

16 Bodhisattva Precepts

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Refuges

1. I take refuge in Buddha, the principal of enlightenment within
2. I take refuge in Dharma, the enlightened way of understanding and living
3. I take refuge in Sangha, the community of all beings

Pure Precepts

4. I vow to avoid all action that creates suffering
5. I vow to do all action that creates true happiness
6. I vow to act with others always in mind

Clear Mind Precepts

7. Not to kill but to nurture life.
8. Not to steal but to receive what is offered as a gift.
9. Not to misuse sexuality but to be caring and faithful in intimate relationships.
10. Not to lie but to be truthful.
11. Not to intoxicate with substances or doctrines but to promote clarity and awareness.
12. Not to speak of others' faults but to speak out of loving kindness.
13. Not to praise self at the expense of others but to be modest.

14. Not to be possessive of anything but to be generous.

15. Not to harbor anger but to forgive.

16. Not to do anything to diminish the Triple Treasure but to support and nurture it.