KYO-GYO-SHIN-SHO-MONRUI (TRANSLATION) (Continued)

諸佛稱名之願 選擇本願之行

THE VOW OF THE NAME BEING ACCLAIMED BY ALL THE BUDDHAS

> THE TRUTHFUL WORK OF PURE LAND BUDDHISM

THE SELECT WORK OF AMITABHA'S ORIGINAL VOW

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[1] When reverential reflexion is bestowed upon the $ek\bar{o}$ of the going-forward aspect, there is Great Work and there is Great Faith. By the Great Work is meant the work of saying the Name of Light-Unobstructed-Tathagata.^{\odot}

[2] This is just the very work which comprehends all kinds of good and which lies at the root of all sorts of virtues. With utmost immediateness and in perfect completeness, it realises itself. It is the sea of treasures[®] of merits belonging to the absolute world of one reality.[®]

① Amitabha Buddha. His Name is Namuamidabutsu.

② 功德寶海. Ichinen-tanen-mon-i 一念多念文意:"The word 'merit' refers to the Name of the Buddha. "The-great-treasure- sea" is a simile: the fulfilment of good and merit is compared with the sea."

③ 眞如一寶, Ichinen-tanen-mon-i 一念多念文意: "The expression 一實眞如 points to the supreme, great Nirvana; Nirvana is no other than the essence of things; the essence of things is no other than the Tathāgata,"

然斯行者出於大悲願即是名諸佛稱揚之願復名諸 佛稱名之願復名諸佛咨嗟之願亦可名往相廻向之願 亦可名選擇稱名之願也

[3] This work has come out of the vow of Great Compassion. The Vow is just the very vow, which has been called *the Vow of the Name being Applauded by All the Buddhas* or, *the Vow of the Name being Acclaimed by All the Buddhas*, or again, *the Vow of the Name being Admired by All the Buddhas*. Further, the Vow of the Name being *Admired by All the Buddhas*. Further, the Vow may be called *the Vow of the Going-Forward Aspect*, or *the Vow of the Select Work of Saying the Name*.

諸佛稱名願大經言設我得佛-十方世界五量諸佛不= 悉咨嗟稱=我名-者不=取=正覺-上

[4] The Vow of the Name being Acclaimed by All the Buddhas. It is stated in the Great Sutra:[©] "Even though I may attain Buddhahood, if my name should not be acclaimed in admiration by all the innumerable Buddhas who are abiding in the worlds of ten quarters, I will not take Perfect Enlightenment."

1) \star The *Great Sutra* is the abbreviated calling of the *Wu-liang-shou-ching* 2 vols., It is ascribed to the translation of K'ang Seng K'ai of Wei in the period of the Three Kingdoms.

又言我至_{=成-}佛道-名聲超<u>+</u> 方-究 贲 靡₌所-聞- 誓 不_{= 成-} 正覺-爲<u>-</u>衆-開<u>-</u>寶 藏-廣 施<u>-</u> 功 德 寶- 常 於<u>-</u> 大 衆 中-說 法 師 子

[5] It is stated, again: "When I come to attain Buddhahood,[©] my name shall pass beyoond the worlds of ten quarters. It will reach to the uttermost and be heard from end to end. If it should not happen that this is not the case, I vow I will not attain Perfect Enlightement. I will open the treasure-house for people and universally give them the merit treasures. I will always present myself in the great assemblies and roar a lion's roar in proclaiming the Law.

① 成佛道 lit. to attain the way of the Buddhas (?). In Sk. text, however, we have 'upapatasya bodhimandam' (to approach the seat of enlightenment).

願成就文經言十方恒砂諸佛如來皆共讚=嘆^{**7}无量 壽佛威神功德不可思議-上

[6] The words proclaiming the fulfilment of the Vow. It is stated in the Sutra[®]: "The Buddha-Tathagatas of ten quarters, whose number is like that of the sands of River Ganges, are all of one mind in admiring at the wondrous might and great merit of the Buddha of Infinite Life.

