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The Lotus Sutra

The Lotus Sutra is widely considered one of the most important and influential sutras, or sacred scriptures, in Buddhism. As far as content is concerned, you can find poems, parables and verses of all kinds. There is an implicit meaning in each of them and, consequently, the interpretation that corresponds to it.

They consist of the teachings that the Buddha expounded towards the end of his life, whose intention was that they be passed on to future generations for the enlightenment of all people. Unequivocally, recognizes the possibility that all people, regardless of their ability and without distinction or exception, can achieve enlightenment; therefore, any human being, whether he realizes it or not, has the ability to become enlightened. Everyone, without exception, can release the perfect wisdom and great compassion that resides in the depths of life. It also teaches that the life of a Buddha transcends our normal way of thinking and overcomes life and death. The lotus symbolized the unity of cause and effect, particularly the cause of aspiring to enlightenment (buddha state) and the effect of achieving it.