

ENTERING THE VAJRA WORLD

TABLE 7.1

THE FIVE BUDDHA FAMILIES<sup>16</sup>

BUDDHA FAMILY	BUDDHA	VAJRA	RATNA	PADMA	KARMA
Direction	center	east	south	west	north
Presiding buddha	Vairochana <sup>17</sup>	Akshobya	Ratnasambhava	Amitabha	Amoghasiddhi
Consort	Dharmadhat-vishvari	Mamaki	Lochana	Pandaravasini	Tara
Mudra	teaching dharma	earth-touching	generosity	meditation	fearlessness
Color	white	dark blue	yellow	red	green
Symbol	wheel	vajra	jewel	lotus	sword
Skandha	form	consciousness	feeling	perception	karmic formations
Element	space	water	earth	fire	wind
Temperature	neutral	cool	warm	hot	cold
Wisdom	wisdom of all-encompassing space	mirror-like wisdom	wisdom of equanimity	discriminating awareness wisdom	all-accomplishing wisdom
Enlightened style	spaciousness, accommodation	clarity, precision	generosity, richness	selfless appreciation and love	efficiency without ambition
Defilement	ignorance	anger	pride	passion	envy/paranoia
Neurotic style	spaced-out, stupid	aggressive, irritable	territorial, suffocating	clingy, grasping, poverty-stricken	competitive, pugnacious
Time of day	no time	early morning	midmorning	sunset	after sunset, dusk, late day, early night
Season	none	winter	fall	springtime	high summer
Association with part of body	none	eyes	stomach	throat	limbs, genitals
Realm	god, animal	hell	hungry ghost	human	jealous god
Primary function	being	thinking	consuming	relating	doing
Type of suffering	insentient, no feeling	freezing	suffocating	wishful thinking	struggling