① 經 This also refers to the Wu-liang-shou-ching of K'ang Seng K'ai

又言旡量壽佛威神無≡極=十方世界--旡量旡邊不可思 , 議諸佛如來莫不稱嘆於彼 말

[7] It is stated, again: "The wondrous might of the Buddha of Infinite Life knows no bounds in the worlds of ten quarters. The Buddha-Tathagatas, whose number is beyond numeration, past measure-

ment, and above conceivability, are all of one mind in applauding and admiring him. Indeed, there is none but do so.

又言其佛本願力聞=名_欲=往生-皆悉到_彼國_自致=

[8] It is stated, again: "Oh! the powerfulness of that Buddha's Original Vow! Hear the Name of the Buddha of Infinite Life proclaimed, and awaken the wish in your mind to be reborn in His Land! You are sure all in all to come to that land. Quite naturally, you will reach the stage of never-falling-back.[©]"

① 不退轉 Sk. It seems there are varcaus equvialents.

[9] It is stated in the *Wu-liang-shou-ju-lai-hui*.[©] "Now, in the presence of you, Oh! Tathagata! these grand vows, I have now made. May it be that you are the witness to their being the cause of Supreme Bodhi. If it should happen that I fail to attain these high aspirations, I will not take the honour of the Unparalleled One of Ten Powers.[©] Let it be done by me to afford an aid to those people, whose mind is too weak for constant work. Let it be done by me to universally relieve the poor and destitute, and deliver them from various kinds of pain. Let it be done by me to benefit the world, and lead it to the state of peace and happiness.—(interim omitted)—As a supreme being, I shall have my work achieved. To the poor and destitute, I shall be a treasury. Perfect in all kinds of good, I shall be without equal. In the great assemblies, I shall roar a lion's roar.

① 無量壽如來會, One of the so-called "*Wu-liang-shou-ching* cycle", a group of 12 version considered to have been produced on one original. This is translated by Bo-dhiruci of T'ang.

② Ten Powers (daśa balöni) are thn kinds of widon powers belonging to the Buddha. They are; (1) wisdom power to know the reasonable as the reasonable and the unreasonable as the unreasonable; (2) to know every kind of causality, the karmas and effects of past, present, future; (3) to know all forms of contemplation and meditation; (4) to know all sentient beings in their various abilities and natures; (5) to know all sentient beings in their various intentions and desires; (6) to know all sentient beings in their various births, disposition, and conducts; (7) to know every being, whether he be human, celestial, or any other, in the karmic link of his past, present, and future lives; (8) to know all event and conditions of his previous lives; (9) to know every being's birth and death and future state of existence, whether it be good or bad; and (10) to know, that he has completely destroyed all kinds of klesa and will not suffer any life more.

又言阿難以主此義利士故无量无數不可思議无有等等 无邊世界諸佛如來皆共稱證

[10] It is stated, again, "Oh! Ananda! On this real good, all the Buddha-Tathagatas, who are abiding in those worlds, innumerable, unaccountable, inconceivable, having no equal, and having no bounds, are simultaneously applauding and praising the great merits the Buddha of Infinite Life.

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[11] It is stated in the Fo-shuo-chu-fo-a-mi-t'o-san-ya-san-fo-sa-lou-fot'an-kuo-to-jen-tao-ching.^{\circ} "Fourthly, it was desired by him: 'When I have my Buddhahood accomplished, may it be that I have my name universally heard in innumerable Buddhalands in eight directions, above, and below, and, that I have the eulogy of my merits and of the goodness of my country proclaimed by all the Buddhas, each speaking in the great assemblies of Bhiksus. All kind of devas and men, even to those sort of feathered insects and wriggling worms, shall hear my name proclaimed and there shall be no one but be made tender in his heart. Any one who rejoices and exults shall come to be reborn in my land. This desire being successfully attained, I shall be a Buddha. If this desire fails to realise itself, never shall I be a Buddha'.

