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## A Bodhisattva

A Bodhisattva resolves: I take upon myself the burden of all suffering. . . . I do not turn or run away, do not tremble, am not terrified. . . . Do not turn back or despond.

And why? . . . I have made the vow to save all beings. . . . The whole world of living beings I must rescue, from the terrors of birth-and-death, from the jungle of false views. . . . My endeavors do not merely aim at my own deliverance. . . . I must rescue all these beings from the stream of Samsara. . . . And I must not cheat beings out of my store of merit. I am resolved to abide in each single state of woe for numberless aeons; and so I will help all, to freedom, in all the states of woe that may be found in any world system whatsoever.

And why? Because it is surely better that I alone should be in pain than that all these beings should fall into states of woe.

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### Questions

1. What does this passage mean?
2. What do you find appealing about a bodhisattva?
3. What is the difference between a bodhisattva and a buddha?
4. What are ways you can manifest compassion in your own life?

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## Buddhism Word Search

Test your skills on Buddhist terms by completing this word search. Words can be found horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. Words may be spelled from left to right or right to left, from top to bottom, or from bottom to top. Letters may overlap between two words.

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1. “worthy one”
2. one who delays enlightenment out of compassion for others
3. Buddhist teachings
4. “The Greater Vehicle”
5. the ultimate goal of a Buddhist
6. the original language of the Tipitaka
7. the Buddhist community
8. “sage of the Shakyas”
9. a mound used to house Buddhist relics
10. “school of Elders”
11. main scripture of the Theravada Buddhists
12. “Diamond Vehicle”