



Diamond Mountain University
Setting Fire to Your Meditation, Part IV

Homework Five: The First Six Bodhisattva Levels

1) Give the names of the first six bodhisattva levels, in all three languages, and what the bodhisattva's predominant focus is for each level:

1st Level:

2nd Level:

3rd Level:

4th Level:

5th Level:

6th Level:

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2) What about the word “consciousness” implies that it is unchanging, and how does that relate to the emptiness of the heap of consciousness?

3) How must a bodhisattva move from one level to the next?

4) On which level does the bodhisattva master the balance between engaging in worldly things and engaging in deep meditation?

5) How many mental afflictions does a bodhisattva remove on the path of seeing, and then how many more are there to eliminate on the path of habituation?

Memorization assignment: Please memorize the line of the heart sutra, either in Tibetan or Sanskrit, starting from “If any son or daughter of noble family hoped...” Please be prepared to recite everything up through this line from memory by the next class.