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*In Sanskrit,*

*Arya Mangala Kuta Nama Mahayana Sutra*

Homage to all Buddhas and Bodhisattvas!

Thus I have heard, at one time the Bhagavan was on Supreme Mountain, in the Stack of Auspiciousness palace, dwelling in the grove of flowers under a canopy of stacked vajras, upon a throne of piled jewels, upon a seat of lotus filaments, accompanied by a vast auspicious entourage, encircled by a thousand and eight Bodhisattvas, great Bodhisattvas, who included Bodhisattva Mangala Vara, Bodhisattva Mangala Samgraha,

Bodhisattva Mangala Alamkara,  
Bodhisattva Mangala Avaloka,  
Bodhisattva Mangala Sarvavyapin,  
The auspicious Bodhisattva Akasagarbha,  
The auspicious Bodhisattva Ksitigarbha,  
The auspicious Bodhisattva Vayugarbha,  
The auspicious Bodhisattva Agnigarbha,  
The auspicious Bodhisattva Jalagarbha,  
The auspicious Bodhisattva Asmagarbha,  
The auspicious Bodhisattva Ratnagarbha, and  
The auspicious Bodhisattva Anantavyuha.

Likewise,

Vipasyin, Uttaramati, Amitabha, Amitayus,  
Buddha Kasyapa, auspicious Satsvetaketu,  
The auspicious and powerful Vajrapani,  
The auspicious and wise Manjushri,  
The auspicious and compassionate  
Avalokitesvara, Sariputra, Subhuti, and so on,

an auspicious entourage, one thousand and eight in number. Also, gods, nagas, yakshas, gandharvas, kusmanda spirits, a large crowd of humans and non-humans all gathered together.

Then, at that time, the youthful Manjushri rose from his seat and circumambulated the Bhagavan many times. He placed his right knee on the ground and said this to the Bhagavan:

“Bhagavan, at this time with such an auspicious entourage gathered I beseech you to teach a sutra that is auspicious and virtuous in the beginning, auspicious and virtuous in the middle, auspicious and virtuous at the end;

One that will remove all that is inauspicious,

That will gather all that is auspicious,

That will dispel all faults and errors

and gather all excellent qualities, and  
That will bring about splendor and good fortune.”

The Bhagavan smiled and spoke;  
“Manjushri and others of this auspicious  
entourage, listen;

In the past, on this mighty earth when the  
lifespan of man was a thousand years long, with  
the body of a Brahmin I listened to this particular  
Mahayana sutra, *Stack of Auspiciousness*, with  
its thousand excellent qualities, in the presence  
of the perfectly enlightened Buddha Sarva  
Mangalam Bhava Sritejas. I remembered it,  
recited it and taught it. Through the power of  
good and bad many signs of inauspiciousness  
occur in this world, such as bad times, bad  
births, inauspicious months, inauspicious years  
and so forth, faults in actions and deeds,

in eating, in making clothes, faults in building houses, in finding friends, in keeping wealth, in raising horses and cattle, problems of illness, of death, in raveling, problems in carrying out the dead, in preparing the funeral, in preparing the funeral site, and so forth.

This Mahayana sutra, *Stack of Auspiciousness*, dispels all inauspiciousness. It gathers all that is auspicious, dispels all faults and problems, gathers all excellent qualities, making all glorious and fortunate, and renders everything good in the beginning, middle and end.

It gathers all merit, causing all that is auspicious to appear and to be known, making all exalted and free from any wrong deeds and obscuration. This I will teach to you. By listening to it or writing it down, by merely reciting it,

all inauspiciousness will be banished.

All bad prophecies, bad omens in dreams, bad mirror divination, bad omens will be dispelled.

In order to bring benefit, doctors and happiness to all living beings, I will teach this sutra to you. Listen well. Keep it in your mind.”

To this Manjushri replied:

“Excellent! Excellent! Bhagavan, in order to turn away all inauspiciousness for all living beings, teach us this dharma, the *Stack of Auspiciousness Sutra*, supreme gatherer of excellent qualities.”

The Bhagavan spoke:

“Manjushri, and all others of this auspicious entourage.

By the power of increase and decrease in karma and merit, the auspicious and inauspicious will appear. For those in the human realm among the ranks of sentient beings, signs of inauspiciousness include, defects in reading, defects in writing, defects in teaching, defects in meditation, dying at birth, blindness, having mottled skin, cracked and dead skin like a cow's neck, being born with hare lip, orphaned, a back hunched and bent, the six-eye skin disease, marks on face and hands, goiters, birthmarks, misshapen head, warts, missing or extra limbs. These are the defects of inauspiciousness. Similarly, among cattle, house dogs, farms, wealth and possessions, many defects appear. To remove and transform all their bad omens and signs, and all inauspiciousness, to remove all faults and defects;

Homage to the auspicious five ultimate deities!  
Homage to the auspicious supreme deities,  
protectors, and guides!

