

Il Buddista Riluttante Viaggio Di Un Occidentale Alla Scoperta Del Buddismo

Both authors have been working on further developing the modern, humanistic and open-minded approach of Daisaku Ikeda to adapt Nichiren Buddhist teachings and practice for the modern lifestyle of the 21st. Century. Millions of people worldwide have already had profound and life-changing experiences with the practice of Nichiren Buddhism. You can feel and experience the effects of the practice of daimoku in your own life. But can these tangible changes be energetically measured and made visible with modern methods? How does the energy of daimoku affect our environment and our body? Can the old metaphorical language of Nichiren be explained with modern scientific concepts? These questions were considered by the two authors and in this book they show us their fascinating results. In doing so, they form a bridge between the spirituality of Nichiren Buddhism and new scientific approaches such as quantum physics, bio-feedback and electrophotonics, which integrate energy and consciousness in their approach. However, in searching for the spirituality of Nichiren Buddhism the authors first go back to its Japanese roots. Follow directly in the footsteps of Nichiren, experiencing the atmosphere of the places where Nichiren lived and acted in so many surprising ways, and closely feel the energy of this unique 13th century monk. In "A Common Faith, " eminent American philosopher John Dewey calls for the "emancipation of the true religious quality" from the heritage of dogmatism and supernaturalism that he believes characterizes historical religions. He describes how the depth of religious experience and the creative role of faith in the resources of experience to generate meaning and value can be cultivated without making cognitive claims that compete with or contend with scientific ones. In a new introduction, Dewey scholar Thomas M. Alexander contextualizes the text for students and scholars by providing an overview of Dewey and his philosophy, key concepts in "A Common Faith, " and reactions to the text.

Palazzo Venier dei Leoni, oggi sede della Collezione Guggenheim, è un basso edificio settecentesco, affacciato sul Canal Grande di Venezia, la cui costruzione rimase misteriosamente incompiuta. In questo libro si raccontano le vicende delle tre celebri donne che lo abitarono lungo il secolo scorso: la marchesa Luisa Casati, Doris Castlerosse e Peggy Guggenheim. Indipendenti, determinate e anticonformiste, cercarono in questa bizzarra architettura dall'aspetto di antica rovina un nuovo inizio per la propria vita, lontano dai rituali stanchi della buona società. Tutte e tre, ciascuna a modo proprio, seppero legare il proprio destino all'anima sfuggente di questo palazzo per scrivere le pagine di una storia sorprendente, giocata all'insegna dell'arte, della bellezza e della passione.

Without Buddha I Could not be a Christian narrates how esteemed theologian, Paul F. Knitter, overcame a crisis of faith by looking to Buddhism for inspiration. From prayer to how Christianity views life after death, Knitter argues that a Buddhist standpoint can encourage a more person-centred conception of Christianity where individual religious experience comes first, and liturgy and tradition second. Moving and revolutionary, this edition comes with a new conclusion – 'Jesus and Buddha Both Come First!' 'A compelling example of religious inquiry.' New York Times 'One of the finest contemporary books on the encounter between religions in the heart and soul of a

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single thoughtful person.' Library Journal

Alfonso veneziano, autore di questa raccolta di poesie, nasce nel 1979 a Pagani, un comune della provincia di Salerno. Inizia a raccogliere pensieri in rima sin dall'inizio della sua carriera lavorativa, vivendo dapprima a Padova, e successivamente a Milano per circa 5 anni. Formatosi come promotore finanziario e successivamente dipendente del settore del credito, appassionato di arte contemporanea, orologi e scrittura, si definisce un buddista tibetano non riluttante e praticante. Ritornato nel suo luogo d'origine, ritrae ispirazione sia dal territorio della pianura padana ove ha vissuto, sia dalla Campania "felix", ove risiede attualmente, cogliendo sia attimi di vita vissuta in prima persona, che semplicemente gesti, emozioni o paesaggi che mette in rima, ovunque egli sia, raccogliendo le sue sensazioni e imprimendole dolcemente nella sua memoria.

