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Why Should We Study the Infinite Life Sutra



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What is the Infinite
Life Sutra ?



(1) What is the *Infinite Life Sutra* ?

The Infinite Life Sutra
(無量壽經)

*The Mahayana Sutra on Infinite Life, Dignity,
Clarity and Equal Consciousness*
(佛說大乘無量壽莊嚴清淨平等覺經)



(2) What is the *Sutra of Immeasurable Life* ?

This sutra is the Mahayana Buddhism that Shakyamuni Buddha spoke for all sentient beings. It tells of the infinite beauty of the living environment of the Infinite Life Buddha's realm of ultimate bliss, which is inexhaustible. And also tells the everyone in the region has achieved a pure mind, an equal mind, and a complete realisation of the truth of the universe and of life. And teach us how to seek the Pure Land.

釋迦牟尼佛為一切眾生說，大乘法中，無量壽佛極樂世界的生活環境無量美好，說之不盡；以及當地人民，人人皆是成就清淨心、平等心，徹底覺悟，明了宇宙人生的真相。並教導我們如何求生淨土的一部經。

(2) The guideline and purpose of the practice of the Sutra of Immeasurable Life

Generate the Bodhi mind (菩提心),
continuously chant 'Amitabha
Buddha.'

(發菩提心，一向專念，阿彌陀佛。)



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The Benefits of
studying this Sutra



(1) The Benefits of studying this Sutra



And there is the 普賢菩薩 and 文殊師利菩薩.
(又有普賢菩薩，文殊師利菩薩)

(1) The Benefits of studying this Sutra

Because this sutra is the original text of the Han, Wei, Tang, and Song dynasties, it is elegant and simple, and if one reads it well, one can realise the method of writing from it, and it can make the realm of writing become high and wonderful.

因此經皆漢魏唐宋原文，雅潔簡練故；熟讀能悟作文方法故；能使文境高妙故。

(1) The Benefits of studying this Sutra

No matter whether you are a military officer or a politician, a student or a businessman, you need to study this classic. Because it can help us to overcome greed, anger and stupidity; it can eliminate karmic obstacles and correct our habits; it can increase our blessings and open up our wisdom; it can correct people's hearts and minds and change their customs and traditions; and it can eliminate disasters and make our country prosperous and the world peaceful.

因其能對治貪嗔癡故；消業去習故；增福開慧故；能矯正人心移風易俗故；能消災化劫，使國運昌隆，世界平安故。

(1) The Benefits of studying this Sutra



Pure Land Dharma: Mahayana Sutra、One Vehicle Dharma(一乘法)

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How to implement this Sutra



(1) Major Exercises

Generate the Bodhi mind (菩提心), continuously chant Amitabha Buddha. (發菩提心，一向專念，阿彌陀佛。)

the genuine aspiration to be reborn in the Pure Land, this one mindful thought, is the supreme Bodhi mind. (真正發心求生淨土，這一念心就是無上菩提心。)

A seafaring man needs to rely on a compass to guide his way. If one wants to leave the bitter sea of life and death and go directly to the Pure Land, one needs to use bodhicitta as a compass. (航海者，賴指南針以定方向。欲出生死苦海，直登極樂彼岸者，則賴菩提心以為導引。)

(2) Auxiliary Exercise

淨業三福：

1. Be filial to your parents, serve your teachers, be compassionate, don't kill, and practice the Ten Good Deeds. (孝養父母，奉事師長，慈心不殺，修十善業。)

Ten Good Deeds: not killing, not stealing, not have sex outside of your marriage, not speaking delusionally, not stirring up dissension, not speaking foul language, not speaking meaningless words, not being greedy, not losing one's temper, and not being foolish. (不殺生、不偷盜、不邪淫、不妄語、不兩舌、不惡口、不綺語、不貪欲、不嗔恚、不愚癡。)

(2) Auxiliary Exercise

淨業三福：

2. Take the three religions, take all the precepts, and don't commit any offence. (受持三皈，具足眾戒，不犯威儀。)

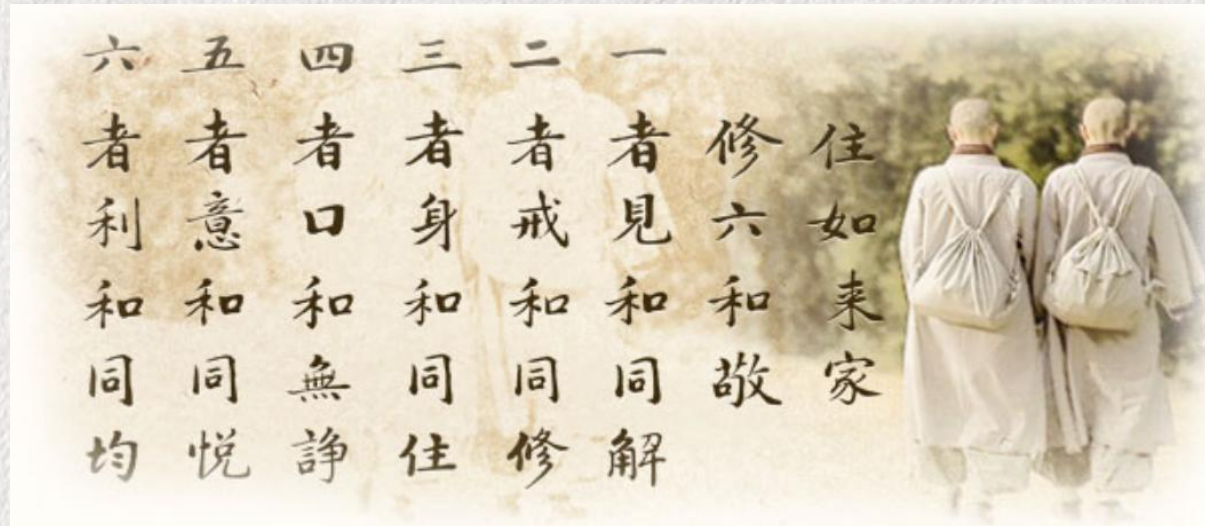
3. Develop Bodhi mind, believe in cause and effect, read and learn the Mahayana Sutras, and propagate the Dharma for the benefit of all sentient beings. (發菩提心，深信因果，讀誦大乘，勸進行者。)

(2) Auxiliary Exercise

Six Harmonies (六和敬) :

Practise the same understanding, to practise the same precepts together, to live together, to have no verbal arguments, to have everyone rejoice and be happy, and to have all benefits be equal.

(見合同解，戒和同修，身和同住，口和無諍，意和同悅，利和同均。)



(2) Auxiliary Exercise

The three practices (三學) :

The study of precepts, the study of concentration, and the study of wisdom. (戒定慧)



(2) Auxiliary Exercise

Six methods of Bodhisattva practice (六度) :

Almsgiving, precepts, patience, diligence, meditation and wisdom. (佈施、持戒、忍辱、精進、禪定、般若)



(2) Auxiliary Exercise

普賢十願：

(1) Respect all Buddhas (2) praise Tathagata (3) make offerings extensively, (4) repent karmic obstacles, (5) rejoice at others' meritorious deeds, (6) request the turning of the Dharma wheel, (7) request the Buddha to remain in this world, (8) constantly follow the Buddha's teachings, (9) accommodate all sentient beings, (10) and dedicate all merits universally.

(禮敬諸佛、稱讚如來、廣修供養、懺悔業障、隨喜功德、請轉法輪、請佛住世、常隨佛學、恆順眾生、隨喜功德。)



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Self-reflection



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Conclusion



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Thank you

