法亞器兰,轉素獲益各型。 guàn dǐng fǎ bù qīng shòu fēi fǎ qì zhuǎn huò jiù

The Dharma of Anointing the Crown (abhiṣeka) Must not be transmitted casually To someone who is not a Dharma vessel; This way one invites blame instead of honor.

立<sup>立</sup>禁责令之,自r的已始r,秘口密口宗之,敕书停臣止业。 lì jìn lìng zì míng shǐ mì mì zōng chì tíng zhǐ

Prohibitions against this school Began in the Ming Dynasty. The Secret School Was suspended by imperial mandate.



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### The Pure Land School



晉於慧義遠,住於匡意慮於;結於蓮於社臣,德於不於孤义。 jìn huì yuǎn zhù kuāng lú jié lián shè dé bù aū

Master Hui Yuan of the Jin Dynasty Lived on Lu Mountain; He established the Lotus Society, And his virtue gained a large following.

魏、墨章鸞、修、妙、觀、;生了品、高、、瑞、相、現、。 tán luán xiū miào guān shēng pǐn gāo ruì xiàng xiàn wèi

Master Tan Luan of the Kingdom of Wei Cultivated wonderful contemplations; He was reborn in a high grade of lotus And showed auspicious marks.

唐芝道杂辞教,暨生善员尊教;唱和專業修美,為之妙堂道教。 táng dào chuò jì shàn dǎo chàng zhuān xiū wéi miào dào

Master Dao Chuo of the Tang Dynasty And Master Shan Dao; Specialized in reciting the Buddha's name, Claiming it to be a wondrous Path.





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此步法印印,三年經之說是;大於經之該第,小至經之切至。 fǎ mén sān jīng shuō dà jīng gāi xiǎo jīng giè Сľ

This Dharma-door Was elaborated in three Sutras; The large Amitabha Sutra was expansive, While the small Amitabha Sutra was succinct.

觀《經言語》,最影驚之人思;許正五×逆三,得到往来生了。 guān jīng vů zuì jīng rén xǔ wǔ nì dé wàng shēng

The teaching in the *Contemplation Sutra* Is the most extraordinary; It allows those that commit the Five Relentless Offenses To attain rebirth in the Pure Land.

三章藏是教堂,所会不足攝空;佛是願告力之,誠是難引測至。 sān zàng jiào suǒ bú shè fó yuàn lì chéng nán cè

The Pure-Land teaching is beyond The scope of the Tripitaka Because the vow-power of the Buddha Is truly hard to fathom.

一一稱2名2、眾表罪於滅法;臨於終素時产,佛を來於接些。 yī chēng míng zhòng zuì miè lín zhōng shí fó lái jiē

One sound of the Buddha's name Eradicates all offenses; Then at the end of life, The Buddha comes to take you [to the West].

下子中之上式,根系不文齊兰;一一句出佛記,同型生豆西王。 xià zhōng shàng gēn bù qí yí jù fó tóng shēng xī

Those with inferior, medium, and superior faculties Differ in their potentials.

Yet with one recitation of the Buddha's name,

All are reborn into the West.

既止往至生了,皆在不足、;親子見當佛臣,得至授民記也。 jì wǎng shēng jiē bú tuì qīn jiàn fó dé shòu jì

After being reborn, They will not retreat. They will meet the Buddha in person And receive predictions.

淨土土久宗》,真告簡告要求;協士時《機士,妙量中之妙量。 jìng dù zōng zhēn jiǎn yào xié shí jī miào zhōng miào

The Pure Land School Is really concise and direct. It accords both with time and potentials And is wondrous within the wonderful.









The Dharma of Repentance



上於十戶宗》,已一說《完》;懺於悔私法》,更必須正探教。 shàng shí zōng yǐ shuō wán chàn huǐ fǎ gèng xū tàn

The Ten Schools above Have just been enumerated. The Dharma of Repentance Will now be investigated.



慈女悲之懺述,何至人员集上?誌业公答答,高《僧之十户。 cí bēi chàn hé rén jí zhì gōng děng gāo sēng shí

Who wrote and Compiled the *Kindness Repentance*? It was authored by Master Zhi Gong Together with nine other eminent monks.

梁zi武xi帝立,心云至当誠主;度交故炎妻兰,脫茎蟒是形云。 liáng wǔ dì xīn zhì chéng dù gù qī tuō mǎng xíng Emperor Wu of the Liang Dynasty Was extremely sincere.