① One of the so-called "*Wu-liang-shou-chig* cycle." This is the 2 volumed one translated by Chih Chien of Wu in the period of Three Kingdoms.

无量清淨平等覺經卷上言我作佛時令義名聞=八方 上下无數佛國-諸佛各於=弟子衆中-嘆我功德國土之善-諸天人民蠕動之類聞=我名字-皆悉踊躍 來=生 我國-"不-余-者我不=作佛-

[12] It is stated in the First Book of the Wu-liang-ching-ching-pingteng-chiao-ching.^{\circ} "On my attaining Buddhahood, my name shall be heard in those innumerable Buddhalands situated in eight directions, above, and below. All the Buddhas, each speaking in the assemblies of their disciples, will admire me concerning my merits and the goodness of my country. Those devas and men, even to those wriggling worms and such sort of beings, who hear my name proclaimed and are made exultant in their mind, shall come to be reborn in my land. If this is not the case, never shall I be a Buddha.

(1) One of the so-called " Wu-liang-shou-ching cycle." This is the 2 volumed one translated by Lokaraksa of Latter Han.

我作佛時他方佛國人民前世爲=惡-聞=我名字-及正為= 道_欲= 來=生我國-壽終皆令西不=復更=三惡道_則生= 我國-在=心所願_不介_者我不=作佛-

On my attaining Buddhahood, those people of foreign Buddhalands who in their former life and on account of evil have heard my name proclaimed, and now properly for the reason of enlightenment wish to come to be reborn in my land—they, all in all, after their death, shall come to be reborn in my land, without going back to their original home of three evil states of existence. This shall be just as they wished. If it should happen that this is not the case, never shall I be a Buddha.

阿闍世王太子及五百長者子聞无量清淨佛二十四 願皆大歡喜踊躍心中俱願言令:我等復作佛時皆如: 无量清淨佛-佛則知:之告:諸比丘僧-是阿闍世王太子 及五百長者子却:後无央數刧-皆當作佛如:先量清淨佛-

Ajātaśatru-prince and five hundred sons of noble families, having heard those twenty-four vows of the Buddha of Infinite Purity thus

proclaimed, were all alike much rejoiced and made greatly exultant; they had all the same wish awakened in their mind that they too would be like the Buddha of Infinite Purity when they attain Buddhahood. The Buddha, knowing their mind, spoke thus to the Bhikṣus attended: 'All these people, Ajātaśatru-prince and five hundred sons of noble families, shall pass through those innumerable kalpas to be followed and be Buddha like the Buddha of Infinite Purity.

佛言"是阿闍世王太子五百長者子作=菩薩道_以來 无央數切皆各供=養四百億佛-已今復來供=養我-是阿闍 世王太子及五百人等皆前世迦葉佛時為=我-作=弟子-今皆復會是共相值也則諸比丘僧聞=佛言-皆心踊躍莫四 不-歡喜者= 2

"It is stated by the Buddha: All these people, Ajātaŝatru prince and five hundred sons of noble families—they have respectively done their work of paying homage to four hundred billions of Buddhas, while they have gone through Bodhisattva career for innumerable kalpas of time since their attainment of the Bodhisattvahood[®]; and, they have now appeared before me in order that they may do the work of paying homage to me. All these people, Ajātaŝatu-prince and five hundred sons of noble families—they were my very disciples, when they lived their previous life, at the time when Buddha Kāŝyapa presided in this world; and now again here we all have met together, and our old friendship has been renewed each with the other.' Hearing the word of the Buddha, all the Bhikşus attended have been made greatly exultant in their mind, and none indeed failed to feel great pleasure."