The 1986 murder of Hare Krishna devotee Steven Bryant (Sulochan dasa) was arguably the darkest moment in the fifty-two year history of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness—a new branch of the Chaitanya-Bengali-Vaishnava religion founded in New York City in 1966 by an Indian spiritual teacher and guru, His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada (1896-1977). A mere nine years after the disappearance of this beloved spiritual father, one of their own was hunted down and assassinated. This brutal killing was achieved through a cooperative effort by "spiritual" leaders, senior managers and hit men enforcers from West Virginia, Ohio, and Southern California ISKCON temples. The murdered whistle-blower had discovered many secrets and threatened to reveal to the world the immoral acts and criminal dealings of a set of self-appointed, illegitimate successors to Swami Prabhupada: a corrupt oligarchy of new ISKCON "gurus." He had also, perhaps foolishly, advocated using violence against the gurus to evict them from their posts. ISKCON leaders took his threats seriously, and they hunted down and assassinated the passionate reformer. How did the peaceful, shaven-headed, saffron-clad Hare Krishna devotees regress from their blissful activities of chanting, dancing, and selling incense in the streets to this? The author, himself a former ISKCON devotee, probes deeply into the disturbing direction of a new religious movement. In this book, he exposes the danger of philosophical errors and deranged devotion that practically ensured that bloody tragedy would eventually occur. The author has engaged in years of painstaking research by poring over tens of thousands of pages of trial transcripts, newspaper and magazine articles, ISKCON publications, and confidential ISKCON documents, while also interviewing dozens of eyewitnesses. His effort culminates in a thoroughly-engaging and extremely well-documented thesis exposing the hidden inside story of the conspiracy to murder Steven Bryant, including its genesis, development, blunders involved in it, execution, cover up, as well as a stunning aftermath after the deed was done.

“The masterpiece of one of young-adult literature’s greatest living writers.†?—Booklist, starred review Using a pillow book as her form, nineteen-year-old Cordelia Kenn sets out to write her life for her unborn daughter. What emerges is a portrait of an extraordinary girl who writes frankly of love, sex, poetry, nature, and, most of all, of herself in the world. As she attempts to capture “all†? of herself on paper, Cordelia maddens, fascinates, and ultimately seduces the reader in this tour de force from a writer who has helped redefine literature for young adults. A book not to be missed by

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any serious reader.

Extracted from Volume 16. An authoritative account, based on a series of 16th century alchemical pictures, of Jung's handling of the transference between analyst and patient. Leo is an Italian writer in his thirties. Thomas, his German lover, is dead. On a plane to Munich, Thomas's home town, Leo slips into a reverie of their meeting and life in Paris, nights in Thomas's flat in Montmartre and a desperate, drug-induced flight through the forests of northern France that spells the end for Leo and Thomas languid, erotic life together. Leo travels to find anonymity. Structured in three musical movements, *Separate Rooms* is a story of ideal love, broken by absence and separation. When Thomas was alive, he and Leo had separate rooms in order to preserve the urgency of their passion. Now, Leo faces solitude, the impossible striving of memory to recreate life and the hostility of a prejudiced world. *Separate Rooms*, Tondelli's last book, is a powerful novel of the strength of love and the trauma of death.

In 1978 Sontag wrote *Illness As Metaphor*. A cancer patient herself at the time, she shows how the metaphors and myths surrounding certain illnesses, especially cancer, add greatly to the suffering of the patients and often inhibit them from seeking proper treatment. By demystifying the fantasies surrounding cancer, Sontag shows cancer for what it is - just a disease. Cancer is not a curse, not a punishment, certainly not an embarrassment, and highly curable, if good treatment is found early enough. Almost a decade later, with the outbreak of a new, stigmatised disease replete with mystifications and punitive metaphors, Sontag wrote *Aids and its Metaphors*, extending the argument of the earlier book to the AIDS pandemic.

This book is about Buddhism, and the pursuit of happiness. The author takes us on an intensely personal journey into the practice of Nichiren Buddhism, which has now been embraced by many millions of people around the world. It is not in any way about a remote, abstract, inaccessible, philosophy. It is about Buddhism in daily life; about learning in a wholly practical way, how to build a better and happier life for yourself, and for those whom your life touches, no matter what the circumstances. You don't have to conform to a specific lifestyle. You don't have to be especially knowledgeable or dedicated or indeed religious in any way. Nichiren Buddhism teaches the extraordinary truth that happiness is not a matter of chance or accident, but essentially, a matter of choice, and that we can all learn how to make that choice. An introduction to out-of-body travel which describes the author's various astral journeys, and offers step-by-step instructions for embarking on voyages through new dimensions and worlds beyond everyday life.

