

## Vajra Family

1. Attributes
  - 1.1. Color: Blue
  - 1.2. Element: Water
  - 1.3. Body part: Eyes
  - 1.4. Function: Knowing, thinking
  - 1.5. Imagery: clear, sharp, angular, strong contrast
  - 1.6. Skanda: Consciousness
  - 1.7. Defilement (klesha): Anger
  - 1.8. Realm: Hell
  
2. The Mirror-like wisdom
  - 2.1. Intellect of the Buddha beyond ego fixation
  - 2.2. A mirror reflects accurately, sees all details
  - 2.3. Sees all of samsara and nirvana
  - 2.4. Holds the greater view as well as the details
  - 2.5. Is not confused by neurosis
  - 2.6. Activity is pacifying - cooling like clear water
  
3. Sane aspects of Vajra
  - 3.1. Passion to know and understand
  - 3.2. Clear and impartial thinking
  - 3.3. Visionary – Seeing the big picture
  - 3.4. Abstract thinking – Mathematics and Science
  - 3.5. Systems: Creating maps, defining boundaries
  - 3.6. Planning, Logistics – Getting the details right
  - 3.7. Mediating – seeing beyond polarizing positions
  - 3.8. Coolness based on vast perspective, lack of bias
  - 3.9. Warmth based on sharing knowledge
  
4. Neurotic Aspects of Vajra
  - 4.1. Not trusting that clarity will arise from basic ground
  - 4.2. Holding onto a mental world unconnected to reality
  - 4.3. Clarity turns into harsh criticism
  - 4.4. Arrogance of knowing it all
  - 4.5. Anger toward those who oppose or disagree
  - 4.6. Afraid of feelings
  - 4.7. Setting up secure boundaries, then feeling trapped

4.8. Wanting to retreat into a separate controlled world

4.9. Water has solidified into ice

5. Transforming Vajra Neurosis Into Mirror-like Wisdom

5.1. Being kind to ourselves allows for awareness

5.2. Being aware, neither repressing nor indulging

5.3. Feeling the texture of anger, rigidity, fixed views – familiarity

5.4. Relaxing – the ice melts into clear water

5.5. We realize the coemergence of neurosis with brilliant mirror-like wisdom