

The Shurangama Mantra

An Explanation of this Issue's Cover Verse

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MANTRA: 100. BWO DWO JYE LA HE

VERSE:

**With the root-line of the Great Vehicle, the Buddha's Summit,
One vastly saves conscious creatures so they leave the bog of pain.
Empty space may come to an end, but one's vows have no end.
Until all ascend the other shore of profound Prajna!**

COMMENTARY:

BWO DWO refers to "summit," as in the Great Buddha's Summit. **JYE LA HE** means "line," or "lineage." **With the root-line of the Great Vehicle, the Buddha's Summit.** This is the Great Vehicle as opposed to the two vehicles. This is the highest, most lofty Dharma, that of the Buddha's Summit. "Root-line" refers to those with this disposition.

One vastly saves conscious creatures so they leave the bog of pain. The Great Vehicle stands for casting aside oneself in order to help others. It means forgetting about yourself in order to save all creatures. "Conscious creatures" are those with blood and breath. All can escape from drowning in the sea of suffering.

Empty space may come to an end, but one's vows have no end. Great Vehicle people make vows saying, "Empty space may come to an end, but my vow-power to save living beings will never end."**Until all ascend the other shore of profound Prajna!** They want all living beings to ascend the other shore of Nirvana and gain deep Prajna-wisdom, the ultimate Prajna wisdom.