

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

The Voice of the Silence: Inner Preparation for the Bodhisattva Path

with
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Madame Blavatsky chose as her last printed contribution to the world a book on transformational mysticism. *The Voice of the Silence*, published in 1889, contains profound teachings for those students who aspire to tread the Bodhisattva Path, the path of compassionate renunciation for the benefit of the world.

In this course we will examine important verses from the Three Fragments of HPB's book—*The Voice of the Silence*, *The Two Paths* and *The Seven Portals* – in a spirit of meditative and interactive enquiry, seeking to explore the depths of such precious teachings.

Theosophy suggests that the Bodhisattva nature is imprisoned deep within us, prevented from coming to the fore by thick layers of conditioning, self-centredness and unawareness. The teachings of *The Voice of the Silence* can lead to that life-altering awakening, when one becomes an embodiment of boundless Compassion and Wisdom.

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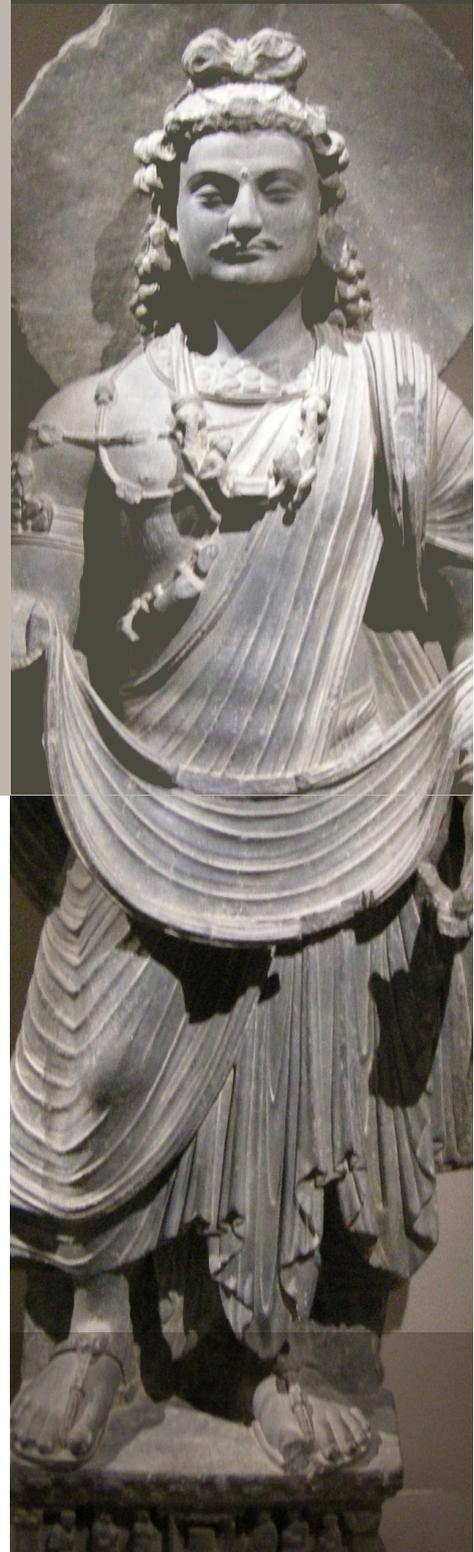
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