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Venerable Master Chin Kung AM

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This book is a dedication to
Venerable Master Chin Kung's 60th year
of his teaching of Buddhism.

May his wisdom, role, and contributions
in promoting peace and harmony
amongst people of all faiths
bring greater happiness
and prosperity to the humankind.

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In bad times accept the unfavourable without anger and hatred,
and all bad karma will disappear.

In good times detach yourself from the favourable without greed
and obsession, and blessing and wisdom will appear.

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Confucianism represents benevolence,
honour, loyalty and forgiveness.

Mahayana Buddhism represents
true sincerity and compassion.

Profile of Venerable Master Chin Kung AM

Venerable Master Chin Kung AM, born in 1927, is an eminent monk in the Pure Land school of Mahayana Buddhism. In 1959, he was ordained at Linji Temple, Yuanshan, Taipei in 1959, and given the Dharma name Chin Kung, which means “pure emptiness”. Since then Venerable Master Chin Kung has lectured on Buddhism for over sixty years.

He is advisor to over 100 Amitabha Buddhist Societies and Pure Land Learning Centres worldwide, and founder of the Pure Land Learning College Association (PLLCA) in



Toowoomba, Australia. Venerable Master Chin Kung also founded the Hwa Dzan Dharma Giving Association, Taiwan; the Hwa Dzan Buddhist Audio-Visual Library, Taiwan; and the Corporate Body of the Buddha Educational Foundation, Taiwan.

Venerable Master Chin Kung pioneered the use of the Internet and satellite television in propagating the Buddha's teachings. His recorded lectures are distributed in books and on DVDs, CDs, and videotapes. He has sponsored the printing and distribution of the Buddhist Canon; Buddhist sutras, books, and images as well as books on moral education. All these are freely distributed worldwide. His

lectures are broadcasted live via satellite television and the Internet to audiences around the world.

In recognition of his achievements in building interfaith harmony and fostering world peace, Venerable Master Chin Kung has been awarded a number of honorary doctorate degrees and professorships by various Australian and overseas universities including the University of Queensland, Griffith University, and the University of Southern Queensland, Australia; and Syarif Hidayatullan State Islamic University, Jakarta, Indonesia. He is the Honorary Founding Patron of the Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland.

In 2005, Venerable Master Chin Kung was appointed to the Member of the Order of Australia in the General Division by Queen Elizabeth II. He was recognised for service to the Buddhist community in Queensland, particularly through the propagation of Buddhism and the fostering of interfaith activities between diverse ethnic groups, and to the community through support for educational and health institutions.

In 2006, Venerable Master Chin Kung and the PLLCA were invited by UNESCO to co-organise the event "Celebrating the 2550th Birth Anniversary of the Buddha" at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris. The subject of the event

was “Discover the Buddhist Contribution to Humanity”, to enable more people to learn from the Buddha how to reconcile conflict and promote social stability and world peace through education. The goal was to prove that through the moral teachings of sages and saints, it is possible to teach people to be good and to teach those of different faiths to live together harmoniously.

In 2009, Venerable Master Chin Kung was appointed as an International Trustee of Religions for Peace, an international peace co-organisation. which is active on every continent. Its mission is to create multi-religious partnerships to confront issues such as stopping war, ending poverty, and protecting the earth.



Since the late 1990s, Venerable Master Chin Kung has both initiated and participated in interfaith forums and summits in many countries speaking on the importance of education. He explains that it is imperative that all religious teachers sincerely “learn to be a teacher and act as a role model for all”. He encourages these teachers to practice the teachings of the sages and saints in their daily lives, delve deeply into the teachings of their own religions, and humbly learn from other religions.

In December 2011, at the ten-year anniversary celebration of the PLLCA, many faith and community leaders, including the former mayor of Toowoomba, Cr

Peter Taylor, expressed their wish and support to make Toowoomba a Model City of Peace and Harmony for the whole world. This action is a deeply meaningful and insightful one. It is an endeavour of the highest order. Subsequently, political leaders, including the current Mayor, Cr Paul Antonio, have expressed their full support for this vision of establishing Toowoomba as a Model City of Peace and Harmony.

Venerable Master Chin Kung's teachings can be summed up by the following principles for practice: "true sincerity, purity of mind, equality, proper understanding, compassion, seeing through, letting go,



attaining freedom, according with proper conditions, and being mindful of Amitabha Buddha". His message of loving-kindness and compassion for all has been the central theme of his life-long teaching. Harboured thoughts of sincerity, respect, humility, and harmony and dedication to help all beings to gain long-lasting happiness and joy has been his meaning of life.



In July 2016, the University of Wales Trinity Saint David awarded the Venerable Master Chin Kung an honorary professorship, in recognition of his outstanding international leadership and the promotion of interfaith studies in furthering global understanding.

Foreword

In 2001 prominent faith leader the Eminent Venerable Master Chin Kung AM, established in Toowoomba the Pure Land Learning College Association, an organisation focused on education and guidance in relation to the Buddhist faith.

This has since led to the establishment of the Multi-Faith and Multicultural Centre in Toowoomba, a facility designed to embrace inclusivity and social cohesion in a culturally diverse community.

Teaming up with many local Christian and other faith leaders, the centre has hosted numerous conferences, workshops,



events and activities promoting Toowoomba as a Model City of Peace and Harmony.

In this book, Eminent Venerable Master Chin Kung AM has compiled some of his own words of spiritual guidance and leadership together with quotes from eminent scholars promoting important themes such as faith, education and religious harmony.

For people of any faith, and those interested in the importance of social cohesion in a very diverse and changing world, this book provides interesting reflections on peace and harmony.

John McVeigh

Federal Member for Groom (2016-2020)



Preface

The 360 Excerpts – A Daily Reflection for Wisdom.

This book is a compilation initiative to honor the eminent Venerable Master Chin Kung AM, comprising a collection of short quotes from the scriptures, eminent scholars and the Master's personal words of wisdom.

A strong advocate for peace who sees humankind as one nation, the Master has delivered numerous keynote addresses at international conferences and forums, and given many Dharma talks over decades of teaching. A man who believes learning is a lifelong journey, he often

uses quotes from the scriptures, eminent scholars and occasionally his own words of wisdom in his speeches and talks.

The title 360 Excerpts is derived from the numeral '360' and affiliates itself to the realm of the universe, symbolising the liberty of creature; '300' in cosmic harmony and '60' in realising solidarity. The numeral '360' also depicts the 360 towers of Babylon, the 360 chapels around the mosque at Balk, the 360 temples in Jiangxi province in China, the 360 points of acupuncture, the 360 symbols of the zodiac and also symbolises equality and unity.



To make reading easy, this compilation is categorised based on the following themes:

- Buddhism
- Education
- Faith
- Religious Harmony
- Learning
- Path to Peace

With an effortless read of one quote a day, this book may help one to gain insights that can nourish one's growth both mentally and spiritually.

The Pure Land Learning College Association thrives mainly on volunteerism. This compilation would not have been possible

without the pure dedication of our volunteers who have devoted time to make this publication a reality.

Their patience and due diligence in collating and analysing the information speak volumes of their passion and commitment to serve and benefit others. They wish to remain anonymous. We are indebted to those who have devoted invaluable time and effort to make this book possible.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you.

Muhammed Haniff Abdul Razak

Pure Land Learning College Association Inc.
Australia.



True Sincerity towards others.

Purity of Mind within.

Equality in everything we see.

Proper Understanding of ourselves
and our environment.

Compassion helping others in a wise
and unconditional way.

See Through to the truth of impermanence.

Let Go of all wandering thoughts and attachments.

Freedom of mind and spirit.

Accord with Conditions
go along with the environment.

Be Mindful of Amitabha Buddha
wishing to reach the Pure Land and follow in
His Teachings.



BUDDHISM



老實念佛

八咫淨土



To practice moral living and
constant mindfulness of
Buddha Amitabha.



- 1 A cultivator who accepts the teachings but does not put it into practice is like a vase with a hole in the bottom, everything it receives just leaks right back out again.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

- 2 A person who is truly awakened will have a very calm and contented mind.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



- 3 A person with a pure mind and body will not become ill. We suffer from illnesses because our minds are filled with wandering thoughts and worries that are derived from greed, anger, ignorance and arrogance.

Buddhism as an Education, 2012.

- 4 A sincere mind should be nurtured in everyday life. We should interact with people and engage in tasks with the utmost sincerity. This is teaching us to maintain an upright mind.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

- 5 A virtuous mind will surely bring about good fortune; evil thoughts will surely bring about misfortune.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

- 6 All Buddhas and Bodhisattvas represent our nature and cultivation of virtue.

Buddhism as an Education, 2012.

