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一聲佛號不離口

阿彌陀佛常隨身。

諸位同修:

「阿彌陀佛」!

懇請大家慈心誠念:

「南無阿彌陀佛」

由一聲,乃至:百聲、千聲、萬聲…

願以此念佛功德· 作爲閱讀本書之開場白。

MAY I ALWAYS CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE BUDDHA, AND MAY THE BUDDHA AMITABHA ALWAYS BE WITH ME

Dear Cultivators Of The Way,

AMITABHA BUDDHA.

Do Bring Forth The Mind Of Kindness, And Be Sincerely Mindful Of The Buddha,

namo amitabha buddha,

And Say The Name Of The Buddha For Once, Until Hundreds, Thousands and Millions Of Times

May The Merits And Virtues Accrued From The Mindfulness Of The Buddha, Be The Opening Verse For The Reading Of This Book

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● 印光大師 胎教開示 ●

The Instructions Of Dharma Master YIN-GUANG On The Teaching Of Foetus





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李婦果能菇素念佛,行善去惡。目不視惡色。耳不聽惡聲。身不行惡事。口不出惡言。使兒在胎中即稟受正氣,則天性精純。生後再加以教化,無有不可成爲善人者!

The Instructions Of Dharma Master YIN-GUANG On The Teaching Of Foetus

It is advisable for a pregnant woman to eat only vegetarian food and be mindful of The Buddha. She should practise all good deeds. Never should she see evil forms, listen to evil sounds, practise evil deeds and harsh speech. The foetus will then receive the righteous energy and be endowed with a fine and pure nature. And after he is born, he will surely become a good man with proper guidance and education.



ABORTION IS SHEER MURDER

The expulsion of foetus from the womb or abortion is killing with intention. The right for a living foetus to survive has been snatched away cruelly. Some people say that abortion is sheer murder.

In an estimation made by the Health Corporation of the United Nations, about two billions and three thousand millions women are still ignorant of the prevention of Conception. About 15 percent of these women died of infectious diseases which are originated from a neglect of health and cleanliness after an abortion.

In Africa, about 70% of the women receive treatment at the hospitals after having infected with diseases from abortion. Their average age is below nineteen years. Every year, there are about six thousand millions cases of abortion in the Third World. At least twenty million of them died from abortion.

In an advanced country like America at least five thousand unwanted babies are killed everyday. In 1973, the High Court of America passed the law of the legality of an abortion within the first three months of pregnancy. So, in this free country, it creates a new record whereby every year there are 150 million cases of abortion.

Every year, among those who have aborted the babies, more than 100 million cases are young, underaged mothers who are pregnant before reaching maturity. Many of them are between the age group of thirteen to fifteen years.

Presently, abortion has become a new trend in modern living. It creates serious social problems for all countries in the world. Besides, it is also a great problem faced by those thousands of millions of young babies who are killed before they have a chance to come into the world!

堕胎是变相的谋杀

人工流产,或者是堕胎,是人为的把一个蕴育中的胚胎的生存权利扼杀掉。也有人说「堕胎」是变相的谋杀!

联合国卫生机构估计,目前为止,大约有二亿三千万妇女对避孕常识仍然一无所知。 她们当中,大约有十五巴仙因怀孕而死亡的因素是由堕胎所引发的后遗症造成。

在非洲,七十巴仙的堕胎妇女因后遗症而入院接受治疗,她们的年龄平均都在十九岁以下。第三国家每年的堕胎数字也接近六千万,其中最少有二十万是死於堕胎!

先进的美国,每天有最少五千名未出世的婴儿被杀死。1973年,美国高等法院通过怀孕三个月内人工流产合法后,这个自由国度创下了每年高达一百五十万宗的堕胎行为。

在这些堕胎者当中,未成年的怀孕妈妈 每年超过一百万,她们的年龄,大部份介於十 三到十五岁之间。

目前「堕胎」已成为了一种时尚风气, 不但造成了社会严重的问题,也是全世界上千 千万万未出世前被扼杀的小生命的一个大问题!



可憐可憐] 遭一群無辜的孩子們吧!

宣公老和尚會于水、陸、空超渡亡靈法會中作如是說:「現在社會上天災人禍屢見不鮮,這皆是由于殺生之故。墮胎爲殺生之一種。那些胎兒們還未足月就被拿掉了,在走投無路之餘,他們之魂神漂浮于空中,有的只生了一只腳,有的手還未生出來,眼、耳、鼻、舌、身、意,皆未齊全,就被迫離母體,心中充滿怨恨,到處流盪、哭泣。他們哭泣之聲如風鈴般,時隱時間,實是可憐。又因無人爲之超渡,所以怨恨之氣積成一股黑暗,無形之業力,致使世間永不安寧,災禍頻頻……。

Do Have Mercy On These Pitiful Children!

