



Going to the Source of the Buddha's Teaching

A Study Course in the Pali Suttas with Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi

Faithfully preserved by generations of monks, the Pali suttas are the closest that we can come to what the Buddha himself actually taught during his teaching career of forty-five years. Though the Pali suttas themselves belong to the Theravāda school, their teachings are not the property of any one school of Buddhism but are common ground, the shared heritage of the entire Buddhist tradition and the source for all the streams of Buddhist thought and practice that were to emerge through the centuries. It is said that to understand any form of Buddhism well, it is necessary to understand the root-teachings propounded in the Pali suttas.

This course will continue the systematic study of the suttas already underway, using as a primary textbook Bhikkhu Bodhi's anthology, *In the Buddha's Words*. The course will be suitable both for relative newcomers to Buddhism as well as for more advanced students who want to study the Dharma in greater depth. Newcomers will be welcome to attend.

Basic text: Bhikkhu Bodhi, editor: *In the Buddha's Words - ITBW* (Wisdom). Also recommended: Bhikkhu Ñānamoli and Bhikkhu Bodhi, translators, *The Middle Length Discourses of the Buddha* (Wisdom).

Recommended (but not required) Rupert Gethin, *The Foundations of Buddhism* (Oxford University Press).

Schedules:

Saturday mornings			Time: 9:30am ~ 11:15am		
Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 21	Feb. 28; Mar. 7, 21, Apr. 25, May 2	May 30, June 13, 20, July 11, 18, 25			
I. Jan. 10: <i>Mastering the Mind</i> VII. Reading: ITBW, chap. 8, 285-86: Contempl. of feelings & mind. II. Jan. 17: <i>Mastering the Mind</i> VIII. Reading: ITBW, chap. 8, 286-90: Contempl. of phenomena. III. Jan. 24: <i>Mastering the Mind</i> IX. Reading: ITBW, chap. 8, 286-90: Contempl. of phenomena IV. Jan. 31: <i>Mastering the Mind</i> X. Reading: ITBW, chap. 8, 286-90: Contempl. of phenomena V. Feb. 7: <i>Mastering the Mind</i> XI. Reading: ITBW, chap. 8, 290-98: Mindfulness of breathing.	VII. Feb. 28: <i>Wisdom</i> I. Reading: ITBW, chap. 9, pp. 322-324. Conditions for wisdom. Right view: karma and its roots. VIII. Mar. 7: <i>Wisdom</i> II. Reading: ITBW, chap. 9, pp. 325-326. Right view: the four nutriments; the four noble truths. IX. Mar. 21: <i>Wisdom</i> III. Reading: ITBW, chap. 9, pp. 326-335. Right view: dependent origination. X. Apr 25: <i>Wisdom</i> IV. Reading: ITBW, chap. 9, pp. 335-345. The five aggregates.	XII. May 9: <i>Wisdom</i> VI. Reading: ITBW, chap. 9, pp. 353-359. Dependent origination. XIII. May 30: <i>Wisdom</i> VII. Reading: ITBW, chap. 9, pp. 359-369. The four noble truths (again) and Nibbana. XIV. June 13: <i>Realization</i> I. Reading: ITBW, chap. 10, pp. 385-92. The four pairs and seven noble ones. XV. June 20: <i>Realization</i> II. Reading: ITBW, chap. 10, pp. 392-413. The main stages.			

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Location: Chuang Yen Monastery, 2020 Route 301, Carmel, NY 10512 Place : Kuan Yin Hall
There is no charge for the courses. Donations for the monastery are welcome.

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