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SHORT SAYINGS OF THE BUDDHA SELECTED FROM THE DHAMMAPADA (93)

He whose corruptions are destroyed, who is not attached to food, he who has deliverance, that is void and signless, as the object, his path like that of birds in the air, cannot be traced.

QUEENSLAND BUDDHIST CONVOCATION 06

9.00 AM SATURDAY 25 June 2022

The 6th Queensland Buddhist convocation will be held at the Thai Temple Wat Thai Buddharam, 1 Paradise Road, Forestdale, Queensland 4118, commencing at 9.00 am on Saturday 25 June 2022.

As in the past, we expect to award certificates of recognition to groups and individuals for services rendered to the community in the recent past and to those who obtain qualifications for enhancing their services such as Buddhist Chaplains and Buddhist Counsellors.

Nominations can be made by temples, groups, and individuals. Nominations after 15 June 2022 are not encouraged. Please help us by sending your nominations as soon as soon as possible.

The convocation is organised by Serene Loy, Events Manager of QSA, email infoqsa@gmail.com.



AN APPEAL

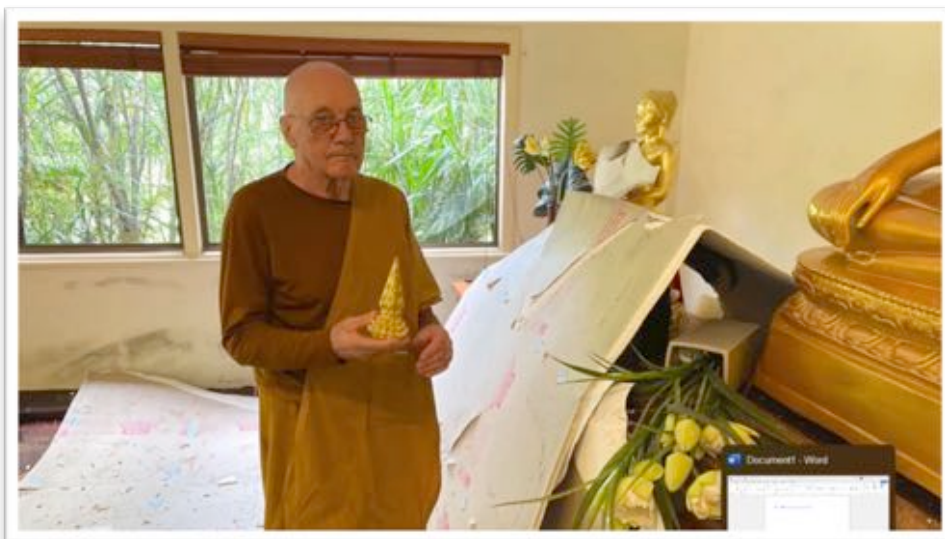
FROM THE BODHI TREE MONASTERY LISMORE

The recent floods in March 2022 has created havoc and damage to the lives of many people, especially people living in Lismore area who are now hit again with the second flood. Bodhi Tree Forest Monastery and Retreat Centre in Tullera (near Lismore) has suffered significant damages to Bodhi Tree's Meditation Hall, used for 15 years serving as a meditation retreat for the community.

Venerable Pannyavaro (Pannya) from Bodhi Tree Forest Monastery is appealing for support to help get them back on their feet to continue their free service by enabling them to help others.

For many of us who do not know who Venerable Pannyavaro is, he is better known as the founder and webmaster of the websites: BuddhaNet.net www.buddhanet.net, World Buddhist Directory: www.buddhanet.info/wbd/ Buddhist eLibrary: www.buddhistelibrary.org

Many of us would have visited these websites before when looking for material on Buddhism for our spiritual learning and practice.



The photograph shows part of the extent of the damage caused.