- 7 All phenomena exist but they do not truly exist because their existence does not last forever but changes from moment to moment. That is why phenomena are said to be impermanent.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



8 Although one's destiny is predetermined, it changes every day in accordance with one's behaviour.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

9 At all times, in all places, and in all situations, whether favourable or adverse, one needs to maintain a pure and uncontaminated mind.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

10 Buddhism is a teaching of practicing within.

Chapter III, Changing Destiny, 2002.



- 11** Both mundane and supra-mundane teachings are based on filial piety. Buddhism—a teaching where the teacher as well as the teachings are highly revered—is founded on filial piety. If the public ignores filial piety, then there is no foundation for Buddhism. Like building a house, if there is no foundation, how can the house stand firm?

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

- 12** Buddhism is a way of teaching as it teaches us how to regain our true wisdom.

Buddhism as an Education, 2012.



13 Buddhist practitioners must broaden their minds and care about all beings. The broader the mind, the greater the good fortune.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

14 Compassion is rational love.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

- 15** Cultivation is nothing but this: internally, ridding oneself of greed, anger, and ignorance; and externally, cutting off all temptations.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

- 16** Do not have any wandering discriminatory thoughts and attachments.

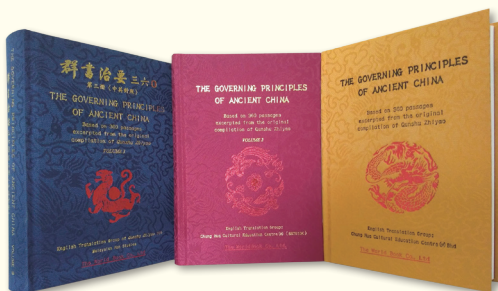
Changing Destiny, 2002.

- 17** Every aspect in one's life should be simple. Simplicity leads to a long life.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

- 18** Every thought should be of benefiting all beings and not be of harming them. This way, we will truly succeed in attaining great virtue.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



- 19** For ourselves, it would suffice so long we have enough food to eat and enough clothing to keep warm. What bliss!

'To Save Chinese Traditional Culture is to Save Humanity', 2018.

- 20** Good and bad thoughts are causes, and good fortune and misfortune are results.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

- 21** Historically, many of those who delved deeply into one method achieved in their learning and practice. Of those who learned many methods, very few succeeded in their cultivation. Those who learned a variety of methods and succeeded were exceptionally talented. People who have a medium or low capacity do not have the ability to learn many methods and succeed. Therefore, we should delve deeply into one method.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



22 If one seeks wisdom, one must achieve a pure mind. When one has a pure mind, wisdom manifests. A pure mind is like a mirror. Its function is to see everything clearly in its reflection.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

23 If the mind is not pure, then all phenomena present obstacles. But, when the mind is pure, there are no obstacles.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

24 If we become ill, we can cure the illness with a pure mind and we will recover. The body changes according to the mind.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

25 If we do not have patience, we will not be able to accomplish anything. Accomplishing a great undertaking requires great patience; even a small undertaking requires a little patience.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

26 If we do not want to have any bad retributions, we should not have any bad thoughts. With pure and proper thoughts, we will definitely not have any bad retributions.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



27 If we pay attention only to the formality and fail to profoundly comprehend the essence of the sutra's teaching, we will not progress any further than just being zealous about our faith and thus be easily manipulated by those with bad intentions.

'Religious Education is Necessary for
a Harmonious World', 2010.

28 If we still see the faults of others, it is our fault. In the eyes of a Buddha, everyone is a Buddha. In the eyes of ordinary beings, even Buddhas and Bodhisattvas are ordinary beings.

Chapter II, Changing Destiny, 2002.

29 If we wish to attain wealth, we practice the giving of wealth. To attain intelligence and wisdom, we practice the giving of teaching. To attain health and longevity, we practice the giving of fearlessness. This is the correct way to change our destiny.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

30 In Buddhism, a benevolent person is a Bodhisattva, a being who has no rivals or enemies in his heart.

The Benevolent Person Has No Enemies,
2000.



31 In learning Buddhism, one needs only to cultivate a pure mind. When one has a pure mind, one will naturally be impartial and enlightened.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



32 Learning and practicing Buddhism is nothing other than letting go of wandering thoughts, discriminations, and attachments. When one does so, the true mind will manifest.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

33 Letting go is the realm of the Buddha.

'Essentials of Pure Land Buddhism',
Episode 3, 2017.

34 No killing means that one has absolutely no thought of harming others. This way we nurture compassion.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



35 One cannot achieve in one's cultivation with only knowledge and no practice.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

36 One does not personally enjoy the good fortune one has cultivated but shares it with all beings. This is the meaning of dedication. One shares one's wisdom, good fortune, skills, and abilities with all beings, wishing that all beings could have peace and happiness.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



37 One is jealous because one cannot bear to see others do well. A person receives something good because this person had cultivated a good cause—this is his or her reward. What is there to be jealous of ?

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

38 Our hearts find peace when we understand the law of cause and effect: "What goes around, comes around". We would cease to blame others for our own misfortunes because we would be aware of the fact that we brought it upon ourselves.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

39 One must be able to exercise patience. When one is patient, one will be able to maintain a tranquil mind and advance in one's cultivation. If one is not patient, one will not have any progress in one's cultivation no matter how diligently one cultivates. Patience requires true effort. It is a prerequisite for meditative concentration.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



40 Our learning and practice to become Buddhas and Bodhisattvas are built on the foundation of the humanities.

Chapter III, *Changing Destiny*, 2002.

41 Our true nature is neither physical nor spiritual. It is true purity, true goodness, compassion, impartiality, and universal love. True nature neither arises nor ceases.

'Religious Education: Saving the Earth',
2010.



42 Respecting one's teachers
is respecting the Way and
receiving it.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

43 Single-mindedness is maintaining the same mind whether we encounter Buddhas, people, animals, or tables and chairs. With two minds, differences and discrimination arise.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

44 The mind should be like the earth, which bears everything impartially. No matter who or what we encounter, our minds should always be impartial.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



45 The more wealth we give away, the more we will receive. When we give, we will gain. When we do not give, we will not gain.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

46 The most frightening thing is that people do not know the existence of destiny or understand the law of cause and effect, nor believe in it. Consequently, people behave as they like and commit wrongdoings every day.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

47 The purpose of Bodhisattvas practicing giving is to let go of their wandering thoughts. When they let go of all the wandering thoughts, boundless wisdom, capabilities, and wealth innate in the true nature will naturally manifest. [Once we let go,] there is no longer a need to seek or to cultivate.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

48 The purpose of giving is to help one let go of one's concerns, worries, afflictions, wandering thoughts, discriminations, and attachments.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



49 The relationship between Buddha and ourselves is a teacher-student relationship, which is not religious in nature.

Buddhism as an Education, 2012.

50 To accord with conditions and do not seek affinities in our daily lives.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

51 To avoid all that is evil and embrace all that is good.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

52 To encourage and reform people, one teaches not only by words: one's every action and thought should also be for the benefit of them. If a lay practitioner, regardless of his or her occupation, works for the benefit of society and all beings, he or she is a Bodhisattva, a role model.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



53 To practice Buddhism, we start by:

- 1) Being filial and respectful toward parents, teachers and elders,
- 2) Having the great compassionate mind,
- 3) Nurturing our thinking and wisdom and
- 4) Broadening our mind.

Buddhism as an Education, 2012.

54 We must cleanse ourselves of greed, hatred, and ignorance. These three poisons are the root behind all our sufferings.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

55 We need to be inspired with enthusiasm and determination. Nothing is accomplished through laziness. Not only are we unable to succeed in our practice and learning of Buddhism, but we will also fail to accomplish anything in our daily lives. In ancient times or today, in the east or in the west no one has become successful through laziness.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

56 We need to find our inner peace and to hold on to it, regardless of the environment or circumstances.

Changing Destiny, 2002.



57 We should not be concerned whether others are pure or not, we should just keep our own mind pure.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

58 We would do well to let go of selfishness, to only have thoughts to benefit others.

Short Talks, 2010.

59 Whatever our occupation or status in society, we should set a good example for everyone, especially our peers.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



60 What we have we are just using temporarily, like when we stay in a hotel. Nothing belongs to us. If we can thoroughly understand this reality, we will not have greed. We will be at ease regardless of what we encounter in life and will not mind or take anything seriously.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

61 When one has true wisdom, one will know how to benefit all beings.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



62 When one has meditative concentration and wisdom, one has great benefit. Meditative concentration and wisdom come forth when the true mind is active. As a result, one is able to control one's destiny anywhere in the universe. When one does not have meditative concentration and wisdom, one is controlled by affliction and temptation. This is pitiable.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

63 When things do not go as one wishes, one usually gets angry and becomes unhappy. This is very harmful.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



64 When we help others achieve their goals, we will succeed in our cultivation of virtues. When we obstruct others, we are committing tremendously grave offences.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



65 Who can harm us? Actually, we can only be harmed by ourselves! If we can learn this, no matter how hard people try to irritate us, we will be impervious. If we can be impervious, we will truly see through to the truth and let go of everything.

