

98. ANCIENT BUDDHIST PAINTING ON SILK. SHOWING THE
BODHISATTVA KSHITIGARBHA. FROM THE 'CAVES OF THE
THOUSAND BUDDHAS,' TUN-HUANG.

SCALE, ONE-FOURTH.

The Bodhisattva Kshitigarbha is depicted seated on a rock with his right hand resting on his knee and his left hand holding a lotus flower. He is wearing a magisterial costume and is shown presiding over the life of a sinner. Kshitigarbha is a compassionate Bodhisattva, the instrument of purification and the savior of the suffering demon. In a previous life, he was a king for which he has been reborn for a dedicatory purpose.

97. ANCIENT BUDDHIST BANNER OF SILK GAUZE, SHOWING
THE BODHISATTVA MANJUSRI. FROM THE 'CAVES OF
THE THOUSAND BUDDHAS,' TUN-HUANG.

SCALE, ONE-FIFTH.