I will speak the mantra of auspiciousness!

*Syada Yathe Dana Bhijnaye Bhijnaye/*

*Uga Ge Uga Gi Swasti Krapati /*

*Umukhi Prasva-radva / Svasti Svasti /*

*Bhrum Bhrum Bhrum Prahakse /*

*Mune Mune / Gurune Gurune /*

*Akhe Mukhe / Murake Murake / Amati /*

*Gurunaya / Svasti Svasti Svasti / Gule Mule /*

*Kese Kese / Curuna Curuna / Bhiramale Svaha.*

Let the auspiciousness of paying homage, going  
for refuge and making requests to the Buddha,  
Dharma and Sangha, appear!

May all outer, inner and secret auspiciousness  
come and appear in this place!

The outer auspiciousness of the space of the pure skies;

The inner auspiciousness of the valley of the pure mind;

The secret auspiciousness of the pure *Dharmat* realm; whatever auspiciousness there is of space, mind and *Dharmat* realm,

Let it appear here now!

In the sky, the auspicious sun and moon, surrounded by the host of stars;

On the earth, the five auspicious elements surrounded by fire, water, earth and air;

In between, the auspicious three jewels surrounded by Buddhas of the ten directions.

Whatever auspiciousness there is of the three jewels, may that auspiciousness appear here now!

*Namo Buddhaya / Namō Dharmaya /  
Namo Sanghaya.*

Whatever auspiciousness there is of the sky,  
The earth and in between,  
Let it appear here now!

In the centre the auspicious ultimate deity  
Vairocana; whatever auspiciousness there is of  
Vairocana, let that auspiciousness appear here  
now!

In the east the auspicious ultimate deity  
Vajrasattva; whatever auspiciousness there is of  
Vajrasattva, let that auspiciousness appear here  
now!

In the south the auspicious ultimate deity  
Ratnasambhava; whatever auspiciousness there  
is of Ratnasambhava, let that auspiciousness  
appear here now!

In the west the auspicious ultimate deity  
Amitabha; whatever auspiciousness there is of  
Amitabha, let that auspiciousness appear here  
now!

In the north the auspicious ultimate deity  
Amoghasiddhi; whatever auspiciousness there  
is of Amoghasiddhi, let that auspiciousness  
appear here now!

*Om Buddhaya Dhu / Vajraya Dhu / Om Ratnaya  
Dhu / Om Padmaya Dhu / Om Karmaya Dhu.*

I and fortunate sons of the family,  
Sponsors and patrons of these days,  
Having been blessed by the Buddhas,  
This sutra of supreme auspiciousness,  
Has been spoken by me, and by that great  
merit,  
Let there be all wished-for auspiciousness,

As all pervading as space itself,  
As illuminating as the sun and moon,  
As many in number as the hosts of stars,  
As spontaneous as the forming clouds,  
As beautiful and attractive as a rainbow,  
As firm and glorious as Meru,  
As productive as the earth itself,  
As deep as an ocean,  
As blossoming as a tree in bloom,  
As if coming from the precious wish-fulfilling  
jewel, let it fall like rain!

*Om Ah Hum / Ratna Brum Ni A.*

May all become auspicious!

The perfection of giving but not apprehending,  
Whatever auspiciousness there is in great  
giving,

Let that auspiciousness appear here now!

The perfection of morality without impurity,  
Whatever auspiciousness there is of great  
morality,  
Let that auspiciousness appear here now!

The perfection of patience without sensation,  
Whatever auspiciousness there is of great  
patience,  
Let that auspiciousness appear here now!

The perfection of perseverance without laziness,  
Whatever auspiciousness there is of great  
perseverance,  
Let that auspiciousness appear here now!

The perfection of concentration without change,  
Whatever auspiciousness there is of great  
concentration,

Let that auspiciousness appear here now!

The perfection of method without anything to negate, whatever auspiciousness there is of the supreme method,

Let that auspiciousness appear here now!

The perfection of power without obstruction,  
Whatever auspiciousness there is of great power,

Let that auspiciousness appear here now!

The perfection of prayer without hopes or fear,  
Whatever auspiciousness there is of great prayer,

Let that auspiciousness appear here now!

