

The Tathagata-garbha is the cause of whatever is good or bad and is responsible for every form of existence everywhere....When it is impregnated by the habit-energy of beginningless fabrications, it is known as the repository consciousness [alayavijñāna] and gives birth to fundamental ignorance along with seven kinds of consciousness. It is like the ocean whose waves rise without cease. But it transcends the misconception of impermanence or the conceit of a self and is essentially pure and

Lankavatara Sutra

Lankavatara Sutra. Translated by R. Pine. Berkeley, CA: Counterpoint, 2012.

In its principle of being in concord with the unreal thought it can contain impurity and purity and we view it as the storehouse consciousness. In its principle of not being in concord with unreal thought its substance is constant and immutable and we view it as [suchness].

Guifeng Zongmi

Broughton, J. L. Zongmi on Chan. New York: Columbia University, 2009.

In its undifferentiated state the repository consciousness, or alayavijñāna, is known as the tathagata-garbha, or womb of buddhas. The former represents the defiled mind, the latter the mind purified. For buddhas, they are one and the same. For the rest of us, they are different.

Lankavatara Sutra

Lankavatara Sutra. Translated by R. Pine. Berkeley, CA: Counterpoint, 2012.