



SPACE
WHITE

All-encompassing space / buddha



WIND
GREEN

All-accomplishing wisdom / karma



FIRE
RED

*Discriminating awareness wisdom
padma*

EYES



WATER
BLUE

CHEST

Mirror like wisdom / vajra

LEGS

THRONE



EARTH
YELLOW

*Wisdom of equanimity
ratna*

SOK SHING
Cedar pole

VAJRASATTVA MANDALA

CHAKRASAMVARA MANDALA

MAIN HALL

JEWEL = enlightenment

SUN = prajna / wisdom

MOON = bodhicitta / heart
of awakening

PARASOL = karuna / compassion

13 DISKS = 13 powers of the Buddha
or styles of teaching

HARMIKA = 8-fold noble path of
right: view, realization,
speech, action, livelihood,
effort, mindfulness, samadhi.

BUMPA = 7 elements of enlightenment:
mindfulness, discriminating
awareness, diligence, joy,
shinjang, samadhi,
equanimity.

4 STEPS = the 4 immeasurables: maitri,
compassion, joy, equanimity.

3 STEPS = 3 refuges:
Buddha,
dharma,
sangha.







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All-encompassing space: **BUDDHA GROUP**



WIND/AIR
GREEN

PARASOL = *karuna* (compassion)
and the state of a Victorious One.

All-accomplishing wisdom: **KARMA GROUP**



FIRE
RED

Discriminating awareness wisdom:
LOTUS GROUP



WATER
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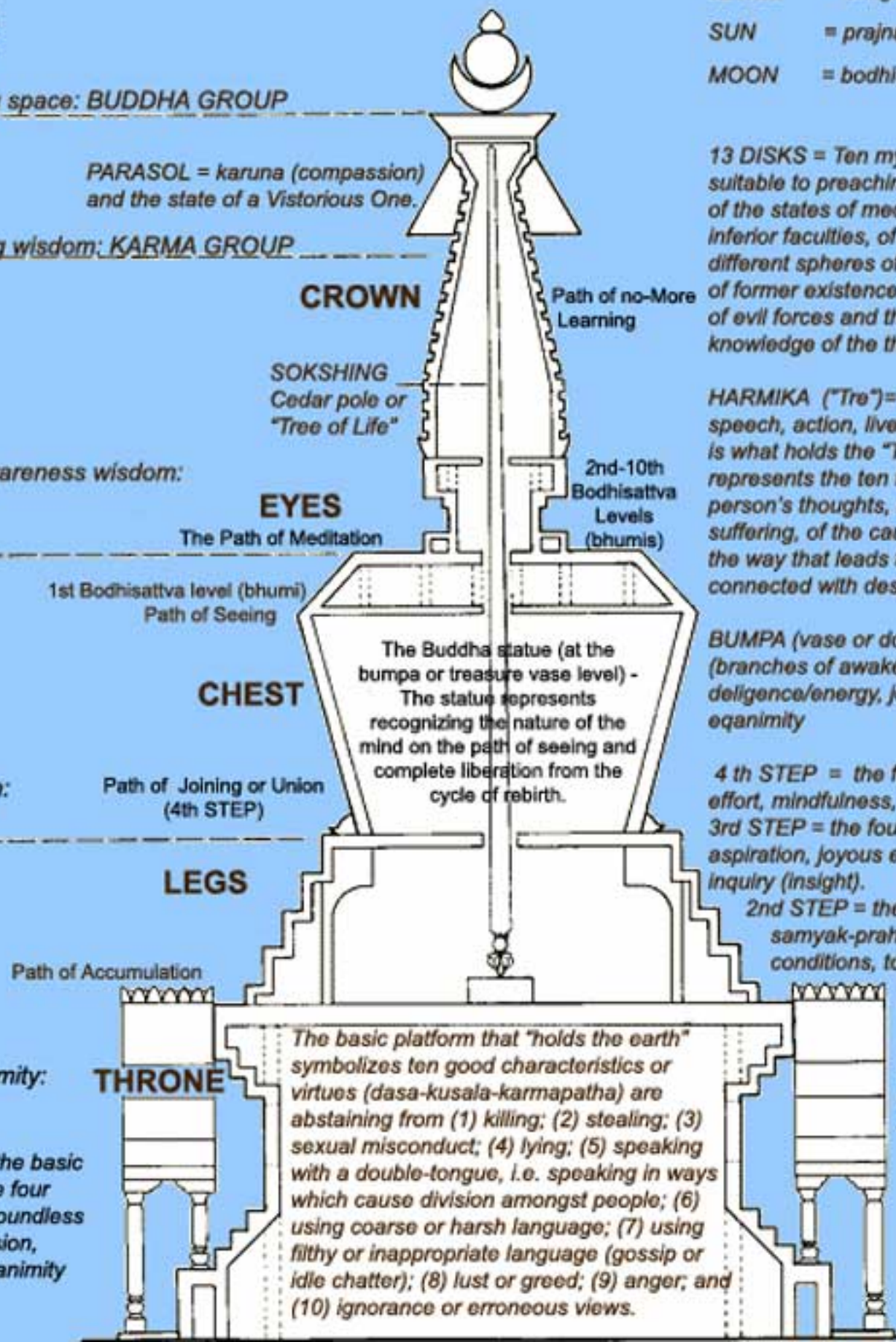
Mirror like wisdom:
VAJRA GROUP



