

In Praise of the Eight Siddhas

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(When the Omniscient One was staying at the Kyi Pug retreat cave, on the morning of the 15th day of the 9th month, having recited one round of Evam, in a clear sky appeared a swirling pavilion of rainbow light with Vajradhara and the Eight Mahasiddhas appearing in the middle. Receiving blessings and profound scriptural readings, especially that of the 'Sem Drel Kor Sum' from Indrabhuti, at that time he recited:)

Namo Gurubhyah! Dharmakaya Vajradhara having the color of the sky,
Majestic with bone ornaments, holding a vajra and bell,
Together with the dakini consort pink Khechari;
To the supreme father Vajradhara I praise.

Nagarjuna, radiantly saffron, ornament of the Southern Continent,
With a forest goddess offering the nectar of immortality,
Having gained the attainments, teaching uninterruptedly for the benefit of others;
To the great accomplished one of supreme space I praise.

Indrabhuti, the color of bluish smoke,
Dwelling in the land of Orgyan in the manner of royalty,
Together with [his] son departing for Khechara;
To the holder of the teachings of Secret Mantra I praise.

Dombi Heruka, the supreme prince,
Maroon and naked, riding on an emanated tiger,
Crossing the Ganges River seated on a mat;
To the feet of the Lord of emanated power I praise.

Saraha, glorious great Brahmin, golden in color,
Using an arrow to pierce afflictions,
Flying in the sky to the land of Shri Parvati;
To the One who has obtained the power of air-mind I praise.

Great adept Ghantapa having the color of cotton,
On a trail of light twisting in a rainbow canopy with the consort and son,
Flying into the sky ringing a vajra and bell;
To the one who has obtained the power of Khechara I praise.

Glorious Kukkuripa, whitish-grey,
Madly playing with a dakini in the form of a dog,
Acquiring the attainments and without obstruction flying into the sky;
To the feet of the king of great accomplishment I praise.

Royal prince, Luipa, of smoky radiance,
Acquiring the attainments eating the guts of cruel fish,
Crossing the ocean of existence [while] keeping the behavior of a monk;
To the feet of the one holding the supreme conduct I praise.

Padmavajra in the form of a layman, white in color,
Performing the path of supreme meditation and eating only fruit,
Flying in the sky, riding an emanated tigress;
To the feet of the one who subdues evil I praise.

Through the power of this praise,
May we together, teachers, students and sponsors,
I request, at all times be free from negative obstacles
And be taken onto the positive Dharma path.

(Written at the time of the Great Omniscient one having seen the faces of the Eight Great Accomplished Ones.)

Source

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