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Treasure Vase or Um of Wisdom

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The treasure vase or Urn of Wisdom (Tibetan: འུ་མ་པ་, Wylie: bum pa) represents health, longevity, wealth, prosperity, wisdom and the phenomenon of space. Indeed, to disambiguate, "Space" (Sanskrit: ākāśa) is a rendering of the particular denotation of the element of the mahabhuta (Sanskrit; English: "Great Elements") and the Five Pure Lights.

Space is that elemental matrix that contains, holds, and conducts all phenomena. Space is the repository and conduit of everything that is manifest, embodied or incarnate; symbolises Śūnyatā (Sanskrit); the iconographic representation of the 'wisdom urn' is often very similar to the 'water pot' (Sanskrit: Kumbha), which is one of the few allowable possessions of a Theravadin bhikku or bhikkuni; the wisdom urn or treasure vase is used in many vajrayana empowerments and initiations;



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