He helped save his deceased wife From a python's body.

唐新悟《建築,有或風於業形;人界面景瘡素,生豆於山膝工。 táng wù dá yǒu sù yè rén miàn chuāng shēng yú xī

Master Wu Da of the Tang Dynasty Had a karmic obstruction from the past; A human-faced sore Festered on his knee.



遇山神学僧生,為於洗玉冤異;三年昧玉水菜,澆菜即生痊氣。 yù shén sēng wèi xǐ yuān sān mèi shuǐ jiāo jí quán

He encountered a divine monk, Who helped dissolve the hatred. He applied samadhi-water And the sore was cured.

作於水梨懺系,後云世产傳義;如果法於行至,利杰無×邊景。 zuò shuǐ chàn hòu shì chuán rú fǎ xíng lì wú biān Thereafter he wrote the *Water Repentance*; This work endures to the present times. If one practices this Dharma accordingly, Then one receives boundless benefits.



### The Many Dharmas



為<sup></sup>之學是者書,須<sup>1</sup>知<sup>+</sup>法<sup>2</sup>;染<sup>B</sup>與<sup>1</sup>淨<sup>2</sup>, 善<sup>B</sup>分<sup>5</sup>別<sup>2</sup><sub>2</sub>。 wéi xué zhě xū zhī fǎ rǎn yǔ jìng shàn fēn bié

As a practitioner of Buddhism, One needs to know the Dharma. One should also be skilled at distinguishing between What is defiled and pure.

色金受灵想录,並示行示識, **此**, **五**, <u>福</u>, **本**空灵寂中。 sè shòu xiǎng bìng xíng shì cǐ wǔ yùn běn kōng jí

Form, feeling, cognition, Formation, and consciousness ---**These Five Skandhas** In fact are all empty.

眼球耳<sup>1</sup><sup>\*</sup>鼻<sup>2</sup>,舌<sup>2</sup>身<sup>2</sup>意<sup>-</sup>;此<sup>\*</sup>六<sup>2</sup><sub>2</sub>根<sup>2</sup>,應<sup>2</sup>須<sup>1</sup>記<sup>1</sup>。 yǎn ěr bí shé shēn yì cǐ liù gēn yīng xū jì

The eyes, ears, nose, The tongue, body, and mind --These are the Six Sense Faculties And should be remembered.



色金聲了香菜,味č觸ź法菜;此步六羹塵多,亦一須正識产。 sè shēng xiāng wèi chù fǎ cǐ liù chén yì xū shì

The sights, sounds, smells, The tastes, objects of touch, and dharmas Are the Six Sense Objects, And should also be understood.

前京六家根《,與山六家塵私,十八二山處私,常私相報親美。 gián liù gēn yǔ liù chén shí èr chù cháng xiāng gīn

The previous Six Sense Faculties And the Six Sense Objects, Make up the Twelve Places; They mutually complement one another. 根《塵子接書,有云六瓷識》;十四八字界畫,從差此が立态。 gēn chén jiē yǒu liù shì shí bā jiè cóng cǐ lì

When the faculties and objects come into contact, The Six Consciousnesses arise; And the Eighteen Realms Are thus established.




## 識的轉依和淨化 Transforming and Purifying the Consciousnesses

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末で那評識が、為を第二七二;阿、賴新耶亚、第二八評識が。 mò nà shì wéi dì gī ā lài yé dì bā shì

The manas (Transmitting) Consciousness Is the seventh.

The *ālaya* (Storehouse) Consciousness Is the eighth.

**八章種業識产,為そ心于王**差;轉素成至智士,性正發至光素。 bā zhǒng shì wéi xīn wáng zhuǎn chéng zhì xìng fā guāng

The eight kinds of consciousness Are the kings of the mind. When they transform into wisdom, The nature will emit light.

大空国导镜之,平空等空性之,妙云觀《察》,成正所至作至。 dà yuán jìng píng děng xìng miào guān chá chéng suǒ zuò

The Great Perfect Mirror, The Equal Nature, The Wonderfully Observing, The Accomplishing Any Undertaking ---

此步四公智业,一一心员圆步;八个識了轉奏,體本用公全員。 cǐ sì zhì yī xīn yuán bā shì zhuǎn tǐ yòng quán

These Four Wisdoms Are perfected within the one mind. With these Eight Consciousnesses turned, The functioning of the body becomes complete.