Examines the symbol of the androgyne in Western and Eastern thought, art, and literature and its importance in sexuality

Andrew Plaks reinterprets the great texts of Chinese fiction known as the "Four Masterworks of the Ming Novel" (*ssu ta ch'i-shu*). Arguing that these are far more than collections of popular narratives, Professor Plaks shows that their fullest recensions represent a sophisticated new genre of Chinese prose fiction arising in the late Ming dynasty, especially in the sixteenth century. He then analyzes these radical transformations of prior source materials, which reflect the values and intellectual concerns of the literati of the period. Originally published in 1987.

The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.

This is a refreshingly direct and down-to-earth read. It takes a number of key issues that are central to the practice of Buddhism; the values of compassion and altruism and gratitude for example, the dilemma of suffering, dealing with destructive emotions such as anger and greed,

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the complex issues of morality and ethics and creating meaningful relationships, and it explores these issues from a classical Buddhist standpoint, and that of the latest sociological and psychological research. Buddhism has much to say about how we might approach these issues in a way that creates the greatest value for our lives and for those around us. And now modern science offers us an immensely illuminating and supportive perspective.

A collection of short fiction by the best-selling author of *Dune* explores the theme of the human response--societies and individuals alike--to changing or threatening environments.

Techniques for healing, utilising the seven energy centres of ancient medicine.

A book—rare in our arid age—that takes root in the heart and grows there for a lifetime. Here the spirituality of the East and the West have met in a novel that enfigures deep human wisdom with a rich and colorful imagination. Written in a prose of almost biblical simplicity and beauty, it is the story of a soul's long quest in search of the ultimate answer to the enigma of man's role on this earth. As a youth, the young Indian Siddhartha meets the Buddha but cannot be content with a disciple's role: he must work out his own destiny and solve his own doubt—a tortuous road that carries him through the sensuality of a love affair with the beautiful courtesan Kamala, the temptation of success and riches, the heartache of struggle with his own son, to final renunciation and self-knowledge. The name "Siddhartha" is one often given to the Buddha himself—perhaps a clue to Hesse's aims in contrasting the traditional legendary figure with his own conception, as a European (Hesse was Swiss), of a spiritual explorer.

In 1977, Israel's Mossad spy agency was given an assignment to rescue thousands of Ethiopian Jewish refugees in Sudan and deliver them to me in the Jewish state. First published in Hebrew in 1998, this updated English version of the book offers a thrilling firsthand account of how the operation was put in place.

Record of legends and parables of Central Asia and Tibet.

'The seas do not separate us; rather, they bring us closer together.' Daisaku Ikeda's opening words to this consistently wide-ranging dialogue set the scene for what follows. For the theme of the book is that of the meeting of minds that follows interaction between peoples who might be geographically distant but who share much in common. Reflecting on his memories of standing on the shores of the Bosphorus, gazing at the adjacent coastlines of Europe and Asia, Ikeda explores the symbol of diversity represented by the cosmopolitan city of Istanbul. The city in which his interlocutor, distinguished social anthropologist Nur Yalman, grew up, remains an icon of ethnic plurality. This reflection leads the authors towards lively exploration of the customs and cultural mores shared by Japan and Turkey: two countries which historically stand at opposite ends of the great trading route that was the Silk Road, but which have old traditions of reciprocity and friendship. At the heart of this book lies these two men's mutual commitment to what they characterise as 'soft peace', or the attempt to resolve conflict through empathic engagement with those who hold alternative views. Touching on such vital themes as inter-religious dialogue, education, the environment and those common aspects of humanity which all persons share, "A Passage to Peace" represents an inspiring contribution to the modern discourse on ethics, peace studies and religion.

Our desires and our fears are woven into a tangled web of conflicts. We want both to eat dessert and to be thin. We want money but don't want to work. Anything that threatens our sense of self and its striving for happiness is perceived as a threat to our very lives—the response to which is defensiveness, anger, aggression, and violence. *Vinegar into Honey* proposes a new paradigm for understanding the relationship between stress, anxiety, anger, and depression. Leifer provides detailed instructions for working with anger and other painful emotions. The process of transforming suffering into equanimity and compassion is central in Buddhist psychology and practice. Each of the steps in *Vinegar into Honey* reflects views and methods drawn from Buddhist tradition. Leifer's work holds promise for psychotherapists and their patients individuals seeking to understand and work with their anger and people

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interested in the interface of Buddhism and "psychotherapy.

