

Abstract

The tiny Buddha amulet is created through the belief in Buddhism together with Brahmanism. It is created in a Buddhist rite with a monk who has attained high level of meditated supernatural power chanting in order to instill Buddhist value into a Buddha amulet. Therefore, a Buddha amulet which is highly praised and valued is created through a proper rite, a good monk, and a worthy material.

The belief in miraculous power and divine might stay with mankind since time immemorial. Even in the present time when science and technology has rapidly progressed, the belief in such thing as the Buddha amulet still stay strong, particularly the Buddha amulet can be considered a historical endowment because possessing it boost one's morale and spirit.

Since the Buddha amulet is regarded by a majority of people as worthy and sacred, it has become part of an economy called "Buddhist salesmanship". It is so much sought after among faithful collectors who come from all walks of life. Some places that are renowned for the selling of Buddha amulets are the Ta Prachan Buddha image market and the Buddha image centers in Bangkok and other provinces.

A good Buddha amulet is highly valued, creating in the mind of the collector a strong morale. It is believed that Buddha amulet can protect those who possess it as well as the property and belongings of these people. It also reminds people to abstain from evil and follow the steps of the Buddha. Thus, it can be said that the belief in the Buddha amulet has become part of Thai people's uniqueness. This belief is a good Thai cultural trait that should be preserved.

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