The Array of Sukhāvatī Pure Land: A Concíse Mahāyāna Sūtra

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Technical Note

Italics and a small font size indicate instructions and comments found in the Tibetan text. Words in square brackets have been added by the translator for clarification. For example:

This is how to correctly follow the virtuous friend, [the root of the path to full enlightenment].

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In the pure realm of Boundless Light
Not even the term "saṃsāra's six transmigrations" exists,
Since non-āryas do not reside there.
May I be reborn in the pure land of Boundless Light!

ब्रूट्ट्रिंग्स्यस्य प्याणीः विट्ट्रिंग्स्य स्था। देवास्य स्थान्य स्थाने स्थाने

In the pure realm of Boundless Light

Not even the terms "day" and "night" exist,

Since the light of ārya wisdom shines there.

May I be reborn in the pure land of Boundless Light!

ब्रूट्टिं भी क्षेट्ट प्याप्त क्षेत्र त्या । स्वार्क्षेत्र श्वर्षेत्र व्याप्त स्वार्म स्वार्म

In the pure realm of Boundless Light
Not even the terms "earth" and "rock" exist,
Since it is perfectly adorned with various jewels.
May I be reborn in the pure land of Boundless Light!

श्रूट्रायंत्रवर्ष्याः श्रीः विद्यान्त्रयः स्त्री। स्याः स्त्रेत्रः श्रीः द्र्याः स्त्रेत्रः स्त्री। स्रायः स्त्रेत्रः स्त्रेत्रः स्त्री। स्रायः स्त्रेत्रः स्त्रे स्त्रेत्रः स्त्री।

In the pure realm of Boundless Light
Not even the term "mundane wind" exists,
Since it has the fragrance of Vairocana's incense.
May I be reborn in the pure land of Boundless Light!

श्रूट्यः सम्बदः प्यशः ग्रीः विदः विस्यसः स्वा। च्रिटः कुतः विदः वीसः स्वः त्यः ग्रीः सिदः स्वा। च्रुटः कुतः विदः वीसः स्वः त्यः ग्रीः सिदः स्वा। स्वटः त्यास्यः प्यशः ग्रीः विदः दिदः स्त्रीः त्यः विवा।

In the pure realm of Boundless Light
Not even the terms "thicket" and "forest" exist,
Since it is perfectly adorned with bodhi trees.
May I be reborn in the pure land of Boundless Light!

ब्रूट्ट्रित् क्षेत्रः स्वरः प्यश्चः क्षेत्रः त्रेत्रः क्षेत्रः स्वरः प्यश्चः स्वरः प्यश्चः स्वरः स्वर

In the pure realm of Boundless Light
Not even the term "mundane food" exists,
Since everyone partakes of the food of samādhi.
May I be reborn in the pure land of Boundless Light!

ब्रूट्यास्त्रवराणकाः ग्रीः विद्यान्यकाः स्त्री। इसकाः उद्यान्त्रवाः केद्यान्त्रवाः व्याप्यान्त्रवा। इस्यान्यान्यान्याः विद्यान्त्रवा। ब्रूट्यास्त्रवराणकाः ग्रीः विद्यान्यकाः स्त्री।

In the pure realm of Boundless Light
Not even the term "abyss of bad transmigrations" exists,
Since everyone abides as equals.
May I be reborn in the pure land of Boundless Light!

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In the pure realm of Boundless Light
Not even the terms "king" and "minister" exist,
Since the King of Dharma himself resides there.
May I be reborn in the pure land of Boundless Light!

য়ूट्यास्त्रव्याक्ष्याः भी विद्यान्यस्य व्या त्रीत्रित्रक्षाः भी स्थित्रक्षेत्रक्षाः स्था व्याप्ते व्यक्तिः स्थित् भी स्थित्यस्य स्था सूट्यास्त्रव्यास्य स्थानित्रस्य स्थानित्यस्य स्थानित्रस्य स्थानित्रस्य स्थानित्रस्य स्थानित्रस्य स्थानित्

In the pure realm of Boundless Light
Not even the term "mundane water" exists,
Since rivers enriched with the eight nectars flow there.
May I be reborn in the pure land of Boundless Light!

श्रूट्रा-त्रस्रव्याध्याः भी विद्यान्त्रस्य स्था। विद्याः हेत्रः से व्याः से से त्याः स्था। स्थाः क्षेत्रः व्याः स्थाः स

In the pure realm of Boundless Light
Not even the term "mundane fire" exists,
Since the fire of clear wisdom blazes there.
May I be reborn in the pure land of Boundless Light!

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In the pure realm of Boundless Light
Not even the term "mundane clothing" exists,
Since everyone wears excellent, divine Pañchali cloth.
May I be reborn in the pure land of Boundless Light!

য়ूट्यायम्यायम् । विद्यायम् भूतः वाद्यायम् । विद्यायम् । विद्यायम्

In the pure realm of Boundless Light
Not even the term "birthplace" exists,
Since all beings are born there miraculously.
May I be reborn in the pure land of Boundless Light!

