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OF  
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## 1. ONE STROKE

一 Eka. One, unity, monad, once, the same; immediately on (seeing, hearing, etc.). —— One by one, each, every one, severally.

一丈六像 Sixteen "feet" form, or image, said to be the height of the Buddha's body, or "transformation" body; v. 丈六金身.

一三昧 Ekāgra, aikāgrya. Undeflected concentration, meditation on one object; v. 一行三昧.

一中 A hall of spread tables; idem 一普.

一中一切中 One being recognized as "mean" then all is of "the mean"; the three aspects of reality, noumenon, phenomenon, and madhya, are identical in essence; v. 止觀 5.

一乘 Ekayāna, One Yāna, the One Yāna, the vehicle of one-ness. 一佛乘 The one Buddha-Yāna. The One Vehicle, i.e. Mahāyāna, which contains the final or complete law of the Buddha and not merely a part, or preliminary stage, as in Hinayāna. Mahāyānists claim it as the perfect and only way to the shore of parinirvāna. It is especially the doctrine of the 法華經 Lotus Sūtra; v. 大乘. 一之珠 The pearl of the One Yāna, i.e. The Lotus Scripture. 一圓宗 The T'ien-t'ai, or Lotus School of the perfect teaching, or the one vehicle; v. 天台宗. 一家 The one-vehicle family or sect, especially the T'ien-t'ai or Lotus School. 一法(門) The one-vehicle method as revealed in the Lotus Sūtra. 一究竟教 The One Vehicle in its final teaching, especially as found in the Lotus Sūtra. 一經 一妙典 (or 文) Another name for the Lotus Sūtra, so called because it declares the one way of salvation, the perfect Mahāyāna. 一菩提 The one-vehicle enlightenment. 一顯性教 One of the five divisions made by 韋峯 Kuei-feng of the Hua-yen 華嚴 or Avatamsaka School; v. 五教.

一九 A Shingon term for Amitābha. 一之生 Future life in the Amitābha Pure Land.

一人作虛萬人傳實 One man's untruth is propagated by a myriad men as truth; famae mendacia.

一代 A human lifetime; especially the lifetime of Śākyamuni on earth. 三段 The three sections, divisions, or periods of Buddha's teaching in his lifetime, known as 序分, i.e. the 華嚴, 阿含, 方等, and 般若 sūtras; 正宗分, i.e. 無量義, 法華, and 普賢觀 sūtras; and 流通分, i.e. the 涅槃經; they are known as introductory, main discourse, and final application. There are other definitions. 五時佛法 The five periods of Buddha's teachings, as stated by Chih-i 智顥 of the T'ien-t'ai School. The five are 華嚴, 阿含, 方等, 般若, 法華涅槃, the last two being the final period. 八教 The whole of the Buddha's teaching from his enlightenment to his nirvāna, including Hinayāna and Mahāyāna teaching.

一位一切位 idem 一門普門.

一佛世界 A Buddha-cosmos; a world undergoing transformation by a Buddha. 一乘 The Mahāyāna, or one-Buddha vehicle, especially the teaching of the Lotus Sūtra. 一(國)土 idem 一世界 A Buddha-domain; or a one-Buddha region; also the Pure Land. 多佛 One Buddha or many Buddhas, i.e. some Hinayāna Schools say only one Buddha exists in the same æon; Mahāyāna says many Buddhas appear in the same æon in many worlds. 淨土 A Buddha's Pure Land, especially that of Amitābha.

一來(向) Sakrdāgāmin. Only one more return to mortality, v. 斯 and 四向. 一果 v. 四果.

一個半個 A particle, the very least.

一光三尊 Three honoured ones in one light or halo—Amitābha, Avalokiteśvara, and Mahāsthāmaprāpta; or Śākyamuni, Bhaisajya the 藥王 and 藥上 his younger brother.

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