1 lit. The way of the Bodhisattvas

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Those people, who hear the Buddha's Name proclaimed, will enjoy pleasure, peace and serenity,[©] and, attain the very great good.[®] We, and, our kind, too, shall also attain this supreme merit, and, in this land where we are all reborn, shall have our desires accomplished. The Buddha of Infinite Knowledge will give us His prediction. He has His Original Vow made in His previous life. All those who hear the Dharma proclaimed shall every one of them be enabled to be reborn in His country. All our 'desires thus shall be entirely realised there. All those who come from various countries shall every one of them be brought to this place, and, while living one life, shall attain the stage of never-falling-back. Quickly, swiftly, and, in a surpassing manner, they shall reach the realm of the Country of Peace and Happiness. Coming to the Land of Infinite Light, they shall serve innumerable Buddhas, doing them the work of homage-paying.

① Cf. The Wu-liang-shou-ching 無量壽經:十方來生,心悅清淨,已到我國,快樂安穩。 (Those who come from ten quarters shall be joyful, pure and immaculate in their mind. On reaching my country, they shall enjoy pleasure, happiness, peace and screnity.)

② Cf. The Wu-liang-shou-ching 無量壽經:其有得聞彼佛名號 激喜踊躍乃至一念 當知此 人爲得大利 則是具足無上功德。(There may be a man who, having heard the Budha's Name proclaimed, and moved by the sense of joy and exultation, will himself say that Buddha's Name even for once, This man, it should be known, has got the very great good; in other word, he has posessed himself of the supreme merit.)

Tan Luan, *To-ching-tsan.* 曇鸞, 大經讚: 若聞阿彌陀德號 撇喜讀仰心歸依 下至一念得大 利 則爲具足功德寶。(If one hears the Name of Amitabha Buddha proclaimed and, being moved by the sense of joy and exulation says that Nane even for once in faithful heart, will attain the very great merit i. e. he has possessed himself of the treasure of merits.

大利 is one of the important ideas of Shin Buddhism. Shnran himself gives a note to this word in this book, 言大利者 對小利之言 言無上者 對有上之言也 信知 大利無上者 一乘真實之利益也 小利有上者 則是八萬四千之假門也

一念多念文意 爲德大利といふは無上涅槃をさとるゆへに則是具足無上功徳とものたまへるなり。

非=有=是 功德_人 不□得=聞=是 經名... 唯有=清 淨 戒_者 乃還聞=斯 正 法.. [第] 「「「」」」 [1] 「「」」」 [2] 「」 [2] 「] [2] 「」 [2] 「」 [2] 「」 [2] 「」 [2] 「] [2] 「」 [2] 「] [2] 「 [2] 「] [2] 「] [2] 「] [2] 「] [2] 「] [

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Those who were not endowed with this merit would not be able to hear even the Name of this Sutra. Only those who are pure in heart, having kept themselves under discipline, are here now enabled to hear this Right Dharma. The wicked, the proud, the covered, the negligent, cannot thereby believe in this Dharma. Those who have seen the Buddha in their previous life will gladly listen to the discourses of the World-Honoured One. It is true that there is human life, yet it is rare for us to come across it. It is indeed that the Buddha appears in the world, yet it is very difficult for us to see him. It must be admitted that there is wisdom of faith, yet it is not easy for us to obtain it. This being the case, if you had the good chance to see the Buddha and hear the Dharma, seek it out with singleness of purpose.

One who is never oblivious of the Dharma once heard, who reveres the attained in seeing them, and greatly congratulates oneself on one's attainment, this man is indeed our good friend. This being the case, awaken the Desire for the Way, seek to hear the Dharma proclaimed, even by passing straight through the flames which shall be raging in the whole universe. If you succeed in doing that, you are sure to become a World-Honoured One, and will deliver the world from all kinds of sufferings of life, of old age, and of death.

悲華經大施品之二卷言墨職王職罪願我成二阿耨多羅三 藐三菩提-已 无量无邊阿僧祇餘佛世界所有衆生聞-我名-者修言諸善本-欲=生我界-願其捨命之後必定得= 生-唯除五逆誹_謗 聖人-廢壞「正法-已

[13] It is stated in the Second Book of the Ta-shih-p'in of the Peihua-ching, translated by T'an-wu-ch'an. "May it be that, when I have achieved the most perfect knowledge, all people in the worlds of other innumerable, immeasurable, asamkhyeya Buddhas, who have heard my name proclaimed, practise the work which lies at the root of all sorts of virtues, and wish to be reborn in my world. May it be that they shall assuredly be reborn in my world after their death; only excepting those who have committed five grave offences, those who have slandered holy persons, and, those who have destroyed the Right Dharma.

