

## HOMAGE TO THE BUDDHA

[1] Homage to the buddha, to gotama the shakymuni, to the such come; the exalted; the noble; the balanced and fully awakened one who has taught the saddharma-ta, in the sense of the dharma-kaya of origin, the-unconditioned-reality-body-of-qualities; the awakened nature of origin; the wondrous reality of dependent-origination, and the dynamic open basis of all and everything in which body, ego, awareness and all that appears to awareness is a wondrous display like a white lotus blossom empty of separate reality, non self, and naturally free just as it is like clouds and rainbows appearing and disappearing in the sky; waves and ripples arising and subsiding in the sea, and sounds arising and ceasing in the air; directly knowable here and now by those who look.

[3] Homage to the buddha, the balanced and fully awakened one who teaches that the saddharma-ta is the primordial buddha nature of origin and ultimate refuge embracing threefold refuge of the buddha, dharma and sangha.

[4] Homage to the buddha, who teaches that the saddharma-ta is the original and root-teacher [*Skt: adi-guru*] of all beings in the ten directions and three times.

[5] Homage to the buddha, who teaches that the saddharma-ta is the life-duration of the buddha-tathagatas who dwell in the suchness of the world [*tatha-gata*] without being fooled by the world [*tatha-agata*].

[6] Homage to the buddha who teaches that the saddharma-ta is the dharma-kaya of origin; the basis and condition for the arising of the resultant dharma-kaya and twofold rupa-kaya of fully realized and actualized buddhahood.

[7] Homage to the buddha, who teaches that the saddharma-ta is the fundamental reality in which the primordial vow to cause all living beings to enter the enlightened way has been fulfilled in time without conceivable beginning and is ever present in the here and now.

[8] Homage to the buddha, who teaches that the saddharma-ta is the remover of sorrow and the source of boundless blessings.

[9] Homage to the buddha, who teaches that the saddharma-ta is the primordial-meditation-being [*Skt: ishta-devata*], and the supreme-original-exalted-one most worthy of homage [*Skt: shrisvadi-bhagavan; Tib: yidam; Jp: go-honzon*].

[10] Homage to the buddha, who teaches that the saddharma-ta is the ultimate basis and origin of all sutras and tantras and all other such reliable teachings, practices, realizations, and lineages of transmission that are in accord with the middle way of full enlightenment and freedom.

[11] Homage to the buddha, who teaches that the dharma is the original teaching [*Jp: hon-kyo*] and practice [*Jp: hon-gyo*] of the middle-way and way; the bodhisattva path, and the one-and-universal-vehicle [*Skr: buddha-eka-yana*] of naturally-abiding-freedom [*Jp: hon-gedatsu*] and liberation.

[12] Homage to the buddha, who teaches living beings to rely in the saddharma-ta the origin, means, and the end of all seeking and not in transient things; that is to say, who teaches beings to receive, keep the teaching, practice, benefit and transmission of reliance in the mindful-awareness of the saddharma-ta for the wellbeing of all living beings in worlds without end.

May it be auspicious!

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