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1. Buddhist temples have Buddha statues. There are four types of Buddha statues. They are divided by rank, and are called Tathagata (Nyorai), Bodhisattva (Bosatsu), Vidyaraja (Myoou), and Deva (Tenbu), from the top. To make it easier to understand, if you compare these to company organizations, what are they?
2. Tathagata, or Nyorai, refers to a person who has been trained and enlightened. So, after attaining enlightenment, the person would have the appearance of a Buddha. What are the features?
3. Tathagata, or Nyorai, will take a person to the pure paradise upon death and save people from illness. There are also different types of Tathagata, or Nyorai. Please tell me what you know.
4. Bodhisattva refers to the one who is about to attain enlightenment. Since it is before attaining enlightenment, it has the appearance of Buddha when he was still a prince of the Indian Shaka tribe. What are the features?
5. Please list different types of Bodhisattva. Buddha Statues.

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6. “Vidyaraja”, or “Myo-o”, refers to the one who scolds to save people from anguish. What are the features?

7. The “Ten” or “Heaven” in “Tenbu”, or “Deva”, means "God" in Indian Sanskrit. Therefore, “Tenbu” refers to the gods who have the role of protecting Buddhism when ancient Indian gods were turning to the Buddhist world. There are many types of “Tenbu”. Please give us some major ones.

8. Please tell me the characteristics of “Tenbu”.

9. Lotus flowers often appear in Buddhism. In pictures of the paradise, lotus flowers are drawn. Buddha statues stand on lotus stands. There are five characteristics of Lotus flowers that are considered precious. What are these features?

10. In Buddhism, paradise is the Pure Land of Amitabha, and is located across beyond billions of lands. It is vast, full of everything, and a world without pain and suffering. When do you feel the paradise?