Theravada Meditation - The Buddhist Transformation Of Yoga

Theravāda Meditation - Winston Lee King 2007-01-01

The first book in English to relate modern forms of Theravada meditational practice to its Indian roots, Theravada Meditation: The Buddhist Transformation of Yoga rectifies the publishing imbalance toward Mahayana and Zen. The classic Theravada pattern in Buddhaghosa’s Path of Purification (circa A.D. 500) is shown to be relevant to the present Buddhist world. Beginning with a general description of similarities and differences between the Upanisadic-Yogic and early Buddhist viewpoints, the author goes on to analyze Gotama’s rejection-acceptance-modification of the Upanisadic-Yogic method of striving for moksa (salvation) in his search for Buddhahood (enlightenment), as related in the Pali Canon. A second major section analyzes the meditational method of Buddhaghosa, showing the interaction between Upanisadic-Yogic jhanas (modes of concentration) and Buddhist vipassana (insight meditation).

Attention is given to the highest attainable state, nirodha-samapatti (cessation of thought and perception), held by Theravada Buddhism to be an actual experience of Nibbana (world-escape) in this life. The final chapter discusses the attraction of Theravada meditation in parts of the contemporary world, notably Burma, drawing upon materials little known in the West. In Burma and, to some degree, in Ceylon and Thailand, emphasis is on a simplified meditational method open to layman as well as monk, yet viewed as fully orthodox. Contents Preface, Yogic Factors in gotama Buddha’s Enlightenment, Conditions, Preparations, and Lower Levels of Meditation, The Jhanic and Formless States, The Jhanic Related Buddhist Meditation, Vipassana Meditation, The Attainment of Cessation (Nirodha-Samapatti), Contemporary Theravada Meditation in Burma, Appendix A Buddhist Pilgrim’s Progress, Notes, Selected and Annotated Bibliography, Index.

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The Two Traditions of Meditation in Ancient India - Johannes Bronkhorst 1993

This book elucidates the early Buddhist teachings and beliefs concerning meditations and its role in the process to liberation. In a number of cases, the Buddhist canonical texts reject practices which they accept elsewhere. When these practices-sometimes rejected, sometimes accepted—correspond to what is known about non-Buddhist practices, the conclusion in then proposed that they are non-Buddhist practices which have somehow found their way into the Buddhist texts. A similar procedure enables one to choose between conflicting beliefs.

Esoteric Theravada - Kate Crosby 2020-12-22

A groundbreaking exploration of a practice tradition that was nearly lost to history. Theravada Buddhism, often understood as the school that most carefully preserved the practices taught by the Buddha, has undergone tremendous change over time. Prior to Western colonialism in Asia—which brought Western and modernist intellectual concerns, such as the separation of science and religion, to bear on Buddhism—there existed a tradition of embodied, esoteric, and culturally regional Theravada meditation practices. This once-dominant traditional meditation system, known as bōrān kammathāna, is related to—yet remarkably distinct from—Vipassana and other Buddhist and secular mindfulness practices that would become the hallmark of Theravada Buddhism in the twentieth century. Drawing on a quarter century of research, scholar Kate Crosby offers the first holistic discussion of bōrān kammathāna, illuminating the historical events and cultural processes by which the practice has been marginalized in the modern era.

Buddhism: The early Buddhist schools and doctrinal history; Theravāda doctrine - Paul Williams 2005

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Inquiry Into the Origin of Humanity—1995-10-01 A superb book ... one clearly designed for practical use. Buddhist Studies Review 14 (1997) Gregory’s work serves as a model for future scholars wishing to present translations of key East Asian Buddhist texts to a broader audience. Philosophy East and West 48 (1998) Ein wertvoller Beitrag als vollstdndigebersetzung, als Erkenntnisquelle Uber den chinesischen Buddhismus ffr Interessierte und als Lehrmaterial ffr diejenigen, die ihn lehren mYssen. Monumenta Serica 45 (1997) Peter Gregory’s is a name that I as a layman (vis-a-vis academia) am always happy to see attached to a text as I feel confident that the work will be of genuine interest and that my understanding will be limited only by my knowledge, rather than by my ability to penetrate a forest of jargon, obscure theorizing and convoluted writing. Buddhism Now, November 1996 Gregory’s translation is a truly remarkable accomplishment reflecting his superb command of literary Chinese and his thorough familiarity with the relevant scholarly literature on Chinese thought in Western languages. Stanley Weinstein, professor of Buddhist Studies, Yale University

The Buddhist Forum-T. Skorupski 2005-08-09 First Published in 1996. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.


Buddhist Phenomenology-Dan Lusthaus 2014-02-04 A richly complex study of the Yogacara tradition
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An Introduction to Buddhism-Peter Harvey 2013 Extensively revised and updated, this book provides a comprehensive overview of the development of Buddhism in Asia and the West.

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Craving and Salvation-Bruce Matthews 1983

Historical Dictionary of Buddhism-Carl Olson 2021-07-15 Historical Dictionary of Buddhism, Second Edition contains a chronology, an introduction, and an extensive bibliography. The dictionary section has more than 900 cross-referenced entries on important personalities as well as complex theological concepts, significant practices, and basic writings and texts.