'World Peace and Harmony', 2010.



EDUCATION

宗教團結回歸教育
平等對待和睦相處

淨空



Mutual cooperation and accord between all religions can be achieved through education, giving rise to impartiality in treating others and harmonious coexistence.



66 A person is a Buddha by nature. Therefore, a person is innately good. Why then does a person turn bad? Because he or she follows bad examples.

'A Harmonious World', 2006.

67 A person of noble character and integrity is happy to be such, but it is not worth the effort for a fool to be so.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

68 Benefitting oneself and others to utter perfection is the utter perfection of religious education.

'How the Education of Love Fosters Everlasting Peace', 2018.



69 By recording our good words and deeds, we can pass these down for future generations. This will ensure the preservation of these good words.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

70 Children need to be properly taught when they are young for the child is the father of the man.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

71 Culture is the soul of a nation; Education brings life to its culture.

Building a Model City, 2017.



72 Education can change people from being evil to being good, turn hostility into friendship, resolve conflicts to turn bitterness into brotherliness, and transform ordinary people to saints.

'What Should Be Done for Education', 2003.

73 Education is foremost for national prosperity and security for its people.

'Six Prime Principles', 2015.

74 Education teaches one how to interact with others and lets one know one's role in relation to others.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



75 Educators should know that only through diligent practice of the sages' teachings and of ethical and moral standards can they truly influence others.

Achieving World Peace through Religious
Harmony, 2009.



76 Essential to education are teachers. In teacher training, teaching by setting a good example with behaviour is more effective than teaching by words.

Achieving World Peace through Religious
Harmony, 2009.

77 Everyone, from the ruler to the common people, must regard cultivation of oneself as most essential.

Building a Model City, 2017.

78 Filial piety is the ultimate root and foundation of Chinese culture.

Changing Destiny, 2002.



79 How do we become a truly loving person? It must be through education.

'How the Education of Love
Fosters Everlasting Peace', 2018.

80 How do we help sentient beings attain true happiness? Education. As the ancient Chinese have said, "Education is most essential in building a nation and governing its people." If we want to reach this goal, there is no better way than education.

Short Talks, 2010.



81 Humanity cannot live without ethics education, morals education, causality education, and the saints and sages education. This is the main foundation of human education.

'Inspirations from God', 2017.

82 If children are not disciplined when they are young, it will be too late to do so when they have grown, for they will most likely rebel against their parents' wishes.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

83 If a person has learned to be a sage and has read books on sages' wisdom, they will not be in conflict with anyone in their life.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 2, 2018.



84 If we do not know morality, benevolence and honour, then there will be little difference between animals and us.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

85 In fact, the founders of various religions are great social educationalists.

'Religions are Indispensable
for World Peace', 2017.

86 In order to bring lasting peace and stability to a society, a nation, or the world, promotion of moral and virtuous education should be the top priority.

'Self-Cultivation is the Foundation', 2005.



87 Learning Institutions have an obligation to provide a holistic education, which includes imparting values that help build good moral character. Being morally and spiritually strong will help students to be on top of the challenges of modern society.

Building a Model City, 2017.

88 One must never use war or conflict to resolve problems. Establishing a regime of government does not require the use of an armed force. One could have governed through education.

'Religious Education is Necessary for a Harmonious World', 2012.

89 Only those who wholeheartedly express their love to all can educate others about love.

'How the Education of Love Fosters Everlasting Peace', 2018.



90 Promoting education is the greatest good deed.

Address at the Greening Ceremony, 2002.

91 Practicing goodness and accumulating merits begins from our learning to have loving-kindness and respect for all beings and circumstances.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

92 Religion is not misguided belief but contains principles and methods. Religions help you to be a good person in society.

'Inspirations from God', 2017.

93 Religious activities should focus on education and different religions should learn from one another.

'Religions are Indispensable for World Peace', 2017.

94 Religious education is the education of spirituality.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.



95 Religious education consists of teachings in morality, ethics, causality and sacred wisdom. These four types of universal education are common to all religions.

'How the Education of Love
Fosters Everlasting Peace', 2018.

96 Religious education is the guideline to realise a harmonious society and a happy life.

'Religious Education is Necessary for
a Harmonious World', 2010.

97 Sages and virtuous people teach us that the key in understanding the truth lies in changing our viewpoints.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

98 The basis for a happy family, a prosperous society, a stable nation, racial harmony, and world peace is education.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

99 The efficacies of education let us maintain harmonious and prosperous families, a stable society, a flourishing country, and a peaceful world.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

100 The family education is the main foundation, and the religious education is what makes an education complete and perfect.

'What Should Be Done for Education', 2003.



101 The founders of all faiths in the world were social educators who attained true enlightenment.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 2, 2018.

102 There are four important types of education. The education system is complete only when all types are there: the first one is the family education, the second one is the school education, the third is the social education, and the fourth is the religious education.

'What Should Be Done for Education', 2003.

103 There are four stages in implementing religious education, namely, Faith, Understanding, Practice and Attainment. We must first have faith in religious education as a foundation, for further studies and deeper understanding of the sacred teachings. Then we must put what we learn into practice in our daily lives. Only by conscientiously following what we are taught will we be able to correct ourselves and as a role model to transform others.

'How the Education of Love
Fosters Everlasting Peace', 2018.



104 We must restore religion as education. Why is it? It is because it will resolve conflicts.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 2, 2018.

105 When should a child start receiving education? It should start from the prenatal period. In other words, within the ten-month pregnancy, a mother should pay attention to how to nurture a good child. ... Therefore, any negative thought, speech and action should be avoided.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 2, 2018.



106 When we explain the principles and advise others in order to help them to awaken, we do it by word of mouth but this only benefits them in this lifetime. If we wish to guide many others as well as future generations, then the best way would be through writing.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

107 What is good education?

Let's take a look at the meaning of education in Chinese. This word comprises two characters 教 (jiao) and 育 (yu). Jiao means to follow, or to be an example for others to follow. Yu means to raise children so that they can act with good intent. So, by combining the two characters into one word, we have the meaning of education—to act and speak as examples to teach our children properly so that their innate goodness will be inspired. This meaning of education is similar to what is found in the Bible: 'Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is



old, he will not depart from it.' (Proverbs 22:6 KJV)

'Harmony and a Better Self', 2018.

108 Whether for personal happiness, national long term peace and stability, religious missionary work, or managing a group or governing a country, education must be the foremost priority. Education is vitally important!

'Six Prime Principles', 2015.

109 What's the most important service God provides to people? Education.

'Inspirations from God', 2017.



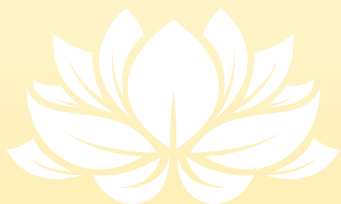
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Benevolence



FAITH



世間所有
宗教的根
本就是仁
慈博愛其
目的在令
一切衆生
離苦得樂



The essence of all religions in the world
is compassion and loving-kindness.
Their goal is to help all beings alleviate
suffering and obtain happiness.

110 A pure mind is a completely virtuous mind.

The Benevolent Person Has No Enemies, 2000.

111 All religions are really about the education of peace and selfless compassion. They teach people to love one another and to love all living beings. All the religious texts are broad-minded.

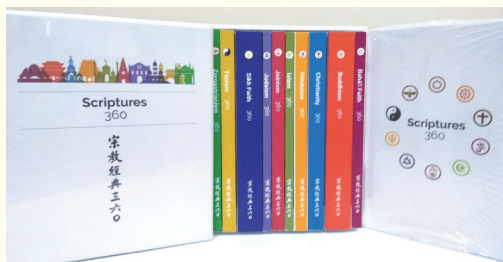
'What Should Be Done for Education', 2003.

112 Although there are many religions in our world, they all have the same essence of sincerity, purity, equality, wisdom, compassion, and nondiscriminatory love.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

113 As long as one continues to delve deeply into one's religious texts, when one gets to a certain level, one will naturally comprehend the teaching. When one is exposed to the texts of other religions, one will also be able to understand them.

An Interfaith Summit for Peace and
Harmony, 2009.



114 Buddhism emphasises progress in cultivation and teaches us to be contented with just the necessities. Many religious teachings, such as those in Christianity and Catholicism, also place great importance on leading a simple and honourable life, and are indifferent to pursuing materialistic enjoyments.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.