The perfection of wisdom without error,

Whatever auspiciousness there is of great wisdom,

Let that auspiciousness appear here now!

Whatever auspiciousness there is of the ten perfections,

Let that auspiciousness appear here now!

Let all that is good be swiftly gained!

*Om Svasti Tatyatha Gate Gate Paragate  
Parasamgate Bodhi Svaha.*

The precious wheel unimpeded,

Whatever auspiciousness there is of the precious wheel,

Let that auspiciousness appear here now!

The precious elephant with the power of the great vehicle,

Whatever auspiciousness there is of the precious elephant,

Let that auspiciousness appear here now!

The precious horse with the power of knowing  
all,

Whatever auspiciousness there is of the  
precious horse,

Let that auspiciousness appear here now!

The minister who controls all,

Whatever auspiciousness there is of the  
precious minister,

Let that auspiciousness appear here now!

The precious general destroying the armies of  
wrong views,

Whatever auspiciousness there is of the  
precious general,

Let that auspiciousness appear here now!

The precious queen creator of all,  
Whatever auspiciousness there is of the  
precious queen,  
Let that auspiciousness appear here now!  
May we receive all that is good right now!

The precious jewel fulfilling all hopes and  
wishes,  
Whatever auspiciousness there is of the  
precious jewel,  
Let that auspiciousness appear here now!

*Om Bhesiti / Ratna Bhesiti / Sammuda Gatise  
Svaha / Om Varya Sule Bhrama Khramce /  
Smarac-chedananca Svaha.*

Namo!

For the head of the Buddha the protective  
auspicious parasol,

For his body the auspicious forever-flying victory  
banner,

For his speech the auspicious clockwise conch,

For his mind the auspicious translucent glorious  
mark,

For his eyes the auspicious precious golden fish,

For his tongue the auspicious lotus in full bloom,

For his throat the auspicious vase,

For his hands the auspicious jewel of excellent  
qualities,

For his feet the auspicious five wheels of  
enlightened activity;

The eight auspicious substances, phenomena of  
Siddhi,

Whatever auspiciousness there is of the eight

supreme substances,

Let that auspiciousness come here now for us,

Let that auspiciousness bring happiness always!

*Om Sarva Ayur-jnana Ratna Hamuki Brum*

*Brum Brum Hum Hum Hum Svaha.*

By the sutra of this stack of auspiciousness  
prayer as spoken by the Buddha,

Let there be in this life happiness, longevity,

Good fortune and prosperity, let there be  
glorious merit and in future lives, full  
enlightenment.

Thus, the Bhagavan spoke.

The auspicious entourage, the gods and  
humans, the *asura*, all rejoiced at the words of  
the Bhagavan and praised the Tathagata.

Then the youthful Manjushri requested the Bhagavan,

“ This sutra of the Bhagavan, what is its procedure? How is it to be performed?”

The Bhagavan replied,

“Manjushri, the procedure is as follows.

Recite it when building palaces for the three jewels, when building deity temples, main temples, stupas, shrines, when consecrating reliquaries, canons of the Buddha, collections of scripture, at places for the building of fortresses, when erecting new houses, at the birth of children, at the giving and receiving of brides, when taking out corpses, preparing the funeral, preparing the funeral site, and for repelling and transforming all inauspiciousness and bad omens.

Recite it to make food pure and of good taste, or for the five types of grain such as barley, rice and sesame, and so forth, or for fruit, grain essences, honey or the heart-shaped spirit torma. The benefits of doing so are that all inauspiciousness will be removed and in this life there will be all that is auspicious and the ultimate result will be gained.”

The auspiciousness of the enlightened form,  
The unborn Dharmakaya.

The auspiciousness of enlightened speech,  
The ambrosia sound of sacred Dharma.

The auspiciousness of the enlightened mind,  
great equality free from error.

The auspiciousness of enlightened qualities,  
lifting beings from the six realms,

The auspiciousness of enlightened activity,  
spontaneously accomplished free of effort;

Let it be auspicious whether it be day,

Let it be auspicious whether it be night,

Let it be auspicious always, day and night.

For you who move on two legs let there be  
happiness,

For you who move on four legs let there be  
happiness,

For all who are alive today let there be  
happiness,

May all gain the greatest happiness!

*Om Samskara Samskara Niraga-dacata*

*Om Svasti.*

The *Noble Stack of Auspiciousness Sutra*  
together with its ritual procedure is complete.

## Colophon

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May all who engage in virtue always meet with auspicious conditions!