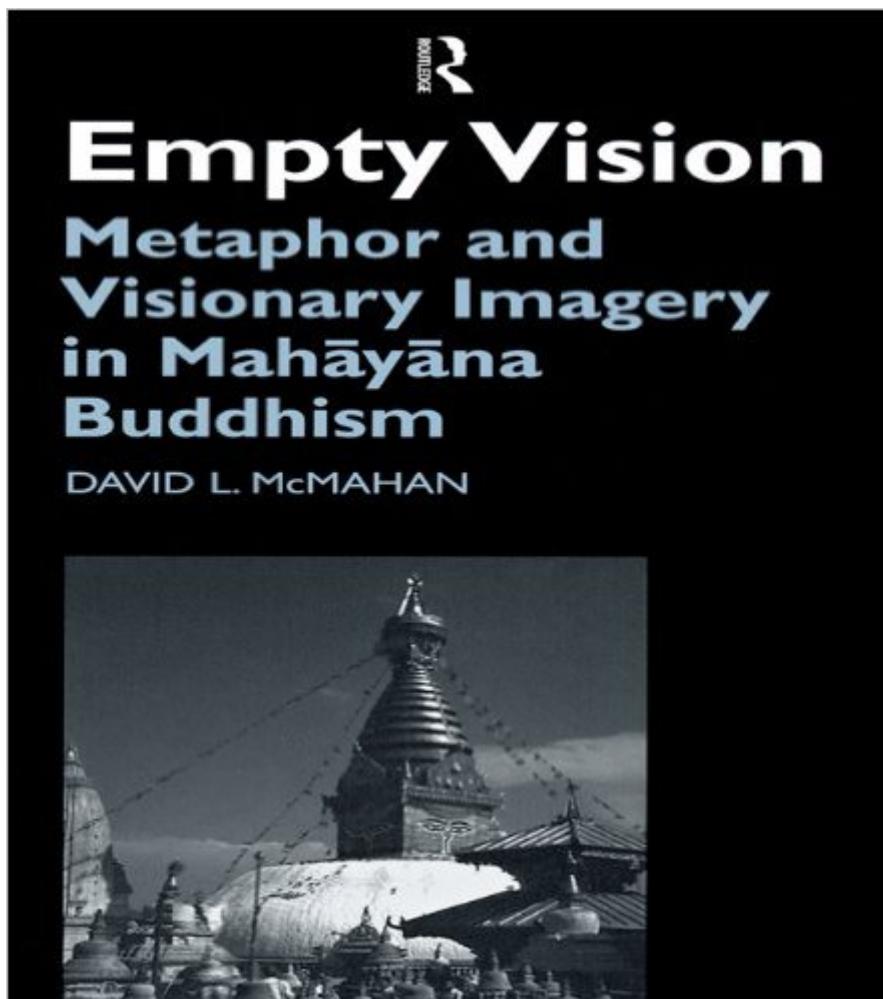


The book was found

Empty Vision: Metaphor And Visionary Imagery In Mahayana Buddhism (Routledge Critical Studies In Buddhism)



Synopsis

Visual metaphors in a number of Mahayana sutras construct a discourse in which visual perception serves as a model for knowledge and enlightenment. In the Perfection of Wisdom (Prajnaparamita) and other Mahayana literature, immediate access to reality is symbolized by vision and set in opposition to language and conceptual thinking, which are construed as obscuring reality. In addition to its philosophical manifestations, the tension between vision and language also functioned as a strategy of legitimization in the struggle of the early heterodox Mahayana movement for authority and legitimacy. This emphasis on vision also served as a resource for the abundant mythical imagery in Mahayana sutras, imagery that is ritualized in Vajrayana visualization practices. McMahan brings a wide range of literature to bear on this issue, including a rare analysis of the lavish imagery of the Gandavyuha Sutra in its Indian context. He concludes with a discussion of Indian approaches to visuality in the light of some recent discussions of "ocularcentrism" in the west, inviting scholars to expand the current discussion of vision and its roles in constructing epistemic systems and cultural practices beyond its exclusively European and American focus.

