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***SHORT SAYINGS OF THE BUDDHA SELECTED FROM THE
DHAMMAPADA (103)***

Though one conquers a million in the battlefield, yet he indeed is the noblest who conquers himself.

VENERABLE MASTER HSING YUN
Born in Jiangdu, Jiangsu, he lived as a global citizen



Venerable Master Hsing Yun was born in Jiangdu, Jiangsu Province, in 1927. He grew up in poverty and at the age of 12 accompanied his mother to Nanjing to search for his father but to no avail. As they passed Nanjing Qixia Monastery, he met Venerable Master Zhi Kai and became tonsured under him. At the age of 15, he received full ordination at the monastery under Most Venerable Ruoshun. His ancestral temple is Yixing Dajue Temple in Yixing, Jiangsu and he was given the Dharma name Wuche and the moniker Jingjue, as the 48th Patriarch of the Linji School and the founding Patriarch of the Fo Guang Order.

For over 80 years, Venerable Master endeavored to propagate the Dharma as a global citizen, inspiring and forever changing the lives of many. He was followed by over two thousand monastic disciples and millions of followers worldwide. He had also ordained over one hundred Dharma heirs to continue his teachings.

In 1967, he founded Fo Guang Shan, on a bamboo-filled hilltop located in the humble Dashu district of Kaohsiung, with the Four Objectives: to propagate Dharma through culture, to foster talents through education, to benefit society through philanthropy, and to purify human minds through spiritual cultivation. Fully dedicated to the promotion of Humanistic Buddhism, he subsequently realized the grand vow of “May the Buddha’s Light shine universally; may the Dharma water flow across the Five Continents.”

56 years after the founding of Fo Guang Shan, he established over 300 temples across the globe such as Hsi Lai Temple in the United States, Nan Tien Temple in Australia, Nanhua Temple in South Africa, and Templo Zulai in Brazil, all of which are the largest Buddhist temples in their respective regions.

In education, he founded the University of the West in the USA, Nanhua University and Fo Guang University in Taiwan, Nan Tien Institute in Australia, and Guang Ming College in the Philippines. He also founded 16 Buddhist Colleges, 27 art galleries, libraries, publishing houses, book stores, Water and Cloud Mobile Libraries, over 50 Chinese Schools, Chih-Kuang Vocational High School, Pu-Men Senior High School, Juntou Junior High School, Junyi Experimental High school, and several kindergartens.

In philanthropy, since 1970, he successively established children’s homes, Fo Guang Senior Citizen’s Homes, the Compassion Foundation, Jen-Ai Senior Home, Water and Cloud Mobile Hospitals, Fo Guang Clinic, Mentality Protection Center Vehicles, and supported the establishment of senior homes by the Kaohsiung County. He also sponsored Fo Guang Elementary and Junior High Schools, including dozens of Fo Guang Hospitals in mainland China, leading the Buddha’s Light members worldwide in donating wheelchairs and mobile homes, providing emergency relief, and care as well as education for the young, the elderly, and the disadvantaged.

The Venerable Master passed away a few weeks ago. A remembrance ceremony was held at the Chung Tian Temple in Priestdale, Queensland.

QSA BUDDHIST CONVOCATION SEVEN -2023

The seventh QSA Buddhist convocation will be held to coincide with the annual general meeting planned for 25 March 2023, Saturday 2.00 pm at Wat Thai Buddharam, Forestdale, Queensland 4118.

Nominations for the award of certificates for services to Buddhism or for Buddhist education, will be received until 12 March 2023. Nominations must be made by email addressed to infoqsa@gmail.com.

Certificates will be sent by email except when a recipient expressly wishes to receive the certificate in person. In this case the recipient must be present at 2.00 pm at the venue Wat Thai Buddharam, 1 Paradise Road, Forestdale, Queensland 4118.

Those who have followed QSA courses will be nominated by the Registrar of the Siddhartha Institute of Buddhism. Communications regarding the convocation are handled by the Event Manager, Serene Loy.