EARTH
YELLOW

Wisdom of equanimity:
JEWEL GROUP

The four corners of the basic
throne symbolize the four
immeasurables or boundless
ones: love, compassion,
sympathetic joy, equanimity



CROWN

Path of no-More
Learning

SOKSHING
Cedar pole or
"Tree of Life"

EYES

The Path of Meditation

2nd-10th
Bodhisattva
Levels
(bhumis)

CHEST

The Buddha statue (at the
bumpa or treasure vase level) -
The statue represents
recognizing the nature of the
mind on the path of seeing and
complete liberation from the
cycle of rebirth.

Path of Joining or Union
(4th STEP)

LEGS

Path of Accumulation

THRONE

The basic platform that "holds the earth"
symbolizes ten good characteristics or
virtues (*dasa-kusala-karmapatha*) are
abstaining from (1) killing; (2) stealing; (3)
sexual misconduct; (4) lying; (5) speaking
with a double-tongue, i.e. speaking in ways
which cause division amongst people; (6)
using coarse or harsh language; (7) using
filthy or inappropriate language (gossip or
idle chatter); (8) lust or greed; (9) anger; and
(10) ignorance or erroneous views.

JEWEL = enlightenment

SUN = *prajna* wisdom

MOON = *bodhichitta* heart of awakening

13 DISKS = Ten mystical powers of the Buddha: knowledge of places
suitable to preaching, of the ripening of different kinds of Karma, of all
of the states of meditations with higher spheres, of the superior and
inferior faculties, of the different inclinations of other beings, of the
different spheres of existence, of the ways that lead to a desired end,
of former existences, and of time of death and rebirth; the destruction
of evil forces and the Three Essential Remembrances, that is
knowledge of the three times: past, present, and future.

HARMIKA ("Tree") = Eight-fold noble path of right view, realization,
speech, action, livelihood, effort, mindfulness, samadhi. The Harmika
is what holds the "Tree of Life" or the pole of the parasol which
represents the ten transcendent knowledges: of the law, of other
person's thoughts, knowledge of relations, empirical knowledge, of
suffering, of the cause of suffering, of the annihilation of suffering, of
the way that leads to the annihilation of suffering, of the things
connected with despair, and of the non-production of things.

BUMPA (vase or dome) = Seven elements of enlightenment
(branches of awakening): mindfulness, discriminating awareness,
deligence/energy, joy, shing/serenity, smadhi/concentration,
equanimity

4th STEP = the five faculties (*pancendriyani*) of faith, energy/joyous
effort, mindfulness, concentration, and reason.

3rd STEP = the four supernatural feats or psychic powers of
aspiration, joyous effort, thought/concentration, and investigation or
inquiry (insight).

2nd STEP = the four correct endeavors (*sammāpādhana* or
samyak-prahana): Striving to preserve existing favourable
conditions, to produce such conditions not yet
existing to ward off existing unfavorable
conditions, and to make it impossible for such
conditions to arise.

1st STEP = the four foundations of mindfulness
(*cattari satipatthani*): The mindfulness of body,
sensation, mind, external phenomena.

