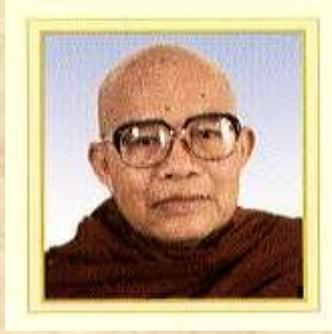


REST IN PEACE

Dr. Rewata Dhamma



Age 75 Vasa 59
(1929-2004)

Birmingham Buddhist Vihara, Birmingham, UK

It is with sorrow that we must announce the death of our beloved founder and teacher, Aggamahapandita Dr. Rewata Dhamma. He passed away peacefully and unexpectedly early this morning (Wednesday, 26 May, 2004). We expect the cremation ceremony to take place in about ten days' time. Meanwhile we have placed his body in our peace pagoda for those who wish to come and pay their last respects. Further information will be announced here as soon as we have arranged the details.

Sayadaw Dr. Rewata Dhamma was born in Myanmar (Burma). He has studied Theravada Buddhism since childhood under several eminent scholar monks in Myanmar. He passed the highest examination in scriptural studies at the age of 23 and was awarded the prestigious title of Sasanadhaja-siripavara dhammacariya in 1953. In 1956, he went to India to study Hindi and Sanskrit as a state scholar. Then he studied Indian philosophy, Mahayana Buddhism in Varanasi. He obtained MA in Sanskrit in 1964 and Ph.D. in 1967 from Benares Hindu University. During his stay in India, he wrote, translated and edited several books in Pali and Hindi. Most of them were published by Sanskrit University. One of his works, Abhidhammatha Sangaha with Hindi translation and his own commentary written in Hindi was awarded the Kalidasa prize from the Hindi Academy as one of the outstanding books of the year in 1967. In 1975 he moved to England where he established a Buddhist Vihara in Birmingham as his base, in 1998 he accomplished the building

of Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda, which has been a harbour for many Buddhist Followers throughout the World.

He has established an international reputation as a teacher of Buddhism and Vipassana meditation and has led retreats throughout Europe and the US as well as giving talks and lectures at such universities as Oxford, Cambridge, Manchester, Lancaster, Zurich, Harvard, Columbia, Berkeley, Macomb and Champagne. In addition he has become known for his promotion of peace and reconciliation and has been invited to address many conferences and symposia, notably in Asia.

Up to his death in May 2004 Dr. Rewata Dhamma had been a very active international traveller visiting many countries in the world. He has written numerous articles and essays on Buddhism and Vipassana meditation. He was one of the most recognizable authors on Buddhism and was amongst the most respected academic scholars in the world. He wrote comprehensive notes in conjunction with the Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi on the Abhidhammattha Sangaha which has since been published by the Buddhist Publication Society, Kandy, Sri Lanka. His exposition on the wheel of the truth "First Sermon of the Buddha" was published by Dhamma Talaka Publications in 1995. He has translated 'Theravada Maha Paritta' chanting book and published in 1996, 'The Buddha and His Disciples' was published in 2001 and his most recent publication encompasses various Buddhist Meditation Techniques, 'Emptying the Rose-Apple Seat' where Prince Siddhatta first experienced his meditation during his childhood. The book is published by Triple Gem Publication' and copies will be available late June 2004. Many of his articles and talks can be read at [Birmingham Buddhist Vihara's Website](#) and at [Nibbana.com](#)