Correction: In issue # 243, the verse for Mantra line #104 was printed instead of the correct cover verse for Mantra line #105. This issue includes the verses and commentary for issue #243 and for the current cover.

Mantra: 105. E JYA LA

Verse:

Supreme is the great compassion of the heart-seal language. In the Western Lotus Division is a host of spirits. Add to that kindness, joy, giving, and renunciation, And its ingenious, wonderful function rivals the work of creation.

Commentary:

Line 105 is the second of the Five Great Heart Mantras, the Supreme Compassion Heart-Mantra. *Supreme is the great compassion of the heart-seal language*. This refers to the secret Heart-Seal Dharma. *In the Western Lotus Division is a host of spirits*. The West is the Lotus Division where there are many dharma protecting good spirits.

Add to that kindness, joy, giving, and renunciation, / and its ingenious, wonderful function rivals the work of creation. Use the four unlimited minds, perfect them, and then if you use them just right, you can rival all creation under heaven and on earth. Those who should die, don't have to die; those who should have inauspicious things happen to them will become lucky instead. This is very wonderful. The Five Great Heart Mantras are extremely important and extremely useful. In the Shurangama Mantra they are very important.

Mantra: 106. MI LI JU

Verse:

Carrying mountains, brandishing pestles, pervading empty space, The Vajras in the East subdue the demon troops. Eighty-four thousand of them constantly protect And cause the practitioner to enter the Great Center.

Commentary:

The Five Great Heart Mantras are the heart mantras of the Buddhas of the five directions. They destroy the mantras and magic of demons and those of outside ways. It doesn't matter what tricks or deviant dharmas they have, if you recite the Five Great Heart Mantras, you can break up the demons not only among people, but also the heavenly demons and those of outside ways. Recite it and they can't disturb you. All their tricks will not work. In the Shurangama Mantra, the Five Great Heart Mantras are extremely important, efficacious and inconceivable. *MI LI JU* means "solid vajra." It is one of the

108 Vajra Protectors in the East. This is the Vajra Division Heart Mantra. So it says, "Carrying mountains, brandishing pestles, pervading empty space, / the Vajras in the East subdue the demon troops." There are 84,000 Vajra Secret Trace Dharma Protectors in the Eastern Vajra Division. They conquer all heavenly demons and outside ways. When they subdue them, it is easy to be vigorous in one's cultivation. In cultivation you must have inner merit and outer virtue. Merit and virtue are of primary importance.

Eighty-four thousand of them constantly protect. They always protect you. *And cause the practitioner to enter the Great Center.* They cause the cultivator to attain the Great Shurangama Samadhi and always give rise to genuine wisdom.

