Vast Expanse of the Diamond-like Mind – Root Text

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Invocation

(Na-mo Bha-ga-van Vaj-ra Sat-tva-ya!)

I pay homage to (the)

Bha-ga-van (boss-like dynamism)



of (the) Vaj-ra (Diamond-like strength of a) Sat-tva (mind harmonized to dance with its) gloriously (<u>lucid</u> yet void nature)!

This vast expanse of (our) Diamond-strong mind is the all good and spacious ultimate dimension of phenomena...

This pure, complete path that liberates all does NOT:

- arise,
- •cease, or
- (actively) analyze anything.

Being love, and thus thoroughly accomplished, it does NOT (contrive a) practice (of) great compassion.

Being great, the profound qualities of great (*love*) need NOT be praised.

Phenomena do NOT move the authentic condition,

which is **liberation** because it liberates without action...

Since self-originated wisdom is beyond (active) searching,

in liberating itself it also *demonstrates* the path of liberation.

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The great elements are (the) Bha-ga-van

(boss-like dynamism such as <u>solid</u> yet void)





However misunderstood it may (initially) be,

liberation originates from oneself and NOT elsewhere.

(Although) great wisdom (could seem) difficult to find; it is realized though method AND wisdom...

Th<mark>o</mark>ugh it <u>could</u> be said to depend on something else,

complete bliss originates from oneself.

The great miracle (of enlightenment) is NOT difficult. (For) ALL qualities and capacities, immediately arise from oneself

through *visceral* understanding of the authentic condition.

Meditation is relaxing with <u>out</u> seeking

in the Dhar-ma-ta
(or way things really are)
that does NOT visibly appear...

(For) if one (actively) searches for it or for something in it, the natural condition will never (meaningfully) manifest.

The supremely secret reality, cannot be (meaningfully) expressed by the tongue, NOT even in the slightest.

Likewise, it cannot be (meaningfully) understood through the sense of hearing.

The stress of beings is the **Bo-dhi Chit-ta**

(or mindset of enlightenment)

that fully manifests while pervading ALL...

With<u>out</u> ever being moved, it abides equally, just as the reaches of space.

That which is the equality of ALL distinctions is (erroneously) conceived (of) (by) saying "It is (punitive) Kar-ma!"...

were it really under the power of (unalterable) fate, (the) self-originated wisdom (of letting-go) could NOT exist.

(Enlightenment's) cause is the Vaj-ra (diamond-like strength of a mind well trained), as are the secondary conditions.

Never having been born, they cannot be destroyed...

Since it is the Bo-dhi essence that exists from the beginning,

the ultimate dimension is NOT moved by the effort of thought.

Meditative stability of supreme quality,

being (the) real meditative stability (of spontaneous awareness), is beyond (the tyranny) of thought...

Without applying thought or purifying,

in accordance with nature, (the) wisdom (of letting-go spontaneously) springs forth.

Coining the expression "gateway to the subtle" they seek the path by isolating the mind,

maintaining (physical) isolation in a secluded place...

if we examine well, this is (the folly of) conceptual meditation.

They coin the terms "cause and effect," but both virtues and negativities dissolve completely...

They say, "We will get out of this world,"

and (dualistically) nurture supreme complacency by accepting and rejecting.

Attachment and NON-attachment are (just) the path of words,

and the same is something in the middle, like an echo...

"Happiness and suffering have the same cause,"

according (to the boss-like dynamism of) beings' Vaj-ra (Diamond-like strength of a well-trained) Sat-tva-mind.

Pulling, pushing, and confusion (are neither good nor bad

but simply) arise from the complete path of enlightenment...

The five objects of enjoyment as well, are said to be (merely) an ornament of the Dhar-ma-ta dimension (of <u>awareness</u> and <u>release</u>).

Space-like (emptiness) is beyond the arising of thought, yet thought itself is like space...

Without attachment; from space DEDICATION one's great aim manifests as space.

(The) equality (that is) freedom from (the tyranny of) thought;

is (like) the Dhar-ma-ka-ya:
NON-graspable
as the moon's reflection on water....

