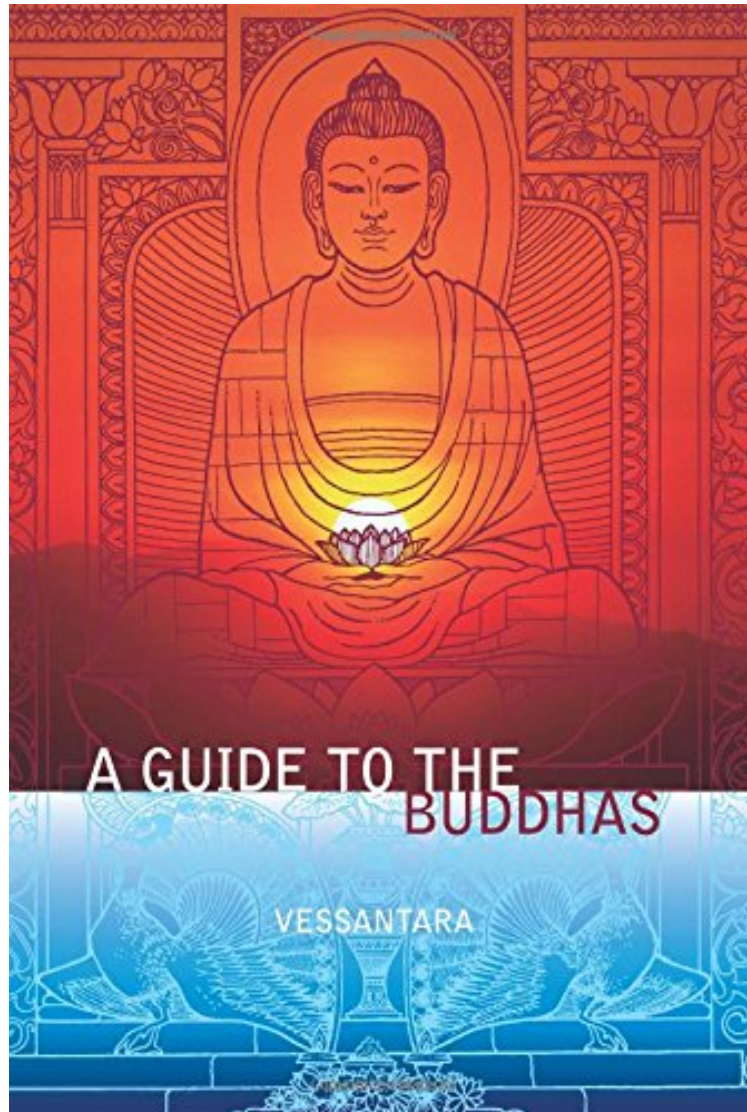


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Vessantara (Tony McMahon) : A Guide to the Buddhas (Meeting the Buddhas) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Guide to the Buddhas (Meeting the Buddhas):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting but not sure exactly who the audience is By C. D. Varn Vessantara discusses the Shakyamuni/Siddhartha Gautama as well as the various esoteric Dhyani Buddhas: Amoghasiddhi, Amitabha, Akshobhya, Ratnasambhava, and Vairocana. Vessantara's The Triratna Buddhist Community (formerly known as Friends of the Western Buddhist Order) is something of a reconstructionist project for Indian Buddhism, so Vessantara uses both Nepal-Tibetan and Sino-Korean-Japanese background for his composite

information, explaining a relationship between Pure land and Vajrayana that I have never seen. He also seems to use a framework that is consistent with both Nyingma/Kaygu as well as Shingon/Tentai schools, and he does this without breaking vows about empowerment. That is impressive actually, but is something that people who aren't scholars of Buddhism probably aren't going to catch. He does go through a basic visualization practice with each Dhyani Buddha, and does not make any speculation on their metaphysical reality or lack, which can bog people down. I learned a bit from this as well about the relationship between Eastern Asian Mahayana and central Asian Vajrayana that was not obvious to me before. That said, it is a bit too advanced for a "newbie" to Vajrayana/Mahayana Buddhism, but not quite academic enough to be scholarly, so its hard to know who the exact audience for this. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By E Trotter Just amazing!!!! What a gift the way this is communicated. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Lady Seraphina Vessantara is outstanding. Read anything and everything from him, if you are a Westerner trying to understand Buddhism.

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