

## Celebrations Wesak Paperback

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FOREWORD In 1999, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the resolution to recognize the Vesak Day as an International Day of Recognition of Buddhists and the contribution of the Buddha to the world. Since then, the people and the Royal Government of the Kingdom of Thailand, in general, and Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, in particular, were very honored to have successively and successfully held for twelve years the United Nations Day of Vesak Celebrations in Thailand. From 2004 to date, we have come a long way in the celebrations, and we are happy to be the host and organizer, but it is time for the celebrations to grow and evolve. The United Nations Day of Vesak is coming to maturity, with twelve celebrations under our belt, much experience gained, and it is time now to share this with others. There will always be room for growth and development, and we are elated to see it grow. In 2006-2007, having joined the International Organizing Committee for the UN Day of Vesak as Deputy Secretary General, Ven. Dr. Thich Nhat Tu has played a crucial role in building strong relationships between the National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha and the International Council for Day of Vesak in particular and the Global Buddhist communities in general. We have supported and congratulated Vietnam on organizing successful UNDV celebrations and conference in 2008 and 2014, respectively. We have full trust in Vietnam being the host of UNDV 2019 for the third time. We like to thank all those who have contributed to the success of previous celebrations and wish all future celebrations be successful. The teachings of the Buddha see no boundaries; the minds of all are alike; the sufferings of all are similar and truly; and the liberation of all is the same. We are happy to initiate the process, develop the scope, and now it is time for others to follow in similar footsteps, evolve the celebrations into a truly international event that can be shared with Buddhists and Non-Buddhists alike. Let the Dhamma of the Buddha be the beacon to the world, shredding away the ignorance within our hearts, bringing development into sustainable capacity for humanity and more importantly, peace and harmony to the world. Most Ven. Prof. Brahmmapundit President, International Council for Day of Vesak (ICDV) President, International Association of Buddhist Universities (IABU) ----- PREFACE The history of mankind records how the Buddha got enlightenment and showed a path which not only leads but also guides the world till date. That is solely to emanate wisdom and offer insights which help us overcome numerous challenges and achieve the welfare of humanity. Recognizing his pragmatic approach, values and contribution of Buddhism, the United Nations in a resolution in 1999 decided to celebrate the Triply Blessed Day of Vesak (Birth, Enlightenment and Passing Away of Gautama), falling mostly in a lunar calendar in the month of May. The first celebrations were held way back in the year 2000 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and subsequently the day has been celebrated hugely in different countries. Today our planet is confronted with a number of crises and unprecedented natural disasters. The imminent threat of terrorism and ethnic violence, tackling poverty, providing education and sustainable development leads us to strive for social justice. There is an urgent need for concerted and constant planning and right effort at an international level to foster permanent peace in the societies and in the lives of individuals. Against the backdrop of such widespread misery and strife leading to complex issues and crises, Buddhism with its rich heritage of tolerance and non-violence can contribute immensely and inspire us with His message of loving-kindness, peace and harmony in today's world. The United Nations Day of Vesak (UNDV) 2019 is a testimony to this fact. Vietnam got the chance and responsibility of hosting this international Buddhist event UNDV in 2008 and 2014 respectively. The event proved an amazing spectacle of religious and spiritual festivity, with thousands of Buddhists from around the world converging in Vietnam, to spread the Buddha's message of peace, love and harmony. This is the third time that Vietnam is hosting this important international event which is viewed by Buddhists as an opportunity to spread the Buddha's message and values of love, peace, non-violence, tolerance and compassion across the world. It is a great honor for Vietnam, the Vietnamese people, the National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha and Buddhists all around the world to participate in the UNDV celebrations and spread the rich Buddhist heritage, especially its teachings of equality, social justice, respect and understanding for the benefit of all humanity. World Buddhists and particularly the Vietnamese people are excited about their country hosting this auspicious and important event for the third time. This international religious, cultural and academic event would also certainly promote interaction and exchange of Buddhist cultural and intellectual values among diverse countries. The International Buddhist conference with the main theme of "Buddhist Approach to Global Leadership and Shared Responsibilities for Sustainable Societies" during the celebrations could not have been more relevant and timely. The present book is the outcome of one workshop representing one perspective of the conference. Other perspectives of the conference include: (i) Mindful Leadership for Sustainable Peace, (ii) Buddhist Approach to Harmonious Families, Healthcare and Sustainable Societies, (iii) Buddhist Approach to Global Education in Ethics, (iv) Buddhism and the Fourth Industrial Revolution, and (v) Buddhist Approach to Responsible Consumption and Sustainable Development. This international conference aims to foster co-operation among Buddhist communities and institutions, and to develop Buddhist solutions to the global crisis. Papers selected for this volume are those that combine thematic relevance, familiarity with the main theme or sub-themes, significant research in primary resources, innovative theoretical perspectives, clarity of organization and accessible prose style. Acceptable articles in this volume are determined by the Academic Peer-Review Committee. UNDV 2019 certainly is an opportunity for the world Buddhists, the National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha and all the members of the international community to benefit from the rich traditions, values and spiritual ideals of Buddhism. The pragmatic path shown by Buddha can make the world a better, safer, more peaceful and harmonious place to be cherished and enjoyed by all sentient beings. On behalf of the National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha and myself, I would like to warmly welcome President of Myanmar, H.E. Mr. U Win Myint, Prime Minister of Nepal, Right Hon. Mr. K.P. Sharma Oli, Vice President of India, H.E. Mr. Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Chairperson of the National Council of Bhutan, H.E. Mr. Tashi Dorji, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations/ Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific, H.E. Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Director-General of UNESCO, H.E. Ms. Audrey Azoulay, Ambassadors, and many other dignitaries. It is my honor to warmly welcome National Assembly Chairwoman H.E. Ms. Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan, Prime Minister of Vietnam, H.E. Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, President of the Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee H.E. Mr. Tran Thanh Man, Permanent Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Truong Hoa Binh, Deputy Prime Minister- Minister of External Affairs H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh, other dignitaries including former Political leaders of the Government of Vietnam. I extend my warmest welcome to all respected Sangharajas, Sangha Leaders, Buddhist Leaders, Sangha members and 1600 Buddhist Scholars and practitioners from 115 countries and territories, participating in this international celebration and conference. Let me thank all of you for your contributions to this celebration and Conference. My heartfelt thanks are extended to respected members of the Supreme Patriarch Council and Executive members of the National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha, especially 25 sub-committees for UNDV 2019 in Vietnam for their devotion and contribution. I take this opportunity to express here my profound gratitude to Most Ven. Prof. Brahmmapundit for his continuous supporting Vietnam to host this international event. I also thank profusely all members of the International Council for Day of Vesak (ICDV), Conference Committee and Editorial Board for their devotion. I am grateful to Mr. Xuan Truong for his generosity and other donors, sponsors, volunteers and agencies from the public sector and the private sector for their excellent contribution. This publication and other 29 books printed for Vesak could not have been possible without the persistence, hard work, and dedication of Editorial Committee for their devotion including Most Ven. Dr. Thich Duc Thien, Prof. Le Manh That, and especially Most Ven. Dr. Thich Nhat Tu serving as the

