

—切衆生救命之寶——楞嚴神咒 (續)

Shurangama Mantra —the Treasure That Saves All Beings (continued)

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《楞嚴經》上佛又說誦持《楞嚴 咒》:「欲求果報圓滿,速得圓滿。 身命色力,亦復如是。」誦持《楞嚴 咒》你想求果報圓滿,速得圓滿,並 可把你無量劫以來,累世帶來的業障 徹底消除。正如上人所說,常誦持〈

The Buddha in the *Shurangama Sutra* also talked about reciting the Shurangama Mantra: "What they wish to accomplish they will quickly accomplish. In the same way, they will also have health, good fortune, beauty, and strength." When you recite the "Shurangama Mantra," if you want to seek the perfect retribution, you will quickly obtain it. Your karmic obstacles from countless

楞嚴咒〉:「無論怎麼樣重的罪都 消滅了,連一根頭髮那麼多都沒 有了。」沒有業障的糾纏,不但 身心能獲得清淨,再加上楞嚴會 上佛菩薩的護持,為人處事各方面 當然更圓融順暢,乃至常會有意 想不到的結果。

而何謂「楞嚴」? 「楞嚴」是 梵語,中譯為「一切事究竟堅固」 亦即「定」之義。這個定是定中之 王,三昧(註1)中之定。

而何謂「一切事」?上人說:「 所謂『一切事』就是不論什麼事 都包括在內,所有山河大地、房 廊屋舍、所有的人物、胎、卵、 溼、化,這些種種問題、種種的 道理,這都叫『一切事』。」

所以,只要你常誦持〈楞嚴咒〉,你想身體健康,就能得到健康;你想命好,命就好;你想容貌膚色長青,就能長青;你想身體有力,就有力;這一切也都和求長命一樣速得圓滿、速得究竟堅固(即徹底堅固)如你所願。

套一句現代人常用的話,常誦 持〈楞嚴咒〉者可「凍齡」。不 過,和一般世俗所謂的「凍齡」 者不同的是,他們命該絕時就得 走,而常誦持〈楞嚴咒〉「求長 命者,即得長命。」,想活多久 就可活多久;除非你自己不想活太 久,來生另有目的,想移民到西 方極樂世界或至其他微塵世界去 教化眾生,自「坐化」了生,那 kalpas can be completely eradicated. As the Venerable Master said, reciting and holding the Shurangama Mantra frequently: "No matter how serious the karmic offenses are, they will be eliminated, not even a single hair (of the offenses) will be left." Without the entanglement of karma, not only can the body and mind be purified, but also with the support of the Buddhas and Bodhisattvas at the Shurangama Assembly, of course, people and things will be more harmonious and smooth in all aspects, and there will often be unexpected results.

And what is "Shurangama"? "Shurangama" is a Sanskrit word, translated in Chinese as "everything is ultimately firm", that is, "concentration". This concentration is the king of concentration, the concentration in Samadhi¹.

And what is "everything"? The Venerable Master said, "The so-called 'everything' means everything is included no matter what—all the mountains, rivers, land, houses, buildings, all people, all beings born from fetuses, eggs, moisture, and transformation; all problems, all kinds of principles, all these are called 'everything."

Therefore, as long as you often recite the Shurangama Mantra, if you want to be healthy, you will be healthy; if you want to have a good life, your life will be good; If you want to look young, you will be young-looking; if you want your body to be strong, you will be strong; all of these can be achieved as quickly as seeking longevity, and the ultimate firmness (that is, complete firmness) can be achieved quickly as you wish.

To paraphrase a common saying among modern people, those who often recite the Shurangama Mantra can be "ageless". However, unlike the so-called "ageless" people in the secular world, they have to die when their lives are about to end whereas those who often recite the Shurangama Mantra can live as long as they want: "If people wish for a long life, they will live a long life." Your lifespan depends on your wish; unless you don't want to live too long and you have another purpose in your next life whereby you want to "immigrate" to the Western Pureland or to other worlds to teach and educate sentient beings, and "to pass away while sitting in meditation," that's another

(註1) 三昧:上人説: 「三昧就是正定正受,就是令你心不散亂,沒有這麼多雜念。」

¹ Samadhi: The Venerable Master said: "Samadhi is proper concentration and proper perception, which means that your mind will not be scattered and you will not have so many discursive thoughts."

