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The Book of the Fives

Chapter One

Yasadatta

With fault-finding mind, the simpleton
listens to the victor's instruction.
They're as far from the true teaching
as the earth is from the sky.
With fault-finding mind, the simpleton
listens to the victor's instruction.
They fall away from the true teaching,
like the moon in the waning fortnight.
With fault-finding mind, the simpleton
listens to the victor's instruction.
They wither away in the true teaching,
like a fish in a little puddle.
With fault-finding mind, the simpleton
listens to the victor's instruction.
They don't thrive in the true teaching,
like a rotten seed in a field.
But one with contented mind
who listens to the victor's instruction—
having wiped out all defilements;

having witnessed the unshakable;

having arrived at ultimate peace—

the undefiled are fully extinguished.