[14] This being the case, (the work of) saying the Name is certain to destroy all kinds of ignorance innate to all sentient beings and is certain to fulfil all sorts of wishes entertained by all sentient beings. The work of saying the Name is no other than the right deed which is most excellent and truly wonderful. The right deed is no other than keeping the Buddha always in mind. Keeping the Buddha always in mind is no other than Namuamidabutsu. Namuamidabutsu itself is the right mindfulness. It should be known.

上入者正行道故名為入山上是心人初地名:歡喜地

[15] It is observed in the Shih-chu-p'i-p'o-sha-lun.¹⁰ It¹⁰ is remarked by a certain man : Pratyutpanna-samādhi® and Mahākarunā,® we call them the house of Buddhas; all Tathagatas have come out of these two dharmas; of them, Pratyutpanna-samādhi is father and Mahākarunā mother: or again, Pratyutpanna-samadhi is father and Anutpattikadharmaksanti[®] mother; and this is also the teaching of the *Chu-p'u-t'i*[®]: 'Pratyutpanna-samādhi that is father and Mahākarunā-anutpatti that is mother, from which two dharmas all the Tathagatas are born.' А house is pure and immaclate, when there is no fault in it; for, the pure and immaculate consist in six kinds of virtues[®] and four sorts of merits,[®] in upaya[®] and prajnā-pāramitā.[®] and, in good and wisdom. Those dharmas, Pratyutpanna-samādhi and Mahākarunā-various-ksānti, are pure and immaculate, where there is no fault. Accordingly, the house, which is made of these two dharmas, is pure and immaculate. Accordingly, again, a Bodhisattva has no fault whatever, who has made these dharmas his parental home. Thus, he has turned away from worldly life and he has entered the highest super-worldly life. The worldly life is just the life lived by ordinary mortals. That he has turned away from the life lived by ordinary mortals means that he has ceased to live it; the life of ordinary mortals gets its mame from the fact that it never leads to Nirvana but remains for ever in birth-and-death. The superworldly (life) gets its name from the fact that it makes us transcend three-fold world. This life again is said to have been entered it, because it is actually lived. When. in such a state of mind, a Bodhisattya has entered the first abidingground,[®] he is said to have entered the Joyful-Ground.

① Shih-chu-p'i-p'o-sha-lun. 十佳毘婆娑論 (Sk. Daśabhūmi-vibhāşā?) As a commentary on the first two of ten bhūmis of the Bodhisattva, this was compiled by Nāgārjunā, and was translated into Chinese by Kumarajīva about 405 A. D. 15 vols, 35 chapters. In this work, especially in the ninth chapter, the I-hang-p'in, Nāgārjunā taught the doctrine of Pure Land Buddhism. Accordingly, he is looked upon as one of the patriarchs of that school.

② This part is quoted form the Ju-ch'u-ti-p'in (Entering First Abiding-Ground) 入初 地品, the second chapter of the work.

③ Pratyutpanna-samādhi. Samāhi in which one sees Buddha arising before one's eyes. This is translated in Chinese as 佛現前三昧 or 佛立三昧 or 常行這三昧. In Shin Buddhism, this is regarded as Nembutsu-samādhi, i. e. the deed of saying the Name of Amitābha Buddha.

④ Mahākarunā. 大悲, Great Compassion. In Shin Buddhism, the great compassion of Amitābha Buddha is considered to be seen in the activity of His Light which em-

braces the devotee in it.

⑤ Anutpattikadharmaksānti. 無生法忍, Cognizance of no-arising-ness of things. In Shin Buddhism, this is considered to mean trusting oneself to Amitabha Buddha, i. e. truthful faith in the Buddha.

