

The
Diamond
Cutter Sutra
Verse – 2022
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Refuge & Bodhichitta

I go for refuge until I am enlightened

To the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Supreme Assembly

By the merits I create through listening to the Dharma,

May I become a buddha to benefit all sentient beings.



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Four Immeasurables

May all sentient beings have happiness and the causes of happiness.

May all sentient beings be free from suffering and the causes of suffering.

May all sentient beings never be separated from the happiness that is free from suffering.

May all sentient beings abide in equanimity, free from attachment for friends and hatred for enemies.



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Seven Limb Prayer

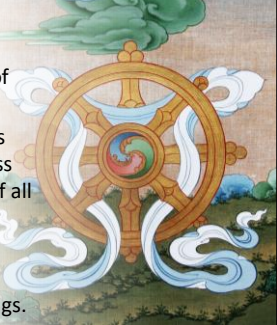
Reverently I prostrate with my body, speech, and mind;

I present clouds of every type of offering, actual and imagined;

I declare all my negative actions accumulated since beginningless time, and rejoice in the merit of all holy and ordinary beings.

Please, remain until the end of cyclic existence, and turn the wheel of Dharma for living beings.

I dedicate my own and other's merits to the great enlightenment.



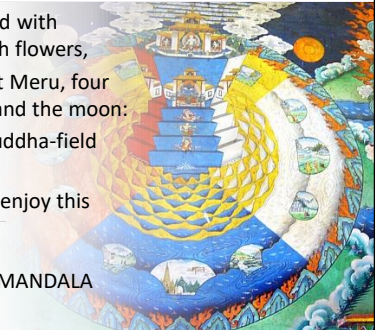
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Mandala Offering

This ground, anointed with perfume, strewn with flowers, Adorned with Mount Meru, four continents, the sun and the moon: I imagine this as a buddha-field and offer it.

May all living beings enjoy this pure land!

IDAM GURU RATNA MANDALA
KAM NIRYATA YAMI



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Our Topics Today

- The outline
- The four-line verse
- Similes

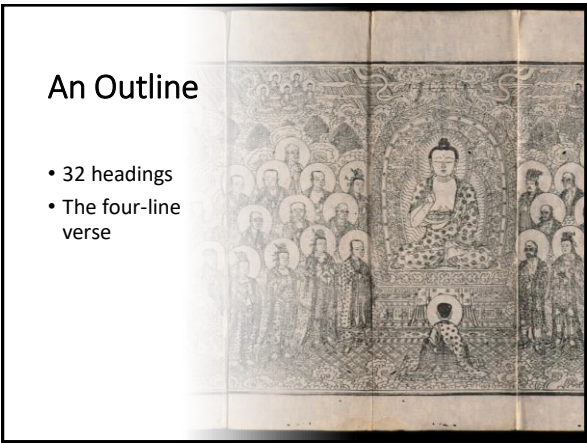


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Useful Books

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An Outline


- 32 headings
- The four-line verse

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The Two Truths


CONVENTIONAL TRUTH

A fact about a phenomenon that conceals a deeper fact about the same phenomenon.



ULTIMATE TRUTH

A fact about a phenomenon that is concealed by a more superficial fact about the same phenomenon.

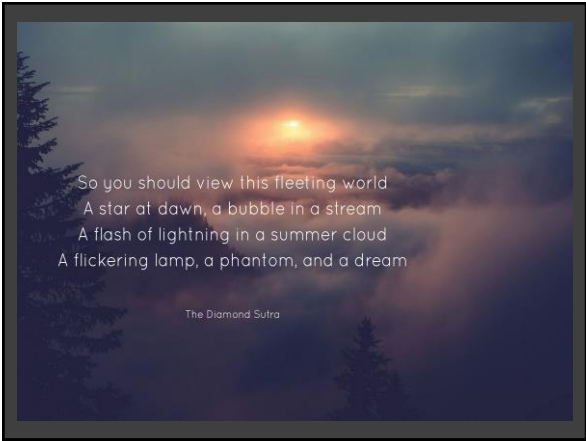


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The Nine Similes

<p>Empty and Dependent</p> <p>A star</p> <p>A visual aberration</p> <p>A flame of a lamp</p>	<p>Duhkha, Impermanent and Unsatisfactory</p> <p>An illusion (drawn into duhkha)</p> <p>A dewdrop (things are impermanent and unstable)</p> <p>A bubble (feelings are unsatisfactory)</p>	<p>Empty of Inherent Existence</p> <p>A dream</p> <p>A flash of lightning</p> <p>A Summer cloud</p>
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So you should view this fleeting world
A star at dawn, a bubble in a stream
A flash of lightning in a summer cloud
A flickering lamp, a phantom, and a dream

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The Clear Blue Sky

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A Star at Dawn

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A Dewdrop

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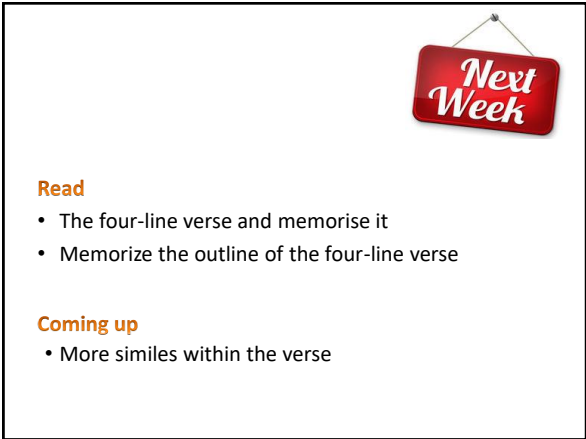
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What's My Take-Away?

- You know this sutra has 32 headings
- You know what the similes of the star and dewdrop refer to

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Bodhicitta Verses

May the supreme jewel bodhicitta
Not yet born, arise and grow
May that born have no decline
But increase forever more

And as long as space endures,
As long as sentient beings abide,
May I too remain
To dispel the sorrows of the world