In the Dharma Assembly For Crossing Over the dead ones who died in the water, on land and in the air, The Venerable Master Hsuan Hua gave the following speech, "In the present society, all kinds of accidents and disasters can frequently be seen. These are all caused by the karma of killing. To abort a foetus is one kind of killing. The foetus is aborted purposely before it is fully grown. At that moment, it has no where to go but floats like a lost soul in empty space. Some are with one limb, others do not even have hands. They are forced to leave the mothers' wombs with incomplete eyes, ears, nose, tongue, body and mind. So their hearts are full of hatred and anger. They float everywhere, crying and weeping. Their soft voices can sometimes be heard, but sometimes not, just like the ringing sound of a bell which rings when there is wind. Their condition is very pitiful. As there is nobody who cares to cross them over, the hatred and anger will be accumulated into an unseen dark force of karma which results in all kinds of misfortunes and calamities in the world. The Human Realm will never be at peace eternally..." 070

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'The Dharani Sutra of The Buddha on Longevity, The Extinction of Offences and The Protection of Young Children' or 'The Sutra of The Buddha on Longevity' described how the forty-nine Bodhisattvas who had just brought forth the Bodhi Mind wished to ask The Buddha about The Dharma on Longevity. And their wish was fulfilled when Manjushri Bodhisattva asked the question on their behalf.

"World Honoured One! All the living beings in the seas of birth and death create all kinds of evil karma and hence receive the retribution of a short lifespan. In what way can they put to extinction the evil karma in order to attain longevity?"

The World Honoured One said, "There are five types of offences which are difficult to be eradicated even after repenting. They are:

1: Killing one's father 2: K

2: Killing one's mother

3: Killing a foetus

4: Shedding the Buddha's blood and

5: Creating disharmony among the Sangha. Offences like these are hard to be eradicated!"

After that The World Honoured One taught living beings who have committed the five unwholesome deeds 'The Secret Sutra of All Buddhas on Longevity'. It was also spoken by a thousand Buddhas in the past. If living beings are able to accept and uphold this Sutra, to write it down, read and recite it besides repenting sincerely on all heavy karma, then their offences will be extinguished.

I only hope that all living beings with consciousness will seek rebirth in the Pure Land derived from the merits and virtues of this Sutra. I also hope that those who help to print this Sutra will transfer the merits and virtues to all souls of aborted foetus and the babies who have just passed away so as to help them seeking rebirth in the Western Land of Ultimate Bliss.

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佛說

長壽滅罪護諸**童子** 陀羅尼經

说长寿灭罪护诸童子陀罗尼经」(佛说长寿经)记述四十九位新发心菩萨,各欲 发问从佛求长寿法,后得文殊师利菩萨代问: 「世尊!一切众生,於生死海,造诸恶业,得 短命报。云何令其消灭诸恶业,得寿命长法 ?」

世 尊说: 「世间有五种罪业是忏悔难灭的,就是: 一者杀父; 二者杀母; 三者杀胎; 四者出佛身血; 五者破和合僧。如此恶业,罪难消灭! 」

后来世尊依过去千佛说诸佛秘法长寿经 ,告五逆众生,若能受持此经,书写诵读,至 诚忏悔,重罪即当得灭。

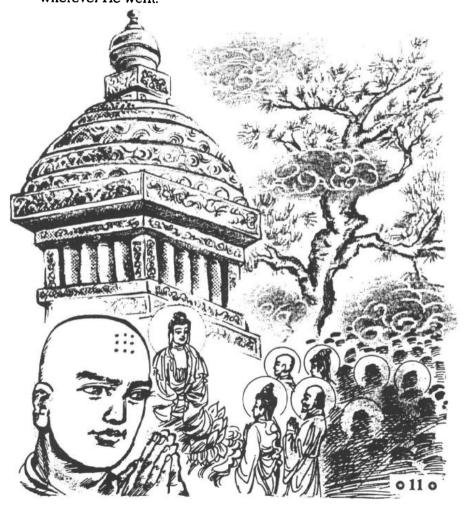
原 一切含识得蒙经力之功德,求生净土。又愿助印此经者,将为一切胎魂及初亡嬰灵,回向求生西方极乐!

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这部经,是我阿难亲自听闻佛所讲的。 佛说这部经之时,地点在王舍城耆阇崛山中。 当时在会的常随众弟子,有一千二百五十多人

Thus I, Ananda, have heard, at one time, The Buddha was at Mount Grdhrakuta, at the City of Royal Palace, together with a thousand two hundred and fifty disciples, who accompanied Him wherever He went.



······还有来自各方的大菩萨,一万二千之多,及许多天龙、八部、鬼神、人非人等,一齐听佛宣讲。

There were also twelve thousand Bodhisattva Mahasattva, the eight fold divisions of Gods and dragons, ghosts and spirits, humans and non-humans, who came together from different directions to listen to The Buddha Dharma.



当时,世尊在说法之前,先於其面门,以自在神力放出种种光。其光有青、黄、赤、白等色。一色之中,有无量化佛。

At that time, before expounding the Dharma, The Buddha with His Spiritual Power, emitted different colourful lights such as green lights, yellow lights, red lights, white lights and other lights which shone forth from His face. In every ray of the colourful lights, there appeared uncountable Transformation Buddhas.



每一化佛,能作不可思议佛事,能化无量无边化菩萨,——化菩萨,都在赞叹歌颂佛之功德。

Every Transformation Buddha was able to carry out inconceivable tasks of the Buddha and transform uncountable and limitless Transformation Bodhisattvas. Everyone of the Transformation Bodhisattva again praised and sang about the merits and virtues of The Buddha.