115 Definitely, those who are arrogant, those who sing their own praises, and those who destroy others will never attain peace and happiness. The Bible of Christianity also promotes humility.

'Learn to be Humble', 2017.

116 Every ethnic group and religion teaches people to love themselves and others. God loves everyone in this world. If we adhere to this absolute standard, then we would commit fewer mistakes.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.



117 'God loves all beings' is the core of all religions.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 3, 2018.

118 How can society return to peace that reigned? Only by reviving religion can society be saved.

'Essentials of Pure Land Buddhism',
Episode 7, 2017.



119 If everyone loves one another, they will not harm others. Consequently, society will gradually become better.

'How the Education of Love
Fosters Everlasting Peace', 2018.

120 If we don't learn from the fundamental teachings, the whole learning process would be like a tree without roots, like water without a source, like flowers in a vase, like a house built on empty air.

'Religious Education is Necessary for
a Harmonious World', 2010.

121 In Christianity, faith in God is foremost. In Buddhism, faith in oneself is foremost.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

122 In religion, the true reality at its highest level is to be one with God.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.



123 In the Holy Bible, God said to his children, 'As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you'. From this text, we can see that, God uses the same unconditional love towards his children as a mother for her child, to connect with and help his child. The power of unconditional love provides such a connection between God and his children that it transcends time and space, enduring till today.

'The Importance of Building
Good Relationships', 2018.

124 It is commendable that Hinduism emphasised ethics and morality, compassion, tolerance and equality. I believe that if we can foster and develop these four qualities, we will interact harmoniously with different groups, religions, and cultures. In this way we will respect and cooperate with each other, thereby creating happy and fulfilling lives.

The Collected Works, 2010.

125 It is stated in the Qur'an, "Allah creates all things according to predestination." According to predestination, this person was created to enjoy good fortune, and that person was created to suffer. This does not mean that Allah has discrimination, liking this person and disliking that person. Allah was merely following predestination.

'A Harmonious World', 2006.

126 Jesus taught for three years. Confucius taught for five years. Muhammad taught for twenty-seven years. Sakyamuni Buddha taught for forty-nine years. Their teaching set an example for us.

'Eliminating Crises through Religious Education', 2012.

127 Life is only valuable and meaningful when we lay aside our own interests to dedicate ourselves to the interests of others. Only a person who can accomplish this will not have wasted his or her precious life.

Address at the Greening Ceremony, 2002.



128 Let everyone know that religion is indispensable to humankind's spiritual education. Religion will not harm people—it will save them.

'Harmony Among Powerful Countries',
2017.

129 Looking back through history, how many of us remember leaders and prestigious people from the past? Consider the founders and leaders of spiritual traditions: Confucius in the Orient and Jesus in the West, Islam's Mohammad and Buddhism's Shakyamuni Buddha. They lived lives of hardship and sacrificed their own interests for the well being of others. After hundreds and thousands of years, they still have the respect of those who learn from their examples. This is the true value of life.

Address at the Greening Ceremony, 2002.



130 'Love' is the first virtue of our self-nature, our true mind.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 3, 2018.

131 Religious people should take the lead to put the sacred spirit of benevolence and universal love into practice. They should renounce confrontation, advocate mutual deference, and open their hearts so as to create true harmony for human beings. I truly believe this is what Allah, God and Buddha will be happy to see.

'Religions are Indispensable
for World Peace', 2017.



132 Religion is love. Religion is education. Religion is the education of love.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 3, 2018.

133 Similar to Sakyamuni Buddha, the founder of every religion in the world devoted themselves in teaching.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 3, 2018.



134 The Bahá'í Faith is a relatively new religion. What is rare and wonderful about its teaching is that their scriptures mention almost all faiths. It is particularly remarkable that they are able to broaden their minds and affirm that all divinities are one entity and the entire universe is one big family.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 5, 2018.

135 The scriptures and history of the world's major religions provide us greater confidence and deeper reflection.

'The Importance of Building
Good Relationships', 2018.

136 The ultimate goal of the teaching of all religions is to guide the human mind to goodness. Therefore, a religion should take up the mission of righting the human mind and eliminating disasters.

'Eliminating Crises through Religious Education', 2012.

137 There is only one True God in the universe. This True God is love.

An Interfaith Summit for Peace and Harmony, 2009.



138 Those who love others will know how to love themselves and vice versa.

'How the Education of Love Fosters Everlasting Peace', 2018.

139 To love all beings is to love ourselves.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

140 Today, the goals of our prayers are very practical: peace and equality.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

141 We deeply believe that people can be taught to be good.

Closing Address at 2018 International Peace Conference.

142 We should throw away deluded minds and erroneous thinking, keep our true minds and love, and love everyone in the world on behalf of God, Buddhas and Bodhisattvas.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 1, 2018.

143 We must have a proper understanding of the word 'religion'. In Chinese language, Zong-Jiao means religion. ...The character '宗' (zong) has three meanings: principal, important and revered. The character '教' (jiao) means education, teaching and transformation. Religion in fact encompasses all of these meanings. Therefore, when combined, Zong-Jiao, means principal education, important teaching, and revered transformation for humankind.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 3, 2018.

144 We should wholeheartedly do things that will bring true, vast and great benefits to all beings. We must ensure that this thought does not cease.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

145 When I study the Bible, I become a devout Christian or a devout Catholic. When I study the Qur'an, I become a devout Muslim. My sincerity and respect for Allah and God are pure and impartial, just like my sincerity and respect for Buddhas and Bodhisattvas.

An Interfaith Summit for Peace and
Harmony, 2009.



146 We should truly believe there is heaven and hell. If we practice kind deeds, our future will be in heaven. If we commit evil acts, our future will be in hell.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.



147 When our true nature is brought forth, there is love.

'Inspirations from God', 2017.

148 When we stop thinking of benefiting others, we stop generating energy. Thoughts will truly generate inconceivable energy—this is continual mindfulness.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

149 When we think about a matter [that will benefit others] every moment of every day, never forgetting it, then this matter will be successfully accomplished.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.



150 Wise people do not just see matters from the surface, they contemplate them thoroughly and see to the truth.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.



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HARMONY*



To sever material desires, obtain awakening, uphold a sincere mind and a virtuous heart, develop self-discipline, have a harmonious family, govern a country, and foster world peace.

151 All are number one. Buddhism is number one. Christianity is number one. Islam is number one. Every religion is number one. Only in this way can a body be healthy. Every country is number one. Every race is number one. Every culture is number one. The world is then healthy.

Achieving World Peace through Religious
Harmony, 2009.

152 All divinities are truly one entity and that they all have the same universal love and true mind.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 4, 2018.



153 A society is an organic symbiosis in which people connect with one another. Everyone is a cell in the symbiosis that is interconnected and interdependent. With this interconnected relationship, everyone in the society forms a complex and inseparable relationship network. Like the system in an individual living being, the closer the

cooperative relationships that the cells form, the healthier and more vigorous the living being will be.

'The Importance of Building Good Relationships', 2018.

154 According to our studies of religious scriptures over the years, we have come to a conclusion that at the core of all major religions is "love".

'Implementing Education of Love', 2018.



155 All religions are one family,
and all divinities are one
entity.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 3, 2018.

156 Although all living beings
are of different ethnic groups,
cultures, appearances and
religions, we all share the
same origin, are all one.
Those who understand are
called God, the Holy Spirit,
Buddhas, Bodhisattvas,
prophets, or angels. We
sincerely respect them
equally.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

157 God's love is equal, universal, unconditional and true. We have all inherited the love of God. Therefore, we should learn from God and treat others with true love. If we are able to do so, our society will be filled with warmth and harmony.

'Establishing a Harmonious Paradise', 2018.

158 Harmony begins within ourselves.

'Religious Education: Saving the Earth', 2010.



159 Harmony is invaluable and it is what we all wish for but where does it come from? It comes from equality, without which, there will be no lasting peace. Every religion teaches people to regard others with a non-discriminatory mind.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

160 I do my utmost to love other people, care about and for them, and help them wholeheartedly. I do all this without asking anything in return because I know that we are one and that this universe is one living entity.

'Religious Education: Saving the Earth', 2010.

161 If I have the merest thought of demanding that others first get along with me, harmony can never truly be achieved. It is because I place myself in a conflicting position with the thought of demanding, dominating, and possessing others.

'Religious Education: Saving the Earth', 2010.

162 I often use my hand as a metaphor to explain the relationship among different religions. At first glance, the five fingers look different. However, when we trace their roots, they all come from the palm. Following this analogy, if we study different religions intensively and go deeply into their scriptures and principles, we can understand their core values and discover that they have the same root.

'Religions are Indispensable
for World Peace', 2017.



163 If all religions can cooperate and work together to promote sacred teachings to the world, we can definitely achieve world peace.