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## 成佛之特徵 The Characteristics of Becoming a Buddha



日共法家身了,日共報家身了,日共應正身了,是广三台身了。 yuē fǎ shēn yuē bào shēn yuē yìng shēn shì sān shēn

The Dharma Body, The Reward Body, And the Response Body Constitute the Three Bodies.

自下受受用出,他等受受用出;一一報記身了,說是二儿用出。 zì shòu yòng tā shòu yòng yī bào shēn shuō èr yòng

The Self Enjoyment Body, The Body That Brings Enjoyments to Others, These two functions just discussed Are within the one Reward Body.

胎童生了身引、變音化系身引、此が二儿種業、皆貴應正身引。 tāi shēng shēn biàn huà shēn cǐ èr zhǒng jiē yìng shēn

The womb-born body, And the transformation-born body, These two are both The Response Body.

約其為之三台,開展為之五×;相至無×定至,隨之機生睹公。 yuē wéi sān kāi wéi wǔ xiàng wú dìng suí jī dǔ

In brief, there are Three Bodies; In detail, there are five. Their appearances are not fixed, Each accords with the varying conditions of the perceiver.

有文肉、眼或,有文天、眼或,有文慧、眼或,有文法、眼或, yǒu ròu yǎn yǒu tiān yǎn yǒu huì yǎn yǒu fǎ yǎn

The Flesh Eye, The Heavenly Eye, The Wisdom Eye, The Dharma Eye,



並空佛記眼或,名亞五×眼或;見當所記見當,皆其無×限或。 bìng fó yǎn míng wǔ yǎn jiàn suǒ jiàn jiē wú xiàn

Along with the Buddha Eye Are called the Five Eyes. The seeing and the seen Are all unlimited.

天意眼或通影,天意耳心通影,他於心下通影,宿於命止通影, tiān vǎn tōng tiān ěr tōng tā xīn tōng

The psychic power of the Heavenly Eye, That of the Heavenly Ear, That of Reading Others' Minds, That of Knowing Past Lives,

神子境上通至,漏交盡去通至。聖子與此凡長,各些不至同至。 shén jìng tōng lòu jìn tōng shèng yǔ fán gè bù tóng

That of the Perfect Spirit, And that of Total Freedom from Outflows, Sages and mortal beings Differ in these Six Psychic Powers.

## sù mìna tōna

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## 正法與解脫

The Proper Dharma and Liberation



日#苦菜集型,日#滅量道氣;四公諦型法型,須正尋型討麼。 yuē kǔ jí yuē miè dào sì dì fǎ xū xún tǎo

The Truths of suffering, of accumulation, Of cessation of suffering, and the Path to that cessation Are the Four Noble Truths; One should inquire into them.



自r無×明z,至z老z死x;十r二r因z,為č緣bz起z。 zì wú míng zhì lǎo sǐ shí èr yīn wéi yuán qǐ

From ignorance To old age and death; These Twelve Dependent Originations Arise from conditions.

順於流菜轉素,逆、還所滅量;當2處於空菜,無×分5別量。 shùn liú zhuǎn nì hái miè dāng chù kōng wú fēn bié

If one follows ignorance, one will be turned; If one resists ignorance, one will attain cessation. Both of these are empty in themselves And are not different in any way.

布文施产度文、持行戒量度文、忍思辱思度文、精量進量度文、 bù shī dù chí jiè dù rěn rù dù jīng iìn dù

The Perfection of Giving, That of upholding Moral Precepts, That of Patience, That of Vigor,

禪武定至度效、智兰慧至度效,自下他至苦致,從至此于度效。 chán dìng dù zhì huì dù zì tā kǔ cóng cǐ dù

That of Dhyana Samadhi, And that of Prajna-wisdom --These Six Paramitas Will end all suffering for both self and others. 慈\*與『悲?,喜"與『捨》,四《無×量",稱2聖之者》。 cí yǔ bēi xǐ yǔ shě sì wú liàng chēng shèng zhě Compassion, kindness, Joy and equanimity Are the Four Limitless Minds; With these four, one is called a sage.

日日常主樂至,日日我至淨了,此一四二德至,涅重樂音證之。 yuē cháng lè yuē wǒ jìng cǐ sì dé niè pán zhèng

Permanence, Joy, **True Self and Purity** Are the Four Virtues of Nirvana; With these four, one realizes Nirvana.

