

## Buddhist Terms in Chapter 1 of the Lotus Sutra

**Mt. Grdharkuta 耆闍崛山 (Gishakutsu-sen)** (P.1) : 靈鷲山 (Ryoujusen) , Mt. Sacred Eagle. The Vulture Peak is located east of the City of King-House or Rajagriha. The name was given to it because it resembled a vulture in appearance. It is said that the Buddha preached many sutras including the Lotus Sutra there for his last eight years.

**Arhat阿羅漢(Arakan)**(P.1): One who is free from all craving and rebirth. He is a saint who attains the fourth and highest stage to be attained by Hinayana Buddhists. Such a saint has already free himself from all defilements, has obtained perfect knowledge, has learned all things so that there is nothing remaining to be learned, and has reached a stage where he is worthy of receiving respect and offerings. The Lotus Sutra is aimed for Arhat to practice the Way of Bodhisattva; that is to help others.

**asravas 諸漏(shoro)**(P.1): Attachment which flows out from the six organs.

**shravakas 声聞(shomon)** (P.1): Buddha's disciples. Shravaka is a person who listens to the Buddha's teachings and attain enlightenment. A person who exerts to attain the stage of *arhat*.

**Anuttara-samuyak-sambodhi 阿耨多羅三藐三菩提(anokutara-samyaku-sambodai)** (P.1): Perfect enlightenment. The unsurpassed wisdom of the Buddha.

**Dharanis 陀羅尼(darani)** (P.1): The mystic syllables to keep up the religious life of recite. It is similar to *mantras* in Hinduism.

**samadhi 三昧(sammai)** (P.3): Concentration of the mind on a single object. Meditation.

**Avici Hell 阿鼻地獄(Abi Jigoku)** (P.3): The hell of incessant suffering, the worst hell. Those who are born in this hell are always crying out because of the heat of fire.

**Akanistha Heaven 阿迦膩吒天(Akanita-ten)** (P.3): The highest of the eighteen heavens in which form exist.

**Candana 栴檀 (sendan)** (P.5): The name of an aromatic tree.

**Yojanas 由旬 (yujun)** (P.11) : a unit of distance. It is said to be 160 km, 120 km, or 64 km.

**Mt. Sumeru 須弥山(shumi-sen)** (P.12): The highest mountain in a world, rising in the center of that world. On the top lives *Sakra* 帝釈天 on the sides, the kings of the Four Quarters. *Sakra* 帝釈天 hears about the moral condition of the people of the world, according to the report of the Four-Quarter Kings (Shinten-nou) and others, who inspect three days in a month.

**pratykabuddha**縁覚(**engaku**) (P.14): A self-enlightened Buddha. A Buddha who obtains emancipation for himself without any teacher.