international conference coordinator. I extend my warmest and best wishes to all the delegates and participating countries on this special occasion which strengthens our resolve to improve the world by walking on the path shown by the Lord Buddha. Whatever merit there is in publishing this book may be transferred over to the welfare and happiness of all sentient beings. May all sentient beings be happy and released from suffering. We wish the celebration of the United Nations Day of Vesak 2019 in Vietnam every success. Most Ven. Thich Thien Nhon President of National Vietnam Buddhist Sangha Chairman of the United Nations Day of Vesak 2019 in Vietnam

The words and example of Gautama (often known by the title, "Buddha") have affected billions of people. But what do we really know about him? While there is much we cannot say for certain about the historical Gautama, this persuasive new biography provides the fullest and most plausible account yet. Weaving ancient sources and modern understanding into a compelling narrative, Gautama Buddha places his birth around 484 BCE, his Enlightenment in 449 BCE and his death in 404 BCE, a century later than the traditional dates. Vishvapani Blomfield examines Gautama's words and impact to shed fresh light on his culture, his spiritual search and the experiences and teachings that led his followers, to call him "The Awakened One." Placing Gautama in a credible historical setting without assuming that he was really just an ordinary person, this book draws on the myths and legends that surround him to illuminate the significance of his life. It traces Gautama's investigations of consciousness, his strikingly original view of life and his development of new forms of religious community and practice. This insightful and thought-provoking biography will appeal to anyone interested in history and religion, and in the Buddha as a thinker, spiritual teacher and a seminal cultural figure. Gautama Buddha is a gripping account of one of history's most powerful personalities. "Letters of Guidance and Teaching On the Path of Initiation and Ascension" is a most wonderful book. By the grace of God and the Masters I receive thousands of letters and e-mails from people all over the world who have read my books and have written me heartfelt letters seeking Spiritual guidance, teaching and individual and relationship counseling! This book is a wonderful collection of Spiritual and psychological teachings on every subject under the sun. It is also a most incredible Spiritual counseling book. You will read how I help people to solve the most in-depth Spiritual challenges in this most easy to understand, practical and integrated style! These letters of teaching are priceless Spiritual jewels which you will want to read over and over again! Spiritually electrifying reading!

