

Why does Kwan Yin hold her fingers just so?

Graceful,
a pearl, a gem between
or the fingers alone;
to bring to a point.

How small the gesture,
just this bit of kindness,
this little bit makes
the whole world kin

Then open
the fingers wide;
What do you see -
Limitless vistas before you.

You may have noticed the graceful gesture made by Kwan Yin's fingers just touching. Of course, the official reason is lost in iconography but like so much else the secret is to understand is how the gesture reverberates with us. When we are open and still the generous impulse arises. It is not lost or cheapened by checking - being still to see if it is Good. Most of the time it takes just a moment to see.