

## The Eighteen Root Bodhisattva Vows

- Praising yourself and denigrating others.
- Not giving wealth and Dharma.
- Not forgiving though someone apologizes.
- Abandoning the Mahayana.
- Stealing offerings to the Three Jewels. ("Kings vow")
- Abandoning the Dharma. ("Kings vow")
- Disrobing monks or nuns. ("Kings vow")
- Committing the five heinous crimes. ("Kings vow")
- Holding wrong views.
- Destroying towns and so on. ("Kings vow")
- Teaching emptiness to the untrained. ("Minister vow")
- Reversing others' aspiration for complete enlightenment.
- Causing someone to abandon individual liberation.
- Denigrating the Hinayana.
- Falsely claiming to have realized emptiness.
- Receiving the property of the Three Jewels.
- The person practicing concentration giving his belongings to others.
- Giving up bodhicitta.

**The Forty-six Branch Bodhisattva Precepts**  
**Thirty-four Contradictions to Embodying Virtue**

The forty-six branch vows require that you abandon the following actions:

**Perfection of Generosity**

<i>With regard to Material Things</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neglecting to pay homage to the Three Jewels each day.</li> <li>• Following the mind of desire.</li> </ul>
<i>With regard to Protection from Fear</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not respecting elders.</li> <li>• Not replying to questions.</li> </ul>
<i>Those That Prevent the Generosity of Others</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not accepting invitations.</li> <li>• Not accepting gold and so on</li> </ul>
<i>Contradiction to Generosity with regard to Dharma</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not giving the Dharma to those who desire it.</li> </ul>

**Perfection of Discipline**

<i>Contradictions Mainly to Benefit Others</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forsaking those who have broken their moral discipline.</li> <li>• Not observing the (Hinayana) trainings in order to generate or sustain faith in others.</li> <li>• Doing little to benefit other sentient beings</li> <li>• Not knowing the full purpose of compassion</li> </ul>
<i>Contradictions Mainly to Benefit Oneself</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliberately accepting things which are acquired by wrong livelihood.</li> <li>• Indulging in frivolity with agitation, delusion and lack of mindfulness you make fun of others, laugh loudly, make loud noises and so on, you incur this downfall.</li> <li>• Claiming Bodhisattvas should remain in cyclic existence.</li> </ul>

<i>Contradictions to Benefit Both Oneself and Others</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not avoiding a bad reputation.</li> <li>• Not employing the methods to overcome others' negativities.</li> </ul>
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### **Perfection of Patience**

- Not practicing the four noble disciplines.
- Not caring about those who are angry.
- Not accepting others' apologies.
- Not checking the angry mind or acting out thoughts of anger.

### **Perfection of Effort**

- Gathering a circle of followers for wealth and fame.
- Not eliminating the three types of laziness
- Engaging in senseless talk through attachment

### **Perfection of Concentration**

- Not seeking the meaning of concentration
- Not removing obstacles to concentration.
- Viewing the taste of concentration as being its main quality.

### **Perfection of Wisdom**

<i>Faults Related to Lesser Things</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abandoning the Hinayana.</li> <li>• Applying great effort to the Hinayana while currently engaged in the Mahayana</li> <li>• Applying effort to non-Buddhist teachings while currently engaged in the Buddhadharma.</li> <li>• Excessive involvement in non-Buddhist subjects.</li> </ul>
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<i>Faults Related to Excellent Things</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abandoning the Mahayana.</li> <li>• Praising oneself and denigrating others.</li> <li>• Making no effort to study Dharma.</li> <li>• Deriding guru and word rather than relying on the meaning.</li> </ul>
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### Twelve Contradictions to Benefit Sentient Beings

#### **General application**

- Neglect to help whoever needs assistance.
- Avoiding taking care of those who are sick.
- Not dispelling sufferings of others
- Not guiding the reckless.

#### **Specific application**

<i>Faults of Not Being Helpful</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not returning kindness.</li> <li>• Not relieving the grief of others.</li> <li>• Refusing charity to the needy</li> <li>• Not taking care of friends, disciples, servants etc.</li> <li>• Not being considerate of the wishes of others</li> <li>• Not praising others' good qualities.</li> </ul>
<i>Faults of Not Overpowering</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not using force when necessary</li> <li>• Not using miracle powers, threatening activities and so on.</li> </ul>