

彌勒信仰與當代社會的理念相應之處

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摘 要

本文主要是從彌勒下生信仰中的人間淨土思想與當代社會的理念有相應之處作探析：第一，彌勒本願是以安樂行求無上道，較合符普世追求幸福快樂的人生觀。第二，未來淨土各領域皆具高度文明及效能，這些與現代社會的發展方向大致相符。第三，從彌勒法門的修法以明所感的依正二報，也就是異熟因果善報的實現。希望藉著這些探析，能為當代佛教積極建設人間淨土的願景提供佛法及實踐上的支持。

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The Correspondence between Maitreya Belief and Contemporary Societal Ideals

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Abstract

This paper explores the corresponding ideas between the humanistic pure land thought in the Maitreya faith and contemporary society from three perspectives. Firstly, it examines how the cultivation of the "threefold contemplation of loving kindness" and the vow of Maitreya to abstain from meat align with the concept of vegetarianism and carbon reduction. Maitreya's ultimate goal of seeking enlightenment through the pursuit of peace and happiness also corresponds to the universal pursuit of a happy and fulfilling life. Secondly, the paper analyzes how the Maitreya sutra illustrates highly civilized and efficient practices in areas such as agriculture, water conservation, urban planning, medical advancement, environmental hygiene, elderly care, social equality, and civic quality. Lastly, the paper discusses how Maitreya's teachings on the cultivation of awareness of karmic consequences promote the creation of a society that is abundant, joyful, and beautiful. The paper aims to provide Buddhist principles and practical support for the contemporary Buddhist vision of building a pure land on Earth.

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