

The Scripture of Great Wisdom

When one with deepest wisdom of the heart
That is beyond discriminative thought,
The Holy Lord, great Kanzeon Bosatsu,
Knew that the skandhas five were, as they are,
In their self-nature, void, unstained and pure.
O Shariputra, form is only pure,
Pure is all form; there is, then, nothing more
Than this, for what is form is pure and what
Is pure is form; the same is also true
Of all sensation, thought, activity
And consciousness. O Shariputra, here
All things are pure for they are neither born
Nor do they wholly die; they are not stained
Nor yet immaculate; increasing not,
Decreasing not. O Shariputra,
In this pure there is no form, sensation, thought,
Activity or consciousness; no eye,
Ear, nose, tongue, body, mind; no form, no tastes,
Sound, colour, touch or objects; vision none;
No consciousness; no knowledge and no sign
Of ignorance; until we come to where
Old age and death have ceased and so has all
Extinction of old age and death for here
There is no suffering, nor yet again
Is there accumulation, nor again
Annihilation nor an Eightfold Path,
No knowledge, no attainment. In the mind
Of the Bosatsu who is truly one
With Wisdom Great the obstacles dissolve
And, going on beyond this human mind,
He IS Nirvana. All the Buddhas True
Of present, past and future they ARE all,
Because upon Great Wisdom they rely,
The perfect and most high enlightenment.
The Prajnaparamita one should know
To be the Greatest Mantra of them all,
The highest and most peerless Mantra too;
Allayer of all pain Great Wisdom is,
It is the very Truth, no falsehood here.
This is the Mantra of Great Wisdom, hear!
O Buddha, going, going, going on
Beyond and always going on beyond,
Always BECOMING Buddha, Hail! Hail! Hail!