

Rajagriha - geographic place

Sangha - community

bodhi(awakened) **sattva** (being)- enlightenment being
a being who seeks buddhahood through the systematic practice of the perfect virtues but renounces complete entry into nirvana until all beings are saved.

Samadhi (establish or make firm a non dual state of consciousness) a non dualistic state of consciousness in which the consciousness of the experiencing subject become one with the experienced object

dharma - cosmic law, the law of karmically determined rebirth,
the teaching of the buddha
the norms of behavior and ethical rules
the manifestation of reality, of the general state of affairs; thing,
phenomenon
mental content, object of thought, idea - a reflection of the thing in the human mind
term for the so-called factors of existence which the hinayana considers the building blocks of the empirical personality and its world

Avalokiteshvara - kuan yin, kanon, bodhisattva of infinite compassion, greatly courageous being, most important bodhisattva of mahayana, he who hears the sounds or outcries of the world, the sound that illumines the world,

mahasattva - great being

prajna(wisdom, consciousness)**paramita**(that which has reached the other shore, the transcendental) (the perfections)

Shariputra - follower, principal student of the buddha, one of 10 great disciples of the buddha

dhatu - a region, realm or element, a concept appearing frequently in compounds

Heart Sutra Words and Meanings

skandhas - group, aggregate or heap that which constitutes the entirety of personality

1. corpo reality or form
2. sensation or feeling
3. perception or conception
4. mental formations
5. consciousness

aggregates of attachment and characteristics are

birth, old age, death, duration, and change

regarded as without essence, impermanent, empty and suffering ridden

asuras - demon, evil spirit, titans, one of 6 modes of existence, lower gods who dwell on slopes of mountain

gandharvas - the celestial deity who knows and reveals the secrets of the celestial and divine truths. demi-gods.

Tathagatas - the thus gone, thus come or thus perfected one, refers to one who on the way of truth has attained supreme enlightenment, one of 10 titles of buddha, intermediary between essential and phenomenal world and in absolute sense is equated with prajna and shunyata

shunyata - the void, emptiness, without essence, empty of self-nature, not nihilistic emptiness, not that things don't exist but that they are nothing besides appearances. As westerners think of emptiness as place with nothing in it but in eastern there is no place to have nothing in it.

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gone, gone, gone beyond, completely exposed, awake, so be it.

form is no other than emptiness and emptiness is no other than form

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OM - to mark the threshold of a sacred verbal space

GATE - gone for ones own welfare, rid of the veil of conflicting emotions

GATE - gone also for the welfare of others, rid of the primitive beliefs about reality (emptiness is form form is emptiness) (gone, given up, got rid of, opened)

PARAGATE - gone beyond, completely exposed, emptiness is emptiness and form is form; gone to the supreme state of one's own welfare and nothing else to hope for elsewhere.

PARASAMGATE - completely gone beyond; gone to the supreme state or perfected the welfare of others and the compassion observing disciples arise

BODHI - completely awake, given up, completely unmasked, naked, completely open; uninterrupted compassion arising as the meaning of perception of wisdom for disciples

SVAHA - so be it, the self-liberation of the minds of disciples, marks the closure of the sacred space. It is established

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GATE - gone, the first willingness of ordinary beings to enter the first path towards enlightenment, the path of accumulation (knowledge)

GATE - the readiness of practitioners to advance upon the second path which is the path of application

PARAGATE - supremely gone, the third path, the path of seeing, 1st stage of realization free from karmic birth and samsara

PARASAMGATE - supremely perfect going, path of meditation bhumi stages 2 - 10 where practitioner gains stability in the great open vast equanimity, the threshold of enlightenment

BODHI - enlightenment, 5th path, path of no more learning, and the 11th bhumi, all realizations are fully accomplished, nothing more to know and no higher levels to attain.

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