

To Save Everyone's Planet Earth

(Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva's 34 to 38 Transformations)

Chapter 1

The Great *Samadhi*

Spring has finally come to the mountains and the fields. Even the cold north wind has changed to a gentle breeze. It seems the gentle wind is saying, "How are you?"

Planet Earth is great, isn't it? Even if the weather is cold and severe, spring will surely come to this earth where we live. Spring comes for sure even to the north pole and south pole. The earth is surely a wonderful planet to live on!

This planet is the Eternal Buddha-Land for sure, just as we had expected.

The Names of the *Samadhi*

In the preceding volume we learned about how Medicine-King Bodhisattva burnt his body and arms to express his appreciation. The flames represented his sincere gratitude to the Buddha and the *Lotus Sutra*, weren't they?

In order to express his appreciation to his master, Star-King-Flower Buddha and the Dharma, Gladly-Seen-By-All-Beings Bodhisattva copied the *Lotus Sutra* with firm and steady de-



termination to the point where his fingers, hands and arms were just about to burn up. He also travelled all over the world to make offerings to the stupas, enshrined the Buddha's urns and expounded the sutra with firm and steady determination to the point where his legs were just about to burn up. As a result of his practices for twelve thousand years he at last obtained the *samadhi* by which he could transform himself into any other living being as he wished. He also obtained the golden body of the Buddha.

Chapter 2

Great Bodhisattvas among Other Bodhisattvas

In this volume, Sakyamuni Buddha talked about Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva among the other Bodhisattvas who had the *samadhi* by which he could transform himself into any other living being as he wished. Sakyamuni Buddha invited this great bodhisattva from another Buddha World in the universe, so the Buddha could explain what kinds of functions could be done with the *samadhi*.

You may think that you have never heard his name. But he was a very great Bodhisattva. Because he was so great, nobody could imagine how great he was just as the light from a lighthouse that nobody appreciates during good weather conditions.

A) Hard to See Him Because He Is Too Close

The Bodhisattva was too great and had heavenly brightness just like a hundred thousand full moons gathered at one place or like the sun in daylight. The Bodhisattva could change his body to any form to save the suffering people.

He could go into the minds of any being like a human or an animal or any being anywhere, even in hell. Because of that kind of great supernatural power, we can not imagine how great he was.

How fantastic the Buddha's compassion is!

Shall we listen to the Buddha's story of Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva?

B) After the Great Declaration

At the end of the previous volume, The Previous Life of Medicine-King Bodhisattva, Sakyamuni Buddha declared a very important message:

“Propagate the Dharma throughout the worlds in the latter five-hundred years after My extinction lest it be lost, and lest the evils should take advantage of the weakness of the people of the worlds. Protect this sutra! Why? It is because this sutra is a good medicine for the diseases of the people of the worlds.”

People all around the world nowadays look like they are sick in their minds! I hope these people realize it soon and recover just as they would quench their thirst by drinking water on a hot summer day.

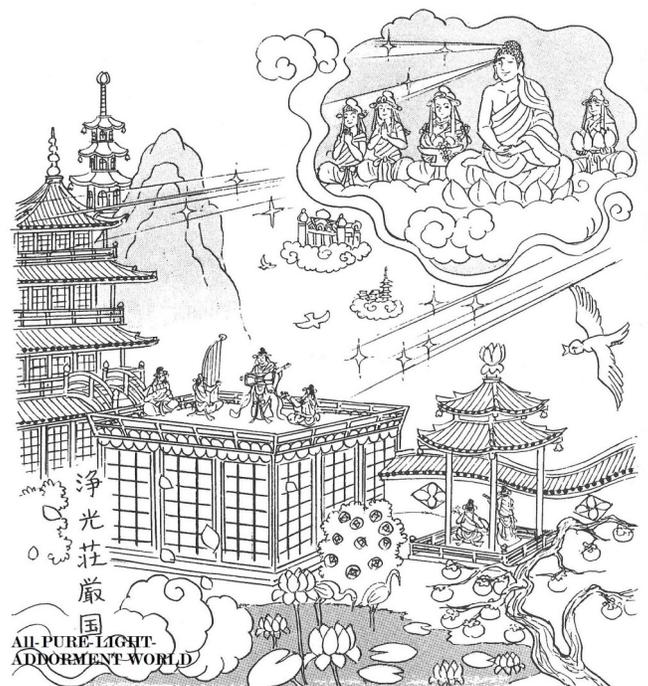
We are all Buddha’s children and essentially, we have pure souls without any stains. Therefore, nothing is impossible, and we can restore the beautiful earth.