Please help Venerable Pannyavaro in this difficult time. You can help by making a secure donation (dana) on his website:

<https://bodhitreemonastery.org/make-a-donation/>



DPTA

DHAMMA PRACTICE TRAINING ACADEMY

This is an entirely new venture promoted by QSA to spread the teaching of the Buddha with emphasis on practice. It is aimed at young people, but it will continue to serve people of all ages. The idea is not to impart academic knowledge only but to ensure learning how to apply the teachings in daily life for worldly success, enhanced happiness and to effectively step on to the path of spirituality.

It is initially based on the internet, but it can be physically conducted in your own country in your local area too. Buddhist Counsellors are being trained to impart practical training using practical techniques.

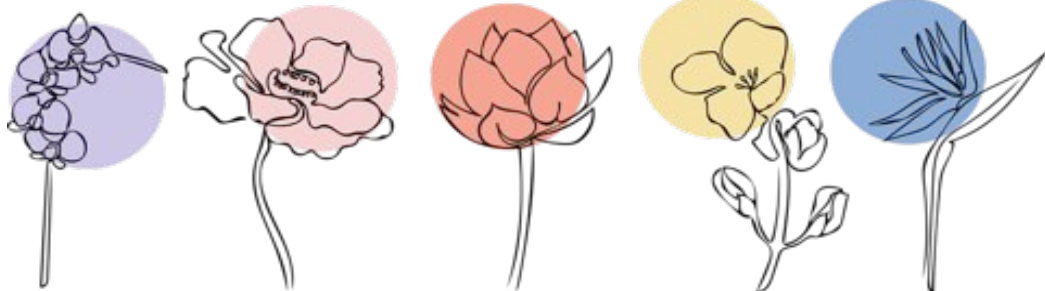
A tentative syllabus and a curriculum to suit high school children and young adults have been drawn up. A bank of more than 100 practical teaching techniques is ready.

A bank of model practical lessons is being set up on the internet. The current plan is to have about 500 model lessons. At the time of writing about one hundred and thirty simple and practical model lessons are ready to be used by Buddhist Counsellors.

You are invited to participate in this unusual and wonderful meritorious activity right now. It is for your good and the good of others. Write a short email saying that you want to engage with DPTA via infoqsa@gmail.com

There are opportunities to write and edit lessons suitable for young people and to research on new teaching techniques.

Administration of DPTA also requires help.



BUDDHIST FORUM 03 - PATH TO NIBBANA IN ENGLISH

Sessions on Aspects of Mindfulness Development Continuing

This course is conducted by Venerable Brisbane Dhamma Rakkhita, a resident monk at the Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery (Brisbane), 114 Considine Street, Ellen Grove, Brisbane, usually on every other Sunday at the monastery and on ZOOM from 2.00 p.m. for three hours.

The usual program is 45 minutes of Walking Meditation, 45 minutes of Sitting meditation and about 60 minutes for a talk on an aspect of mindfulness development. Meditation reports, questions and answers follow.

The program has continued for more than a year (about 29 sessions) and is continuing. For current details please send an email to infoqsa@gmail.com. Your emails will be passed on to the organizer Chatu Senarath.

Records are kept for reference. These talks are very clear, and easy to understand.

The ZOOM entry codes are given below:
Use the link below or the Meeting ID and password.

Meeting ID: 831 3800 2308

Password 043871

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83138002308?pwd=L3hyWU5TS3V5eVhkS0orU3Q1d3luUT09>

The previous recordings from the discussion can be accessed here:

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLiOuupX6UQZbRKQNHXq8_-wk13_uK30pl

Venerable Dhamma Rakkhita conducts several other programs similar to this at the temple in Ellen Grove. Please note that this program is in ENGLISH.

No fees are charged from participants.

