

CHAPTER 9

WISDOM

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**All of these factors were taught
By the Sage for the sake of wisdom.**

The other five perfections, or five aspects of skilful means, have now been presented. They are called here ‘factors’, i.e. causes of wisdom, since wisdom develops by meditating on the first five perfections. Or, whilst wisdom is the antidote to saṃsāra and the defilements, the other perfections act as helpers. ‘For the sake of wisdom’ means in order to develop it. [379]

2. Advice to strive in this

**Therefore, those who wish to pacify sufferings
Should develop wisdom.**

Since only wisdom can overcome attachment to existence, the root of suffering, it should be developed.