

## 西方極樂是君家

The Western  
Land of  
Ultimate Bliss  
Is Your Home

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這持名念佛是末法時代，最重要的一個法門，所以現在普遍一般人，都相信這個念佛法門。這念佛法門不要把它看輕了。永明壽禪師念一聲「南無阿彌陀佛」，在口裡就有一尊化佛出來，當時有五眼六通的人都看得見。他念一句「南無阿彌陀佛」，從他口裡就生出一尊化佛，所以這念佛的功德是不可思議的。並且你這一念佛，你這裡就放光，啊！你這一放光，那個妖魔鬼怪，他就都遠而避之，跑遠遠的。所以這念佛的功德是非常地不可思議的。

要明白世界無論什麼事情，都不是一定的。若有一定的，那是已經做成的；凡是沒有成事實的，就不會有一定，就可以有轉變的。好像我們每一個人，本來沒有生西方極樂世界的資格，但是你一念「南無阿彌陀佛」，每一個人都有生西方極樂世界的資格了，就看你念不念。你若念，做不到的也能做得到，即使生西方極樂世界本來很困難的，但是也能做到。你若不念呢？做到的也做不到了。你若不念「南無阿彌陀佛」，本來可以生極樂世界，你一念就生了，但是你不念，就不生了，就做不到了。

所以這世間的事情是無有定法的，《金剛經》上說的，沒有定法，是名阿耨多羅三藐三菩提，這就是無上正等正覺一個方法。我們要發大勇猛心，不怕苦、不怕難、不怕凍、不怕餓，勇猛向前，走到極樂世界為止。我們念「南無阿彌陀佛」，這才是真的。我們念「南無阿彌陀佛」，了生死是最要緊的。

In the Dharma-ending Age, recitation of the Buddha's name is a most important Dharma-door. Don't take it lightly. Every time Dhyana Master Yong Mingshou, the Sixth Patriarch of the Pure Land School, recited the Buddha's name, a transformation Buddha came out of his mouth. Those with the Five Eyes and Six Spiritual Penetrations could see it. When you recite the Buddha's name, you emit a light which frightens all weird creatures and strange ghosts away. They run far, far away and leave you alone. So the merit and virtue of holding the Buddha's name is inconceivable.

In this world, nothing is fixed before it happens. The future can always be changed. For example, before we recited "Namo Amitabha Buddha," we didn't have the qualifications to be reborn in the Land of Ultimate Bliss. Once we recite, we become qualified. Even if originally it would have been difficult for you to be reborn in the West, once you recite it becomes possible. On the other hand, even if you could be reborn in the West with a single recitation, if you don't recite once, you won't get there.

So nothing is fixed. The Vajra Sutra says, "There are no fixed dharmas. This is called Anuttarasamyaksambodhi." That is the method for attaining unsurpassed, proper and equal, right enlightenment. We should advance courageously, undaunted by suffering, difficulty, cold, and hunger, until we arrive at the Land of Ultimate Bliss. Reciting "Namo Amitabha Buddha" is what really counts. In reciting, the most important thing is to end birth and death.