另當別論。否則,天主和閻王都奈何不了你,甚至還做你最忠實的護法,因為你是「無上甚深微妙法,百千萬 切難遭遇。」——〈楞嚴咒〉的修持者。

所以,上人在「正法代表-天地 靈文楞嚴神咒」的開示中說:「〈楞 嚴咒〉是天地間的靈文,靈文中的靈 文,秘中之秘,無上法寶,一切眾生 救命之寶。」

上人說:「佛法就是妙法」,而有 咒中之王稱謂的〈楞嚴咒〉也可說是 「妙中之妙」,靈妙不可思議中的靈 妙不可思議。上人也說過〈楞嚴咒〉 是「正法的代表」,「在佛教裡再沒 有比〈楞嚴咒〉更重要了。」

〈楞嚴咒〉也可說是「浩然正氣的 化身」,充滿無限的正能量,其威力 之強大,深不可測。而〈楞嚴咒〉更 是天地間驅魔降妖最有力的真言(密 語)。你一誦〈楞嚴咒〉,上人說: 「那些魑魅魍魎都逃到它們所不能逃 的地方躲起來,不敢公然出現於世, 為非作歹。」所以上人說:「〈楞嚴 咒〉是支持天地沒有毀滅的靈文,〈 楞嚴咒〉是支持世界不到末日的靈 文。

世界上若有一人會唸〈楞嚴咒〉, 這世界就不會毀滅,佛法也不會毀滅 的。等到世上沒有人會唸〈楞嚴咒〉 時,這世界就快毀滅了,因為正法不 存在了。」

總之,誦持〈楞嚴咒〉能獲致極 不可思議的境界,此種境界絕非一般 科學家和凡夫俗子所能窺知。唯有深 信〈楞嚴咒〉且誠心誦持者,方能略 知一二,體會其奧妙。



matter. Otherwise, neither God nor King Yama will be able to do anything to you, and they will even be your most loyal Dharma protector, because you are a practitioner of the Shurangama Mantra—the most profound and subtle Dharma, which is difficult to encounter in millions of kalpas.

Therefore, the Venerable Master said in the lecture of "The Shurangama Mantra—The Efficacious Language of Heaven and Earth as well as a symbol of the Proper Dharma"—"The Shurangama Mantra is the universe's magic text, the magical syllables among magical syllables, the mysterious among the mysterious, the best Dharma treasure. It's the treasure that saves all beings."

The Venerable Master said, "The Buddhadharma is the wonderful Dharma", and the Shurangama Mantra, which is called the king of mantras, can also be said to be "the most wondrous of the wondrous", the efficacious, wonderful and inconceivable among the efficacious, wonderful and inconceivable. The Venerable Master also said that the Shurangama Mantra is "a symbol of the proper Dharma" and "there is nothing more important than the Shurangama Mantra in Buddhism."

It is also "a transformation of the vastly proper energy" full of infinite positive energy, its power is so powerful that it is unfathomable. And the Shurangama Mantra is the most powerful mantra (secret language) for exorcising demons and subduing monsters in the world. As soon as you recite the Shurangama Mantra, the Venerable Master said, "Those demons and monsters flee to places where they cannot escape, and hide, not daring to openly appear in the world to do evil." Therefore, the Venerable Master said: "The Shurangama Mantra is a force that sustains heaven and earth. It delays their extinction. It is the very spiritual force which prevents the world from coming to an end.

As long as a single person can recite the Shurangama Mantra, the world cannot be destroyed, nor can the Buddhadharma. But when there is no longer anyone who can recite the Shurangama Mantra, then very quickly the world will be destroyed, because the Proper Dharma no longer abides." In short, reciting and holding the Shurangama Mantra can lead to an extremely inconceivable state, which cannot be seen by ordinary scientists and ordinary people. Only those who firmly believe in the Shurangama Mantra and sincerely recite and uphold it can know a little bit about it and appreciate what's behind it.

20 To be continued