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SHORT SAYINGS OF THE BUDDHA SELECTED FROM THE DHAMMAPADA

The man who gathers flowers (of sensual desires), whose mind is entangled, and who is insatiate in desires, is over-powered by death (48).

As a bee without harming a flower, its colour or scent, collecting only the honey, even so should the sage wander in the village without affecting the faith, generosity or wealth of the villagers, (49).

NEW YEAR GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the QSA I would like to offer our Greetings for the New Year 2019, the Year of the Boar.

This year the QSA will continue to offer the various courses that were offered in 2018.

These courses were well attended and it is hoped that more people will avail themselves to them this year. They have proved to have been of great benefit to the participants. For those who are interested please look up the QSA website for details and dates.

In the Dharma

Rev James Wilson (Tetsuyu)
President QSA

DHAMMA RESEARCH PROGRAMS FOR 2019

A series of Dhamma Research Programs will be held from January 2019 to help both Sangha and Lay persons to look deeply into the Buddha's teachings. These programs will be different from sermons in that plenty of time will be given for questions and comments. The basis will be actual Discourses in the Theravada Tripitaka. However, the topics and discussions will have a direct relevance to day to life. The topics are laid out to help discover the path to enlightenment.

The programs are designed and organised by the Siddhartha Institute of Buddhism, the educational division of the Queensland Sangha Association Inc. The leading Researcher and Lecturer will be Dr. Sanka Wasalthillake, who holds a Ph.D. degree in Buddhism from the University of Queensland. Administrative work (the work of a Registrar) relating to the course will be handled by Mrs. Champa Rajapakse. R.Sarath-Chandra will be assisting.

The normal venue for the programs will be the Sri Lanka Temple at 114 Considine Street, Ellen Grove, QLD 4078. If the registrations are around 20 the library will be used. If there are more people, part of the meditation hall can be used. Tentative arrangements have been made with the temple.

As space is limited, we would request you to reserve your seat well in advance.

For January 2019, the same topic as last time namely “SELF CONEPT” will be continued. You may bring a notes book and a pen.

The date for January is Sunday 13 January 2019, and the time is 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Similar programs will be conducted around the middle of every month. **If you are interested please make a reservation now via email infqsa@gmail.com.**

Fees are not charged for these programs. However participants are encouraged to make donations to the Queensland Sangha Association Inc to help sustain educational and other useful programs.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BUDDHIST NUNS AND BUDDHIST WOMEN
**INFORMATION FROM SAKYADITA AUSTRALIA FOR
BUDDHIST NUNS AND BUDDHIST WOMEN**

The following has been taken from a letter issued by Sakyadita Australia:

“We are writing to let you know that Sakyadhita Australia has raised funds to assist both Buddhist nuns and lay women to attend the next Sakyadhita Conference to be held in the Blue Mountains, NSW from 23-28 June 2019.

Sakyadhita international conferences are held every two years as opportunities for Buddhist women from all over the world to meet, share insights and experience as well as to present and hear academic papers and workshops on Buddhist themes.

Information about next year’s conference can be found on the conference website at www.sakyadhita2019.org.au and on Sakyadhita Australia’s website www.sakyadhitaoz.org .

Sakyadhita Australia was established in 2016 and one of our aims is to promote awareness of the Sakyadhita conferences and to support attendance at the conferences.

We are now ready to invite applications from nuns and lay women who wish to attend but who lack the funding.”

AREA BUDDHIST CO-ORDINATORS

Bayside Brisbane	Gail Bell
Cairns	Dhammika Pereira - Marland
Charleville	David Pullen
Gold Coast	Dr. Mark Chappell

Initially any co-ordinator can be contacted vis the QSA email address infoqsa@gmail.com. They can help with information on Buddhism, Buddhist institutions and visiting teachers. Some of them are Buddhist Chaplains and in any event they can put you in contact with a Buddhist Chaplain.

DAVID PULLEN BUDDHIST CO-ORDINATOR FOR CHARLEVILLE

David had studied Buddhism for 25 years both Sri Lanka and in Australia. He has completed the Buddhist Chaplaincy Qualifying Course conducted by the Sidhartha Institute of Buddhism, the education division of the Queensland Sangha Association.

He was a founding member of the Buddhist Vihara (Temple) of Queensland and has functioned as its Treasurer. The Wesak Festival held annually with funding from the Brisbane City Council was an initiative of David.

David is a qualified teacher in Western Queensland. He has also taught Buddhism in Temples and Schools in Brisbane for about five years.

In community services David has co-ordinated Tsunami Relief work for the Union Aid Abroad. He rendered great help in the 2011 Queensland floods for Vision Australia and the Trade Union movement.

David has recently been engaged as Buddhist Co-ordinator for the Charleville area representing the Queensland Sangha Association Inc. We wish David all success in his wholesome ventures.

A photograph of David Pullen appears below. He can be initially contacted via email infoqsa@gmail.com



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Issued by the president of QSA, Reverend James Wilson

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