This introduction to Nichiren Buddhism explores the philosophical intricacies of life and reveals the wonder inherent in the phases of birth, aging, and death. Core concepts of Nichiren Buddhism, such as the 10 worlds and the nine consciousnesses, illustrate the profundity of human existence. This book provides Buddhists with the tools they need to fully appreciate the connectedness of all beings and to revolutionize their spiritual lives based on this insight. Also explored are how suffering can be transformed to contribute to personal fulfillment and the well-being of others and how modern scientific research accords with ancient Buddhist views. Ultimately, this is both a work of popular philosophy and a book of compelling, compassionate inspiration for Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike that fosters a greater understanding of Nichiren Buddhism.

For Italian intellectuals, the terms fascist and antifascist continue to be the hard currency of contemporary political debate-to the point that if you are not one, you must be the other. When professor Renzo de Felice suggests that fascism describes a moment in the Italian past-and only that-he is challenging the very heart of current orthodoxy. The nature of his analysis of the recent Italian past is itself at odds with the traditional version, and represents a radical departure from conventional wisdom. De Felice's ideas about fascism have a broad significance, quite apart from their importance in the contemporary Italian scene. Perhaps no one knows as much about fascism, and no one has given the subject such a rigorous historical analysis.

Transformation and Healing presents one of the Buddha's most fundamental teachings and the foundation of all mindfulness practice. The Sutra on the Four Establishments of Mindfulness has been studied, practiced, and handed down with special care from generation to generation for 2,500 years. This sutra teaches us how to deal with anger and jealousy, to nurture the best qualities in our children, spouses, and friends, and to greet death with compassion and equanimity.

Ed is having a hard time - at work, in his love life and, well, generally. Then he meets an unlikely Buddhist - who drinks and smokes and talks his kind of language. Bit by bit, things begin to change... Ed doesn't always take Geoff's advice. Or, when he does he lapses at the crucial moment. His path to understanding is not a straight one, especially as life keeps throwing more and more 'stuff' at him. Often he fails - like most of us, in fact. But sometimes he manages to get it right. And when he does, surprising things begin to happen ... In *The Buddha, Geoff and Me* Edward Canfor-Dumas brings all his skills to bear in an absorbing story of everyday city life, where the characters stand out with all their human strengths and weaknesses, and the ending brings Ed - and perhaps all of us? - a hope we didn't necessarily expect. *The Buddha, Geoff and Me* - for anyone who's ever begun to wonder what the whole damn thing is all about ...

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The Reluctant Buddhist
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His Unknown Life Before And After The Crucifixion. Why Has Christianity Chosen To Ignore Its Connections With The Religions Of The East, And To Dismiss Repeatedly The Numerous Claims That Jesus Spent A Large Part Of His Life In India? This Compelling Book Presents Irrefutable Evidence That Jesus Did Indeed Live In India, Dying There In Old Age. The Result Of Many Years Of

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Investigative Research, Jesus Lived In India Takes The Reader To All The Historical Sites Connected With Jesus In Israel, The Middle East, Afghanistan And India. As Well As Revealing Age-Old Links Between The Israelites And The East, The Evidence Found By Theologian Holger Kersten Points To The Following Startling Conclusions: In His Youth Jesus Followed The Ancient Silk Road To India. While There He Studied Buddhism, Adopting Its Tenets And Becoming A Spiritual Master. Jesus Survived The Crucifixion. After The Resurrection Jesus Returned To India To Die In Old Age. Jesus Was Buried In Srinagar, The Capital Of Jammu And Kashmir, Where He Continues To Be Revered As A Sainly Man. The Tomb Of Jesus Still Exists In Kashmir.

What is meditation? Why practice it? Which techniques is best? How do I do it? The answers to these often-asked questions are contained in this down-to-earth book, making it of enormous value for anyone who wishes to begin and maintain a meditation practice. Written by a Western Buddhist nun with solid experience in both the practice and teaching of meditation, How to Meditate contains a wealth of practical advice on a variety of authentic techniques, from what to do with our minds, to how to sit, to visualizations and other traditional practices. Best of all, McDonald's approach is warm and encouraging. The next best thing to private instruction!