QSA BUDDHIST CHAPLAINCY SERVICES DIVISION DISCUSSION

The Community of Buddhist Chaplains (CBC) met for the first time on 4 February 2023 on ZOOM. The meeting was organised on the initiative of Grace Yap-Kirk, head of the Buddhist Chaplaincy Services Division. Arno Hess, Senior Buddhist Chaplain, and member of the Buddhist Chaplaincy Services Board (BCSB) conducted discussions on services rendered in prisons.

Participants exchanged ideas on Chaplaincy Services, their scope, resourcing, and limitations.

FOUR NEW BUDDHIST CHAPLAINS

The following have been admitted as Buddhist Chaplains:

Janet Hou

Chamath Piyabandu

Marc Colbeck


Krishan Jayalath

QSA welcomes the new chaplains and extends its best wishes to all of them.

... [Read more](#)

<https://buddhistchaplaincy.wixsite.com/qsa-buddhist-chaplain/post/prison-chaplaincy-activities>

RETREAT WITH VENERABLE PANADURE CHANDARATANA THERO



GOLD COAST BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION

Residential Meditation Retreat

13th April 2023 (Thursday) 7:00 PM to
16th April 2023 (Sunday) 1:00 PM
(3 Nights)

PCYC Bornhoffen,
3510 Nerang Murwillumbah Road,
Natural Bridge QLD 4211

Online Registration
www.bit.ly/gcbameditation2023

Registration
Opens – Now
Closes – 30th March 2023

Conduct by
Ven. Panadure Chandaratana Thero
The Deputy Abbot of the Mithrigala Nissarana Forest Monastery

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Gold Coast Buddhist Association - Residential Meditation Retreat – April 2023

Start Date	13 th April 2023 (Thursday) 3:00 PM (Program starts at 7:00 PM)
End Date	16 th April 2023 (Sunday) 1:00 PM (Program ends at 12:30 PM)
Duration	3 Days & 3 Nights
Venue	PCYC Bornhoffen Centre 3510 Nerang Murwillumbah Rd, Natural Bridge QLD 4211

Medium	Sinhala. Repeated in English is also available on request
Conduct by	Most Venerable Panadure Chandaratana Thero The Deputy Abbot of the Mithrigala Nissarana Forest Monastery
Accommodation	Male & female separated shared cabins & toilets, shared with 3 - 5 Yogis
Venue facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The kitchen area has Fridge, Microwave, Toaster, Kettle, Cups, and plates with cutlery • Cushions and chairs are available in the hall • Parking available
Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast and Morning / Evening tea - self-arranged • Lunch - will be provided by the donors. • Dinner - Not provided. • Tea - Provided by generous donors
Cost	AUD 150 per person for 3 nights
Donation	Any kind of donations are welcome and very much appreciated
Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opens – Now • Closes – 30th March 2023 • Registration is accepted on a first come first served basis
How to register	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill out the Registration Form online: https://bit.ly/gcbameditation2023
Bank Account	Transfer the deposit to the bank account below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank: Commonwealth bank • Account Name: Gold Coast Buddhist Association Inc • BSB: 084447 • Account No: 786339283 • Please mention your first & last name with 'Retreat' as a reference
Note	Please let us know if you have any special requirements

LEARN THE DHAMMA, HOW TO TEACH THE DHAMMA AND HOW TO PRACTISE THE DHAMMA IN ONE PROGRAM

This continuing forum with a brief academic section, a considerable section in educational psychology, and a detailed section for practitioners in meditation has now been running for a few weeks. It is in ZOOM, every Saturday from 1.30 to 2.30 pm. It is easy to access.

Dhamma teachers, and meditation practitioners have all found the forum to be useful and beneficial in day-to-day life. Join early as the presentations are based on an approved progressive system. Please do not miss out.

Please send an email via infoqsa@gmail.com to say you are interested. Then you will receive the Zoom link to enter the forum.

If you are unable to attend you can ask for a copy of the scripts used in the presentations. When participants request, recordings are made and held for a few weeks in Dropbox.

NEW FREE E-BOOKS AVAILABLE

The following e-books are available for free distribution by the QSA and can be sent by email (PDF copy). Please send an email to infoqsa@gmail.com if you wish to receive these.

