

MahaPrajnaparamita Hridaya Sutra
(The Heart Sutra of the Perfect Wisdom)

When the Venerable Bodhisattva, Kanzeon (Avalokitesvara) was contemplating Prajnaparamita (Divine Wisdom) in deep meditation. He clearly perceived that emptiness is the real nature of all the five components of beings. Thus, He redeemed Himself from all misfortune and pain.

He then addressed Sariputa (one of Shakyamuni Buddha's disciples):

"Sariputra! Form is no other than emptiness, and emptiness is no other than form. Form is exactly emptiness, and emptiness indeed is form. What is form that is emptiness, what is emptiness that is form."

"Sensation, perception, impression, and consciousness are likewise emptiness. Here, 'O Sariputra, all such things are emptiness by their nature, nothing is born, and nothing is destroyed! There is nothing stained, nothing pure, and nothing increased, nothing decreased!'"

"Therefore, 'O Sariputa, in this emptiness, there is no form, no sensation, no perception, no impression, and no consciousness."

"There is no eye, ear, nose, tongue, body, or mind; there is no color, sound, odor, taste, touch, or objects."

"There is neither a world of sight, hearing, smell, savor, feeling, nor a world of thought and consciousness."

"In emptiness, there is no ignorance and no extinction of ignorance. There is neither decay nor death, nor is there termination of decay and death.

There is no pain, no accumulation of pain, no annihilation of pain, and no path to the annihilation of pain."

"In emptiness, there is no wisdom and no obtaining; thus, there is nothing to be obtained."

"Just because there is no obtaining, the Bodhisattva who has sought for liberation dwells accordingly to Prajnaparamita without hindrance in his mind.

When the hindrance of consciousness has been annihilated, he becomes free from all fear. As he is far beyond the reach of change and all the mistaken fantasy, he attains to the Ultimate Nirvana."

"All the Buddhas of the past, present, and future, after approaching the Prajnaparamita, have awakened to the highest, the most Perfect Enlightenment."

"Therefore, we ought to know that the verse of Prajnaparamita is the Great Mantra, the Mantra of Great Wisdom, the Supreme Mantra, the Incomparable Mantra which is capable of removing all pain completely. This is truth. Because of its truth, the mantra proclaimed in the Prajnaparamita:"

"Gate, Gate, Paragate, Parasamgate, Bodhi Svaha"

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