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The insights of Diligent Learning and Perseverance in the *Three Character Classic* 三字經

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Part 1 The Content of Diligent Learning and Perseverance

**“Recite with the mouth, ponder in mind;
Study both day and night to seek and find.”**

「口而誦，心而惟。朝於斯，夕於斯。」

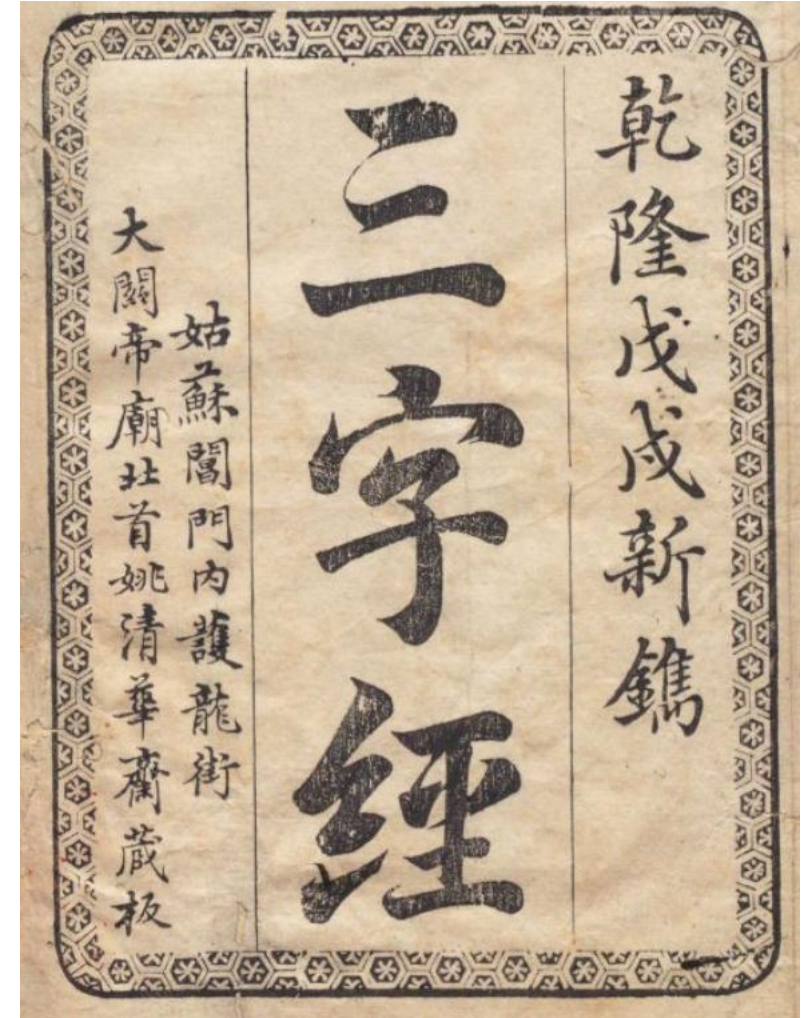
**“Confucius was student of Xiang Tuo;
The sages learned to improve ever more.”**

「昔仲尼，師項橐。古聖賢，尚勤學。」

**“Zhao kept up his Analects reading;
Though of rank, tireless in his learning.”**

「趙中令，讀魯論。彼既仕，學且勤。」

The Three Character Classic (*Sanzijing* 三字經),
(Trans. Katherine Ngo and Kelly Ngo)



**“Tie hair to the beam, prick thighs with an awl;
No prodding yet they applied efforts all.”**

「頭懸梁，錐刺股。彼不教，自勤苦。」

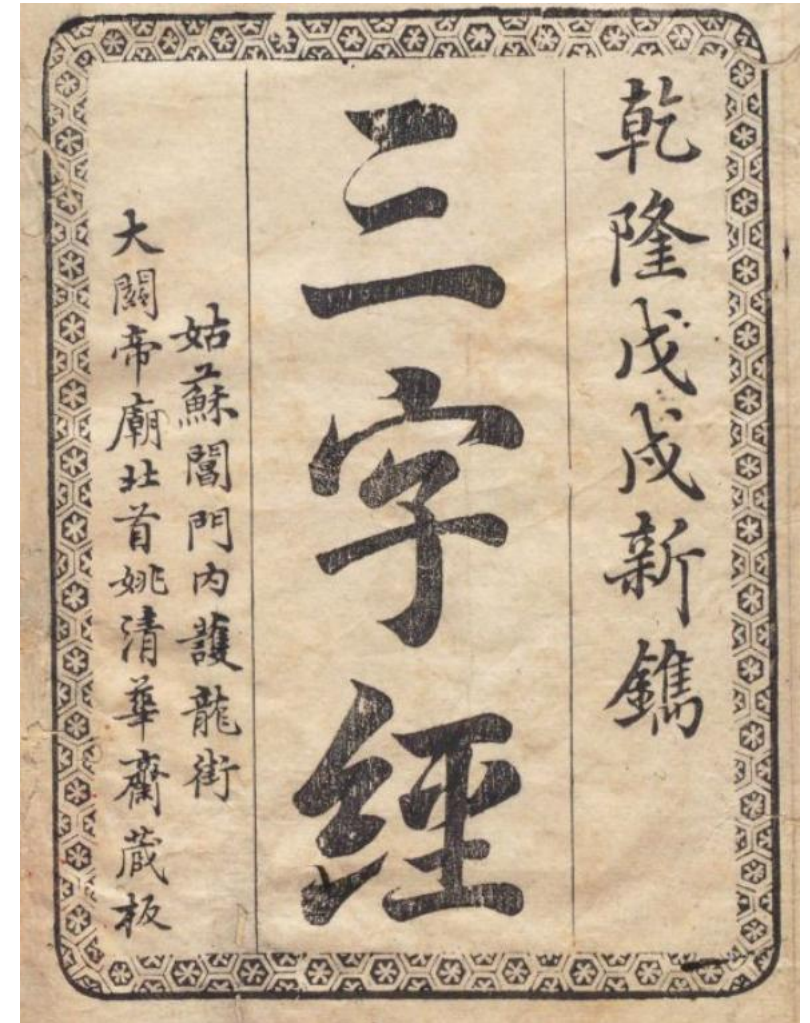
**“By moonlit snow or firefly’s light;
Though poor, they studied through the night.”**