Questo è un grande libro spirituale di auto-aiuto autobiografico Non-fiction. Che ha circa 160000 parole con 48 lezioni. Paramahansa Yogananda (nato Mukunda Lal Ghosh, 5 gennaio 1893-7 Marzo 1952) è stato un monaco Indiano, yogi e guru che ha introdotto milioni per gli insegnamenti di meditazione Kriya Yoga, attraverso la sua organizzazione della Self-Realization Fellowship (SRF) / Yogoda Satsanga Society (YSS) in India e vissuto i suoi ultimi 32 anni in America. Come discepolo principale del guru dello Yoga bengalese Swami Sri Yukteswar Giri, fu inviato dal suo lignaggio per diffondere gli insegnamenti dello yoga in Occidente, per dimostrare l'unità tra le religioni orientali e occidentali e per predicare un equilibrio tra la crescita Materiale occidentale e la spiritualità indiana. La sua influenza di lunga data sul movimento yoga americano e in particolare sulla cultura yoga di Los Angeles lo ha portato ad essere considerato dagli esperti di yoga come il "padre dello Yoga in Occidente". Yogananda è stato il primo Grande maestro Indiano a stabilirsi in America, e il primo di spicco Indiano ad essere ospitato alla Casa Bianca (dal Presidente Calvin Coolidge nel 1927); il suo riconoscimento precoce portato ad essere descritto dal Los Angeles Times come "la prima superstar guru del 20 ° quando è arrivato a Boston nel 1920, ha intrapreso un successo transcontinentale parlando tour prima di stabilirsi a Los Angeles nel 1925. Nei successivi due decenni e mezzo, raggiunse la fama locale e ampliò la sua influenza in tutto il mondo: creò un ordine monastico e formò studenti, intraprese viaggi di istruzione, comprò beni immobili per la sua organizzazione in varie aree della California e iniziò migliaia nel Kriya Yoga. Nel 1952, SRF aveva oltre 100 centri in India e negli Stati Uniti; oggi, hanno gruppi in quasi tutte le principali città americane. I suoi principi di "vita

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semplice e alto pensiero" attirarono persone di ogni estrazione tra i suoi seguaci. Un documentario del 2014, *Awake: the Life of Yogananda*, ha vinto diversi premi in festival cinematografici di tutto il mondo. La sua continua eredità in tutto il mondo, che rimane una figura di primo piano nella spiritualità occidentale fino ad oggi, ha portato autori come Philip Goldberg a considerarlo "il più famoso e amato di tutti gli insegnanti spirituali indiani" che sono venuti in Occidente....attraverso la forza del suo carattere e la sua abile trasmissione di saggezza duratura, ha mostrato a milioni di persone la via per superare le barriere alla liberazione dell'anima."

Originally published in 1932, bringing together essays that appeared in previous years, and then reprinted in 1949 and 1971 with updates, this book, so far from its first appearance, is of a shocking topicality, such that it can still be used today as a manual for orientation in the Babelic "contemporary spiritualism" of the modern world and to avoid its traps.

The #1 True Crime Bestseller of All Time—7 Million Copies Sold In the summer of 1969, in Los Angeles, a series of brutal, seemingly random murders captured headlines across America. A famous actress (and her unborn child), an heiress to a coffee fortune, a supermarket owner and his wife were among the seven victims. A thin trail of circumstances eventually tied the Tate-LeBianca murders to Charles Manson, a would-be pop singer of small talent living in the desert with his "family" of devoted young women and men. What was his hold over them? And what was the motivation behind such savagery? In the public imagination, over time, the case assumed the proportions of myth. The murders marked the end of the sixties and became an immediate symbol of the dark underside of that era. Vincent Bugliosi was the prosecuting attorney in the Manson trial, and this book is his enthralling account of how he built his case from what a defense attorney dismissed as only "two fingerprints and Vince Bugliosi." The meticulous detective work with which the story begins, the prosecutor's view of a complex murder trial, the reconstruction of the philosophy Manson inculcated in his fervent followers...these elements make for a true crime classic. *Helter Skelter* is not merely a spellbinding murder case and courtroom drama but also, in the words of *The New Republic*, a "social document of rare importance." Some images in this ebook are not displayed due to permissions issues.