Book IX of the multivolume series, The Easy-To-Read Encyclopedia of the Spiritual Path - Here at last is an indispensable book that has been urgently needed in these uncertain times. The book lays out, in an orderly and clear fashion, the guidelines for leadership in the world and in ones' own life. All the areas of our society and personal life that need discipline and leadership are pointed out. A firm foundation and guidance from a psychological and spiritual perspective are offered for change. The ascended masters are called upon for their wisdom and sometimes opinions on the matters ranging from the political arena to science and religion. This book serves as a reference manual for moral and spiritual living and also offers a vision of a world where strong love and the highest aspirations of humanity triumph.

Covering all six main world religions, this photo book is suitable for KS3. It also includes support material to make proper use of the images.

**EDITORS' INTRODUCTION BACKGROUND** There have been major changes in world today and that the term Global Leadership and Sustainable Development is no longer taken for granted as a point of reference for understanding the contemporary chaotic situation. These disruptive changes mean that it is now arguable as to whether we still live in a world of justice, equality, peace and prosperity. The nature of these changes and the concepts of the Buddhist approach are central to the whole project of this book. In this light, we place great emphasis on understanding Buddhist teaching in dealing with this matter. We argue that any investigation of the changing character and context of the present time, needs to take account of the Buddhist philosophy. We focus on providing a thorough and critical understanding of change taking place as a starting point of discussion. In doing so, we attempt to clarify the nature of the Buddhist approach. It may be more productively understood as the result of a complex contested and fragile set of arrangements, which in this book we term as "approach". We do not imply that the frameworks based on the Buddhist teachings are fully fixed and agreed by everybody. Rather it would refer to a set of arrangements that need to be further discussed. Given the above, this volume collects together papers presented at the international workshop on Buddhist Approach to Harmonious Families, Healthcare and Sustainable Societies which took place on 13 May 2019 at International Conference Center Tam Chuc, Ha Nam, Vietnam on the occasion of THE 16TH UNITED NATIONS DAY OF VESAK CELEBRATIONS 2019. The participants in this workshop were not representative of the mainstream thinking or conventional wisdom of this field, although this volume reflects this richness and diversity. Treating the Buddha teachings as a basic theoretical reconstruction, we examine the relationships between the societies and Buddhist responsibilities. We combine analyses of the conflicts, trends and dynamics affecting future development with more focused studies on a range of policy areas: migration, education, leadership, climate change, etc... Two of our most crucial presumptions are that making Buddhism great again at the time of disruption is our first and foremost duty and the Buddhist responsibility can contribute to creating a new foundation for Global Leadership and Sustainable Development.

The spiritual world blesses the Earth at least 58 times a year-here's how you can join the party. Do you think folklore customs about solstices and equinoxes and other regular celebration days are quaint holdovers from the past? Not so. Do you sometimes wish there were a way to include the entire planet in a meditation practice? There is, and it's called the geomantic year. At least 58 times a year the spiritual world-angels, archangels, Ascended Masters, Star-Angels, even the Supreme Being-tunes in to the Earth, blesses, and even heals it in real-time day-long events. Our planet is constantly receiving input from the cosmos and heavenly realms. It's all part of a rhythmic maintenance calendar in which the Earth is enlivened, and all of humanity is invited to participate. This book shows you how. What kinds of events? On Epiphany, January 6, the Christ focuses on the planet to birth his Light. On Bifrost Paints the Planet, April 10, the Great Bear constellation envelopes the Earth in 14 rays of light. On Michaelmas, September 29, the Archangel Michael cleanses the Earth's sacred sites and all their "plumbing." Other events in the geomantic year involve stars, Nature Spirits, holy mountains, River-gods, Pleiadians, Hollow Earth dwellers, Grail Kings, volcano spirits, the Great Mother, and much more. "The Geomantic Year" documents 58 festival dates that focus on the Earth through its sacred sites, and it provides 58 simple meditations to help you participate. And it offers 12 informative essays linking Earth energies with hot topics such as the Illuminati and world control, parallel universes, the world's gold supply, the Ghost Dance, the Fall of Man, Earth and climate changes, and the apocalyptic year 2012. Why not get out your appointment book and pencil in a few dates: the Earth's expecting you!