「如囊螢，如映雪，家雖貧，學不輟。」

**“Texts hung from ox horns or carried with
wood;**

Though toiling away, their success was good.”

「如負薪，如挂角，身雖勞，猶苦卓。」

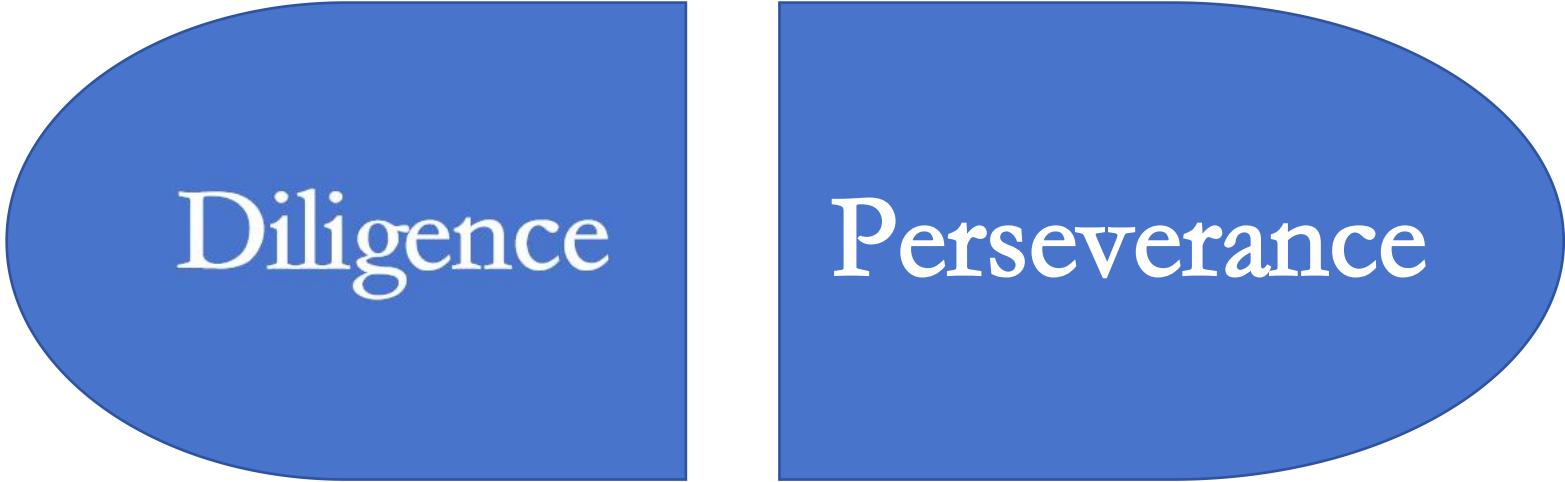


The Three Character Classic (*Sanzijing* 三字經),
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**“Diligence rewards, while games are in vain;
Heed this wisdom well, efforts will yield gain.”**

