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If you are a Mahayana Buddhist who is practicing yoga in the form of body postures, breath control, or sitting in meditation to deepen your tranquility of mind and clarify your insight into Wisdom - you are on a path that leads to this foundational Yogacara (Master of Yoga) text, which has been translated three times - once by Thomas Cleary as [a course in] Buddhist Yoga and John Powers as The Wisdom of the Buddha, and finally by Keenan in The Scripture on the Explication of Underlaying Meaning. The Cleary text is aimed at being very simple and straightforward, an effort to make it easy to assimilate text. The Power’s book is lovely having facing pages of Tibetan and English text and a full set of notes. In a review of John Powers book that you can find on the Internet by Tom Graham you can get the background picture of just how frustrating it is that a text this important as a background to both the Yogacara School and the view of the Tantras is almost completely overlooked by American Buddhists. Both the Powers and the newest, excellent, translation by Keenan offer a both a crystal clarity of translation and insightful footnotes that make for a compact commentary on the text all by themselves. Key to Coordinating the available english translations: I. The Samdhinirmochana Sutra as translated from The Tibetan of the sDe-dge bKa’-‘gur:1.) Powers, John. Wisdom of Buddha: The Samdhinirmochana Sutra. Dharma Publishing, 1995II. The Samdhinirmochana Sutra as translated from The Chinese of Hsuan-tsang (Taisho Vol.
This book provides the "definitive meaning of the Teachings". This means that it is really for advanced scholars. It would be better avoided in the case of people with strong dogmatic tendencies (even Buddhists) because wrong interpreting is easy with this difficult text. The richness and beauty of the meaning of the text requires some habit with Buddhist teachings. In intent, it is rather for scholars than poets...so don't expect verses...beauty is in the meaning, not the writing
The content is structured as each chapter being the question of a particular Bodhisattva and the answer from the Bhagavan. Each question being asked for allowing the Bhagavan to explain its "doctrine" and by the same way to allow Bodhisattvas to attain perfect enlightenment. This first English translation of the Samdhinirmocana Sutra is invaluable, thanks John! I hope there will be more...

Not only is the text of this volume inspiring, it is beautifully designed, with Tibetan text on the left side and the English translation facing. Wisdom of Buddha is a pleasure to hold and to read.

I did not know what to expect and when I received it I was extremely impressed. I would recommend it to all seekers of knowledge.

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