(Awareness' all good)
Samantabhadra-like
energy manifestations

are as profoundly displayed (as the) vowels and consonants (of speech: resounding yet void).

(Like) the Ah and the beautiful Ta, the Pa and the emanated branches, (of Anu yogas' intoning of the Bi-ja seed mantras)

in the sphere of experience of the whole world...

the profound voice of the Buddha arises (resounding yet void).

(Eh Ma Ho! Oh how) wonderful! This sphere of experience of the Buddhas

is NOT a place to be found by searching...

and like the phenomena of the six senses, it is NOT an (ultimately graspable) object:

(for) those who (actively) search for it are like the blind reaching for the sky.

The path of purity that leads higher and higher does NOT correspond to the Nature behind action...

Were there really a path to tread, just like the bounds of the sky, one would never arrive.

The authentic condition (of enlightenment) being thus, by being shown as it is, it is attained...

As (the authentic condition) is the very essence, its manifestation arises from it: (Eh Ma Ho, oh how) marvelous!

Time past and time present are (enlightenment's) authentic condition that is complete in its own place.

Likewise, its path is the same, this is its very nature.

The universal path that is the same as that is like the moon and the basis of its reflection...

As it is the absolute equality of ALL, it is NOT realized through a limited view.

Present (partial) bliss and later (complete) bliss are what is directly experienced and what ensues from it...

Since they imply the defect of an aspect (of our ground or buddha nature), one should NOT rely on them.

The three times are one, without distinction.

Without (permanent or graspable)
past or future,
it (birthlessly) exists
from the beginning...

Since all are the same, (as they are) pervaded by the Dhar-ma-ka-ya,

(enlightenment) abides in nature as complete greatness.

Finding oneself in the three realms of existence, ALL is just (like) a label and (like) a magical illusion...

Even the great status of a Chak-ra-var-tin (universal king), is (like) a magical illusion, (merely) an abode to purify.

For those whose attitude depends on time it does NOT manifest in time...

If one practices with a (contrived) aspiration, without being free (of the duality of dread or desire)...

the saying on the (non-graspable) characteristic of emptiness applies. It is one, completely beyond (the restriction of) a detail.

The yogi dwells in the pathways of the birds in the sky...

In the essence that never occurred and never originated

where are ALL phenomena supposed to exist?

Outer and inner are BOTH: the outer is (as empty as) the inner.

The profound is NOT an object of understanding, NOT even a part of it...

(All of) existence is only a label, the power of mistake;

thus one remains (conventionally) separate from the (ultimate) equality of meditation.

The (empathy driving) outer and inner (tantric vows or) Sa-ma-yas

is as natural as the aggregates and sense bases...

Since in the three times (most) no one is separate from (the empathy driving) it,

there is NO need to ever use the word "Sa-ma-ya."

Immoveable, it is the symbol of the Body. Unshakable, it is wisdom...

NOT taking hold of anything, it has NO self.

NOT rejecting anything, it has the equality that transcends words.

Notwithstanding what, whose, and where ALL that one uses and enjoys arises from oneself...

Here, of "*Males and Females*" the king of equality has never spoken.

Here there is NO mention of something to accomplish by means of resolute, forceful conduct...

yet it is (erroneously) believed that, by (Anu yogas') intoning (of the Bi-ja seed mantras of) the A and the Pa,

the (partial) bliss arises (however, it is still as) non-graspable (as a) magical illusion.

Since nature cannot be defined in one single way,

it appears according to how one looks at it...

Even the (partial) bliss from the effort and wish for its manifestation

are a great hindrance and defect.

In ALL (Maha-yoga's) secondary methods for Bo-dhi

one contemplates
(the) attributes (of an archetype)
as (if they were as non-graspable as)
the moon's reflection on water...

BUT even if something untainted and unattached results,

such contemplation is (as impotent as) the sphere of experience of an ordinary person.

Although by identifying with the body of a (Maha-yoga's) Wrathful (archetype)

with its mandala, wrathful grimaces and (other) attributes...

(and even with an Anu-yoga) syllable rigidly visualized (within the partially blissful, central channel),

(enlightenment's) authentic condition of the peaceful state is NOT seen.

