

Invocation and Praise of Manjushri

Homage to my guru and protector, Manjushri,
Who holds to his heart a scriptural text symbolic of his
seeing of all things as they are,
Whose intelligence shines forth as the sun, unclouded
by delusions or traces of ignorance,
Who teaches in sixty ways, with the loving
compassion of a father for his only son,
All creatures caught in the prison of samsara,
Confused in the darkness of their ignorance,
overwhelmed by their suffering.

You, whose dragon-thunder-like proclamation of
Dharma arouses us from the stupor of our delusions
And frees us from the iron chains of our karma,
Who wields the sword of wisdom hewing down
suffering wherever its sprouts appear,
Clearing away the darkness of all ignorance;
You, whose princely body is adorned with the one
hundred and twelve marks of a Buddha,
Who has completed the stages achieving the highest perfections of a bodhisattva,
Who has been pure from the beginning:

I bow down to you, O Manjushri.
With the brilliance of your wisdom, O compassionate one,
Illuminate the darkness enclosing my mind,
Enlighten my intelligence and wisdom
So that I may gain insight into the Buddha's words and the texts that explain them.

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