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## 六凡與四聖

The Six Worldly Beings and the Four Sagely Beings





有述情之界故,說是六家凡好;三台途交苦致,須日先音論教。 yǒu gíng jiè shuō liù fán sān tú kǔ xū xiān lùn

The realm of sentient beings Consists of the Six Mortal Beings. The suffering of the Three Evil Paths Must be first discussed.

日世地学就山、日世観ざ鬼教、日世畜教生了、苦致無、比之。 yuē dì yù yuē è guǐ yuē chù shēng kǔ wú bǐ Hell beings, Hungry ghosts,

And animals,

Their suffering is measureless.

日世天意道公,日世人员道公,日世修灵羅之,樂之事一少公。 yuē tiān dào yuē rén dào yuē xiū luó lè shì shǎo

Gods, Humans, And asuras, Their happiness is only fleeting.

日世聲了開於,日世緣世覺世,取於滅世度於,為於獨於樂許。 yuē shēng wén yuē yuán jué qǔ miè dù wéi dú lè

Voice-Hearers, Those Enlightened by Conditions, Strive to attain Nirvana, But attain happiness only for themselves.



曰其菩灸薩令,曰其如灵來多,撫云眾类生了,如灵嬰乙孩分。 yuē pú sà yuē rú lái fǔ zhòng shēng rú yīng hái

The Bodhisattvas And the Tathagathas Bring peace to the beings, And see them as young children.

此が四ム聖公,並会六型凡量,為之十, cǐ sì shèng bìng liù fán wéi shí

The Four Realms of Sages And the Six Realms of Mortal Beings Make up the Ten Dharma Realms; All ten are encompassed within the One Nature.



## The Material World







既生論系身引,須正論系土系;土系為ぞ依一,身引為ぞ主素。 jì lùn shēn xū lùn dù dù wéi yī shēn wéi zhǔ

To discuss the body, We must discuss the land in which it lives. The land is the secondary retribution; The body is the primary retribution.

四公大学洲党,共学鐵臺圍之;七至金貴山居,繞緊須亞彌里。 sì dà zhōu gòng tiế wéi qī jīn shān rào xū mí

Four continents compose a world; Mt. Sumeru stands in the center. The Rings of the Iron Mountains And the Seven Gold Mountains encircle it.



為之大空地空,風之力空持行;水之火之金之,不定相正離空。 fēng lì chí shuǐ huǒ jīn bù xiāng lí

The earth comes into being Through the supporting power of the wind wheel. The same for the water wheel, the fire wheel, and the metal wheel, Layer upon layer without separation.

水系輪系含量,十一方是界量;性型流型動系,如影何至載量? shuǐ lún hán shí fāng jiè xìng liú dòng rú hé zài

The wheel of water Pervades everywhere throughout the ten directions; Its nature is flowing and fluid, So how does it contain things?

業〒力型持ィ,得型自門在影;風Z金苔摩型,火發現素彩素。 yè lì chí dé zì zài fēng jīn mó huǒ xiàn cǎi

The wheels are supported by the power of karma, And are able to move in their own courses. The friction between the wind wheel and the metal wheel Blazes forth in colorful flames.





蕃。摩里果義,比亞國家浮家;果範體空國部,國家如果越家。 ān mó guờ bì yán fú guờ tỉ yuán yuán rú qiú

We compare the *amala* fruit To the Saha World; With its round shape, Just like a ball.

彼之上至下去,與"四公周费;人界與"物义,如果何至留意? bǐ shàng xià yǔ sì zhōu rén yǔ wù rú hé liú

How can beings and material things, Above and beneath the earth, And throughout the four directions, All be supported by the round sphere? 《楞江嚴京經江》,秘口密口說是;善空會至通至,不至可至執些。 léng ván iīng mì mì shuō shàn huì tōng bù kě zhí

The Shurangama Sutra Speaks of this esoterically; One should remain perceptive And not be attached.

日 『與 」 月 w , 繞 w 虛 l 空 ? ; 不 x 墮 ễ 落 ễ , 誰 ễ 之 u 功 ? ? rì yǔ yuè rào xū kōng bú duò luò shuí zhī gōng The sun and moon Orbit in space Without falling, Whose merit powers this?

有证過意去近,有证現前在所,有正未在來的,三自世的改新。 yǒu guò qù yǒu xiàn zài yǒu wèi lái sān shì dǎi

The past,

The present,

The future,

These three periods of time keep changing.