This indispensable volume is a lucid and faithful account of the Buddha's teachings. "For years," says the *Journal of the Buddhist Society*, "the newcomer to Buddhism has lacked a simple and reliable introduction to the complexities of the subject. Dr. Rahula's *What the Buddha Taught* fills the need as only could be done by one having a firm grasp of the vast material to be sifted. It is a model of what a book should be that is addressed first of all to 'the educated and intelligent reader.' Authoritative and clear, logical and sober, this study is as comprehensive as it is masterly." This edition contains a selection of illustrative texts from the Suttas and the *Dhammapada* (specially translated by the author), sixteen illustrations, and a bibliography, glossary, and index.

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In his tv programmes William Woollard has established a firm reputation for his ability to take difficult and often obscure bits of science and make them immediately interesting and accessible to the average listener. In this book he does very much the same thing for Buddhism and what it has to offer in a modern context. His theme is really happiness. So he takes us on a journey to unravel what it is that makes us feel good about ourselves and our lives and our relationships. On the way he reveals the fascinating conjunction that has now emerged between the classical teachings of Buddhism, and the latest findings from today's sociologists, and psychologists and neuroscientists, about who we are, and what really makes us happy.

This collection marks the arrival of a major new talent in Scottish poetry. Kevin MacNeil's voice and vision, while rooted in the Hebridean islands, is open to a wide range of cultures, not only those of Scotland – from Gaeldom to urban Scotland – but to the wider European and American mind and, through his interest in Zen Buddhism, to Japanese and Chinese culture. With astonishing freshness and versatility, MacNeil's poetry creates powerful connections and new combinations -he has wit as well as feeling, a powerful sense of the past and the local while being resolutely turned towards the future and the cross-cultural. Selected as a Book of the Year 2016 in the Guardian Reunion is a little-known but perfect novel with fans including Ian McEwan, John Boyne, Deborah Moggach, David Nicholls, Meg Rosoff and Sarah Perry. On a grey afternoon in 1932, a Stuttgart classroom is stirred by the arrival of a newcomer. Middle-class Hans is intrigued by the aristocratic new boy, Konradin, and before long they become best friends. It's a friendship of the greatest kind, of shared interests and long conversations, of hikes in the German hills and growing up together. But the boys live in a changing Germany. Powerful, delicate and daring, Reunion is a story of the fragility, and strength, of the bonds between friends. 'Exquisite' Guardian 'I loved Reunion and found it very moving' John Boyne WITH AN AFTERWORD BY RACHEL SEIFFERT

I have written this book, *Buddho*, so that readers will come to understand the correct meaning and use of the word “Buddho.” There are those who wrongly believe that by just reciting the word “Buddho” they are able to rid defilements and cravings (kilesa) from their minds, then expecting wisdom to arise which will enable them to realize how things really are (the Truth). However, just reciting repetitiously the parikamma word “Buddho” does not make one reach purity of mind (citta) and gain Noble Fruitions, and Nibbana. The use of the word “Buddho” has two distinct applications in these Dhamma practices: Samatha (tranquility meditation) Vipassana (gaining wisdom) These two types of Dhamma practice, samatha and vipassana, have different purposes and ways to practice. You will know and understand those differences by reading this book. Please read with rational discernment and come to the correct understanding. Once you understand the correct meaning and use of “Buddho,” Dhamma practice will not be confusing. In your present life, if you have accumulated sufficient merit and

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virtue (parami), you shall reach one of the four stages of Noble Fruitions. If not, you will reincarnate in the era of the next Lord Buddha, Buddha Metteyya.” You will listen to his Dhamma, develop wisdom and see the Truth. You will reach the ultimate state of Nibbana, becoming an arahant. In the present life, consider yourself as a lucky person to become a Buddhist disciple. Do not let this good opportunity go by. Put forth great effort to practice Dhamma and strive to accumulate merit and virtue. If you miss this good opportunity in the present life, it is uncertain that you will reincarnate to become a Buddhist again as in the present life. In this life, you have responsibilities and work to do, so just keep doing them as your duty. As your special task, keep practicing Dhamma and accumulate virtue and merit, for these will go with you when you pass away from this world. It will be the benefit of life and your real treasure. Finally, my wish for you is that you gain discernment and wisdom to see the real view of the Truth in this present life. Phra Acariya Thoon Khippapanno

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