⑥ Chu-p'u-t'i. (Aid to Enlightenment) 助菩提 The gatha portion of the P'u-ti-tsu-lianglun 菩提賣糧論. The composer of the gatha is Nāgārjunā.

⑦ Six kinds of virtues. 六婆羅蜜. Generous giving; right living; perfect equanimity; dogged perseverence; meditation; transcendental knowledge.

⑧ Four sorts of merits. 四功德處. Seeing into the truth; giving goodness; destroying evils; obtaining transcendental knowledge.

⑨ Upāya. 方便 Skilful means.

⑩ Prajna-paramita. 般若波羅蜜 The virtue of transcendental knowledge.

 $({\rm I})$ The career of the Bodhisattva is divided in ten periods. In each period, there is a respective abiding-ground.

日如得四於三初果究旁至二涅 問日初地何故名 喜 槃 多--歡 諸 佛 是 故 加來種 如此 初 者 如= 得 王王 好 重力 耶 _______ 滅 _如四大 海水居 苦 得 初 地 P 來 切 所-共 **波**乃至 辟 供 天龍夜叉 闊 聲 冒 支 筆 以故 乾 プ間道 家 无言有言過 世 出 世 道 但樂 一故 間 味不=斷=諸 德 密 果 報 144 佛 種_故心 波 如二 水 潘_雖言百 Ŧ. 億 劫 得 苦_如=二 - 无 始 牛 死 = 水 潘_所=可-滅 苦如-大 海水_是故此地名爲_歡 喜

It is inquired. 'For what resason is the first abiding-ground called Joyful?' It is replied. 'It is like attaining the First Fruit[®] that assures the final realisation of Nirvana. In the mind of the Bodhisattva who has attained the first abiding-ground, there is always much joy, He will naturally grow the family of the Buddha-Tathagatas. It is on that account that he is called the Wise-and-Good.' By attaining the First Fruit is meant a Śrāvaka who has reached the stage of śrota-āpatti

he closes all those gates which lead to three evil states of existence; he sees the Dharma, enters the Dharma, attains the Dharma, abides in the firm and strong Dharma, and never is broken down; he is assured on the final realisation of Nirvana; in penetrating into the Truth, he has already destroyed all evils which he can destroy in that stage;[®] in his mind there is a great joy awakened.; even though he may fall into a nod and be negligent of his duties, he will never go to the length of suffering the twenty-ninth life;[®] a hair may be divided into one hundred parts and, with one part, the water of the ocean may be raised up; two or three drips thus raised up represents pains already destroyed and the water of ocean remaining represents pains yet to be destroyed; the mind which is likened to those two or three drips thus raised up is gladful. This is compared to the case of A Bodhisattva who has attained the first abidinga Bodhisattva. ground is said to have been born in the house of Tathagatas; he will have offerings and respect given by all beings, including devas, nagas, yaksas, gandharvas[®]...Śrāvakas, and Pratyekabuddhas.[®] Why is this so? Because, there is no fault in that house, and thereby he has turned away from worldly life and entered super-worldly life: only by doing Buddhas worship and respect, he will be given good reward in four sorts of merits and six kinds of virtues; the thick flavour of which keeps alive the family of the Buddhas. It is on that account that there is a great joy awakened in his mind. The remaining pain belonging to this Bodhisattva is now like two or three drips. Even though it may be hundreds of thousands of millions of kalpas hence that he attains Buddhahood, yet, in the matter of the pain of birth and death existing from beginningless past, the remaining is like two or three drips and the already destroyed is like the water of ocean. For this reason, this abiding-ground is called the Joyful-Ground.

① The First Fruit. 初果. The first of four stages of Hinayana religious development. It is called Srotāpattiphala 須陀洹果, the state of entering upon the stream of the holy.

② The stage of penetrating into the Truth. 見譜, The first of three stages of Hinayana religious development. This correspond to the stage of Srotāpattiphala of four stages.