भ्री. ब्रैस्य श्रवर त्त्र त्र क्षि. ब्रैस्ट्र स्था। व्य दि. भ्री. क्ष्य क्ष्य

If you write in gold The Array of Sukhāvatī Pure Land: A Concise Mahāyāna Sūtra spoken by Dharmakāya Boundless Light, you will definitely be reborn in Sukhāvatī for 100,000 eons. If you write it in gold and silver, you will definitely be reborn in Sukhāvatī for 10,000 eons. If you write it in silver, you will definitely be reborn in Sukhāvatī for 1,000 eons. If you write it in vermillion, you will definitely be reborn in Sukhāvatī for 100 eons. If you write it in black ink, you will definitely be reborn in Sukhāvatī for 10 eons. You will definitely be reborn in the pure realm of Dharmakāya Boundless Light.

This is the essence of the ultimate. It is the pith of the dharmatā. It is the king of all confessions of misdeeds. If you write and recite this, you will definitely be purified even if you kill insects and creatures, such as 100 people, 100 horses, 100 snakes, 100 dogs, 100 women, 100 cattle, 100 fish, 100 pigs, 100 monkeys, and 100 sheep; curse others; poison others; engage in miserliness and deceit; are the owner of a dog that kills deer; have degenerated your promises and commitments and then engage in sexual misconduct; kill your guru, abbot, or teacher; or do any of the ten nonvirtues.

Moreover, all wicked people should write, read, and recite this, understanding it completely. They should develop faith, respect, and admiration for it. They should spread it everywhere. If any wicked person whatsoever reads or recites it three times, there is no doubt they will be reborn in Sukhāvatī Pure Land and then become a buddha. Don't wonder whether they will or will not be hell beings, nor think that might be true.

रदःश्वीःवर्षाः क्रिंताः म्हित्। देः सः दह्ते देशे क्रिंताः स्याक्ष्यः सः स्वीः स्वान्यः स्वान्य

When someone dies, the best is to have a lama do this ritual for the corpse on the morning of the cremation; the middling is for a geshe to do it; and the last is for a monk to do it. If that isn't possible, at least someone who knows how to read should do it. If it is recited three times and then tapped on the corpse's head three times, without doubt that person will become a buddha.

त्त्रं च्यान्त्रत्यान्यः स्त्रेत्वा व्यक्तं स्त्रेत्वा व्यक्तं स्त्रेत्वा व्यक्तं स्त्रेत्वा व्यक्तं स्त्रेत्व स्त्रा त्यक्षे स्त्रेत्वे स्त्रेत्वे स्त्रेत्वे स्त्रेत्वा स्त्रेत्वा स्त्रेत्वा स्त्रेत्वा स्त्रेत्वा स्त्रेत् स्त्रेत्वा स्त्रेत्वा स्त्रेत्वे स्त्रेत्वे स्त्रेत्वा स्त्या स्त्रेत्वा स्त्रेत्वा स्त्रेत्वा In this eon, all Dharma practices that are sealed with this prayer of dedication are greatly meritorious. If those who write, recite, keep, or disseminate it, read or recite it three times, they will not experience sickness or [untimely] death. May all of their wishes be fulfilled, and may they meet with those who are propitious and endowed with the fortunate karma [to be reborn in Sukhāvatī Pure Land].

Colophons

Original Colophon:

[The Array of Sukhāvatī Pure Land: A Concise Mahāyāna Sūtra (bde chen zhing bkod kyi mdo bsdus pa theg pa chen po) is a summary of] the extensive description of Sukhāvatī Pure Land spoken by Dharmakāya Amitābha in the fifth chapter, "Dharmakāya Amitābha Chapter," of [The Heap of Jewels Sūtra,] 100,000 Chapters Enumerating the Mahāyāna Dharma.

Publisher's Colophon:

Translated by Ven. Gyalten Lekden from *bde chen zhing bkod kyi mdo bsdus pa theg pa chen po* in *ris med chos spyod gces btus*, Bylakuppe: Sera Jey Library & Computer Center, 2015, pp. 105–108. Reviewed and edited by Ven. Joan Nicell in consultation with Ven. Gyalten Lekden, FPMT Education Services, April 2020. Further editing by Ven. Ailsa Cameron, April 2020.

Translator's Colophon:

Translated at the request of, and with editorial suggestions by, Kyabje Lama Zopa Rinpoche, Sera Je Monastery, India, February 2020. This prayer is accepted as the speech of Buddha Amitābha and understood to be a summary of *The Array of Ārya Amitābha Sūtra*, which is a text found in the Kangyur. However, the notes in small letters that describe the benefits of the text, which are found at the end of the text in the prayer book used by Lama Zopa Rinpoche, do not seem to come from that Kangyur text and it is not clear whether these notes are also the advice of Buddha Amitābha or were added by a later editor or compiler. They are included in this translation because Lama Zopa Rinpoche believes them to be accurate descriptions of the benefits of this text and wants to make sure that all students are aware of its value.

Any benefit that comes from this translation is dedicated to all the holy gurus' continued display of good health and long life.

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If it is necessary to dispose of printed Dharma materials, they should be burned rather than thrown in the trash. When burning Dharma texts, visualize that the letters transform into an A (\mbox{CN}) and the A absorbs into your heart. Imagine burning blank paper. As the paper burns, recite OM $\mbox{AH}\mbox{ H}\mbox{UM}$ or the *Heart Sutra*, while meditating on emptiness.

Lama Zopa Rinpoche recommends that images of holy beings, deities, and holy objects not be burned. Ideally, if undamaged, they should be put in a stūpa. Otherwise, put them high up in a tree inside a well-sealed structure, something like a bird house, so that the images are protected from the weather and do not end up on the ground.

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