'Religious Education: Saving the Earth',
2010.

164 If one's heart is not sincere, the power of touching the hearts of others will be weak.

'A Harmonious World', 2006.



165 If love and trust hardly exist, the connections between people would completely collapse and would not withstand the smallest challenge.

'Religious Education: Saving the Earth',
2010.

166 If we go astray from the principle of sacred love and equality, we cannot truly understand the profound wisdom within religious teachings.

'Resolving Conflicts and Averting Wars',
2017.

167 If we regard all seniors as our parents and all children as our own as we care for, protect and guide them, we will be setting good examples. Thus, we will attain peace and happiness for all.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

168 In order to promote friendship and mutual understanding, people should have frequent communications. This way, all issues can be resolved.

"With the Experiences Gained by using "the Four All-Embracing Methods", 2018.

169 If you look at the different religious scriptures closely, we will find that about 70-80% of the contents are similar. Only a small part is different. The differences lie in the great living habits and different cultural backgrounds. However, on the whole, their goal is the same, as they encourage people to “refrain from evil deeds and do good deeds”. They teach ethics, morality, and causality. Therefore, each religion should praise the others instead of being arrogant and despising one another. (Otherwise, opposition and conflicts will arise.)

'Religions are Indispensable
for World Peace', 2017.

170 Instead of asking others to respect and get along with us, we ourselves need to respect and get along with others first. It does not matter whether others pay equal respect to us or try to get along with us. Eventually we will move them and influence them if we persevere in respecting them.

'Religious Education: Saving the Earth',
2010.

171 It is a taboo for religions to compete for believers. Therefore, we have to affirm that every religion is the best. There is no second best.

'With the Experiences Gained by using
"the Four All-Embracing Methods"', 2018.



172 It is everyone's inescapable duty to create harmony.

Closing Address at 2018 International
Peace Conference.

173 It is important to be virtuous in our thoughts and conduct, and to live in harmony with people of all races, religions, and nationalities, and with all beings.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.



174 It is hoped that all the religious leaders can communicate and meet often to find ways to save this world from disasters, eliminate racial prejudices and conflicts, and abolish religious misunderstanding and wars. This is the way to nurture a stable and prosperous society, and to bring true peace to the world.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

175 Learning from God Loves All Beings will help immerse ourselves a state of universal love and harmony.

Closing Address at 2018 International
Peace Conference.



176 Love starts from the heart
and is received by heart.

'A Harmonious World', 2006.

177 No matter which religion
one believes in, that is the
best one. Religions should
not convert other believers.

'With the Experiences Gained by using
"the Four All-Embracing Methods"', 2018.

178 On appearance, love and
compassion seem the same,
but their intentions are
different. Love may change
to hatred but with wisdom,
love will never change.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

179 Only when we know the concept of oneness can everyone be number one, and everything be number one. No one and no thing is secondary to another. This is equality. Only then can everybody live and flourish side by side in a multicultural society and have a happy life, society be stable, and the world be at peace.

Achieving World Peace through Religious
Harmony, 2009.

180 Our ultimate goal is to bring all religions on board and act as one.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 3, 2018.



181 Religion is about the teaching of love and is also about education in morality, ethics, causality and sacred wisdom.

'Implementing Education of Love', 2018.

182 Religious cohesion will bring real happiness to humanity, and all divinities will be pleased.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 3, 2018.

183 Religious followers should pay attention to practising the sacred teachings in daily life and not just go through formalities.

Achieving World Peace through Religious Harmony, 2009.

184 The Creator is also the original form of everything.

'Eliminating Crises through Religious Education', 2012.

185 The deepening of religious cohesion must be on the basis of all religious groups delving into one another's sacred texts. Only with this basis can we succeed.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 4, 2018.

186 The current international situation helps us to realise that learning from and befriending one another can become the motivation for all religions to improve the quality of their education and to continually develop.

'Resolving Conflicts and Averting Wars',
2017.

187 The essential power for maintaining the long-term survival of society should be 'love' and 'trust'.

'The Importance of Building
Good Relationships', 2018.

188 The Four All-Embracing Methods is the way to

promote interpersonal communication.

- 1) The practice of giving: This means to invite people more often and give more gifts. This will help to bridge and foster friendships.
- 2) Caring words: with sincerity, speak soft and gentle words, that genuinely care for others and words that are happily accepted and welcomed.
- 3) Beneficial deeds: Do what we can to benefit and help others.
- 4) Work together: Everyone has a common goal and work together to achieve it.

"With the Experiences Gained by using
"the Four All-Embracing Methods", 2018.

189 The great sages and virtuous people of this world diligently practice deep concentration and meditation to witness the true existence of spiritual planes and infinite dimensions. This confirms the eternal presence of the Identity of Ego and Brahman, God, True Mind, the Holy Spirit. This is the creator. From here, we know that all sentient beings in the universe are one entity.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness,
2001.

190 The most important aspect in interfaith harmony and the renewal of religious education is accepting differences and seeking commonalities. Similarities between religions are thus emphasised while things that are not now understood are set aside to be looked at again in the future.

'Resolving Conflicts and Averting Wars',
2017.

191 The most important thing between human beings is getting in touch with each other.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 3, 2018.

192 The process of religious cooperation is also an excellent opportunity for adherents to cultivate themselves with the sacred wisdom of each religion.

'Resolving Conflicts and Averting Wars',
2017.



193 There is no need for practitioners to change to other religions: as long as we specialise in our own religion and immerse ourselves in it for a long time, we will finally thoroughly understand the teachings of all religions.

'Religious Education: Saving the Earth',
2010.

194 We are all one entity, one being, all interrelated closely with one another. Everything, including us, arises from the coming together of causes, so to harm others is to harm ourselves.

Short Talks, 2010.



195 When love and trust become increasingly weak in a society, the connections between people will become increasingly fragile.

'The Importance of Building Good Relationships', 2018.

196 When religious followers, especially clergies, can love all human beings on behalf of God, God's Heaven will come to Earth.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 3, 2018.



197 Wisdom is the true mind and emotion is the illusory mind. Love that arises from emotions will change while love that arises from wisdom will never change.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

198 Without closer contact, unity and cohesion is difficult to achieve.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 3, 2018.

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Virtue instills goodness in the world,
Education paves the way to peace.



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Education is essential in establishing
a new government, training its
leaders, and governing its people.

199 A genuine heart is one without discriminations or attachments.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

200 A pure mind with no wandering thoughts, a regular routine, a simple diet, few desires, and contentment—these are the essentials for good health.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

201 A wise mind is like a mirror, reflecting and perceiving everything clearly, without distortion.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.



202 Abstinence from material cravings let go of one's vexation.

'Higher Learning as a Tool for Attaining Peace and Happiness', 2016.

203 Accord with the people around you. Don't let your personality get in the way of your relationships with other people.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

204 All traditional education teaches us to be compassionate and kind.

'World Peace and Harmony', 2010.



205 Always thinking of others
before oneself is love.

'World Peace and Harmony', 2010.

206 An intelligent person
never blames others or the
heavens. They have true
learning, which is wisdom
revealed from the true
nature.

Changing Destiny, 2002.



207 At a place of proper cultivation, everyone is equally important as the Teacher provides guidance and fellow students support each other along the path.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.



208 Being humble and feeling that we are not knowledgeable enough will help to eradicate our arrogance.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

209 By knowing what is shame, we will truly reform and improve ourselves. If we do not know what shame is, we will not have good futures.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

210 Cultivation is changing the way we think, speak, and act towards people and matters from an erroneous way to a proper way.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

211 Craving is like a bottomless abyss. It blocks ones' wisdom, causes one to lose his direction in life and even leads one to the point of no return.

'Higher Learning as a Tool for Attaining Peace and Happiness', 2016.

212 Cultivation is practiced in our daily life. We should not see it as something unusual, it is simply changing ourselves for the better.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.



213 Deep concentration is the state without discriminatory wandering thoughts or attachments. However, this does not mean that we are idle all the time; we continue to do our job with a pure and completely aware mind. When the external environment no longer hinders or affects us, we have attained deep concentration.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.



214 Do not use emotions when helping others, use wisdom and be reasonable. If we use emotions when dealing with people and matters, it often makes a good thing go bad.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

215 Doubts and regrets are afflictions that are conditions or causes of grief and distress that disturb the body and mind.

Changing Destiny, 2002.



216 Enlightened beings are constantly correcting their erroneous behaviour. But, before we are able to correct our faults, we must first discover them.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

217 Even if we are presently undergoing hardships, they will soon be over and then we will enjoy abundant good fortune. Therefore, everything we think, say, and do needs to arise from sincerity.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

218 Everyone on this earth is our brother. Each is responsible for the other; parents being compassionate, sons and daughters being filial to their parents, siblings and friends being respectful to each other. In this way, the country and its people are already a perfect union.