③ Twenty-ninth life. 二十九有. Hinayana holy men are said to have all their evil passions exhausted while they repeat seven human lives and seven deva lives, together with their respective seven middle existences. This is why they do not live the twenty-ninth life.

(4) Devas, Någas, Yakşas, Gandharvas, Asuras, Garudas, Kimnaras, and Mahoragas, form the eight classes of mythical beings.

(5) Sravakas and Pratyekabuddhas are two kinds of holy ones,

It^o is inquired. The Bodhisattva who is living in this first abidingground is said to be filled with much joy and to have got various kinds of merits, so that this ground is called Joyful-Ground. Something must there be to make him joyful. What is it that makes him joyful? It is replied. If Buddhas and their great virtues, Bodhisattvas and their excellent works, are ever kept in mind, much joy will be caused on that very account. Due to these joy-bringing causes, there is much joy awakened in the mind of the Bodhisattva who is living in the first abiding ground. By keeping Buddhas ever in mind is meant keeping ever in mind Dipankara and other Buddhas of the past, Amitabha and other Buddhas of the present, and Maitreya and other Buddhas of the future. If we keep those Buddha-Bhagavats ever in our mind, they will manifest themselves before our eyes as the supreme being, unsurpassed by any one of the threefold world. That is why there is much joy awakened in the mind of the Bodhisattva. As to the great virtues of the Buddhas which should be kept in mind, a brief statement will be given on the forty unique virtues of the Buddhas. First, he has the faculty of free aviation. Secondly,

no limit is set to his activities of manifesting himself. Thirdly, he is never obstructed in his free-hearing. Fourthly, he has the faculty of freely knowing other's mind; by an infinite variety of means, he comes to know the mind of all sentient beingts.... (interim omitted) What kind of Bodhisattva is meant by Bodhisattva of the absolutely assured who should be kept in mind? When a Bodhisattva is given the prediction of his attainment of supreme enlightenment, he enters the stage of the absolutely-assured.[®] Having attained Anutpattikadharmaksānti, he does not suffer from any disturbance caused by the army of Evil Ones, though their number may be thousands of millions of billions. Having attained great compassion (Mahākarunā), he achieves the deeds of the great man.... (interim omitted).... This Bodhisattya is called the Bothisattwa of the absolutely-assured.[®] By keeping in mind their most excellent work is meant keeping in mind the foremost work of rare excellence[®] belonging to Bodhisattva of the absolutelyassured. It awakens a joy in mind to think of it. It is beyond the reach of all ordinary mortals. It is above the realm of all Sravakas and Pratyekabuddhas. It exhibits the free and unfettered virtues of the Buddhas. It reveals the all-knowledge of the Buddhas. Further again, if one keeps in mind those virtues of the Bodhisattvas in their ten abiding-grounds, there is much joy awakened in his mind. For these reasons, when Bodhisattva enters the first abiding-ground, he is said to have attained the Joyful-Ground.

① This part is quoted from the Ti-hsiang-p'in (Aspects of this Abiding-Ground) 地相品, the third chapter of the same work.

② Here, the word, fa-wei 法位 is rendered as the stage of the absolutely-assured. Cf. 智度論二十七:得入菩薩法位, 住阿鞞拔致地。This differs from 法位 in the sense of orderliness of things seen in the Lankāvatara. Cf. Suzuki, Studies. p. 412.

③ Bodhisattva of the absolutely-assured. 必定菩薩. Shinran interprets this as meaning the truthful believer in the Original Vow of Amitabha Buddha. Cf. 愚无鈔: 西岸上有人 喚言, 汝一心正念直來, 我能護汝。西岸上有人喚言者, 阿彌陀如來誓願也。汝言行者也。斯則名必 定菩薩

④ The foremost work of rare excellence. 第一希有行 Shinran interprets this as 愚禿 鈔:正念言選擇攝取本願也。又第一希有行也。金剛不壞心也。