A must-have guide for early years practitioners designed to help explain world religions and festivals to young children in a way that is meaningful to them. This guide is designed to be a practical guide to explaining the main five world faiths to

young children, as well some lesser-known faiths to young children in a way that makes sense to young children. The book is also full of activity ideas to tie in to a range of religious festivals throughout the year. Each festival contains background information on the festival and why it first started, as well as activities to encourage children's learning. Introducing young children is vital in our multi-cultural and multi-faith society, and this title will provide all early years practitioners with ideas on how to teach children to value diversity and respect other children's views and backgrounds. Relates the ancient roots of various religious celebrations and describes how such occasions are observed in different countries and by different cultures around the world. Includes a recipe and activity.

The most comprehensive study of Buddhism in Canada to date, Wild Geese offers a history of the religion's evolution in Canada, surveys the diverse communities and beliefs of Canadian Buddhists, and presents biographies of Buddhist leaders. The essays cover a broad range of topics, including Chinese, Tibetan, Lao, Japanese, Korean, and Vietnamese Buddhisms, critical reflections on Buddhism in the West, census data on the growth of the religion, and analysis of the global context for the growth of Buddhism in Canada. Presenting a sweeping portrait of a crucial part of the multicultural mosaic, Wild Geese is essential reading for anyone interested in religious life in Canada.

With first-hand accounts and excerpts from sacred texts that add authenticity and understanding, this series explores the customs and traditions of the world's major religions.

Practising Buddhist and master storyteller Dharmachari Nagaraja weaves a thrilling narrative spell while at the same time conveying basic life lessons that will help children to develop their personality, deal with their anxieties, and find peace and confidence as they grow up. The stories explore themes from the Eightfold Path, which is Buddhism's practical route to a happy life. Topics covered, with the lightest of touches, include speaking in a kind and truthful manner, behaving with compassion, thinking selflessly and avoiding the pitfalls of egotism. Although providing gentle guidance on the art of living well, which is the basis of true happiness, each story is also compelling in its own right, featuring characters, settings and events that every child will find absorbing. Each narrative concludes with an affirmation that helps to draw out its positive message, while the superb, specially commissioned illustrations will delight your child and provide a starting-point for discussion and further enjoyment. The helpful introduction provides insights into the value of Buddhist principles for children and shows how visualisation, imaginative thinking and even first steps in meditation can help to nurture young minds and hearts.

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Describes some of the cultural, religious and national holidays and other observances celebrated in different countries and by different cultures around the world.

Extraordinary true story of a woman living the ultimate life style who wakes up one morning to find she can see into the future, she is also aware of dramatic events happening simultaneously miles away. For six weeks she moves in this mystical realm without the Western rational concept of time, this ability suddenly vanishes and knowing her life can never return to how it was, she sets out on a spiritual quest. This search takes her on adventurous journeys, to synchronistic meetings and initiations and ceremonies with indigenous people in the furthest reaches of the world. These days she is recognized and respected as a healer and shapeshifter and honored by powerful shamans from many different Countries as far as Siberia, South Africa and Brazil.

This packet covers the development of a religion that began with the life of Siddhartha Gautama in the 5th century B.C. Your students will learn in detail about many Buddhist customs, including the way that they worship, their birth and marriage rituals, their festivals and holidays, and more. In addition to valuable historical and practical information, this packet provides review questions, questions for discussion, key word lists, and an answer key. These features facilitate student assimilation of the fundamentals of a religion practiced by an estimated 324 million people around the globe. You will be delighted to observe your students' growing understanding of the rich cultural and historical heritage of the Buddhist religion.

Briefly discusses Buddhism and its teachings and describes a variety of Buddhist festivals, including New Year, Parinirvana, Hana Matsuri, and Kathina.