Buddhism as an Education, 2012.



219 Even when we are alone, where no one else can see us, we still need to restrain ourselves and not give rise to a single improper thought. In so doing, we will truly achieve self-discipline and control.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

220 From the abstinence of material cravings, one's mind is calm. This calmness allows one to reflect thoroughly, and thus, wisdom grows from the calmed mind.

'Higher Learning as a Tool for Attaining Peace and Happiness', 2016.

221 Good acts that have conditions attached are wrongdoings, not goodness.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

222 Good or bad, good fortune or misfortune, all lie in an instant of thought.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

223 Happiness is in the process of learning. One applies the teachings in life and at work. Such practice of the teachings by the saints and sages is true happiness.

'Higher Learning as a Tool for Attaining Peace and Happiness', 2016.



224 How many people recognise the kindness shown by parents? Usually, people do not realise until they themselves become parents or lose their parents. We show our gratitude through practicing filial piety by being responsible, considerate, and compliant to our parent's wishes.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

225 If one is able to let go of material cravings physically, and be mentally less attached to material needs, one's mind begins to clear up.

'Higher Learning as a Tool for Attaining Peace and Happiness', 2016.

226 If the rich are heartless—thinking of their own enjoyment and not caring about the suffering of others—society will be in turmoil. If the rich can take care of the poor, the poor would then be able to manage their lives. They will appreciate the kindness that the rich have shown them. Society will be peaceful and everyone can have a happy life.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

227 If we alone enjoy good fortune while others are suffering, then adversity is not far behind.

Changing Destiny, 2002.



228 If we cannot accept anything that is contrary to what we think, then we are neither kind nor compassionate. Conflict simply does not exist within the heart of loving-kindness.

Changing Destiny, 2002.



229 If we can let go of one degree of desire, our minds will become purer by one degree. If we can let go of two degrees then our minds will become purer by two degrees, and so on.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

230 If we cannot forgive others' shortcomings, how can we expect them to forgive ours?

Changing Destiny, 2002.



231 If we cannot see our own faults, we can look at others since it is easier to detect the faults of others. But having detected the faults of others, we should not criticise them. Instead, we should reflect on ourselves to see if we have the same faults. If we do, we should correct them.

'A Harmonious World', 2006.

232 If we have a fault we need to correct it, if we do not we need to guard against it and correct any mistakes that we have made.

Changing Destiny, 2002.



233 If we have the means to practice goodness but do not, we are throwing away a wonderful opportunity.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

234 If we learn to forgive, we will dwell in peace of mind.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.



235 If we teach people to act one way but we ourselves act another way and do not practice what we teach, then those who listen to us may not believe our words. ... One must practice what one teaches.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

236 If you can achieve hating no one in your life, then you are almost there; but if you still have enemy or foe, or people you dislike or people you are unhappy with, then you are rather far away from your goal.

'Learn to be Humble', 2017.



237 If you learn to respect others,
then you will succeed.

'Essentials of Pure Land Buddhism',
Episode 2, 2017.

238 If you pursue personal fame
and profits, you will fall into
Hell. You will never know the
truth until you fall into Hell.

'It is Good to Bear Some Hardship', 2018.

239 In dealing with our own
faults, we continuously
excuse ourselves instead of
correcting them. When we
do this, how can we hope to
succeed in our cultivation?

Changing Destiny, 2002.

240 In order to gain, we must first let go. If we are reluctant to let go, then we will not be able to gain.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

241 In our practice, the essence or what is in our heart and mind is important, not formalities.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

242 It is best to be considerate and kind in our speech. To put down another person is only proving our own arrogance and lack of self-confidence to others.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

243 It is blessing when your mind remains pure, but it is sin if your mind is stirred by desires and afflictions.

'It is Good to Bear Some Hardship', 2018.

244 It is essential for us to learn modesty for it is the key to cultivating and improving our virtue. We need to realise that others are better than us and that they excel in what they do.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

245 It would be wise to be conservative in what we use and be content with what we have.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.



246 Learn to be humble and to respect others, and you will find real happiness and spiritual joy.

'Learn to be Humble', 2017.



247 Life is impermanent. If we abandon true sincerity, we will fall back.

The Benevolent Person Has No Enemies,
2000.

248 Life is short and fragile, why not cultivate kindness instead of committing acts which cause harm to living beings and to oneself?

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

249 Love can turn into hate. We may dislike something we adored yesterday. We should see things with eyes of equality and not let emotions control our lives.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

250 Most of us drift along day to day, regressing instead of advancing. Without the heart to keep improving in our virtuous conduct, we are not genuinely trying to improve.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

251 Once we have achieved a certain level and are master of our minds, we will be able to affect the environment instead of being affected by it. Then there will be no obstacles.

Changing Destiny, 2002.



252 Once you can let go, you will feel at ease. Once you can let go, your wisdom will arise.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 5, 2018.

253 One cannot live alone and away from society. Therefore, in everything, one must consider the well-being of society.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

254 One must not harbour hatred or jealousy. When one encounters an adverse condition or situation, one should contemplate it over and over and find the root cause. One's mind will naturally be calm and afflictions will not arise.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

255 One who accords with one's innate virtues will surely love others and treat them benevolently, justly, and compassionately.

'Discover the Buddhist Contribution to Humanity', 2006.



256 Only the person who feels ashamed of his or her wrongdoings can be helped.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

257 Others serve as a mirror for us. We should learn to use this mirror to see if we have the same faults.

'A Harmonious World', 2006.

258 People who deceive others may someday still feel remorseful and can be saved from hell, but those who deceive themselves have no way of escaping at all.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.



259 Practicing virtue is to keep a kind heart, speak kind words, and do kind acts to benefit others.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

260 Regardless of the circumstances, we are able to maintain the mind of purity, equality, and compassion to genuinely reform ourselves.

Changing Destiny, 2002.



261 Regardless of what we do,
we should not give rise to
anger.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

262 Righteousness is a result
of a true heart. To oneself,
a true heart has a strong
belief towards learning. To
the others, it is the great
compassion to liberate all
from sufferings.

'Higher Learning as a Tool for Attaining
Peace and Happiness', 2016.

263 Seeing another's fault is the
greatest fault in itself.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.



264 Since ancient times, speech has been considered the source of both good fortune and misfortune, so we need to be constantly aware of our speech.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

265 Sufferings arise due to our unawareness and misunderstandings of our environment and ourselves.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.



266 The best way to accumulate goodness is to let our good deeds remain unknown. Just keep accumulating, while asking for nothing in return. Once people know about what we have done, then the related good fortune will begin to diminish as soon as they reward us.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

267 The difference between the success and failure of cultivation lies in our learning attitude. We need to be humble, sincere, and respectful and not think we are better than others.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.



268 The key to success is diligence.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

269 The mind that is pure and serene is the mind of foremost goodness.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

270 The point of practicing giving and charity is to forsake greed, anger, ignorance, and arrogance.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.



271 There are no arrogant great sages or virtuous people. They are all humble, patient, and agreeable. This humility and respect are a revelation of their virtuous natures.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

272 To be filial and take care of our parents is naturally our basic responsibility. Not only do we need to take care of their material needs but of their spiritual life as well.

Buddhism as an Education, 2012.



273 To be a person is to learn to be humble. If you learn to respect others, then you will succeed. As the saying goes, "As you respect others, they will also respect you".

'Learn to be Humble', 2017.



274 To be good, to be warm, to be sincere, to put all our efforts into helping others. In this way all that is good will come our way.

Short Talks, 2010.



275 To cultivate oneself is to seriously learn the teachings given in sacred texts and turn them into the norms of our daily lives.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 5, 2018.

276 To eliminate afflictions and bad habits is our crucial mission in this life.

The Benevolent Person Has No Enemies,
2000.

277 To help others is to help ourselves. To respect others is to respect ourselves.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

278 To know our faults daily is to awaken daily. Once we discover a fault, we sincerely correct it; this is how we will build our strength of cultivation.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

279 To lead a life by applying the learnings and teachings of the saints and sages is the utmost enjoyment and happiness.

'Higher Learning as a Tool for Attaining Peace and Happiness', 2016.

280 To overcome what is most difficult to conquer in oneself.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

281 To reconcile conflict, it is imperative to decrease and eventually let go of the desire for all selfish gain.

'Discover the Buddhist Contribution to Humanity', 2006.

282 To self-cultivate is to carry out our roles and responsibilities. Our cultivated behaviours will cause a positive influence on the family members. Family harmony is observed as a result. By that, the family is aligned from within. The great saying goes, harmony at home brings forth great prosperity.

'Higher Learning as a Tool for Attaining Peace and Happiness', 2016.

