

Seeing the world of sentient beings,
so full of afflictions,
bodhisattvas arouse their energy,
thinking,

'I should rescue and liberate these beings;
I should purify and emancipate them;

I should lead them,
direct them,

make them happy,
develop them,
and cause them to reach perfect peace.'

Thus dedicated to the salvation of all beings,
the bodhisattva reflects thus,

'By what means can these beings,
fallen as they are into such misery,
be lifted out of it?'

and it occurs to these bodhisattvas,

'The means to do this is nowhere else
but in the knowledge of liberation...'

The bodhisattvas thus devote themselves
to their realization of the Buddha's Way,

From The Avatamsaka Sutra - 722