3 FOUNDATION STEPS = Three refuges:

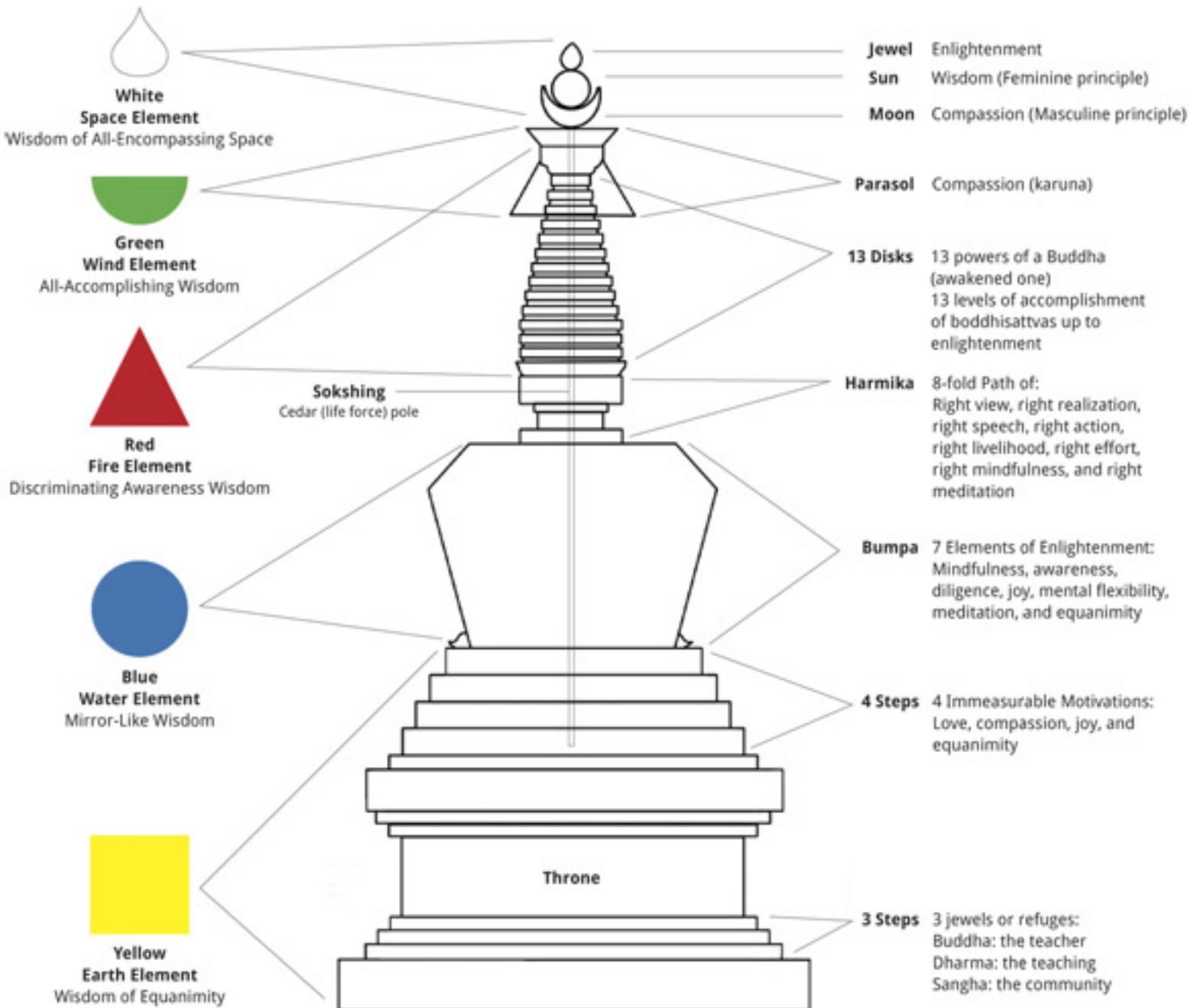
The Buddha

The Dharma (the teachings of the Buddha)

The Sangha (the Assembly who practice
the teachings)

The Great Stupa of Dharmakaya

Which Liberates upon Seeing



Stupa Symbolism