復歸佛陀的教導 (二)-Bhikkhu Sopāka 比丘 觀淨 2006-01-01

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The Hermitage Meditation Manual-Rodney Devenish 2013-06 All you need to know to properly learn how to meditate: a comprehensive 500 page workbook, a complete course for practitioners of Yoga and Meditation. Published by the Dharma Fellowship of His Holiness the Gyalwa Karmapa, the Hermitage Meditation Manual is the key guide used by Buddhist monastics and lay practitioners attending the Fellowship's centers in North America. In an accessible style, the manual explains how to enter the meditative state, deepen that state, how to gain meaningful insights, & how to radically improve life for the better, while pursuing the Path of Awakening.Here are the authentic methods of Calm-abiding Meditation, Love Meditation, & Intuitive Insight & Mindfulness.Chapters cover not only the teachings of the Buddha, but explain the nature of the Human Constitution, the Syndromes of the Personality, the mystery of Double Consciousness, Hatha-yoga, Light-body circuitry,& applied M-

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The Five Aggregates-Mathieu Boisvert 2006-01-01 If Buddhism denies a permanent self, how does it perceive identity? According to Buddhist texts, the entire universe, including the individual, is made up of different phenomena, which Buddhism classifies into different categories: what we conventionally call a “person” can be understood in terms of five aggregates, the sum of which must not be taken for a permanent entity, since beings are nothing but an amalgam of ever-changing phenomena. Although the aggregates are only a “convenient fiction,” the Buddha nevertheless made frequent use of the aggregate scheme when asked to explain the elements at work in the individual. In this study Mathieu Boisvert presents a detailed analysis of the five aggregates (pañcakkhandhā) and establishes how the Theravāda tradition views their interaction. He clarifies the fundamentals of Buddhist psychology by providing a rigorous examination of the nature and interrelation of each of the aggregates and by establishing, for the first time, how the function of each of these aggregates chains beings to the cycle of birth, death and rebirth — the theory of dependent origination (paticcasamuppāda). Boisvert contends that without a thorough understanding of the five aggregates, we cannot grasp the liberation process at work within the individual, who is, after all, simply an amalgam of the five aggregates. The Five Aggregates represents an important and original contribution to Buddhist studies and will be of great interest to all scholars and students of Buddhism.

Buddhist-Christian Dialogue-Paul O. Ingram 2007-04-01 The essays in this volume focus on philosophical, theological, and structural aspects of contemporary Buddhist-Christian dialogue in an effort to assess its potential as a source for the renewal and transformation of both traditions. Writing from differing assumptions, academic disciplines, and religious world views, the nine Christian and two Buddhist contributors are nevertheless agreed that interreligious dialogue can contribute meaningfully to our understanding of some of the profound issues arising out of modern self-consciousness. Believing that the human community and its survival are threatened everywhere by secularism, they seek to show that the dialogue between Buddhists and Christians can provide not only insights but a conceptual framework for authentic living in the present age of religious pluralism. Each writer shares the conclusion that Buddhist-Christian encounter is vitally important for a larger understanding of contemporary issues of self-identity, evil, communication, and fulfillment.

Traditions of Meditation in Chinese Buddhism-Peter N. Gregory 1986-11-01 ¿A veritable treasure trove.... Both demanding and tremendously rewarding.... The book is of high scholarly standard, but ... is clear, precise and a pleasure to read - and is certainly accessible to interested laymen. It cannot be recommended highly enough.¿ ¿The Middle Way, November 1993 ¿Each chapter in this volume is sophisticated, tightly argued, and well documented.... An important contribution to the literature on Buddhist meditation.¿ ¿Journal of Asian Studies 47 (1988)

The Buddhist Revival in Sri Lanka-George Doherty Bond 1992 In 1956, Theravāda Buddhists in Sri Lanka and throughout Southeast Asia celebrated the 2500th anniversary of the Buddha’s entry into Nirvana and of the establishment of the Buddhist tradition. This book examines this revival of Theravāda Buddhism among the laity of Sri Lanka, analysing its origins and its growth up to the present-day. Within the spectrum of reinterpretations that have comprised the revival, the book focuses on four important types or patterns of reinterpretation and response. It examines the rational reformism of the early Protestant Buddhists led by Anagarika Dharmapala and the conservative neotraditionalism of the Jayanti period. Particular attention is given to two of the most recent and dynamic reforms, the insight meditation movement, breaking with tradition, has opened the path of meditation to lay people, enabling them to seek Nirvana without renouncing the world. The sarvodaya Shramadana movement has addressed the social context, reinterpreting the Buddhist heritage to derive authentic forms of Buddhist social development. Comprising this series of interpretations and options for lay Buddhists, the Buddhist revival represents a new gradual path to
Nirvana.
A History of Indian Buddhism-Akira Hirakawa 1993 This comprehensive and detailed survey of the first six centuries of Indian Buddhism sums up the results of a lifetime of research and reflection by one of Japan's most renowned scholars of Buddhism.
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Champions of Buddhism-Kate Crosby 2014-05-14 Hidden at the margins of Burmese Buddhism and culture, the cults of the weikza shape Burmese culture by bringing together practices of supernatural power and a mission to protect Buddhism. This exciting new research on an often hidden aspect of Burmese religion places weikza in relation to the Vipassana insight meditation movement and conventional Buddhist practices, as well as the contemporary rise of Buddhist fundamentalism. Featuring research based on fieldwork only possible in recent years, paired with reflective essays by senior Buddhist studies scholars, this book situates the weikza cult in relation to broader Buddhist and Southeast Asian contexts, offering interpretations and investigations as rich and diverse as the Burmese expressions of the weikza cults themselves. Champions of Buddhism opens the field to new questions, new problems, and new connections with the study of religion and Southeast Asia in general.
Samadhi-Stuart Ray Sarbacker 2006-06-01 Explores yoga and meditation in Eastern religions, incorporating psychological and social aspects of these practices.
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