After this declaration, the Buddha went into deep meditation and faced to the east.

C) Splendid Power of Illumination

Thereupon Sakyamuni Buddha emitted rays of light from the fleshy tuft on his head and from the white curls between his eyebrows. The light illumined one hundred and eight billion *nayuta* Buddha-Worlds, that is, as many worlds in the east as there are sand particles in the River Ganges. There was a world called Pure-Light-Adornment beyond those worlds.

In that world there was a Buddha called Pure-Flower-State-King-Wisdom Tathagata. He expounded the *Lotus Sutra* to a great multitude of innumerable Bo-



dhisattvas who surrounded him respectfully. Among them was a super great Bodhisattva called Wonderful-Voice.

This Bodhisattva had already obtained profound wisdom. He had already obtained hundreds of thousands of billions of great *samadhis*. They were the *samadhi* of the lotus flower, the *samadhi* of pure-virtue, the *samadhi* for freedom from causality, the *samadhi* for the seal of wisdom, the *samadhi* for pure store, the *samadhi* for the torch of wisdom and the *samadhi* by which one could collect all merits.

D) The Buddha's Great Light Stopped at the Bodhisattva

When the rays of the light of Sakyamuni Buddha stopped and illumined Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva, the Bodhisattva realized that Sakyamuni Buddha wanted him to come. He said to his master Buddha:

“Pure-Flower-Star-King-Wisdom Buddha! I wish to visit the Saha-World, bow to Sakyamuni Buddha, attend on Him, and make offerings to Him. I also wish to see Manjusri Bodhisattva, who is supporting Sakyamuni, Medicine-King Bodhisattva, Brave-In-Giving Bodhisattva, Star-King-Flower Bodhisattva, Superior-Practice Bodhisattva, Adornment-King Bodhisattva, and Medicine-Superior Bodhisattva. Please let me go to the Saha-World!”



E) Request to Visit the Assembly on Mount Sacred Eagle

Of course, Pure-Flower-Star-King-Wisdom Buddha had no objection. It was an honor that the Eternal Sakyamuni Buddha had recognized his lovely disciple with the rays of the Eternal Buddha's wisdom and had invited the disciple to the assembly on Mt. Sacred Eagle.

However, that Buddha was concerned that in comparison to Pure-Light-Adornment Buddha-World, the Saha-World was defiled with many sufferings. Its ground was bumpy and covered with dirt and dust. There were always wars here and

there around the world. Its ocean water was often contaminated with oil and rubbish. The planet itself was suffering and defiled. Therefore, as one of the replica Buddhas of the Eternal Sakyamuni, Pure-Flower-Star-King-Wisdom Buddha worried for the Eternal Sakyamuni Buddha.

Thereupon the replica Buddha said to Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva:



F) The Manifestation of Buddha’s Worry

“Wonderful-Voice! I thank you for wanting to go to the Saha-World. However, do not despise that world! Do not consider it to be inferior to our world. Why is that? It is because the Saha-World is the only beautiful world in the ten directions of the universe, where the Eternal Buddha dwells. The Eternal Buddha is the most honored one respected by all living beings in the universe. But unfortunately, the world is full of sufferings, the land is contaminated with evil thought. The people on that world are not equal – there are rich and poor people. The ordinary people and Bodhisattvas are small compared to our people and Bodhisattvas. There are many things we cannot even compare with our world. That is why the Eternal Sakyamuni Buddha is trying to save all living beings on the Saha-World to make the world the Buddha’s Pure Land. Thus, the Eternal Buddha showed His three different Bodies of the Buddha – The Manifestation Buddha, Reward Buddha and Dharma Buddha.”