**RECORDINGS OF DISCUSSIONS
LED BY
VENERABLE BRISBANE DHAMMA
RAKKHITA
CAN BE ACCESSED ON UTUBE**

These are the links to the YouTube recordings:

English

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCtDu5oPH3h0hkMWK-HM8p5g>

Sinhala

https://youtube.com/channel/UCf4apoZc8_CL4pbgTJMC9Rg



BUDDHIST FORUM 04 - REQUESTED TOPICS

From the booklet on the Path to Nibbana

Session 11 was held on 17 April 2022

This program is held once a month on ZOOM at a time and date set by the organiser. Only participants registered for the program (approximately 40 currently) are informed of details and receive emails and documents.

A script, about ten pages for each day is posted to all participants and ideas exchanged for about three weeks. The scripts are published in the QSA Dhamma Magazine issued on the 15th of every month after the sessions.

The presentations have been made by Tanuja Yasanga Sarath-Chandra, Buddhist Chaplain. Discussions were led by Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra, Buddhist Chaplain and Venerable Brisbane Dhamma Rakkhita.

The ZOOM record of the Forum can be made available to anyone interested, for a limited time.

To enter the forum please use the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6043658907>

For information on the session for the next month, please email QSA via infoqsa@gmail.com.

Topics covered in the first set of sessions are:

SESSION NUMBER	TOPIC DISCUSSED IN RECENT MONTHS
1	Right View (Samma Ditthi)
2	37 Factors of enlightenment (Part 1)
3	37 Factors of enlightenment (Part 2)
4	Obstacles to meditation and Dhamma Learning
5	Establishing Peace of Mind
6	Nine Facets of Unskilful mental states (Part 1)
7	Nine Facets of Unskilful Mental States (Part 2)
8	Elimination of unskilful mental states (Sabbasava Sutta)
9	The Noble Eight-Fold Path Lane 2-Right Thought
10 & 11	The Noble Eight-Fold Path Lane 7-Right Mindfulness
12	The Noble Eight-Fold Path Lane 8-Right Concentration



Topic 12 will be discussed in May 2022. It is hoped to record it. Time devoted for some of these sessions will be treated as credits in qualifying as a QSA Buddhist Counsellor.

VACANCIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Readers are invited to enquire about vacancies in the QSA organisation by emailing infoqsa@gmail.com. There are positions vacant in the Administration and Publications divisions.

QSA also needs a specialist in the production of VIDEO CLIPS and an **IT specialist** interested in website development, to work with the current webmaster.

VIDEO PRODUCTION SPECIALIST

QSA plans to create video clips for the education of young people, using new teaching techniques published in a book recently published by QSA. Would you like to participate in the novel venture?

Please enquire immediately via infoqsa@gmail.com

DHAMMA LESSON WRITERS DHAMMA LESSON EDITORS PRACTICAL TEACHING TECHNIQUES RESEARCHERS wanted

The QSA Dhamma Practitioners Training Academy (DPTA) needs many Dhamma Lesson writers and editors for expanding its bank of lessons. Currently there are about 130 lessons, yet to be edited. The plan is to generate about 500 lessons. As contributions are made through email, it does not matter where you are living now.

If you think you can contribute please inform QSA via email infoqsa@gmail.com

Usually, no payments are made as all services are on a volunteer basis.

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING NUMBER 49

QSA is in its 15th year. The 49 th meeting of the committee of management was held on 27 March 2022. The 13th annual general meeting also was held on that day.

The committee consists of four monks and three lay persons. It is supported by about fourteen executives responsible for various functions. The much larger groups of advisors, consultants, and lecturers need to be remembered for their silent contribution.

The senate of the Siddhartha Institute of Buddhism, the Buddhist Chaplaincy Services Board, and the Buddhist Publications Advisory Board need special mention.

A Federal Government grant for \$ 3230 has been received for the purchase of a computer and printer for QSA. We appreciate the interest taken by Milton Dick, Federal MP for Oxley. Computer equipment will be purchased for QSA using the grant.

The Annual Report of QSA has been posted to members. Any reader may obtain a copy by request via email infoqsa@gmail.com





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