283 Treat people sincerely. We should mean what we say and truly be sincere from the bottom of our hearts.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.



284 True giving is totally without expectation of reward.

The Collected Works, 2010.



285 True sincerity in practicing goodness is to do so without asking for anything in return and is the crucial factor in such matters.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

286 True virtue and proper conduct are necessary factors in cultivation. If one cannot practice what one teaches, then regardless of how much one knows, they all become useless at the end of his life.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

287 We do not have wisdom at present because we have too many desires and wandering thoughts, none of which are real. From today onwards, we let go of those things but only keep God's love in our minds.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 5, 2018.

288 We must be sincere in all our actions, neither cheating others nor fooling ourselves.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

289 We need to first determine if we have mistreated others. When people verbally abuse, criticise, and slander us, we should accept it with a grateful heart rather than a vengeful heart.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

290 We need to ignore and not respond to any slander and harm done to us because it is improper to respond. Only those who have done something wrong will feel guilty. Responding to such verbal attacks can mean that we feel guilty.

The Benevolent Person Has No Enemies,
2000.

291 We often say that by planting good causes, we will harvest good results, but although many people cultivate good deeds, they seem unable to change their karmic retribution. Why? Because while their speech and behaviour may be virtuous, their thoughts are not. Thus, the ancients taught us to cultivate from the basics.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

292 We should see our own faults often, not those of others.

'A Harmonious World', 2006.

293 We only need one lamp to light a valley that has been dark for a thousand years. This compares the lamp and the brightness to our bravery and determination in reforming, and in our ability to wash away long-accumulated misdeeds.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

294 We should treat all people with respect and sincerity. We must be responsible for our actions and careful when handling other's properties. Be conservative with speech and actions to avoid harming others.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

295 We should think, speak and behave in accordance with the scriptures. This is what the children of God and the students of saints and sages do.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 5, 2018.



296 We show our gratitude to those who have shown us kindness, such as parents, teachers, and even society. Everyone in society is interdependent and interrelated, thus, we practice good deeds to repay them.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

297 What is the greatest pleasure? Be humble and respect others, that is the greatest pleasure. Praise others to the sky and bring yourself down, that is the greatest happiness, the greatest pleasure.

'Learn to be Humble', 2017.



298 What is the true mind? It is the presence of sincerity and the absence of deceit. It is to be honest even after making a mistake.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

299 When one is at ease and happy with oneself, the others around us are equally happy.

'Higher Learning as a Tool for Attaining Peace and Happiness', 2016.

300 When we are jealous of others, we only harm ourselves in the process.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

301 When problems occur, remain calm and contemplate why it would have happened. Once the condition is clear and the reason is determined, our mind will instinctively calm down, our wandering thoughts will lessen, and our anger will dissolve.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

302 When we encounter a person or a situation we do not like, it is the perfect opportunity for us to practice patience and cultivate a pure and compassionate heart.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.



303 When we have prestige, it is easier to help others more and to accumulate merits. But we must not use this prestige against others.

Changing Destiny, 2002.

304 Whenever we recognise and correct our faults, we are cultivating.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

305 Wise people do not harbour feelings of gain or loss. In this way, they often dwell in the joy of possessing great peace of mind.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.



306 With deep concentration and wisdom, we will not have thoughts of greed, hatred, or anger in any circumstance, whether they are favourable or unfavourable.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

307 Worries arise from the mind. It would be wise to not let things worry us. Nothing and no one can make us worry without our permission.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

308 Your cultivated behaviours have a positive impact on the other members in the same organisation. Fellow members respect you and take you as their role model. Such influence across the organisation leads to harmony and thus, prosperity at work. In extrapolation, such positive impact will have a similar effect on the neighbours, relatives and friends.

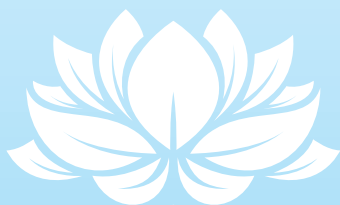
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淨古八十八



For Heaven and Earth, we vow to cultivate a universal love
for every thing and every being.

For all people, we vow to dedicate our lives to
benefit them all.

For the past saints and sages, we vow to ceaselessly
carry on their eternal teachings.

For the countless generations to come, we vow
to bring lasting peace and harmony.



309 All ancestors of different races and all the sages from different religions teach about benevolence, universal love and empathy to people.

'Inheriting the Wisdoms and Traditions',
2017.

310 All of you are aware now that religious cohesion is essential because it helps resolve conflicts, confrontations and promote social stability and harmony.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 2, 2018.

311 As long as various religions can treat one another equally and co-exist peacefully, they can influence different races, different political parties and different countries. Hence, world peace can be realised. This is the greatest contribution that religions can bring to human beings.

'Religions are Indispensable
for World Peace', 2017.



312 All the efforts for environmental protection provide only superficial solutions: they do not get to the root cause. What is the root cause? It is the polluted human nature—a polluted mind, polluted thoughts, polluted views, and polluted feelings. This kind of pollution is much more harmful than environmental pollution!

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

313 By renouncing competition, human beings can turn the Earth into a blissful paradise.

'Religions are Indispensable
for World Peace', 2017.

314 Confucianism and Buddhism advocate the enhancement and glorification of filial piety, the respect and devotion of an individual for their parents and teachers. Filial piety is a major element in accomplishing world peace.

Buddhism as an Education, 2012.



Filial Piety

315 Different religions and ethnic groups can be seen as the twigs, branches, leaves, and flowers of the tree. They all stem from the same root. They are actually one entity. Only with this understanding, can we live in peace, have mutual respect, and work harmoniously with people of different nations, religions, and ethnicities.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

316 Especially nowadays, the virtues of our ancestors, namely, humility, tolerance and courtesy, must be advocated.

'Inheriting the Wisdoms and Traditions',
2017.

317 Equality is indeed the foundation for peace.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

318 From the love found in the oneness of humanity, we love our parents in the family, respect our teachers and are trustworthy and caring towards our siblings and friends. Regarding work, we are loyal and honourable. Promoting these teachings will bring about sustainable growth and lasting prosperity for humankind. Our world will have a bright future and our planet will be in harmony with our galaxy and the entire universe.

'Harmony and a Better Self', 2018.

319 Humankind is now in a time that is much more dangerous and complex than the times of all past religious saints and sages. We must therefore work and go through the hard times together, and shoulder our historic responsibility.

'Implementing Universal Education', 2019.

320 If all of us gave help when it was needed, our world would be peaceful and happy, and we would not have the problems we do, the wars, the disasters. We can either choose to create problems or to solve them. But if we don't help, we will never solve our problems.

Short Talks, 2010.



321 If a religious follower truly practices what the scriptures teach, he or she will be in harmony with any person.

'The Mission of Religions', 2011.

322 If all religions can return to teaching, teaching people to abandon evil and cultivate goodness, amend their conduct, set their thoughts upright, I believe that disasters will be eliminated.

'Eliminating Crises through Religious Education', 2012.

323 If one wishes to look for a place to live peacefully in this era, one must study the sages' texts everyday without slacking off.

Achieving World Peace through Religious Harmony, 2009.

324 If people get along with one another, the community will thrive. If people criticise one another, the community will decline. This is true no matter how big the community is. You must observe carefully. People must learn to praise instead of making enemy with others.

'Essentials of Pure Land Buddhism',
Episode 13, 2018.

325 If we choose to be humble and yield to others, abandoning war, humans will enjoy boundless good fortune and joy. Good fortune or misfortune: the choice is ours!

'Harmony Among Powerful Countries',
2017.

326 If we can inherit ancestors' compassion and wisdom and can learn from their teachings, we can solve different problems effectively. We can avoid going astray. Thus, we can enjoy physical and mental well-being, wonderful family life, smooth careers, stable society, national prosperity as well as world peace.

'Inheriting the Wisdoms and Traditions',
2017.

327 If we have differences with others, we need to reconcile them. We must not disrupt a group's harmony and cause hostility within it.

The Benevolent Person Has No Enemies,
2000.



328 If we observe this world calmly, we might well wonder what is the cause of these increasing disasters? It is our increasing selfishness.

Short Talks, 2010.

329 If we wish to bring peace to the world, we must start by changing our erroneous ways.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

330 It is difficult to establish harmony and equality among different countries, different political parties, different ethnic groups, and different religions. However if we can start establishing harmony first among different religions, we can do it. Why? ...Even though there are different religions in this world, the essence of all religions is love, benevolence, and compassion. As a result, different religions can work together.

'Religions are Indispensable
for World Peace', 2017.

331 Only after people live in harmony, will we have a favourable climate. Then nature will also be harmonious and peaceful.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

332 Only Love can solve all the problems.

'Inheriting the Wisdoms and Traditions',
2017.