“The size of the Buddha and Bodhisattvas are unimaginably small. You are forty-two thousand *yojana* tall. I am six million and eight hundred thousand *yojanas* tall. Our physical bodies are shining with happiness and prosperity. Your light is wonderful. Do not despise that world when you go there! Do not consider that the Buddha and Bodhisattvas of that world are inferior to us. Do not believe that world is inferior to ours!”

“That is the major reason that the Eternal Buddha did not give the transmission of the Dharma to His replica Buddhas and other Bodhisattvas from other worlds in the universe. Instead He chose to give the transmission of the Dharma to the Bodhisattvas from underground who had been practicing the *Lotus Sutra* .”

Thus, Pure-Flower-Star-King-Wisdom Buddha warned his disciple, Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva. As a replica Buddha, Pure-Flower-Star-King-Wisdom Buddha cre-

ated a pure Buddha-World called Pure-Light-Adornment. Because He felt strong in his entrusted mission and confident in the *Lotus Sutra*, He noted this to Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva.

Chapter 3

Adoring the Original Buddha

Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva understood exactly what Pure-Flower-Star-King-Wisdom Buddha said, so that his mind was filled with more adoration to see the Eternal Sakyamuni Buddha.

I think you may be happy if you can live in a big estate, wear beautiful clothing and eat delicious food without any worries. But the Eternal Buddha, the One and Only Original Buddha in the universe, who had the three virtues of the Lord, Master and Father, could not abandon the Saha-World filled with the flames of greed, anger and ignorance. He chose this defiled world purposely for His Original Buddha-Land to live in forever. So eventually this Saha-World would become the Pure Land of the Eternal Buddha Indestructible Tranquil Light. It was the great compassion of the Buddha.

A) Appearance of the Treasure Seats of Lotus Flowers

Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva listened obediently to each spoken word of Pure-Flower-Star-King-Wisdom Buddha and engraved these words in his mind and expressed his appreciation to visit Mt. Sacred Eagle on the Saha-World.

So, in preparation for going to the Saha-World, he said to the Buddha:

“World Honored One! I will be able to go to the Saha-World by your supernatural power of traveling.”

Thereupon Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva imagined the assembly on Mt. Sacred Eagle of the Saha-World, kept it in his mind and entered into a *samadhi*. By this power of *samadhi*, he caused eighty-four thousand lo-



tus flower seats of treasures to appear in a place not far from the seat of the Buddha Dharma situated on Mt. Sacred Eagle. He did not rise from his seat or make any movement. He had just this deep thought in his mind.

Just with his deep thought and the power of the *samadhi* he could transform himself into any other living being. Those lotus flowers had stalks of gold, leaves of silver, stamens of diamond, calyxes of treasures, and the seats were decorated with pure red rubies.

B) Never Seen Such Beauty

Thereupon Manjusri having never before seen these beautiful lotus flowers said to Sakyamuni Buddha:

“World-Honored One! What does this omen mean? Tens of millions of lotus flowers have appeared. They have stalks of gold, leaves of silver, stamens of diamond, calyxes of treasures, and the seats are decorated with rubies. We have never seen them! What are the cause and the condition for these phenomena?”

Sakyamuni Buddha answered him with a smile:

“It is very natural for you to be surprised to see them. This means that Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva is coming from the world of Pure-Flower-Star-King-Wisdom Buddha to this Saha-World in order to make offerings to Me. He has the great supernatural power of *Samadhi* and caused the appearance of these lotus flower seats.”

Manjusri Bodhisattva and others in the congregation had seen many supernatural phenomena such as in Chapter 11 of the *Lotus Sutra*, when the treasure stupa appeared and when Sakyamuni Buddha purified the sky three times to make space for the countless numbers of replica Buddhas and their attendant Bodhisattvas to gather from the ten directions of the universe. At the end of Chapter 22, the Buddha said, “May the Buddhas be where they wish to be!” So, most of them returned to their original Buddha-Worlds. The big doors of the Many-Treasures-Stupa closed.

Thus, the assembly in the sky was finished and the congregation returned on Mt. Sacred Eagle, didn't they?



C) Assembly on Mt. Sacred Eagle Now

The assembly was now on Mt. Sacred Eagle. This assembly was supposed to be just for the people on this defiled Saha-World, so why was Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva of All-Light-Adornment World, to the east of the Saha-World, coming in order to make some offerings to Sakyamuni Buddha? There must be some wonderful meaning to this related to the great compassion of the Buddha.

