

"The Bodhisattva relies on Prajnaparamita, with no walls in the mind. No walls, therefore no fear."

Question: What kind of walls exist only in the mind?

Answer: Nothing real separates the Pure Land from the land we live in now.

Question: What could be the point of getting the teaching down to almost nothing?

Answer: A "One-Word Talk" lies that much closer to Nature—not yet in it, but you can see it from there.

VERSE:

A child's paper dolls—
Isn't it sad how they hold
One another's hands?
They don't know they've been folded
To impersonate a world.

When finding this notecard in my inventory today by accident, ;-) I remembered how I'd turned over and over the lines "No hinderance thus no fear" for quite a while, after the first few times of reading The Heart Sutra. Walking along one day, after a conversation, the *rest* and the critical point, popped into my mind, which was

No gain --> no hinderance ---> no fear.

Not just no hinderance = no fear.:)

Amazing.

A few days ago my son asked me about the new buddhist figure on my desktop, and I'd told him a little about Avalokitesvara, elaborating from a few angles...

"Well, he is perfectly at ease... see his expression ... yet he is doing a thousand things at once!"

What I didn't say, was anything about Compassion. Imagine! Talking about Avalokitesvara without mentioning his pure motivation! So this morning A and I had that conversation, along with a chat about super-heroes.

Still, I stand rather amazed at *what* the mind can forget. Basically, the whole thing. ;-)