

Buddhist Terms in Chapter 25 of the Lotus Sutra

raksasha (羅刹) (p.316, L.22): A cannibal.

Yaksas(夜叉) (P.316, last line): A devil. One of the eight devils (*devas-ten, nagas-ryu, yaksas-yasha, gandharva-kendatsuba, asuras-ashura, garudas-karura, kimnaras-kinnara, and mahoragas-magoragas*) (Note: first word is Sanskrit and second word after the dash is Japanese) See the picture on a separate page. In Buddhism the devils are sometimes regarded as a protector of Buddhism.

Vaisravana (毘沙門) (P.319, L.1): One of the Four-Quarter Kings. He lives in the fourth layer of Mt. Sumeru, and protects people living in the northern part of the world. He also protects the preaching place of the Buddha and listen to the Dharma. In Japan, he is regarded as one of the Seven Deities who give good fortune and happiness. The name of Vaisravana or Dai Bishamon Tennen is at the top left corner of the Mandala Gohonzon of the Ten Realms.

Brahmana (婆羅門) (P.319, L.10): A priest in Brahmanism and Hinduism. He belongs to the highest Hindu caste.

Asura (阿修羅), Garuda (迦樓羅), Kimnara (緊那羅), Gandharva (乾闥婆) (P.319, LL.18~19): See pictures on a separate page.

Vajra-Holding God (執金剛神) (P.319, L.21): Diamond-holding God. He get this name because he holds the diamond as a symbol of the wisdom of the Buddha.