

BCA Chapter 1, Verse 18, Text Section 264

From the point of time

When one has genuinely adopted this bodhicitta,

In order to free infinite realms of beings

With a resolve from which one does not turn away,

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From the point in time when one has genuinely adopted bodhicitta of application means from the moment one has firmly resolved, “In order to liberate all sentient beings from their suffering, its causes and results, and to establish them on the level of omniscient buddhahood, I will practice generosity, discipline, patience, diligence, meditation or wisdom, any of the six perfections.” The main point here is that one makes a firm resolution, a stable commitment. One develops the innate certainty: “I will enact the six transcendental perfections for the sake of beings.” That resolve is bodhicitta of application. One should receive the bodhicitta vows in a genuine fashion in front of one’s master, spiritual guide, or in front of a statue of the Buddha. Actually, a practitioner should take the bodhisattva vow every day.