Book Information

File Size: 822 KB

Print Length: 238 pages

Page Numbers Source ISBN: 0700714898

Simultaneous Device Usage: Up to 4 simultaneous devices, per publisher limits

Publisher: Routledge (December 19, 2013)

Publication Date: December 19, 2013

Sold by: Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B00HFTU71G

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Not Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Enhanced Typesetting: Not Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #1,340,845 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #146
in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Philosophy > Eastern > Buddhism > Mahayana #899
in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Nonfiction > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences >

Customer Reviews

GREAT

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Empty Vision: Metaphor and Visionary Imagery in Mahayana Buddhism (Routledge Critical Studies in Buddhism) Buddhism: Buddhism For Beginners: Your Guide to Incorporate Buddhism into Your Life (Buddhism Focus, Buddhism Teachings, Buddhism History, and Buddhism ... Life) Buddhism: Beginner's Guide to Understanding & Practicing Buddhism to Become Stress and Anxiety Free (Buddhism, Mindfulness, Meditation, Buddhism For Beginners) Buddhism: Buddhism for Beginners - The Ultimate Guide to Buddhist Teaching and Enlightenment (Zen Buddhism, Mindfulness, Guided Meditation, Exercises, Buddhism Psychology Books) BUDDHISM: Buddhism For Beginners: How To Go From Beginner To Monk And Master Your Mind (Buddhism For Beginners, Zen Meditation, Mindfulness, Chakras) BUDDHISM: 50 Buddhist Teachings For Happiness, Spiritual Healing, And Enlightenment (Buddhism For Beginners, New Age Meditation, Dalai Lama, Zen Buddhism, Spiritual Guide, Stress Free, Dharma) BUDDHISM: Buddhism for Beginners: A Practical Guide to Spiritual Enlightenment (buddhism for beginners, zen, chakras, reiki, energy healing, spiritual awakening, mindfulness) Buddhism: Buddhism for Beginners: The Complete Introduction to Buddhism: Meditation Techniques, Acceptance, & Spiritual Practice (Buddhist, Meditation, ... Mindfulness, Zen, Inner Peace, Dalai Lama) Buddhism: How To Practice Buddhism In Your Everyday Life (Buddhism for Beginners, Zen Meditation, Inner Peace, Four Noble Truths) Buddhism: Buddhism For Beginners, The Complete Guide Of Buddhism, Everything You Need To Know To Practice Buddhist Teachings In Your Everyday Life Tsung Mi and the Sinification of Buddhism (Studies in East Asian Buddhism) Routledge Handbook of Public Aviation Law (Routledge Handbooks) The Routledge Handbook of the War of 1812 (Routledge International Handbooks) Routledge International Handbook of Sustainable Development (Routledge International Handbooks) The Routledge Companion to the Study of Religion (Routledge Religion Companions) The Birth of Insight: Meditation, Modern Buddhism, and the Burmese Monk Ledi Sayadaw (Buddhism and Modernity) The Four Noble Truths and Eightfold Path of Buddhism: Discover the Essence of Buddhism and the Path to Nibbana 5 BOOKS ON HINDUISM AND BUDDHISM. THE ESSENCE OF BUDDHISM, THE LIGHT OF ASIA, HINDU LITERATURE, THE SONG CELESTIAL OR BHAGAVAD-GITA, INDIAN POETRY (Timeless Wisdom Collection Book 4750) Zen: Zen for Beginners: The Complete Guide to

Achieving Presence and Inner Peace (Meditation, Buddhism, Zen Buddhism for Beginners, Happiness) BUDDHISM: for Beginners! From Dummies to Expert. Beginners Guide for Learning the Basics of Buddhism (Zen, Meditation, Dalai Lama, Yoga, Buddha, Dharma, Happiness)

[Dmca](#)