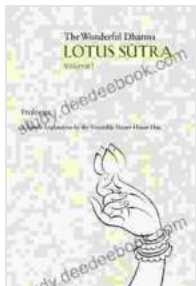


Prologue: A Simple Explanation by the Venerable Master Hsuan Hua, The Wonderful

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The Heart Sutra is a condensed version of the Prajnaparamita Sutra, which means "The Perfection of Wisdom Sutra." It is said to have been spoken by

the Buddha to the bodhisattva Avalokiteshvara, who asked him how to understand the nature of reality.

The sutra teaches that all phenomena are empty of inherent existence, and that there is no separation between the self and the other. This teaching is known as the "emptiness" or "sunyata" doctrine. The sutra also teaches that the true Self is not a fixed or separate entity, but rather a dynamic and ever-changing process. This teaching is known as the "non-duality" or "advaita" doctrine.

Master Hsuan Hua's commentary on the Heart Sutra is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of Buddhism. His teachings are clear, concise, and full of wisdom. He provides a wealth of examples and analogies to help us understand the sutra's teachings on emptiness, non-duality, and the true Self.

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The Text of the Prologue

The text of the Prologue is as follows:



“The Heart Sutra is the quintessence of all the sutras. It is the heart of the Prajnaparamita Sutra, which in turn is the heart of all the Buddhist teachings. The Heart Sutra is a profound and subtle teaching, and it is not easy to understand. However, if

we approach it with an open mind and a sincere desire to learn, we can begin to glimpse its profound meaning.

The Heart Sutra teaches us that all phenomena are empty of inherent existence. This means that they do not exist independently of our minds. They are not separate from us, and we are not separate from them. All phenomena are interconnected and interdependent. They are all part of the same vast and interconnected web of life.

The Heart Sutra also teaches us that the true Self is not a fixed or separate entity. It is not something that we can find or grasp onto. The true Self is a dynamic and ever-changing process. It is the process of our own becoming. It is the process of our own awakening.

The Heart Sutra is a profound and challenging teaching. However, it is also a teaching of great hope and liberation. It teaches us that we are not separate from the universe. We are all part of the same vast and interconnected web of life. We are all capable of awakening to our true nature. We are all capable of becoming Buddhas.”

Master Hsuan Hua's Commentary

Master Hsuan Hua's commentary on the Heart Sutra is full of wisdom and insight. He provides a wealth of examples and analogies to help us understand the sutra's teachings on emptiness, non-duality, and the true Self.

For example, Master Hsuan Hua compares the true Self to a mirror. A mirror has no inherent form or color. It simply reflects whatever is in front of it. In the same way, the true Self has no inherent nature. It simply reflects the world around us.

Master Hsuan Hua also compares the true Self to a wave. A wave is not a separate entity from the ocean. It is simply a temporary manifestation of the ocean's energy. In the same way, the true Self is not a separate entity from the universe. It is simply a temporary manifestation of the universe's energy.

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