The Buddha said to Ananda, “Living beings who are born in this land all abide in correct samadhi. And why? In this land, there are no beings who are in a misguided or undetermined samadhi.

Buddhas of the ten directions as many as Ganges’ sands together praise the Buddha Infinite Life’s inconceivable awe-inspiring powers and meritorious virtue.

Upon hearing his name, if beings have even a single thought of faith and joy and wholeheartedly vow to dedicate their merit to be born in his land, they will be reborn there and realize the stage of never retreating on the path of awakening.

The only exception are those who have committed the five unnatural crimes and slandered the Right Dharma.”

The Buddha said to Ananda, “Humans and devas from the worlds of the ten directions who wholeheartedly wish to be born in that land can be divided into three groups.

Those in the superior group leave the householder life and renounce desires, becoming a śramaṇa. They resolve on Bodhi and completely focus on mindfulness of the Buddha Infinite Life. Cultivating merit and virtue, they vow to be reborn in his land.
"When these beings reach the end of their lives, the Buddha Infinite Life and his assembly appear before them.

They then follow the Buddha to his land, where they are reborn from a lotus of seven jewels by spontaneous transformation.

They realize the stage of never retreating on the path of awakening, develop courageous wisdom, and attain spiritual powers of effortless self-mastery.

Ananda! For these reasons, those who wish in this life to see the Buddha Infinite Life should resolve on unsurpassed Bodhi, cultivate merit and virtue, and vow to be reborn in his land."

The Buddha said to Ananda, "The middle group consists of humans and devas from the worlds of the ten directions who wholeheartedly vow to be reborn in his land. Although unable to cultivate the vast merit and virtue of a śramaṇa, they still resolve on unsurpassed Bodhi and completely focus on mindfulness of the Buddha Infinite Life.

They cultivate goodness by upholding the fasting precepts, building stupas, making images, giving food to śramaṇas, hanging banners, lighting lamps, offering flowers, and burning incense.

They then dedicate all of this merit with a vow to be reborn in his land.

When they reach the end of their lives, the Buddha Infinite Life will appear in front of them in a transformation body with radiant hallmarks and fine characteristics, just like that of the actual Buddha.

The Buddha’s great assembly also appears in front of them, and they then follow this Buddha’s transformation body to his land, where they realize the stage of never retreating on the path of awakening.

Compared to the superior group, those in the middle group have less merit, virtue, and wisdom."
The Buddha said to Ananda, “The inferior group consists of humans and devas from the worlds of the ten directions who wholeheartedly vow to be reborn in his land. Although unable to cultivate various kinds of merit and virtue, they still resolve on unsurpassed Bodhi and are completely mindful of the Buddha Infinite Life for even ten recitations, wishing to be reborn in his land.

When hearing the profound Dharma, the beings in this group are delighted, full of faith, and joyful, free of doubts, completely mindful of that Buddha. Then just for a single thought, they vow sincerely to be reborn in that land. Then, at the end of their lives, these people will see that Buddha in a dream and be reborn there.

Compared to the middle group, those in the inferior group have less merit, virtue, and wisdom.”

The Buddha said to Ananda, “The Buddha Infinite Life’s awe-inspiring power is limitless. The infinite, countless, and inconceivable Buddhas, Tathāgatas from the worlds of the ten directions all praise him. From Buddha-lands as many as Ganges’ sands in the east, infinite, countless gatherings of Bodhisattvas approach the Buddha Infinite Life to pay their respects and make offerings. These Bodhisattvas along with the Voice-hearers and the great assembly listen to and receive the Dharma. They then spread and teach it to others.

This also happens in the south, west, north, the four intermediate directions, above, and below.”
Then the World-Honored One spoke these verses:

From the Buddha-lands in the east
As many as Ganges sands,
Bodhisattvas come and pay respect
To the Infinitely Awakened One.

In the same way, from the south, west, and north,
The four intermediate directions, above and below,
Gatherings of Bodhisattvas come and pay respect
To the Infinitely Awakened One.

All of these Bodhisattvas
Bring wondrous celestial flowers,
Precious incense, and priceless clothing
As offerings to the Infinitely Awakened One.

Together, they play celestial music
And beautifully sing with harmonious voices
Songs in praise of the Supreme Honored One
As an offering to the Infinitely Awakened One:

Realizing completely all spiritual powers and wisdom,
They playfully master the profound Dharma-methods.
Replete with the treasure of meritorious virtues,
Their wondrous wisdom is beyond compare.
Wisdom-sun that illuminates the world
Dispelling the clouds of birth and death,
We respectfully circling you three times
And bow to the Unsurpassed Honored One.

What a magnificent land to behold!
Wondrous and transcending all thoughts.
We are inspired to have a boundless heart
And vow that our lands will be just like this.

Then Infinite, the Honored One,
Joyfully smiles and opens his mouth
Shining out boundless light
That pervades the lands of the ten directions.

The light then returns to surround his body.
Circling him three times, it enters the crown of his head.
All the devas and humans
Leap for joy in their delight.

After arranging her robes and paying respect,
Bodhisattva Guanshiyin addresses the Buddha,
"Please tell us:
Why do you smile in this way?"
Then the Buddha speaks with a pure voice like thunder
With wondrously flowing sounds of eight tones:
"I will bestow predictions on these Bodhisattvas.
Kind One, carefully listen as I proclaim them.

"I know all the vows of these Bodhisattvas
Who have come from the ten directions.
They aspire for pure lands of magnificence
And will receive predictions of Buddhahood.

"Awakened to how all dharmas
Are like dreams, illusions, and echoes,
They fulfill their wondrous vows
And will surely create pure lands like mine.

"Knowing that dharmas are like lightning and shadows,
They accomplish the Bodhisattva Path.
Replete with roots of meritorious virtue,
They will receive predictions of Buddhahood.

"Fully understanding how all Dharma-methods
Are empty and without self,
They devote themselves to the pure Buddha-land
And will surely create pure lands like mine.
All the Buddhas tell these Bodhisattvas:

‘Go visit the Buddha Peace and Care,

Listen to his Dharma, joyfully receive and practice it, And you will quickly attain lands of purity.

‘Arriving at his magnificent and pure land,

You will quickly gain spiritual powers.

Certainly you will receive a prediction of full awakening

From the Honored One, Buddha Amitabha.’

The power of this Buddhas past vows

Allow those who hear his name and seek rebirth

To all arrive at his land

And reach the stage of never retreating.

These Bodhisattvas all make vows

To have a land similar to his pure land.

Always mindful of rescuing all beings,

Their names reach far and wide.

They serve billions of Tathagatas

Flying everywhere to appear in all lands.

They go with utmost respect and joy,

And then return to the Land of Peace and Care.