南引與此北部,西王與此東京,並至四山維於,上至下亞通至。 nán yử běi xī yử dōng bìng sì wéi shàng xià tōng

The north, the south,

The east and the west

Make up the Four Cardinal Directions;

Above and below, they integrate with each other.

觀《十一方記,人界在界中意;人界居出地型,地型居出空影。 guān shí fāng rén zài zhōng rén jū dì dì jū kōng

When observing the Ten Directions, Humans are positioned in the center; They dwell on the earth, While the earth dwells in space.

數水此が地点,至此大於千葉;凡等聖公居出,各些有家緣是。 shǔ cỉ dì zhì dà giān fán shèng jū gè vǒu vuán

From the earth Outwards towards the Great Universe of Worlds, We see sages and mortal beings living in each one, According to their affinities.

同菜居出土象,方证便菜土象,實产報菜土象,寂土光、土象, tóng jū dù fāng biàn dù shí bào dù jí guāng dù

The Shared Land, The Expedient Land, The True Reward Land, And the Still Light Land



Are the Four Lands, As categorized in the Tiantai Teaching. The first two are coarse; The last two are subtle.

法导性型土象, 淨型化系土象, 染影化系土象, 分子三角土象。 fǎ xìng dù jìng huà dù rǎn huà dù fēn sān dù

The Land of Dharma Nature, The Land of Pure Transformation, And the Land of Defiled Transformation Are the three lands --

賢言首於教堂,如果是『說言;從意本於源堂,生豆枝"節葉。 xián shǒu jiào rú shì shuō cóng běn yuán shēng zhī jié

As taught In the Xian Shou School. All these lands branch out From the root.



娑娑婆娑界葉,極些樂娑界葉,華空藏是界葉,及生餘世界葉。 suō pó jiè jí lè jiè huá zàng jiè jí yú jiè

The Saha Realm, The Realm of Ultimate Bliss, The Flower Store Realm, And other realms.

界並非行界並,非行界並界並;重至重至涉至,各至無×礙可。 jiè fēi jiè fēi jiè jiè chóng chóng shè gè wú ài

The realms and the non-realms, The non-realms and the realms, Layer upon layer integrated, None obstruct each other.

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On Exhorting Learning: The Successive Stages of Learning Buddhadharma



學是佛是者要,首要在是信意;信意而此解要,解我而此行意。 xué fó zhě shǒu zài xìn xìn ér jiě jiě ér xíng

For those who learn the Buddhadharma, Faith is first and foremost, Followed by understanding, And then by practice.

由文解於行於,至於於於證書;識於次前第二,辨言邪並正書。 yóu jiě xíng zhì yú zhèng shì cì dì biàn xié zhèng

With understanding one practices Until one realizes Bodhi. One should be aware of the stages, Discerning the correct from the incorrect. 宗之說是通之,理如事心融之;破到我主教业,第二一一功义。 zōng shuō tōng lǐ shì róng pò wǒ zhí dì yī gōng

One should understand both Chan and Teachings, Fuse both principles and phenomena, Until one breaks all attachments to ego And accomplishes the greatest work.

四公司让離之,百分非行遣於;安全念於消蒙,真告性正顯示。 sì jù lí bǎi fēi qiǎn wàng niàn xiāo zhēn xìng xiǎn

One casts aside the Four Sentences And dispels the Hundred Negations. When one's false thoughts are eliminated, One's true nature manifests.



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先賢懿範

Ancient Virtuous Ones: Past Worthies' Role Models





古《之业人》,行证履改篤公;言可不知難,、心而不致曲公。 gǔ zhī rén xíng lǚ dǔ yán bù kuáng xīn bù qū

The ancient ones Were sincere in conduct. Their speech devoid of deceit, Their minds free of crookedness.

守录清兰素文,如思慧云開景; 遇世盡古施产,不云積出財素。 shǒu qīng sù rú huì kāi jié jìn shī bù jī cái

Some exemplified observing a life of poverty, Just like Master Hui Kai. He gave exhaustively, Never hoarding any wealth.

自r 潔素者素,如z 道 盆林菜;入z 深云山母,遠安女子人母。 zì jié zhě rú dào lín rù shēn shān yuǎn nǚ rén

Some exemplified preserving purity, Just like Master Dao Lin. He traveled deep into the mountains To avoid meeting the opposite sex.