What was Sakyamuni Buddha trying to say? We wish to know the reason!

There is an important point you must understand. That is – although Sakyamuni Buddha said, “Return to your home world to all Buddhas and Bodhisattvas from other worlds” at the end of Chapter 22 of the *Lotus Sutra*, there was a Buddha who did not move. That Buddha’s original home world was called Treasure-Purity at a distance of many thousands of billions of asamkhyas of worlds to the east of this world.

D) The Doors Were Tightly Closed

Although the doors were tightly closed, Many-Treasures Buddha was pleasantly listening to the *Lotus Sutra* inside the treasures stupa.

He was listening to the story of the previous life of Medicine-King Bodhisattva who had been called Gladly-Seen-By-All-Beings Bodhisattva. Listening to the Bodhisattva’s previous life, Many-Treasures Buddha recalled there was a Bodhisattva who had obtained the same *samadhi* by which he could transform himself into any other living being in the same direction of the far east, the same direction Many-Treasures Buddha came from.

The two Buddhas, Sakyamuni and Many-Treasures had one thought in their minds: they had the same idea to try to make us on this Saha-World understand the supernatural power of the great *samadhi*. That was why Sakyamuni Buddha emitted rays of light from the fleshy tufts on his head at the beginning of Chapter 24 of the *Lotus Sutra*. Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva was the most appropriate person to be invited to the assembly on Mt. Sacred Eagle in this world.

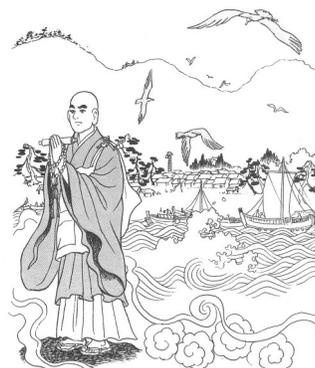
E) Very Deep Relationship with the World in the Far East

When Sakyamuni Buddha emitted the ray of light, it was always toward the east, not the south, the north or the west. The light illumined one hundred and eight thousand *nayuta* Buddha-Worlds, didn't it?

Awa Kominato, Japan, where Nichiren Dai'Shonin was born, was exactly east from Mt. Sacred Eagle. Therefore, the worlds in the far east may have a special relationship with the *Lotus Sutra*.

Listening to the Buddha, Manjusri wished to see Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva and said:

“World-Honored One! Please advise him to come here. We wish to know what root of good he planted and what kind of meritorious deed he performed in order to obtain this great supernatural power. We also wish to practice it strenuously so that we may be able to see how he behaves himself. Cause me to see him by your supernatural powers when he comes!”



F) Call up Many-Treasures Buddha

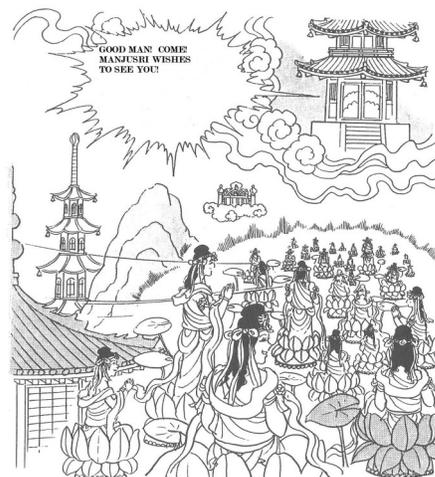
Thereupon Sakyamuni Buddha said to Manjusri:

“Many-Treasures Tathagata will cause him to appear before you all.”

Soon after Sakyamuni Buddha said that, the loud voice of Many-Treasures Buddha was heard:

“Good man! Come! Manjusri wishes to see you.”

Thereupon Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva, accompanied by eighty-four thousand Bodhisattvas, left his world for the Saha-World. Since the name of Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva was well-known by the people of other worlds, others also wished to see him. So, as they passed through the one hundred and eight billion *nayuta* worlds, the grounds of those worlds quaked in the six ways; lotus flowers of the seven treasures rained on those worlds, and hundreds of thousands of heavenly drums sounded over those worlds as if to express their requestas.



