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The Lotus Sutra



The Sutra of the Lotus Flower of the Wonderful Dharma Chapter 25

THE UNIVERSAL GATE OF WORLD-VOICE-PERCEIVER BODHISATTVA



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World-Honored One with the wonderful marks! I ask you about this again.
Why is the son of the Buddha
Called World-Voice-Perceiver?

The Honorable One with the wonderful marks Answered Endless-Intent in Gathas:

Listen! World-Voice-Perceiver practiced

According to the conditions of the places (of salvation).

His vow to save (people) is as deep as the sea.

You cannot fathom it even for kalpas.

On many hundreds of thousands of millions of Buddhas
He attended and made a great and pure vow.
I will tell you about his vow in brief.
If you hear his name, and see him,
And think of him constantly,
You will be able to eliminate all sufferings.

His precepts out of his loving-kindness brace us up as thundebolts.

His wishes out of his compassion are as wonderful as large clouds.

He pours the rain of the Dharma as sweet as nectar, And extinguishes the fire of illusions.

Suppose you are in a law-court for a suit,
Or on a battlefield, and are seized with fear.
If you think of the power of World-Voice-Perceiver
All your enemies will flee away.

His wonderful voice (comes from) his perceiving the voice of the world.

It is like the voice of Brahman, like the sound of a tidal wave.

It excels all the other voices of the world.

Do not doubt him even at a moment's thought! The Pure Saint World-Voice-Perceiver is reliable When you suffer, and when you are confronted With the calamity of death. He has these supernatural powers. He employs various expedients with his wisdom. In the ten quarters there is no ksetra. In which he does not appear at all.

Hell, the region of hungry spirits, and the region of animals, That is, the (three) evil regions will be eliminated.

The sufferings of birth, old age, disease and death

Will gradually be eliminated.

He sees the truth of all things and their purity.

He sees all things with his great wisdom.

He sees all things with loving-kindness and compassion.

Think of him constantly! Look up at him constantly!

All darkness is dispelled by the light of his wisdom As spotless and as pure as the light of the sun. The light destroys the dangers of wind and fire, And illumines the whole world brightly.

Suppose you are thrown into a large pit of fire By some one who has an intention of killing you. If you think of the power of World-Voice-Perceiver, The pit of fire will change into a pond of water.

Suppose you are in a ship drifting on a great ocean Where dragons, fish and devils are rampant. If you think of the power of World-Voice-Perceiver, The ship will not be sunk by the waves.

Suppose you are pushed
Off the top of Mt. Sumeru by someone.
If you think of the power of World-Voice-Perceiver
You will be able to stay in the air like the sun.

Suppose you are chased by an evil man,
And pushed off (the top of) a mountain made of diamond.
If you think of the power of World-Voice-Perceiver,
You will not lose even a hair.

Suppose bandits are surrounding you,

And attempting to kill you with swords.

If you think of the power of World-Voice-Perceiver,

The bandits will become compassionate towards you.

Suppose you are sentenced to death,
And the sword is drawn to behead you.
If you think of the power of World-Voice-Perceiver,
The sword will suddenly break asunder.

Suppose you are bound up,
In pillories, chains, manacles or fetters.
If you think of the power of World-Voice-Perceiver,
You will be released from them.

Suppose someone curses you to death,
Or attempts to kill you by various poisons.
If you think of the power of World-Voice-Perceiver,
Death will be brought to that person instead.

Suppose you meet raksasas
Or poisonous dragons or other devils.
If you think of the power of World-Voice-Perceiver,
They will not kill you.

Suppose you are surrounded by wild animals
Which have sharp, fearful tusks and claws.
If you think of the power of World-Voice-Perceiver
They will flee away to distant places.

Suppose you meet lizards, snakes, vipers or scorpions Emitting poisonous vapor like flames. If you think of the power of World-Voice-Perceiver, They will go away as you call his name.

Suppose clouds arise, lighting flashes, thunder peals, Hail falls, and a heavy rain comes down. If you think of the power of World-Voice-Perceiver, The thunderstorm will stop at once.

World-Voice-Perceiver will save
All living beings from misfortunes
And from innumerable sufferings of the world
By the wonderful power of his wisdom.