

Here it is important to remember that Tōji was the first ‘city’ temple directed by Kūkai, where he could show off his new esoteric Buddhism. The Five Buddhas are clearly the highest deities of the esoteric pantheon and they can be found in several of the early Shingon temples, such as Anshōji 安祥寺, Henmyōin 遍明院, Daigoji and Kongōsanmaiin 金剛三昧院. The Five Bodhisattvas come as their obvious companions since in