Chapter 4

His Beauty Makes the Congregation's Eyes Open Wide

Together with the other Bodhisattvas surrounding him respectfully, Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva came to Mt. Sacred Eagle of this Saha-World where he had already created the seats of treasures decorated with lotus flowers with gold stalks, silver leaves, diamond stamens, and various treasures calyxes by the supernatural power of his deep thought.

The eyes of Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva were as large as the leaves of the blue lotus. His face was more handsome than the combination of millions of moons. His body was golden-colored, and adorned with many hundreds of thousands of marks of merits. His power and virtue were great. The rays of the light coming out of his body were brilliant like a heavenly being.

He came to Sakyamuni Buddha, carrying with him a necklace worth thousands. He worshipped the feet of the Buddha with his head and offered the necklace to the Buddha.



A) With Wonderful Voice

Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva offered the messages from Pure-Flower-Star-King-Wisdom Buddha in his incomparably beautiful voice:

“The Original Eternal Sakyamuni Buddha! Are you in good health? Are you happy and peaceful? Are the four elements of soil, water, fire, and wind harmonized well or not? Are the worldly affairs bearable or not? Are the living beings easy to save or not? Do they not have much greed, anger, ignorance, jealousy, stinginess and arrogance, or do they? Are they undutiful to their parents, or are they dutiful?”

“World Honored One! Did they defeat the Maras, who are enemies, or not? Is Many-Treasures Tathagata listening to the *Lotus Sutra* or not? Pure-Flower-Star-King-Wisdom Buddha also wishes to know whether Many-Treasures Tathagata is peaceful and healthy or not.”

B) What Shall I Say?

Sakyamuni Buddha just nodded with a smile and did not say anything. Why was that? It was because Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva told Him the messages from Pure-Flower-Star-King-Wisdom Buddha, that Buddha should know everything on this Saha-World. But Sakyamuni Buddha appreciated the messages from Pure-Flower-Star-King-Wisdom Buddha and his disciple Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva.

Sakyamuni Buddha knew the time would surely come for the people of the Saha-World to live according to the Buddha Dharma. At least all the people gathered on Mt. Sacred Eagle were living here according to the Dharma now.

C) Great Senior in the World of the Far East

Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva appeared at Many-Treasures Buddha’s call, “Good man! Come! Manjusri wishes to see you.” So, the Bodhisattva wishing to see Many-Treasures Buddha who had also come from the east, said:

“World-Honored One! Now I wish to see Many-Treasures Tathagata who came here before me. Show him to me! My Pure-Flower-Star-King-Wisdom Buddha also wished to know whether Many-Treasures-Tathagata is peaceful and healthy, and able to stay or not?”

Sakyamuni Buddha repeated the wish of Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva to Many-Treasures Buddha

Do you remember that two conditions had to be satisfied to see the Buddha in the treasure stupa? One was to purify the place of the assembly, and the second was Sakyamuni Buddha had to call all His replica Buddhas from the ten directions of the universe. These were the great vows of Many-Treasures Buddha.

Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva had obtained the supernatural power of the great *samadhi*. So, he was able to see that Buddha, if he was permitted to do so.

D) Excellent, excellent! Good Man!

Although the congregation on Mt. Sacred Eagle was not able to see the Buddha in the treasure stupa, the Bodhisattva from the east and the two Buddhas were able to understand each Buddha's mind.

Thereupon Many-Treasures Buddha said to Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva:

“Excellent, excellent! You have come here, to the Saha-World, to make offerings to the Eternal Original Sakyamuni Buddha, to hear the *Sutra of the Lotus Flower of the Wonderful Dharma*, and to see Manjusri and others who assisted in expounding the sutra. Welcome here! Glad to see you!”

They were happy to see each other.



Chapter 5

What Is the Original Nature of the Cause, Condition and Effect?

Watching these happenings, Flower-Virtue Bodhisattva was excited with their conversations and asked the same questions Manjusri had already asked of Sakyamuni Buddha:

“World-Honored One! What root of good did this Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva plant and what kind of meritorious deed did he perform in order to obtain this supernatural power? We wish to practice obtaining that power.”