Philosopher, author, and lecturer Alan Watts (1915–1973) popularized Zen Buddhism and other Eastern philosophies for the counterculture of the 1960s. Today, new generations are finding his writings and lectures online, while faithful followers worldwide continue to be enlightened by his teachings. The Collected Letters of Alan Watts reveals the remarkable arc of Watts's colorful and controversial life, from his school days in England to his priesthood in the Anglican Church as chaplain of Northwestern University to his alternative lifestyle and experimentation with LSD in the heyday of the late sixties. His engaging letters cover a vast range of subject matter, with recipients ranging from High Church clergy to high priests of psychedelics, government officials, publishers, critics, family, and fans. They include C. G. Jung, Henry Miller, Gary Snyder, Aldous Huxley, Reinhold Niebuhr, Timothy Leary, Joseph Campbell, and James Hillman. Watts's letters were curated by two of his daughters, Joan Watts and Anne Watts, who have added rich, behind-the-scenes biographical commentary. Edited by Joan Watts & Anne Watts

Inside Buddhism covers the development, spread, teachings, practices, holy days, and festivals of a religion that began with the life of Siddhartha Gautama in the 5th century B.C. In addition to valuable historical and practical information, this book provides review questions, questions for discussion, key word lists, a test, and an answer key. These features facilitate student assimilation of the fundamentals of a religion practiced by an estimated 324 million people around the globe. Whether your objective is a comprehensive study of Buddhism or a simple overview, this book affords you the opportunity to easily accomplish either one. You will be delighted to observe your students' growing understanding of the rich cultural and historical heritage of the Buddhist religion.

One of the most revolutionary cutting edge books ever written on Melchizedek, Ascension and the Path of God Realization! Dr Stone considers this book, of the 27 books in his Ascension Book Series, to be one of his best! Absolutely Spiritually electrifying reading! Truly a Revelation for the next Millennium! This book explores how to achieve Self Mastery and God Realization on a Spiritual, Psychological and Physical/Earthly Level and how to balance the three. It must be understood that to achieve God Realization at the highest level, one must be aware that there are "Four Faces of God!" There is a Spiritual, Mental, Emotional and Material Face! This most remarkable book explores and gives tools and techniques for achieving Self Realization in this lifetime, in a most comprehensive, easy to read, easy to understand and practical manner! This book is guaranteed to revolutionize and dramatically transform anyone's consciousness who reads this book! This book is literally pulsating with Cosmic and Divine Spiritual energies! It literally holds within it the secret codes, wisdom, insights and tools to unlock the Mysteries of Creation!

What do Buddhists believe? How do they celebrate what is important to them? What food do they eat during festival time? How do

Buddhists in the UK celebrate? Read this book to find out the answers to these questions and more. Celebrating Buddhist Festivals looks at important religious and family days in the Buddhist calendar, and gets readers to take part by cooking some of the food central to Buddhist celebrations. The book looks at both international and UK examples of Buddhist celebrations. Infosearch asks the questions you want answered.

This book is part of a series that investigates how the six main religions are practised throughout the world today. In this book students will discover how a Buddhist person's faith affects what they wear, eat and drink, as well as their views on how they should behave and treat other people. They will learn about Buddhist rules, rituals and ceremonies, their worship practices and beliefs about life after death. Special features: Profiles of religious leaders and important people Floor plan

Previously published by Hodder Wayland as CEREMONIES AND CELEBRATIONS: PILGRIMAGES AND JOURNEYS, this edition has been simplified and updated to suit KS1 and KS2 readers age 6-9 years. Children can discover information such as why certain rivers are special to Hindus, why Jews visit the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and why Buddhists like to visit special places during Wesak. The book includes child's-eye accounts of some of these events as well as extracts from ancient religious texts to demonstrate their origins. It provides a fascinating insight into the beliefs and practices expressed through the special ceremonies of the six major world religions and is essential for any classroom or library.

This book traces the author's journey of ascension through the seven levels of initiation, through the process of anchoring and activating his fifty chakras, expanding to a 99-percent light quotient, then on to anchoring and fully activating all twelve bodies, which include the five higher bodies. Exactly how this is done is shared, and in-depth information is given on the workings of the inner-plane ashram under the guidance of Djwhal Khul, Lord Maitreya and Lord Melchizedek. You are invited to journey with him as he unfolds the process of his initiations, beginning at the sixth, moving through the equivalent of the tenth initiation and into the beginning of the eleventh. Written as a personal log, this book shares, in an open and candid manner, dreams, meditations, conversations with the masters, spiritual background, thoughts and reflections and actual ascension experiences.

