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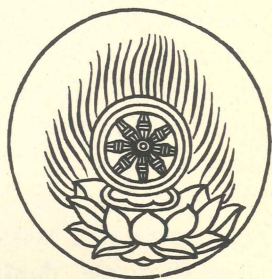


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Rimbō (*Dharmacakra*) supported by the lotus. (After Ōmura Seigai, *Sanbon Ryōbu Mandara*.) The *Dharmacakra* as Buddha is the symbol implying the conception of *Dharmakāya*, "Embodiment of the Word"; he is both the Sovereign Mover of the Wheel, and the Wheel, the Word set in motion... that men may find their Way. Cf. "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6). "Who sees the *Dhamma* sees Me, who sees Me sees the *Dhamma*," *Samyutta Nikāya*, III, 120. The *Dhamma* is synonymous with *Lex Aeterna*.

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