A) The Past and the Future Are the Present

Thereupon Sakyamuni Buddha began to talk about Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva's past life:

“There once was a Buddha called Cloud-Thunder-Sound-King Tathagata. His world was called Appearance-Of-All-Worlds, and the *kalpa* era in which he lived was Gladly-Seen. There lived a Bodhisattva called Wonderful-Voice under that Buddha. He had offered hundreds of thousands of different kinds of music and eighty-four thousand bowls for feasts to that Buddha for twelve thousand years.”

“Because of these offerings, he was able to appear in the world of Pure-Flower-Star-King-Wisdom Buddha, and obtained supernatural powers such as this.” Thus, Sakyamuni Buddha explained how important it was to make offerings to the Buddhas within one's ability with sincerity. That was the first condition to obtain the power. The Buddha continued to talk:

“Flower-Virtue, listen well attentively! This Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva had already made offerings of music and jeweled bowls full of feast to innumerable Buddhas, attended on them, and planted the roots of virtue a long time ago. He also had already seen hundreds of thousands of billions of *nayutas* of Buddhas.”

“Flower-Virtue! What do you think of this? Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva who had offered the music and feasts to Cloud-Thunder-Sound-King Buddha was no one but this great Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva whom you see here now. You see the eyes of Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva are as large as the leaves of the blue lotus. His face is more handsome than the combination of millions of moons. His body is golden-colored, and adorned with many hundreds of thousands of marks of merits. You may think this is his real appearance, don't you?” Thus, Sakyamuni Buddha said in a sharp tone of voice to Flower-Virtue Bodhisattva.



B) You Cannot See a Real Person Just by their Looks

Flower-Virtue Bodhisattva was puzzled with the Buddha's words and waited with an attentive mind for what He was going to say next. Perceiving at his sincerity, Sakyamuni Buddha spoke slowly to call special attention to what He was going to say next:

“Flower-Virtue, Listen to me attentively! Now you see Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva here. But formerly he had already transformed himself into various living beings and expounded this sutra to all living beings in various places with his rays of wisdom on this Saha-World.” He gave many examples.

The Eternal Original Buddha knew who, where and what all His messengers were doing.

C) 34 or 38 Bodies

There were endless series of transformations! It was said that Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva changed himself into 34 or 38 beings. I wonder what he turned himself into! Sakyamuni Buddha continued His talk about his transformations:

“He became King Brahman, King Sakra, Great-Freedom God who had eight arms, Vaisravana Heavenly-King, a great general in heaven, a number one wheel-turning-holy-king around the worlds, a king of a small country, a rich man, a householder, a prime minister, an officer, a priest, a nun, a wife of these people, a boy, a girl, and a non-human being like a god or a dragon. After he transformed himself into one, he expounded this sutra and saved many living beings. When he entered an imperial harem, he became a woman and expounded the *Lotus Sutra*. He transformed himself even into some beings in the realms of hell, hungry spirits, animals and asuras and saved the hellish denizens depending on their needs.”



D) The Bodhisattvas from the Eastern Worlds Also Had Saved the Living Beings in this Saha-World

Flower-Virtue Bodhisattva was surprised to know that Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva, who had just come from the eastern All-Pure-Light-Adornment World at a Buddha called Pure-Flower-Star-King-Wisdom, had been in this Saha-World from a long time ago.

Sakyamuni Buddha said:

“Flower-Virtue! This Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva protected all living beings in this Saha-World. He transformed himself into one or another of these various living beings in this Saha-World and expounded this sutra to all living beings without reducing his supernatural powers of transformation and his wisdom.”

Flower-Virtue Bodhisattva realized this Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva had been assisting Sakyamuni Buddha with his supernatural power in this Saha-world. He changed himself into thirty-four to thirty-eight living beings, transforming himself into the most appropriate being to save them. He appeared as a Sravaka, a Pratyeka-buddha, or a Bodhisattva and told the people, “You will become a Buddha!”

He took these various shapes according to the capacities of those who were to be saved. He showed his death to those who were to be saved by his extinction. Such were the great supernatural powers obtained by Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva!

E) Impression Fills Everyone’s Heart

How brave he was!

How noble he was!

Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva was great!