「勤有功，戲無益。戒之哉，宜勉力。」

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Diligence

Perseverance

Part 2 The Importance of Diligence and Perseverance

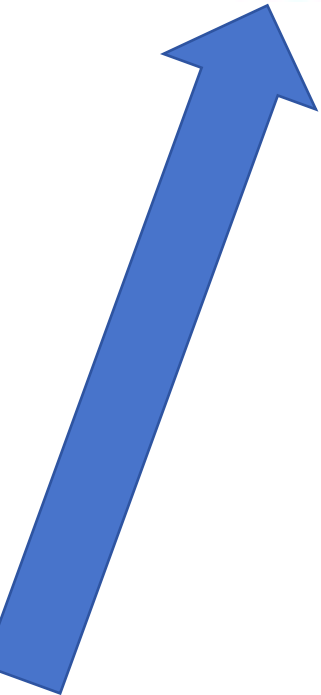
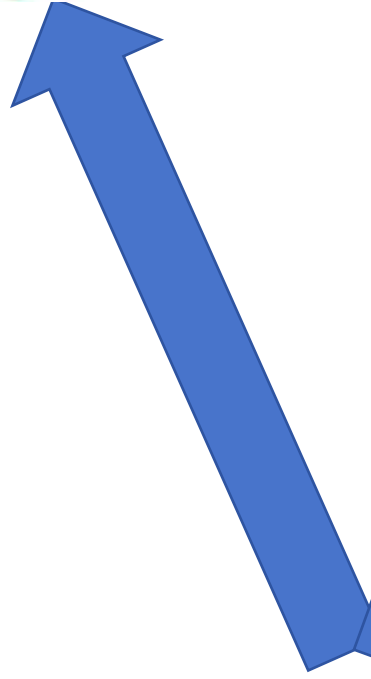
2.1 The Prerequisite for Diligence and Perseverance

2.2 The Importance of Diligence and Perseverance

2.1 The Prerequisite: The Right Direction

**If our direction is wrong,
the harder we work, the farther we will stray from the right path.**

Meaningless things
Video games
Weaken our willpower
and self-discipline



Choose the good and hold fast
to it
Spiritual cultivation
Academic achievement

2.2 The Importance of Diligence and Perseverance



Just how important are
diligence and perseverance?

“Imagine we are like a piece of wood that has fallen into water and been soaked for thousands of years. It is completely wet. If we take it out and try to light it with one match, will it burn? No, it will not. But if we keep trying—one match, then ten thousand, then a hundred thousand, even a million matches—it will ignite. This is what we call long-term consistent practice.”

「我們像一根木頭掉在水裡，在水裡泡了幾千年，濕透了，今天拿出來用一支火柴去把它點燃，能不能點燃？點不燃。不要緊，再點一支，點上一萬支，點上十萬支，點上一百萬支，點燃了。這叫什麼？長時熏修。」

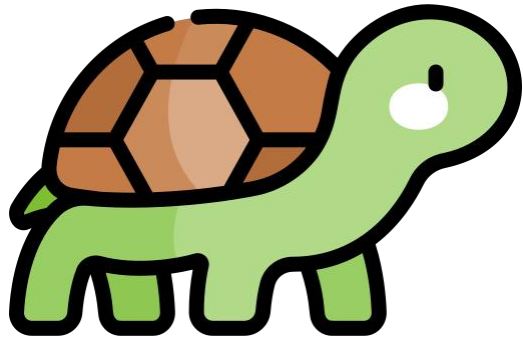
Lectures on the Commentary of the Infinite Life Sutra (*Jingtu dajingjie yanyi* 淨土大經解演義)

**“If you carve but stop halfway,
even rotten wood will not break.
If you carve without cease,
even metal and stone can be engraved.”**

「鏗而舍之，朽木不折；鏗而不舍，金石可鏤。」

“Encouragement of Learning” (*Quanxue* 勸學)





“The Little Turtle Spirit”
Go slowly, but never stop.

The essential prerequisites for achieving
success in both academic studies and
spiritual cultivation

Diligence and Perseverance

Part 3 Some Practical Tips & My Personal Experiences

3.1 Potential Challenges

3.2 Practical Methods and Personal Insights

3.1 Potential Challenges

Adversity

A lack of teachers, books, financial support, and time for study.

Prosperity

Comfortable surroundings, excellent teachers, abundant resources, and parental support.

Inner laziness and slackness

3.2 Practical Methods and Personal Insights



To cherish gratitude

Remember the kindness of Buddhas, parents, and teachers

The Kindness of Buddhas

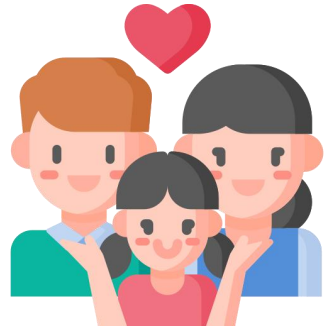
“(Shakyamuni Buddha has) followed me lifetime after lifetime, never abandoning me for a single moment.”

「世世生生，隨逐於我，心無暫捨。」

“The Encouragement to Cultivate Bodhicitta”

(*Quanfa putixin wen* 勸發菩提心文)

The Kindness of Parents



Endured great hardships to give us life and raise us.

Care about our studies, career and well-being.

Full financial support, spiritual guidance, and set virtuous examples through their deeds.

The Kindness of Teachers

While parents gave us life, teachers have given us wisdom-life.

Uphold our teachers' aspirations and live up to their expectations.

2.Avoiding Rushing for Quick Results

“Focus on the effort, not the reward.”

「只問耕耘，不問收獲。」

3.Keeping Records and Seeking Supervision



English study check-in records

2026.04	起床	早餐	上午课前	上午课后	中餐	午休	下午课前	下午课后	晚餐	睡前
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Daily records of Buddha chanting

7. 以下為本週自習計劃的完成情況，敬向老師報告。

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畫句讀《孝經註疏》（2頁）✓

閱讀講記✓

準備筆試✓

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