

# Buddhism Vocabulary

<b>bodhisattva</b>	a being seeking enlightenment who postpones nirvana to help all other living creatures
<b>circumambulate</b>	to walk around (something) in a complete circle, as a ritual of respect
<b>dharmachakra</b>	the teachings of the Buddha, or the “Wheel of the Law”
<b>indic</b>	term used to describe the culture of ancient India including the regions of modern Pakistan and Bangladesh
<b>Maitreya</b>	the Buddha of the future
<b>nirvana</b>	the ultimate goal of Buddhists: final extinction of the self with no further incarnations; oblivion
<b>stupa</b>	dome-like mound containing Buddhist relics
<b>urna</b>	the spot (a tuft of hair) on the Buddha’s brow between his eyes; indicating his special insight
<b>ushnisha</b>	the lump or topknot on the top of the Buddha’s head; a mark of wisdom
<b>yoga</b>	physical and meditative practice designed to attain control over desire