Thereupon Flower-Virtue Bodhisattva said to the Buddha:

“World-Honored One! This Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva must have planted deeply the roots of good to obtain the *samadhi*. What is the name of the *samadhi*? Please tell us.”

Chapter 6

The Great Samadhi by which One Can Transform Oneself into Any Other Living Being.

The Buddha said to Flower-Virtue Bodhisattva:

“Good man! This is called the ‘*samadhi* by which one can transform oneself into any other living being.’”

Haven’t you heard this name before?

Yes! Medicine-King Bodhisattva had obtained the same *samadhi* in his previous life after burning his body to show his devotion. It was the same *samadhi* by which Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva transformed himself into other living beings as the result of his great virtue after offering music and feasts to his Buddha and the *Lotus Sutra* for many years.

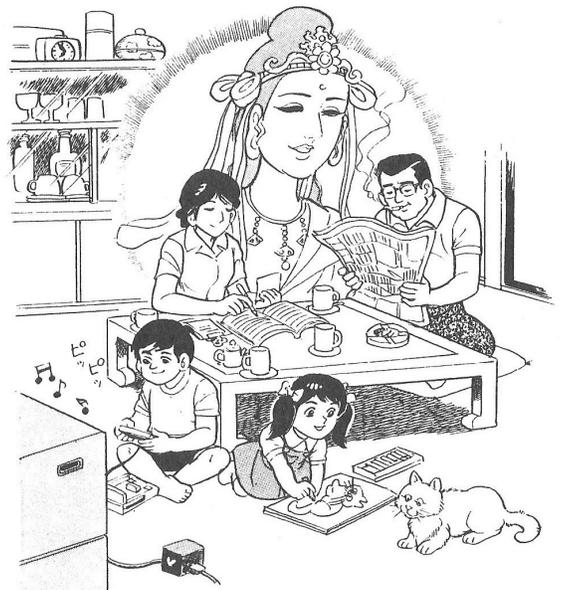
Therefore, you may find someone who has the same *samadhi* around you.

A) Perhaps!

The person who has the *samadhi* by which one can transform oneself into any other living being near you may be your father or mother! He works hard for his family day and night. She works hard for your father and her children like you. She always worries about her family.

Or it may be your grandfather who scolded you often, or it may be your mischievous brother.

How really interesting this *Lotus Sutra* is! Someone with whom you have not liked and quarreled with often may be Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva appearing in a different



form in order to make you behave righteously and bravely. If you can take that away, you will not care as much about someone's nasty behavior. It is really strange but if you do not give much attention to him, he will gradually become less nasty to you. Later on, both of you may become good friends.

This may happen when you have strong faith in the *Lotus Sutra*. The sutra emphasizes that you can understand its teachings by strong faith. Those who have no faith will not understand the teachings.

The Buddha does not like criticism of the words in the *Lotus Sutra*. Faith comes first before the literal words.

B) For the sake of Peace for Everyone

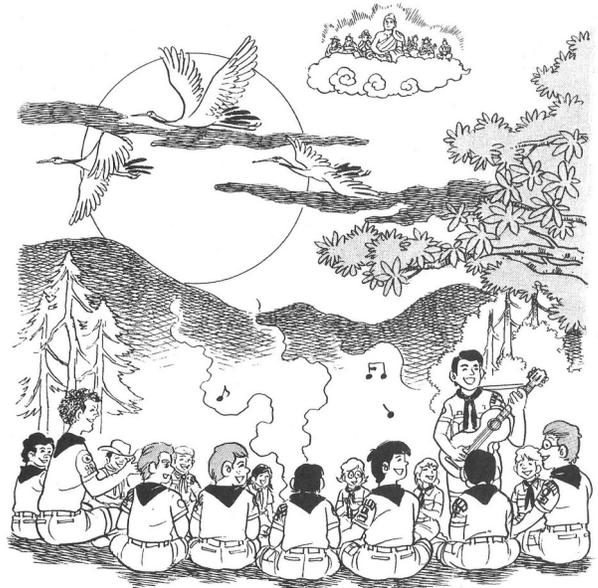
Sakyamuni Buddha was expounding the *Lotus Sutra* for the sake of peace for everyone. It was the Buddha's Original Prayer to bring peace on earth through the teachings of the *Lotus Sutra*. We must activate the Buddha Dharma for peace on earth.