333 Our ancestors have profound experiences. They have been passing on their wisdom to generation after generation.

'Inheriting the Wisdoms and Traditions',
2017.



334 Our selfishness has resulted in our harming others to benefit ourselves. This way of thinking has led to quarrels among people, feuds among families, wars among countries. It is the basic cause of natural and human-made disasters.

Short Talks, 2010.



335 Peace of the world is based on peace in the family.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

336 People around the world need to return to traditional values and strive to attain peace. How do we attain peace? Through education.

The Awakening of Loving-kindness, 2001.

337 Previously, the seeds that were planted might have taken seven or eight decades to mature, but today, the escalation of these bad causes is resulting in a shortening of the maturity period and an increase in magnitude. This is horrifying!

Changing Destiny, 2002.

338 Retaliation is wrong because this never-ending cycle of vengeance goes back and forth between those involved.

*The Benevolent Person Has No Enemies,
2000.*

339 The diversity of culture is a natural phenomenon and not human-made. It is healthy to be able to adapt to this diversity of cultures, this multi-culture. Those who violate this natural law of multi-culture may find themselves ill in both body and mind.

The Collected Works, 2010.

340 The entire world is one living entity and 'the pull of a single hair affects the entire body'. We are closely connected to each other and experience good fortune and misfortune together.

'Implementing Universal Education', 2019.

341 The Multi Faith centre...will be a good role model and succeed in introducing to visitors from the rest of the world, the understanding that can help resolve the conflicts in the world, to safeguard world peace and harmony.

Short Talks, 2010.



342 The importance of love has been emphasised by all major religions. Love is the core value of all religions, as well as the foundation for religious cohesion.

'Establishing a Harmonious Paradise', 2018.

343 The purity of the world comes from an individual's inner purity.

Buddhism as an Education, 2012.

344 The remembrance of our ancestors is the foundation of Confucianism and Buddhism, which is the source of harmony in society and peace in the world.

Buddhism as an Education, 2012.

345 To have a stable and prosperous society and country, we first need to have harmonious interaction among cultural, racial and religious groups.

Short Talks, 2010.

346 To resolve conflict, never seek revenge nor be antagonistic.

'Resolving Conflict and Realizing World Peace', 2015.

347 Today everyone longs for world peace, but we need to start from the foundation of filial piety to obtain it.

Buddhism as an Education, 2012.

348 Today, we have gained a clear understanding that we should start from 'God loves all beings'. We should start from ourselves and practise what is written in the sacred texts, 'God loves all beings', 'all divinities are one entity', 'all religions are one family'. We should use this approach to restore religious education in the West and traditional education in China, and subsequently help resolve conflicts on Earth and facilitate social stability and harmony.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 3, 2018.

349 We have to give up competitions, conflicts and wars. If we choose competitions, conflicts and wars, mankind will have endless sufferings. If we give up competitions, conflicts and wars, mankind can enjoy endless good fortune and happiness.

'Inheriting the Wisdoms and Traditions',
2017.



350 We hope to bring back sacred religious education, and learn and practise it properly. We will first learn and practise our own religion and then learn from other religions in the hope of seeking common grounds and putting aside differences. Our ultimate goal is that there will never be conflicts, antagonism and misunderstanding in the world, and that true love of

benevolence and peace will
be realised on Earth.

'Learning God Loves All Beings',
Episode 1, 2018.

351 We must learn to embrace
the world's various ethnic
groups, religions, cultures,
and countries. We must
mutually care, respect, love
and help one another and
work together. Doing so,
how could this world not be
peaceful!

'Resolving Conflict and
Realizing World Peace', 2015.

352 We need to be magnanimous in our thoughts, reaching out to all the sentient beings in this world. We hope for world peace and harmony, full collaboration across the people and mutual respect for everyone.

'Higher Learning as a Tool for Attaining Peace and Happiness', 2016.

353 We need to study history and view the chaos in the world from a historian's viewpoint so as to realise the source of good occurrences as well as disasters. This will enable us to detect the occurrences of any effects due to the law of causality before they happen.

Changing Destiny, 2002.



354 When different races and religions respect and help each other, we will finally have a peaceful and prosperous society.

Short Talks, 2010.

355 When everyone praises morality highly, and abides by laws and follows rules of conduct, society will naturally be peaceful.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

356 When helping others, we should think about benefitting the entire society or even the world instead of limiting our help to just the ones we love. Expanding the boundaries of our care for others makes our lives more meaningful, full of freedom and happiness.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

357 When the human mind is good, wind and rain will come as they are needed. When the human mind is not good, disasters will occur frequently.

Essence of the Infinite Life Sutra, 2013.

358 Whether or not peace can be achieved depends on “equality.” Only with a non-discriminatory mind, will peace be realised.

Address at the Greening Ceremony, 2002.

359 With a pure mind, a mind without discrimination or attachment, a higher level of wisdom arises in which the world around us naturally comes into harmony.

Buddhism as an Education, 2012.

360 World peace stems from inner peace.

Path to True Happiness, 1994.

恆順眾生
隨喜功德

釋淨土敬贈

To adjust to accord with the wishes of
sentient beings and be joyful over other's
meritorious deeds.



FAITH
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上善若水
水善利萬物
而不爭
處眾人之所惡
故幾於道矣

淨玄學



*The good man is like water;
Water benefits all things but does not compete
with them.
It dwells in (the lowly) places that all disdain-
Wherein it comes near to the Tao.*

- Tao Te Ching, Chapter 8

伊斯蘭聖訓

化敵為友

一、在憎恨與喜悅日子

講公道話

二、接濟與我斷交的人

三、照顧與我絕情的人

四、原諒對我行不義的人

釋淨空學



Excerpts of Hadith:

Enemies Become Friends

1. Speak fairly on the days of resentment and joy.
2. Give financial help to those who break off friendship with me.
3. Take care of the ones who treated me mercilessly.
4. Forgive those who did misdeeds to me.

你要盡心盡力
愛主上帝
要愛人如己
這就是我對
你們的要求
彼此相愛

基督教 釋淨空

***'I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another.
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.'***

— John 13:34-35

世界上所有人們的

靈感不分種族

或宗教都來自

同一神聖的本源

大家都是同一

上帝的子民

巴哈伊教 巴哈安拉作品集粹

There can be no doubt whatever that the peoples of the world, of whatever race or religion, derive their inspiration from one heavenly Source, and are the subjects of one God.

- Gleanings From the
Writings of Bahá'ulláh



Peace and Harmony

The Six Principles of Harmony:

Harmony in sharing the same viewpoints or goals

Harmony in observing the same precepts

Harmony in living together

Harmony in speaking without conflict

Harmony in experiencing the inner peace and happiness

Harmony in sharing benefits equally

The Cultivation Guidelines for
Pure Land school practitioners

愛是教律

的開始

也是結束

猶太教 釋淨空

Love: the beginning and the end of Torah

- Judaism

以智慧為母
以知足為父
以真誠為兄弟
他們都是你的
好親人

錫克教
錫克聖典

*Make wisdom thy mother,
contentment thy father,
and thruthfulness thy brother.
These are thine good relations.*



己所欲
施於人
己所不欲
勿施於人

淨古學



***What you desire for yourself desire for others too,
what you do not desire for yourself do not desire for
others too - this is the teaching of the Jina.***

高貴的心靈
是把自己奉獻
給促進他人
平靜快樂
即使這些人
曾傷害他

印度教 釋淨空

With a noble soul, one devotes himself to bringing happiness and peace to others, including those who once hurt him.

- Hinduism



人應當成為每一個人的
朋友此之謂人的天性人也應
當引導眾人行善此之謂人的智
慧人還應當愛人如己此之謂
人的信仰

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*One is to become a friend of every one,
such is human's nature;
also, guide people into goodness,
such is human's wisdom;
also, love others as yours,
such is human's religion.*

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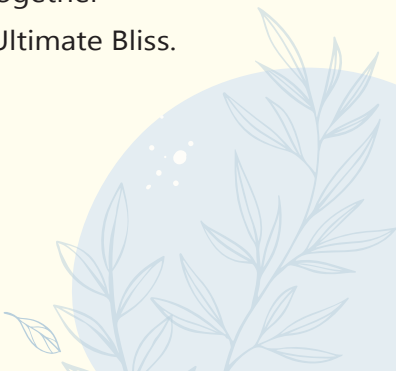


Love

Dedication of Merits

May the merits and virtues
accrued from this work
adorn the Buddha's Pure Land,
repay the Four Kinds of Kindness above,
and relieve the sufferings of those
in the Three Paths below.

May all those who see and hear of this
bring forth the heart
of understanding and compassion,
and at the end of this life,
be born together
in the Land of Ultimate Bliss.



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