問日有四凡夫人未靈是无上道心或有一般心者未得一數喜 地是人念言諸佛及諸佛大法念必定菩薩及希有行亦得二 數喜得一初地菩薩歡喜與一此人有一何差別一答曰菩薩得一初 地_其心多一數喜_諸佛无量德我亦定當得_得初

地心定菩薩老=諸佛-有=无量功德-我當必得四如是之事=何以故我已得=此初地-入=必定中-餘者先有是心-是故初地 菩薩多生-歡喜-餘者不爾何以故餘者雖=念=諸佛-不會能=作= 是念-我必當作佛-譬如轉輪聖子生轉輪王家成就轉輪 王相念過去轉輪王功德尊貴作=是念-我今亦有=是相-亦 當=得=是豪富尊貴-心大歡喜若无=轉輪王相-者无如是-喜 必定菩薩若念= 諸佛及諸佛大功德威儀尊貴-我有=是相-必當=作佛-即大歡喜餘者无=有=是事定心者深入佛法-心 不可動-

It is inquired. Among ordinary mortals, some have not yet awakened the desire for the supreme enlightenment but some have already awakened it. These latter people, though they have not yet attained the Joyful-Ground, may keep in mind Buddhas and their great virtues, Bodhisattvas of the absolutely-assured and their work of rare excellence, and thereby may be filled with joy. What, then, is the difference between the joy of these people and that of a Bodhisattvas who have already attained the first abiding-ground? It is replied. There is much joy awakened in the mind of a Bodhisattva who has attained the first abiding-ground. He will think to himself: The infinite virtues of all the Buddhas, I also am assuredly to attain. Bodhisattvas of the absolutely assured, having entered the first abiding ground, keep in mind Buddhas whose virtues are indeed innumerable. He thinks to himself, 'I shall assuredly be the possessor of these virtues, because I have already attained the first abiding-ground and is among the absolutely assured. With other people, this will not be the case : It is on this account that there is much joy awakened in the mind of a Boddhisattva who has entered the first abiding-ground. Why is it not the case with other people? Because those other people may keep Buddhas in mind, yet they cannot think to themselves: 'I shall assuredly be a Buddha.' The case is likened to that of the noble son of Cakravartirāja. Born in the house of the Cakravartirāja and provided with its characteristic marks, he will keep in mind the glory of the Cakravartirāja of the past and will think to himself: Those immense riches and magnificient honours shall also be mine'. There will be a

great joy awakened in his mind. If he has no characteristic marks of the Cakravartirāja, there will be no such joy awakened in his mind. Bodhisattvas of the absolutely-assured keep in mind Buddhas, and their great virtues, majestic deportments and magnificient honours, and think to themselves. 'I have these marks: I shall assuredly be a Buddha.' Immediately there is a great joy awakened in his mind. With others, this is not the case. There will be no such a thing. By assuredness of mind is meant immovability of mind which is obtained as the result of deep penetration into the Truth of the Buddha.

[16] It[®] is observed, again. What is the increasing of power of faith? A Bodhisattva simple-heartedly accept the thing he has seen and heard, and does not harbour any doubt whatever about it-this is called 'increasing', is called 'perfecting' It is inquired. 'There are two kinds of increasing. One results in abundance, other supremeness. To which of these does the present statement refer?' It is replied. 'It refers to both of them. When a Bodhisattva enters the first abidingground, he enjoys various flavours of merits, so much so that the power of his faith grows more than ever. Through this enhanced power of faith, he gauges infinite virtues of the Buddhas, and accepts them as they are. This being the case, both abundance and supremeness are contained in this mind.' The Bodhisattva enters deep into the virtues of the Benevolent One. Compassian towards sentient beings passes through him, penetrating into the very bones. Hence, deep. It is for the sake of all sentient beings that he seeks all-knowledge of the Buddhas. Hence, great. The tender-hearted one is always taking the opportunity of enhancing the good and promoting the welfare of sentient beings. Of benevolent mind, there are three kinds.

① This part is quoted from the Ching-ti-p'in (Purifying the Abiding Ground, 淨地品, the fourth chapter of the same work.