There is no difference between a white or black person, the rich or the poor, or one's family status or lineage.

If everyone wishes peace around the world, if everyone has faith in the *Lotus Sutra*, peace around the world will come for sure.

Everyone must sincerely think of peace on earth!

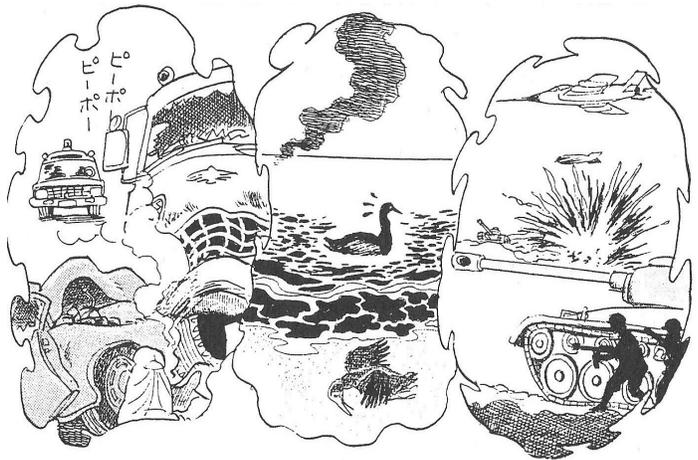
If everyone takes care of this earth, does not waste the land of this earth, and does not contaminate this earth; and if everyone shares the idea for all living beings to live in harmony, peace will come for sure on this earth!



C) To Teach These Things to Human Beings

It may be that Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva changed his body to sea-birds, fish, or shells contaminated with oil leaks on the surface of the ocean. Or he may have changed his body to the trees cut down for lumber in the Amazon Jungle. Those green trees are used to produce oxygen for human beings and animals. Or he may have changed his body to acid rain that changed the green trees in the mountains and forests to painfully naked looking trees. He may have been teaching us what was the important thing for us to do.

Each individual's deep thought on peace is more important than the law or money to save this beautiful earth. Let us awaken our Buddha nature!



D) Time for the Bodhisattva to Return Home Was Coming Soon

When the Buddha expounded this chapter of Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva, the eighty-four thousand people, who had come accompanying the Bodhisattva, obtained the ability to practice the *samadhi* by which they could transform themselves into other living beings. And innumerable Bodhisattvas of this Saha-World also obtained the ability to practice this *samadhi*.

The time to go back to their home-world was approaching for Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva and his accompanying attendees who had greeted the Eternal Original Buddha and Many-Treasures Buddha and also met Manjusri and other Bodhisattvas on Mt. Sacred Eagle. After they made offerings to Sakyamuni and the stupa of Many-Treasures Buddha, they left.

As they passed through the worlds, the ground of those world quaked in the six ways; lotus-flowers of treasures rained down, and hundreds of thousands of billions of kinds of music were heard.

Having reached their home-world, he came to Pure-Flower-Star-King-Wisdom Buddha and reported what had happened on the Saha-World.



When Sakyamuni Buddha expounded this chapter of Wonderful-Voice Bodhisattva, forty-two thousand gods obtained the truth of birthlessness, and Flower-Virtue Bodhisattva obtained the ability to practice the *samadhi* of the *Lotus Sutra*.

E) Everything Starts with One Deep Thought

Listening to Sakyamuni Buddha's talk, Flower-Virtue Bodhisattva kept deep in his mind how great the teachings of the *Lotus Sutra* were and understood that nothing could be left unanswered if he had strong faith and held on to it.

All right, all of you?

It is very good if you keep your strong thought deep in your mind.

All problems can not be solved if each one of us has not had strong thought kept deep in everyone's mind. These problems include the environment, destroying nature, acid rain, the draining of natural resources, ethnic conflicts, and all wars in the world. These problems are traced back to one's thought. If each one of

us has the wrong thought, problems cannot be solved.

If each individual has the right deep thought,

This beautiful blue earth will be saved.

Never forget it!

The key to extend the life span of this earth and

The realization of the Tranquil Everlasting Buddha-Land

Is within each one of us!

