

55. Chapter 55

Manjushri

55. 1 Sudhana, the head merchant's son, after passing through a hundred and ten towns, came to the district called Sumanamukha, where, while thinking of and looking for Manjushri Kumara bhuta, he was aspiring and praying to see Manjushri Kumara bhuta and continually yearning to meet him.

55. 2 Then Manjushri Kumara bhuta, from a distance of a hundred and ten yojanas, extended his hand and placed it upon the head of Sudhana, the head merchant's son, who was in the town of Sumanamukha, and said, 'Well done, well done, noble one! Someone who does not have the power of faith, who has a mind that wearies, who has thoughts of despondency, who abandons practice, who turns away from diligence, who is pleased by having a few qualities, who remains clinging to a single root of merit, who is not skilled in accomplishing the conduct and prayer, who is not in the care of a kalyanamitra, and who does not consider the Buddha is unable to know the true nature of phenomena in this way, or to know this kind of way and this kind of range of activity, or to know this kind of place or enter it, or to believe in it or examine it or understand it or attain it.'

55. 3 Then Manjushri Kumara bhuta taught Sudhana by speaking of the Dharma and, having inspired him, extolled him, and gladdened him, made him the possessor of countless Dharma gateways, so that he attained the great illumination of infinite wisdom. He blessed him with a Bodhisattva's retention, eloquence, samadhi, higher cognitions, and infinite wisdom and established him in the field of completely good conduct, and he remained in his own region and departed from the presence of Sudhana, the head merchant's son. [F.345.a] [B22]