

## *Stages of Awakening in the Buddha Way*

| <b>4 Paths (Marga)<br/>of the Elders (Theravada)</b><br>(and 10 Fetters (Samyojana)<br>abandoned on paths)   | <b>5 Paths (Marga)<br/>of Grt Vehicle (Mahayana)</b>  | <b>10 Bodhisattva Stages<br/>(Bhumi) of GV</b>  | <b>10 Perfections<br/>(Paramita) of GV</b>  |
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|  | 1. Path of Accumulation<br>of Merit (Sambharamarga)<br>Aspiration for Awakening (Bodhichitta) is born<br>Practice of first 5 Perfections & Renunciation   |   |   |
|  | 2. Path of Preparation/Application<br>(Prayogamarga)<br>Intellectual understanding of Emptiness (Shunyata) is realized<br>Practice of Tranquillity and Insight with Emptiness as object   |   |   |
| 1. Stream-Enterer<br>(Shrota-apatti)<br>View of Existent Self<br>(Satkayadrshiti)<br>Skeptical Doubt (re 3 Treasures)<br>(Vichikitsa)<br>Clinging to Rules & Rituals<br>(Shilavrataparamarsha)                     | 3. Path of Seeing<br>(Darshanamarga)<br>Direct cognition of Emptiness (of person and phenomena)<br>Enter lineage of Noble Ones (Arya), born as a Bodhisattva<br>No more rebirth in lower realms<br>Also called Path of Liberation (Vimuktimarga)<br>Takes one Period of Eons to complete Paths 1,2,3              | 1. Joyous (Pramudita)   | Giving (Dana)   |
| 2. Once-Returner<br>(Sakrdagamin)<br>Sense Desire & Ill-Will<br>greatly weakened   | 4. Path of Cultivation<br>(Bhavanamarga)<br>Continuous<br>familiarizing<br>with Emptiness<br>Gradual abandoning<br>of Afflictions<br>(Klesha)<br>Takes one Period of<br>Eons to complete  | 2. Stainless (Vimala)<br>3. Luminous (Prabhakari)<br>4. Radiant (Archismati)<br>5. Unconquerable<br>(Sudarjaya)   | Morality (Shila)<br>Patience (Kshanti)<br>Diligence (Virya)<br>Meditation<br>(Dhyana) |
| 3. Non-Returner<br>(Anagamin)<br>Sense Desire<br>(Kamacchanda)<br>Ill-Will<br>(Vyapada)  |   | 6. Directly Facing<br>(Abhimukhi)<br>7. Far Advanced<br>(Durangama)   | Wisdom<br>(Prajna)<br>Upayakaushalya<br>(Skillful Means)                              |
| 4. Worthy One<br>(Arhat)<br>Desire for Form Realm<br>(Ruparaga)<br>Desire for Formless Realm<br>(Aruparaga)<br>Pride/Conceit<br>(Mana)<br>Restlessness<br>(Auddhatya)<br>Ignorance (of 4 Noble Truths)<br>(Avidya) | (5. Path of No More Learning<br>for Worthy One)<br>Obstruction of<br>Afflictions<br>(Kleshavarana)<br>abandoned - same<br>as 10 fetters<br>5. Path of No More Learning<br>for Bodhisattva (Ashaikshamarga)<br>Obstructions to<br>Knowing<br>(Jneyavarana)<br>Abandoned<br>Takes one Period of<br>Eons to complete | 8. Immovable<br>(Achala)<br>9. Good Intellect<br>(Sadhumati)<br>10. Teaching Cloud<br>(Dharmamegha)   | Vow/Aspiration<br>(Pranidhana)<br>Bala<br>(Power)<br>Knowledge<br>(Jnana)             |
| 4 Outflows (Asrava)<br>Abandoned: Sense Desire (Kama),<br>Views (Drshti), Becoming (Bhava),<br>Ignorance (Avidya)<br>Unbinding (Nirvana) is realized   |   | 11. Awakened Stage<br>(Buddha Bhumi)<br>Unsurpassed Complete Perfect Awakening<br>(Anuttara-samyak-sambodhi)<br>Omniscience, Knowing All (Sarvajnana)<br>Limitless Great Compassion (Mahakaruna)<br>Perceiving 2 Truths (Conventional and<br>Ultimate) simultaneously<br>Manifesting 3 Bodies of Buddha: Truth<br>Body (Dharmakaya), Bliss Body<br>(Sambhogakaya), Transformation Body<br>(Nirmanakaya) |   |