This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1918 edition. Excerpt: ...December 25 Christmas Day December 26 Boxing Day Ceylon January 1 and 2 New Year's Day January 13 Tamil Thai Pongal February 13 Ash Wednesday March 28 Holy Thursday March 29 Good Friday March 30 Holy Saturday March 31 Easter April 1 Easter Monday April 13 Hindu New Year May 6 King's Accession May 9 Buddhist Wesak May 9 The Ascension May 24 Empire Day June 3 King's Birthday June 23 Prince of Wales' Birthday July 1 Bank Holiday October 30 Muhammadan Hadji December 24 to 28 Christmas Holidays Bank Holiday only. The following are generally made additional bank holidays: May 9 Buddhist Wesak August 5 Vel Festival October 19 Dipawali Festival The dates of native festivals are approximate only; they are notified in due course in the Government Gazette. The principal Mohammedan and Chinese holidays are also observed to some extent in Ceylon. Republic of Chile January 1 New Year's Day March 29 Good Friday March 30 Holy Saturday May 9 The Ascension May 21 Anniversary of Battle of Iquique May 30 Corpus Christi June 29 St. Peter and St. Paul August 15 Assumption September 18 Celebration of National Independence September 19 Celebration of Victories of Army and Navy November 1 All Saints' Day December 8 Immaculate Conception December 25 Christmas Day The day of each Presidential Election is a holiday. All Saturdays after 2 are legal holidays. January 1 to 3 New Year's Holidays February 1 Chinese New Year--Spring Holiday February 12 Amalgamation Day March 29 Good Friday March 30 Holy Saturday April 1 Easter Monday May 20 Whit Monday June 2 Dragon Boat Festival July 1 and 2 Summer Holidays October 8 Autumn Holidays October 10 Anniversary of the Chinese Republic November 1 Mid-Autumn Holiday December 25 Christmas Day December 26 Day after Christmas...

In today's multicultural society we are increasingly likely to meet and become friends with people from different religious backgrounds, and to find ourselves attending an unfamiliar ceremony. When this happens, there can be few of us who know exactly what to expect, or are confident about how to behave. This chapter from Do I Kneel or Do I Bow? will tell you everything you need to understand and take part in a Buddhist ceremony. Armed with this basic information, you will feel relaxed enough to enjoy the occasion—and perhaps inspired to discover more about the spiritual world view of another cultural tradition.

Produced specifically to answer QCA concerns over attainment and assessment in RE at Key Stage 3, this series balances learning about religions with learning from religions.

One of a series that takes major celebrations from the six main religions and looks at them in more detail. The books explore the history behind the celebration - how the festival came about, the story behind the festival and the traditional and modern ways of celebrating it. The series aims to help children appreciate the range of national, regional, religious and ethnic identities in the United Kingdom.

The purpose of these publications is to be instrumental in sharing the pure Dharma and to inspire people of all age and backgrounds to shine their inner light for the benefit of all. It is not for mere trading purposes or profit. It is my hope that this book can be both a precious gift as well as a life-coaching guidebook. May this and future publications further open the door to the timeless treasury of the living and vibrant Dharma, and shine a light that helps you to unveil your true enlightened nature. May it promote and advance virtue and purity, and act as a source of hope, strength and blessings in these often turbulent and complicated times.

A guide to the Buddha's teachings explains the fundamentals of Buddhist meditation and philosophy and provides practical explanations for developing compassion and wisdom to achieve lasting happiness.

Join the children of the world in this bright and colorful book as they count from one to ten throughout the year, introducing readers to their unique and special celebrations. This is a must-have book for families who consider themselves citizens of the world.

Explores the origin, historical significance, and practice of birthdays by different groups around the world and describes the various foods, rituals, and types of clothing associated with birthday celebrations.

This volume represents the wisdom of the ascended masters condensed into concise keys that serve as a spiritual guide. There are 420 golden keys that present the multitude of methods, techniques, affirmations, prayers, and insights Dr. Stone has gleaned from his own background in psychology and life conditions and his thorough research of all the ancient and contemporary classics that speak of the path to God realization. The teachings of Sai Baba and other

ascended masters are at the core of these keys, and the author has also drawn up on various spiritual scriptures such as the Bhagavad-Gita and the Bible. Especially valuable are practical methods to support the ascension process, such as journal writing and spiritual logs, as well as meditations and prayers.

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