- 1 The Buddhist Way to Happiness (English)
- 2 The Buddhist Way to Happiness (Sinhala)
- 3 Practical Techniques of Teaching Buddhism to Youth
- 4 Basic Buddhist Psychology-second edition
- 5 Buddhist Chaplaincy
- 6 Q and A for students

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DHAMMA QUERIES ZOOM CHANNEL

Our ZOOM link will be active every Saturday from 2.30 pm Brisbane time. Anyone may make comments or raise questions on a one-to-one basis with a senior Dhamma counsellor free of charge. Book your time by sending an email via infoqsa@gmail.com

The ZOOM link will be sent to you in reply. If you like, in the email itself, you can make your comment or raise the question briefly; we can discuss details later.

QSA CALENDAR FOR A FEW WEEKS IN FEBRUARY 2023

MARCH

4 Saturday 1.30 to 2.30 pm Brisbane time

- 1 Wholesome actions bring pleasant results
- 2 Supremacy of the mind
- 3 Reminiscence of generous disposition-meditation

11 Saturday 1.30 to 2.30 pm Brisbane time

Dhamma discussion on these topics led by Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra

- 1 Harboursing enmities does not help
- 2 Sustaining unwholesome thoughts in the mind brings suffering
- 3 Reminiscence of celestial beings-meditation

18 Saturday 1.30 to 2.30 pm Brisbane time

Dhamma discussion on these topics led by Rahubadde Sarath-Chandra

- 1 Quarrels cease through right thinking
- 2 The skill of changing focus at the right time
- 3 Reminiscence of death-meditation

25 March Saturday 1.30 pm

AGM 2023, CONVOCATION 7 and MCM 53

APRIL

There will be no BCRP sessions in April 2023.

The zoom channel will still be available.

If you are interested in any of these programs, please send QSA an email via infoqsa@gmail.com We will then send you the entry link.

MINDFULNESS PROGRAMS CONDUCTED BY VENERABLE BRISBANE DHAMMA RAKKHITHA

Venerable Brisbane Dhamma Rakkhitha conducts two programs every month on topics related to mindfulness in English and Sinhalese. Details are as follows.

English Program

Wednesdays 6.30pm-9.30pm

At Forest Lake Temple Hall or virtually

Topic: 4 Foundations of Mindfulness Venerable

Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/32n3xdbw>

Sinhala Program

Sunday 6.00am-10.30am

Virtually Only

Topic: Satipatthana

Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/32n3xdbw>

Program Manager: Chathu Senarat, Email via infoqsa@gmail.com

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POSITION NUMBER 6.1

BOOK PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION MANAGER

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WRITER FOR THE QSA NEWSLETTER

POSITION NUMBER 6.3

WRITER FOR THE QSA DHAMMA MAGAZINE

POSITION NUMBER 1.2

MANAGER QSA GMAIL

POSITION NUMBER 1.1

HUMAN RELATIONS MANAGER

POSITION NUMBER 7.2

VIDEO PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION MANAGER

POSITION NUMBER 1.2

DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST FOR THE WEBSITE

POSITION NUMBER 1.3

Information Technology professional

If you are interested, please send us a brief email via infoqsa@gmail.com, for details

MANAGEMENT OF QSA

QSA is in its sixteenth year since inception in 2006. Committee meeting 52 was held in December 2022. The committee is supported by about 19 executives performing various functions such as financial management, chaplaincy services, education and publications.

There are advisors in a few divisions. The senate of the Siddhartha Institute of Buddhism, the Buddhist Chaplaincy Services Board, and the Buddhist Publications Advisory Board need special mention as they help the executives with advise.

A group of Buddhist Chaplains is working with QSA. A smaller group of Buddhist Counsellors also work with QSA. The total of volunteers now exceeds 100.

BUDDHIST COUNSELLORS' DIVISION

A proposal for the establishment of a Buddhist Counsellors' division as the 8th division of QSA is under consideration. The idea is to assist Buddhist Counsellors when providing services to institutions including government.

If you wish to serve as a Buddhist Counsellor or if you seek training as a Buddhist Counsellor, you are encouraged to send an email to QSA via infoqsa@gmail.com

THE END OF THE QSA NEWSLETTER FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 2023

Issued by the President of QSA, Reverend James Wilson

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