

The Shurangama Mantra

An Explanation of this Issue's Cover Verse

Verses and Commentary by Tripitaka Master Hua

MANTRA: 99. SA LA PE

VERSE:

**Representing the Buddha to proclaim and teach all creatures,
All the secret hosts of magical spirits
Protect and uphold the proper Dharma so it long dwells in the world.
Maha Prajna enlightens all with sentience.**

COMMENTARY:

SA LA PE means "all." "All what? All the secret Dharma protecting good spirits and the Vajra Secret Traces Spirits. The good Dharma protecting spirits subdue heavenly demons and those of outside ways. **Representing the Buddha to proclaim and teach all creatures / all the secret hosts of magical spirits / protect and uphold the proper Dharma so it long dwells in the world.** These good spirits represent the Buddha in spreading the Dharma to teach all creatures. They teach and transform us living beings. "Magical spirits" refers to the Vajra Secret Traces Spirits. **Maha Prajna enlightens all with sentience.** They use great wisdom to teach, transform, and enlighten living beings, so they ascend the other shore and attain the utmost right and perfect enlightenment.