尊於師『者書,如是道念安日;服是苦圣役一,心是自下甘等。 zūn shī zhě rú dào ān fú kǔ yì xīn zì gān

Some exemplified respecting teachers, Just like Master Dao An. He did hard labor as assigned, Willingly and wholeheartedly.

孝云親云者書,如見道盈丕之;為之養正母以,自下忍思饑生。 xiào qīn zhě rú dào pī wèi yǎng mǔ zì rěn jī

Some exemplified filial respect to their parents, Just like Master Dao Pi. He endured hunger To sustain his mother's life.

父ऽ捐售軀í,為č報益國答;丕者苦菜求ź,骨炎躍呈出爻。 fù juān qū wèi bào guó pī kǔ qiú gǔ yuè chū His father sacrificed his life on the battlefield, To repay his country. Dao Pi prayed earnestly, And the bones suddenly jumped up.



高《尚云者書,如》道《恆江;避之榮之命云,入》深了山弓。 gāo shàng zhě rú dào héng bì róng mìng rù shēn shān

Some exemplified noble conduct, Just like Master Dao Heng. He entered a deep mountain To avoid power and status.

感察應了者對,如果道象生了;石严點意頭對,聽言講我經生。 gǎn yìng zhě rú dào shēng shí diǎn tóu tīng jiǎng jīng

Some exemplified evoking responses, Just like Master Dao Sheng. He lectured on the Sutras And caused the rocks to nod in agreement.



求卖通菜經型,如果靈型辨素;骨炎肉異穿着,妙型義→顯示。 qiú tōng jīng rú líng biàn gǔ ròu chuān miào yì xiǎn

Some exemplified mastering Sutras, Just like Master Ling Bian. He practiced to the point of sustaining injury, And wondrous meanings emerged.

沖之舉出者書,尼·淨之檢書;凌空霄五台,身子冉界冉界。 chōng jǔ zhě ní jìng jiǎn líng xiāo qù shēn rǎn rǎn

Some soared to the sky, Just like Bhikshuni Jing Jian. She ascended to the heavens With a lingering silhouette.



神学解读者書,李型通言玄影;《華色嚴可論系》,千言古》傳義。 shén jiě zhě lǐ tōng xuán huá yán lùn qiān gǔ chuán

Some exemplified divine understanding, Just like Li Tongxuan. His Treatises on the Avatamsaka Has passed down through the ages.

機<sup>1</sup> 捷音畫,靈空照蓋女子;老盈龐老公之,徒交延可佇类。 jī jié zhě líng zhào nǚ lǎo páng gōng tú yán zhù

Some exemplified quick wit and nimbleness, Just like Laywoman Ling Zhao, The daughter of Elder Pang. Outsmarted, Pang postponed his Nirvana.

舉出十戶德記,勵之初之學品;依一此於修品,成正光覺品。 jǔ shí dé lì chū xué yī cǐ xiū chéng zhèng jué

These ten exemplars of virtue Are meant to encourage beginners. Relying upon these teachings, One can realize the Proper Enlightenment.





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## Conclusion





三章字》偈出,隨至分子說至;如果風呈過至,萬多籟多歇量。 sān zì jì suí fèn shuō rú fēng guò wàn lài xiē

These three-character verses Were spoken according to conditions. Like the silence that follows a passing breeze, [These lines approach their end].

非行有求言求,非行無义言求;會行此が意一,是产真告註。 fēi yǒu yán fēi wú yán huì cǐ yì shì zhēn quán It is neither spoken, Nor not-spoken; If one understands this, Then that very understanding is the Truth.

## 迴向偈

普願諸眾生	心光常聚明
共享和平果	善念熾燃現
若有見聞者	隨喜此迴向
其心自然覺	悲智常安樂
行善福德護	眾苦得解脫
無量心光耀	能破長夜闇
眾生同此心	娑婆成淨土
悲智悉圆满	悲智悉圆满

## Dedication of Merit

May every living being, Our minds as one and radiant with light, Share the fruits of peace, With hearts of goodness, luminous and bright. If people hear and see, How hands and hearts can find in giving, unity. May their minds awake, To Great Compassion, wisdom and to joy. May kindness find reward, May all who sorrow leave their grief and pain; May this boundless light, Break the darkness of their endless night. Because our hearts are one, This world of pain turns into Paradise. May all become compassionate and wise, May all become compassionate and wise.

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