Just as the top of a palm tree is cropped and just as a seed is burnt by fire...

(some) have taught (that) the tyranny of powerful emotions (may be) prevented (through such Maha and Anu yogas).

ALL the hundreds and thousands of methods, according to what one practices, (may) bear THEIR specific fruit...

BUT since (enlightenment) is beyond (the fruit of active) conceptual (analysis),

it does NOT manifest from those techniques (of Maha or Anu yoga).

Good fortune has the Yogi who abides in this indescribable state...

For by NOT discriminating between self and others,

(Buddha Nature's) magical illusion (-like) self-perfection manifests.

As nothing is excluded, it is perfectly complete. Unchangingly it remains *pure*.

Boundless like space, it is NOT a phenomena that depends on something else.

Spontaneously existing complete bliss arises from one's recognition...

through the very power of incomparably

(naturally occurring) wisdom:

(ultimate) reality does NOT originate from anything else.

It is (both) easy and difficult, (yet) it (only seems) difficult because it is easier (than we're accustomed).

It does NOT manifest directly BUT is ALL pervading...

NOT even (the archetype)
Vaj-ra (diamond-like strength)
(of a) Sat-tva (mind well-trained)

can point it out with a *label*, saying "*This is It!*"

Each (present moment's) amazing manifestation, (of) marvelous energy

is beyond (the myth of punitive) karma and equal to (the vastness of) space...

From the ignorance that does NOT (actively) conceptualize anything

(awareness and release) immediately arise within oneself.

This is the path equally (available) to ALL that naturally abides in (most) ALL beings...

But since ordinary people are defiled by delusions, we are like doctors seeking medicine.

In the domain of understanding is *complete* bliss:

that itself is (like)
a (Buddha's real or imagined)
utterly pure land (paradise, or Va-ti)...

When (the) light (of awareness) coalesces from ALL sides (it could seem that)...

- the four directions,
- the intermediate ones, and
- •those above and below are produced.

From the subtle spectrum of the rainbow-like features (of the five buddha) families (of contrived organization)

(there) seems (to) manifest (elements, perceptions, aggregates, and mental-poisons)...

the (spontaneous: <u>awareness</u> and release of the) moving features and unmoving environment...

are superior to the (controlling analysis of the minutia of the) five elements (and the like).

This does NOT abide in the (contrived) designations of past, present, and future:

and is the integration of the three times...

understanding that this has NO arising or ceasing, in the state of complete

(emptiness-like non-graspability).

Being equal, there is nothing (special) to OFFER.

(Offeror, object, and recipient) being one they are beyond (being) dedicated towards a (specific, dualistic) intention...

Although there are lovely objects that could be offered,

since they (already spontaneously and) naturally exist, there is nothing (graspable) to array.

Being spontaneously present, it is beyond dedicating. Pure from the beginning it is (like) nectar...

The twelve sense bases are NOT to be particularly focused upon with special intention.

The intention of the mind, the donor, offers all

through the power of noticing

(vulnerably, passively, viscerally, randomly and fleetingly)...

In the accomplishment that arises from (thusly) noticing (and releasing) balanced meditation is mastered.

Practicing (noticing and relaxing) briefly is union,

delighting (in it)
is (the fulfillment of all) Sa-ma-ya...

Sitting in the method (of <u>awareness</u> and release) union is non-dually OFFERED.

Giving with out grasping is the (ultimate) Tor-ma (grain offering).

All activities, being beyond (the duality of punitive or profitable) Kar-ma, are completed...

Since NON-conceptual wisdom eliminates obstructors,

the (ultimate) mantra is balanced, silent (mindfulness and) meditation.

- Making offerings to the Gu-ru,
- generosity, and
- •all the other (so called) meritorious deeds....

(could) become great hindrances (when practiced) without (mindfulness and meditation's)

(spontaneous) power of:

- detachment and
- •imperturbability.

That, which is expressed in this teaching

could become obscured when one strives to apply it (in a distinctly contrived manner)...

When it is (actively) contemplated it will never be realized.

Thus (may we passively: notice, relax, and flow).

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